



BENDIGO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Wednesday 9th June 2021

Our return to remote and flexible learning :

Thanks to everyone for their support of our interim processes during the last week. In particular the fast tracked independence for our Foundation students. It's lovely watching them being assisted by our older students! We will continue to update you via email as other changes are notified. At the moment, if you need to make contact with class teachers, please use their email. If you need to contact the office , please phone first. We have been instructed to minimise any unnecessary visitors to the school building.

The Fathering Project: Our event for 16 June has been postponed:

Please see the message from Craig Wallace over the page. It will be a great event and we will re-schedule it asap, when restrictions are eased. Craig is still looking for some helpers and people to lead the activities. If you can offer some help, please contact Craig Ph.: 0400 845 058 or email him: wallace_craig@yahoo.com.au

Planning remaining events for Term 2:

In the hope of eased restrictions, some notes continue to be sent home for a return to school. The Grade 1 & 2 teachers will re- schedule the Discovery Centre excursion asap and Mrs Hicks will notify participants about the Soccer Carnival when we know more too.

Student Led Conferences: Thursday 24th June:

These Student Led Conferences are an important chance for teachers to connect with parents and carers and for our students to proudly share their work Portfolios and achievements for the first Semester. We would normally meet in person in classrooms, but this year they have been moved to a Webex session. A note has been sent home today for families to nominate a **20 minute timeslot on Thursday 24th June**. Please contact your child's teacher if an alternate day or time is needed. ** As per my email on Monday, *students are not required at school that day. If OSHCare is required, families need to access the Camp Australia Booking portal and request a booking before this Friday 11th June please.* If not enough booking are made—the service cannot operate.

Friends of Ironbark Gully Spotto:

This local group of hard working volunteers has been responsible for re- developing the area along Ironbark Gully Creek, especially from Eaglehawk Road to Nolan Street, North Bendigo. Our BVSPS students have been involved in tree planting there in the past also. During lockdown two group members developed a Spotto game for families to use. Please go for a walk check out the space and enjoy the game too!

Looking after yourselves:

Headspace has recommended some resources for us to access to help keep us all going:

Tips for Parents and Carers - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fw3LzWe-93U>

Mandy Costello Principal

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Be Your Best!

Sharon.Frappell@education.vic.gov.au



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Calendar of Events

Regular Events

Camp Aust OSHC

Every day, Monday to Friday

3- 6pm

Assembly

Fridays—8:45-9:15

Students and teachers only at this time.

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS—8am—8:30

Mondays

Library Club

Tuesdays

Yoga

Email Robyn Matthews for bookings:

robbybobby77@hotmail.com

Wednesdays

Brekky Club

Thursdays

Fun Fit Thursdays

Meet at 8am at Garden Gully

Special Events

Monday 14 June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 16 June

6-8pm—Fathering Project Night at School

Monday 21 June

Reports go home

Thursday 24 June

Student led conferences

Students are only required at school for the designated time of their conference.

Conferences will be via Webex.

See notice on the next page re: Camp Australia

Friday 25 June

Last day of Term 2

Pre-loved Uniforms!

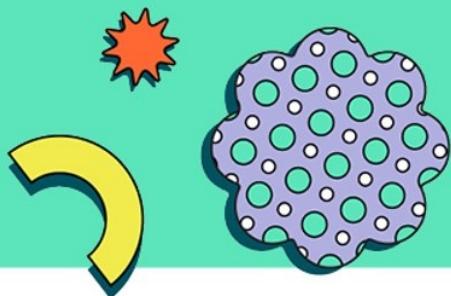
Louise Rodriguez

Unavailable until further notice.
Email: Louise.Rodriguez@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you!

All donations of pre-loved items welcome!

Newsletter



Dear Bendigo Violet Street Families,

We are coming into the final few weeks of term 2. With this comes the Student Led Conferences on Thursday June 24th. This will be a pupil free day for the students, as they will only be involved in their 20-minute conference session with their teachers.

