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Wednesday 18th March 2020

Alternative school arrangements:

The letter sent home on Monday to all families outlined the most recent changes to planned events at school. The Department of Education and Training (DET) is working in partnership with the Department of Health and providing daily updates to schools also. The focus is on providing safe learning environments for our children, associated family members and school staff. We continue to remind children of appropriate hygiene practice (re handwashing and dealing with coughs and shared surfaces) and ask parents to seek appropriate advice if their child is unwell. I will continue to communicate 'need to know' information to parents through SMS, Face Book and Emails as needed. Lets all look out for each other.

Remember, if you need assistance or advice for COVID-19 you can find the updated information at :

Coronavirus Health Information line: 1800 020 080

www.health.gov.au

F-2 Athletic Sports:

Mr Tooley did a great job organising the activities and making sure that the Foundation—Grade 2 Athletic Sports ran smoothly last Friday. Everyone was kept busy between the events and our appreciation is offered to the large number of parents and family members who came along to cheer them on. It was great to see the team spirit and colourful costumes, all adding to the atmosphere. Well done to Roy on his extra efforts for the Goldminers too!

Camp Updates:

My appreciation to all families for their understanding about the necessary changes to camp arrangements. Everyone was disappointed that our Billabong Ranch and Urban Camps were cancelled, but the response of our students is to be commended! They showed great maturity and empathy for looking after everyone. *Unfortunately these camps will not be re-scheduled this year.* A refund or credit note of camp expenses is available. Please contact Sharon to discuss your arrangements. Please be mindful of the enormity of this task for Sharon! Thanks to Mrs Kirkpatrick and Ms. Kennedy for making last Monday fun for our Grade 3&4 students in particular. They have even made a photo story of their 'alternative' camp' adventures!

Wilson Mc Caskill to be re-scheduled :

Wilson Mc Caskill has reluctantly postponed his visit to BVSPS and therefore **our Pupil Free Day next Monday 23rd March has been cancelled.** *It will be school as normal!* We are definitely re-scheduling our day (and evening parent session 6– 7 pm) to later this year if possible! In the meantime, please keep up to date with the readings in the Wilson Corner that is regularly in the newsletter. Please remember— Wilson's book—*Children Aren't made of China*—is available for loan via the school office.

Celebrating 150 years in 2021!

We intend to still participate in the Bendigo Gala Easter Parade in 2021— stronger than ever! The Bendigo Historical Society had volunteered to lend us some costumes and O'Brien Electrical was supplying the use of a flat bed trailer. Thanks again to these local groups for their support.

Planning for options: As you are aware, the DET is working closely with the DHHS and considering options daily re: school closures. Teachers are currently compiling 'work packs' for families that wish to provide a home based educational programme at the moment. It will be emailed to you or you can provide a USB if you prefer. I will let you know when it is available.

Mandy Costello

Principal

Be Your Best !



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— every Tuesday.

Brekky Club

Wednesdays

8:15- 8:35 am

FUN FIT FRIDAY RETURNS THIS WEEK

Meet at Garden Gully

at 8 am

ASSEMBLY

Fridays

8:45- 9:15am

All welcome!

Grade 3 & 4 Kirkpatrick/ Clusker will be presenting at assembly this week!

Special Events

Monday 23rd March

Pupil Free Day— cancelled—school is definitely on!

Friday 27th March

Last day of Term 1

Easter Raffle drawn at assembly!

2pm finish!

Term 2 resumes: Tuesday 14th April at 8:45am!

Monday 18th May

School Council

Education Week commences

Pre-loved Uniforms!



Louise Rodriquez will be available **EVERY FRIDAY** at the meeting room- (Opposite the school office) **from 2:30 - 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!



Parents & Friends

The Easter Raffle is fast approaching and we are looking for donations.

Raffle books will be going home with each family. Please write on both sides with name and phone number and return all tickets.

Raffle will be drawn 27th March at Assembly.

