



BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back to 2020!

It is great to see everyone back, looking refreshed and ready for a productive 2020 school year. Given the shortened week, this is a modified newsletter. A complete edition will be available next Wednesday!

There has been quite a lot happening at Violet St PS over the holidays, including annual maintenance and cleaning. Our appreciation to our school cleaners: Sue, Michael and Stephen, who 'went the extra mile' and re-washed windows following the dust storm, to have the school sparkling.

Thank you to Roy Rayner and Sara Hill who have spent considerable time maintaining the gardens (and our school chickens) in the heat and also to Peter for his work to finish repairs to the stone wall along Nettle St.

Our new Foundation students had their first day today. Thanks to Mrs Quarrier and Mrs Lowe for their extensive planning and preparation to help make this a successful experience. They will be attending their individual appointments this Thursday and Friday, then will have Wednesdays as their official rest days for the month of February.

Please stay informed of school updates, by providing your current contact details (including email if preferred), watching out for the school newsletter every Wednesday (*the calendar section will provide future 'save the dates'), checking our BPS Facebook page or the yearly calendar on our school website. Class newsletters for Term 1 are being sent home soon, they will outline key dates also. Please place it somewhere handy.

Updates:

Work has commenced on the school oval to provide an irrigated grass surface and football oval. Some new steps and retaining wall have been constructed also. Part of the area is temporarily out of bounds, but there are still plenty of other play areas for the children to enjoy. It will be exciting to watch the work in progress.

Home work – Home Reading:

We know that the more you read the better you get! It is a priority at BVSPS that all students read at home every night. Classroom teachers will be monitoring that Home Reading is happening – please support us with this priority and make sure that your child's READ IT diary is signed every night.

Welcome back to school BBQ– next Thursday 6th Feb.

Come and catch up with families, next Thursday 6th February for a 6 pm start. There will be the opportunities for parents to attend classroom programme Information sessions for 30 minutes. This will be hosted by classroom teachers and gives parents the chance to ask questions etc. Following this, a free BBQ and drinks will be provided. *Children will be supervised upstairs whilst parents attend the Information sessions.* Please join us! **If you cannot make this session, there will be an opportunity for families to have 1:1 meeting with class teachers the following Wednesday 12th Feb, 3:15– 6 pm.**

The Department of Education has designated that our school is on the Bushfire at Risk Register. This means that on days designated Code Red, our school will be closed. You will be notified the day prior (a note will be sent home) or via a text message, if our school is closed.

Mandy Costello

Principal

Be Your Best!

Our school values: Integrity, Respect, Honesty and Inclusion. We are a Child Safe school.



Calendar of Events

Regular Events

Camp Aust OSHC

Every day, Monday to Friday

3- 6pm

Library Club

Every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

8- 8:30am

YOGA

In the M.P.Room

8- 8:30am– *day to be confirmed!*

Brekky Club

Wednesdays

8:15- 8:35 am

FUN FIT FRIDAY

Meet at Garden Gully

at 8 am

ASSEMBLY

Fridays

8:45- 9:15am

Special Events

Thursday 6 Feb @ 6 pm

Classroom information sessions
and welcome to school BBQ

Wednesday 12 Feb 3:15– 6 pm

Individual meetings with classroom
teachers as arranged.

Monday 17th February

School Council meeting

Friday 28th February

School wide Clean Up Australia activity

Tuesday 10th March

School photo day

Mon 16– 18th March

Grades 3&4 camp

Wed 18– 20th March

Grades 5&6 camp

Saturday 21st March

Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Parade

Monday 23rd March

Pupil Free Day– no students required at school.

Pre-loved Uniforms!



Louise Rodriguez will be available **EVERY FRIDAY at the meeting room- (Opposite the school office) from 2- 3 pm** for pre- loved uniform sales. The meeting room is used throughout the week for a range of purposes, so please leave a message for Louise if you need to make another arrangement.

All donations of pre- loved items welcome!



Canteen Menu

Lunch Order Day—Wednesdays

Lunch Orders start
next week!
Wednesday Feb 5

SANDWICHES

Ham or chicken	\$3.00
Ham or chicken with salad	\$3.50

ROLLS AND WRAPS

Ham or chicken with salad	\$5.00
Hot chicken & gravy roll	\$4.70
Hot chicken fillet roll	\$5.50
(with lettuce, cheese, tomato & mayo)	

HOT FOOD

Pies	\$4.00
Sausage rolls	\$2.70
Dim Sims	\$2.70
Hot Dog	\$3.00

OTHER

Malteser Muffin	\$2.50
Banana Muffin	\$2.50
Strawberry Muffin	\$2.50
Chocolate Milk	\$2.50
Strawberry Milk	\$2.50
Sauce	\$0.30
Fruit Salad	\$3.50

(Terms 1 & 4 only)

Please note: Ordering Procedure

Lunch orders should be written on a brown paper bag along with your child's name and class.

Correct money, where possible, should be placed inside the bag.

All orders need to be placed into the lunch crate in your child's classroom by 9:00am.

No late orders will be accepted.

Coronavirus advice for parents, families and school communities

You may be aware of the outbreak of a novel coronavirus in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China.

The Australian Government has advised that there is no cause for alarm with respect to the coronavirus and that the risk to the Australian public remains relatively low.

The Department of Education and Training has consulted with Victoria's Chief Health Officer and Department of Health and Human Services to provide the following advice to parents, families and school communities.

Exclusion of well children or staff who have travelled to affected areas

In accordance with national public health guidelines and current information about the coronavirus from the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer, it is not a requirement to exclude well children or staff from school if they have travelled to Wuhan, China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, unless the following applies:

- the person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus; or
- the person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days.

If you think your child or a family member may meet one of the above criteria, please contact the dedicated hotline on 1800 675 398. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

Seeking medical advice for your child

Please seek medical advice for any child who is:

- experiencing fever and respiratory symptoms (including but not limited to cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, body aches or fatigue); AND
- has recently travelled to Wuhan, China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases in the 14 days before of the onset of illness.

As with the above advice, please call the dedicated hotline on 1800 675 398 to discuss further actions.

More information

For up-to-date information, please see the Department of Health and Human Services website: [Information for the public - novel coronavirus](#)

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/information-public-novel-coronavirus>