Camp Australia can run as a pupil free day providing care for families from 7am to 6pm, given there is enough numbers. We are asking that all families that will require care on the day, to please contact myself or Mandy Costello to **express your interest BY THIS FRIDAY 11 JUNE** to ensure that we have enough numbers to be able to run.

Sincerely,

Kaitlin Massara- coordinator

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It's free to register

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Visit our blog

New articles are added each week for parents and cover various topics to help families.

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Message from Craig Wallace, one of the dads helping out with the Fathering Project at BVSPS.

Hi fathers and father figures, it's a shame we've had to postpone our event but in the meantime I'd love to hear from you if you'd like to help out in any way. In particular our next event will be a fathers and children event. We will have something to eat together and then split into groups and rotate through two or three activities. I am looking for volunteers to lead these activities, getting fathers and children doing or learning something together. It might be cooking/food, musical, craft, fixing something, a game or some other skill. All of you have many talents I'm sure so please get in touch with me if you're interested. If you're not sure how to turn your skill into an activity, please get in touch with me and we can work it out.



BVSPS Fathering Project

Thanks, Craig

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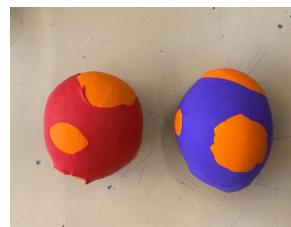
STRESS BALLS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!!

Come and see Saoirse, Charli and Ingrid outside the Library
on Fridays at lunch time only!

Prices:



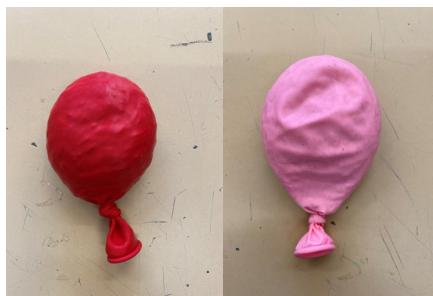
Big smiley face: \$2-50



Two colour stress balls: \$2-50



Tiny Plain stress ball: 50 cents



Small smiley face: \$1-50

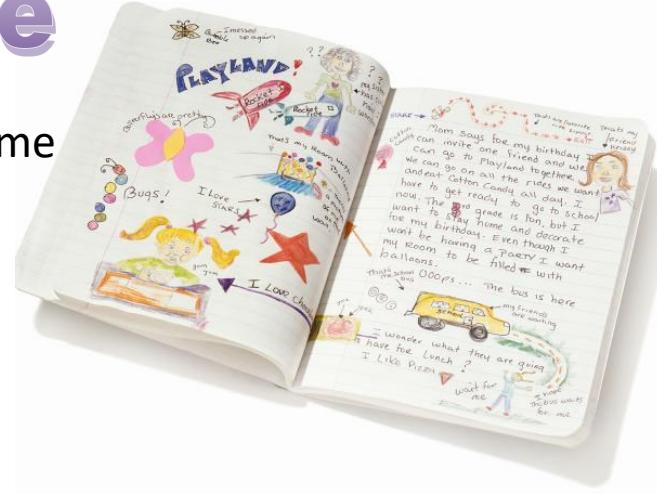
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Literacy at home

Dear diary, writing to you is so good for me

Some children may like to keep a diary or journal. If you encourage your child to spend some time writing their thoughts down in a diary, you are helping them learn the following skills:



Memory and social skills

If your child chooses to write about the events of their day, they will be strengthening their memory as well as developing their own sense of belonging and control. Your child's diary will help them get to know themselves better.

Planning

By writing in their diary, your child might be thinking about upcoming events and planning for the future.

An outlet for emotions

A diary can be a good way for your child to let out their emotions. By writing their thoughts down, your child can communicate a range of feelings such as anger, excitement and happiness.

Solve problems and resolve issues

By writing their thoughts in a diary, your child may be working problems out and resolving issues through seeing them in black and white.

Should you read your child's diary?