Thank-you, Parents and Friends



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK



CITY OF GREATER
BENDIGO

The City of Greater Bendigo has received a number of complaints from School Crossing Supervisors this year about unsafe and unlawful driving at their school crossings.

We have received complaints that drivers have driven through the crossings while the supervisor has been standing in the middle of the road with the stop sign raised. There has also been reports logged of drivers driving through red lights at pedestrian crossings.

Road Rules around crossings

Children's crossings are only in operation when flags are displayed. When flags are displayed, drivers must not proceed through the crossing if children or adults are still on the crossing or about to start crossing. This is the law regardless of the presence of a crossing supervisor.

When children's crossings flags are not displayed, pedestrians should give way to passing road traffic. Drivers should always use caution when approaching children's crossings when children are present. Not every child will know or remember the different rules.

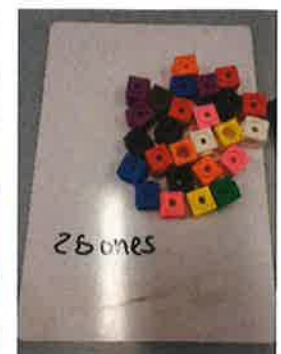
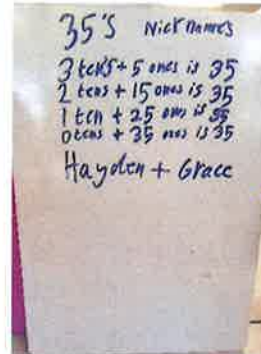
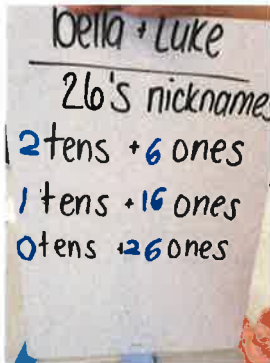
If anyone sees a vehicle driving through a crossing unlawfully, they should attempt to get the vehicles details, including registration, colour and make of the vehicle and report this to the Police. The number to contact the Police is 131444.

Maths



1/2 Douglas

Room 8



We have been working hard to give our numbers nicknames! The mathematical term for this is called Renaming and we have explored many numbers over the last two weeks. We begin with our number broken into how many tens and how many ones make up the number. For example, $35 = 3$ tens and 5 ones. To rename this number, we take a tens away and add it to the ones, changing the nickname for 35! Our total number does not change because we do not add or take away any unifix, we are just changing their value. We are able to do this by ourselves (independent mathematicians) and with a fellow mathematician (maths buddies). If you want to know the nickname for a number, just ask us!

Remember you can access Mathletics at home at www.mathletics.com.au and Mathseeds at <https://mathseeds.com>

Literacy



5/6 Douglas

Room 8



In writing we have been using adjectives to describe different things. On Monday Miss Douglas read us 'Where the Wild Things Are' and we talked about the features of each of the Wild Things. We got to work and had to design our very own Wild Thing. It was amazing to see that no one had drawn the same Wild Thing!! We shared our Wild Things by describing them out loud to our class, giving our audience time to visualise the Wild Thing we had described. During the week we are excited to continue using our Wild Things during writing time!

Remember you can access Reading Eggs at home at www.readingeggs.com



Specialist Corner P.E.



A big thank you to all parents and teaching staff for their support on both the junior and senior athletics days.

Fortuna Athletics was scheduled on to take place on Thursday the 26th of March. This event has been postponed this term and I will be provided further event information next term.

Fun Fit Friday will run this Friday as normal.

Have a great week.

Mr. Tooley



Gardening



This week we've been busy getting beds ready for our autumn plantings.

Great weeding and composting everyone!



Our wonderful volunteer Peter has also been continuing his careful work restoring our retaining wall, including some artistic work with slate.



Any parents or staff who are interested in starting or adding to an existing veggie garden at home can catch up with me after school next Thursday the 26th of March to organise a bulk seedling purchase from Purtils Nursery. I have an account with them and can buy trays of autumn seedlings to pass on at cost price (usually about \$3-4 per punnet). This will be subject to them having stock.



I also have some excess stock of seeds we have collected from the garden to share out with anyone who would like some.

Some leafy greens will be ready to pick in a few weeks. Great for bolstering your immune system.

Happy gardening!

Sara



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Keeping Imagination Alive in Primary School Children

Children spend most of the day in classrooms, learning concepts and developing new skills. But if you wander past the school at lunchtime, you'll see them gallivanting through the playground kicking a ball or setting up a "shop" in the sandpit.

Children inherently want to roam and explore using their imagination, and we are keen to strengthen this practice at Outside School Hours Care by using play-based learning, which is used as a fantastic framework for kids to learn.

We make it a priority to "lighten up" as much possible, giving the kids a chance to tell us what activities they'd like to see in OSHC for the next week or month, rather than our team always setting the schedule. We think this approach not only enables them to think freely and imaginatively, it also sparks their curiosity to learn more.

Some of the other ways we encourage imagination in OSHC include:

- Avoiding screens and encouraging interaction between the children.
- Going outside to the playground to let the children lead games.
- Building spaces, like imaginary forts or cafes using the equipment in the OSHC space.
- Offering a box of LEGO, without any building instructions so the kids can create whatever they fancy.
- Putting out art and craft activities and supervising as the children create whatever they feel Like.

If you would like to see some of the activities that children participate in at OSHC, please feel free to drop by and meet our friendly team.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From Kaitlin, Lani, Bhumi and the team at Camp Australia

Safety • Meaningful • Innovative • Leadership • Education

we make kids smile



Information for casual contacts of a confirmed case

This information sheet provides advice to people who have had casual contact with someone who is infected with Coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

A casual contact is someone who has been in the same general area as someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus while infectious.

You are a casual contact if:

- You have had less than 15 minutes face-to-face contact in any setting with a confirmed case in the 24 hours period before the onset of their symptoms; or
- You have shared a closed space with a confirmed case for less than two hours in the 24 hours period before the onset of their symptoms.

Casual contacts do not need to be excluded from work or school while well. You must closely monitor your health and if you experience any symptoms you are advised to isolate yourself and contact your usual doctor, who will liaise with public health authorities to care for you.

Public health authorities may need to contact you for contact tracing purposes.

What are the symptoms of coronavirus?

Symptoms include (but are not limited to) fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue and shortness of breath.

How is the infection spread?

The infection is most likely to spread from person to person through:

- direct contact with a person while they are infected;
- contact with droplets when a person with a confirmed infection coughs or sneezes; or
- touching objects or surfaces (such as door handles or tables) that were contaminated with virus laden mucus from a cough or sneeze from a person with a confirmed infection, and then touching your mouth or face.

How can I help prevent the spread of infection?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence against most viruses. You should:

- wash your hands frequently with soap and water, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet
- cover your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- and if unwell, avoid contact with others (stay more than 1.5 meters from people).



What do I do if I develop symptoms?

If you develop symptoms (fever, a cough, sore throat, tiredness or shortness of breath) within 14 days of last contact with a confirmed case, you should arrange to see your doctor for urgent assessment. You should telephone the health clinic or hospital before you arrive and tell them your travel history or that you may have been in contact with a potential case of coronavirus. You must remain isolated either in your home or a healthcare setting until public health authorities inform you it is safe for you to return to your usual activities.

Should I wear a surgical mask?

You do not need to wear a mask if you are healthy. While the use of masks can help to prevent transmission of disease from infected patients to others, masks are not currently recommended for use by healthy members of the public for the prevention of infections like coronavirus.

Where can I get more information?

For the latest advice, information and resources, go to www.health.gov.au

Call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

The phone number of each state or territory public health agency is available at www.health.gov.au/state-territory-contacts

If you have concerns about your health, speak to a doctor.