Talk to your child about their diary and see how they feel about sharing it with you. Do not push the issue if your child would prefer to keep it private. You can still be part of the diary writing process by encouraging your child to write in it regularly.

Type of diary

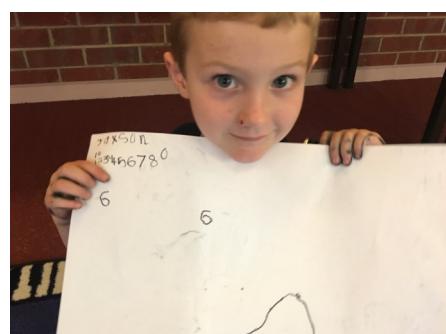
You can buy your child a diary from a stationery shop or you can easily make a personalised one by covering an exercise book with colourful wrapping paper.



Specialist Corner Music

Carnival of the Animals

Prep Lowe had a turn of listening to the Carnival of the Animals and drew the animals they thought the music was representing. Here are some of their magnificent illustrations!

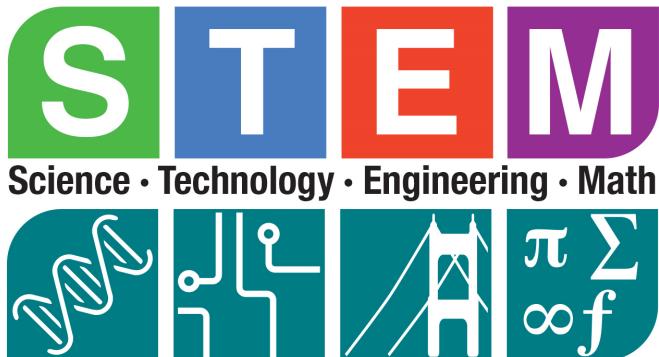


Little Birds Sing

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCugXN611qybeVE0bxrwhcBg>



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STEM
Science • Technology • Engineering • Math

If you did not know, our school is one of the many schools that participates in a program called girls in STEM. STEM is short for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. Our female leaders, Lux Delves and Lila Cowie, go to the Discovery Centre once a month to participate in science activities. Here is a short review on

what they did in their third lesson of STEM.

We started off our lesson by walking around the Discovery Centre, testing all of the equipment making sure that it wasn't broken. We found a faulty light bulb but that was all.

Soon we found out that in this lesson we would be making marble runs. We grabbed a marble run board and took it over to an empty space and started to set up the board. We gathered our equipment and started off by sticking a large funnel to the board and then we added a ramp. This ramp lead to a tube, we tested it but the marble missed the tubes hole, so we added another ramp to the opposite side, so the marble would roll up and then down into the tube.



Soon after Alissa Van Soest (the lady who runs Girls of STEM) called us to the floor for a challenge. Our challenge was to make your marble run last for seven seconds. We thought it would be easy, it

was not.

After the talk we went back to our marble run, we only had a small amount of time left before we had to show everyone, so we did as much as we possibly could. We added two cups and a small ramp. Just then Alissa called everyone to the ground again, it was time to show off the marble runs. We were first, everyone got three tries to get their marble to the end, we used

our three and not any of our tries made it to the end. We slowly worked our way around all of the runs. We ended the lesson wandering around the building and playing on the equipment!





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Gardening



This week Foundation students were excited to try some Irish Strawberries (*Arbutus Unedo*) from our tree. These sweet little fruit are packed with vitamin C (3 times as much as oranges) and have a banana like consistency. I find them delicious when they are properly ripe, (falling off the tree and very soft).

They are also reputed to be very good for soothing inflammation of the digestive tract.

(image from www.talkoftomatoes.com)

Grade 5/6's had an important job harvesting our citrus and helping to plan some exciting additions to our grasslands and bush food garden.



Our beautiful navel oranges and clementines were shared as part of Fresh Food Friday and some lucky families also got strawberry plants to take home.

Stay warm and dry in this chilly wild weather, Winter has arrived!

Happy gardening,

Sara

