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Term Dates 2017

Term 3
Monday 17th July - Friday 22nd
September

Term 4
Monday 9th October - Friday 22nd
December

Important Dates

Wednesday	2 nd August	• RDA - Riding
Friday	4 th August	• Parents and Friends – after Assembly in Staffroom
Wednesday	9 th August	• RDA - Carriage
Wednesday	16 th August	• School Performance – ‘The Yule Guardians’ • RDA - Riding
Monday	18 th August	• Parents and Friends – after Assembly in Staffroom
Monday	21 st August	• School Council 7pm Staffroom
Tuesday	22 nd August	• Student Free Day – Staff Curriculum Day

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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ello SDS Community

We have had an amazing start to Term 3! I have visited various classrooms earlier in the week to greet students and find out about their holiday break. It was a joy to see everyone!

Welcome

A special welcome back to Josh and his family in Room 18, Josh was previously at our school in Prep. It's great to have you back Josh.

Holiday Work

The school holiday period is always a great chance for our school to maintain our maintenance projects - fire extinguishers, air conditioners and general maintenance, as well as fix a few pipes due to the extreme frosts we have been having. Our Multi-Purpose Room was also bush fire 'proofed' to meet the Department standards if we ever need to use it as our Shelter in Place in case of an emergency.

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Community Partnerships

During this term, we have many students participating in placements around the school from Latrobe University- Education Students, Bendigo TAFE, Monash University Medical Students and Bendigo South East Secondary College students. It is a great opportunity to share our knowledge and expertise across our school, and share our passion for Special Education.

The Yule Guardians

Throughout semester one, students in the Later Years Unit who participate in the Leisure Program's Music and Performance rotations, have been studying the story of the Winter Solstice. Students have worked hard on putting together a fun little play titled '**The Yule Guardians**'. The story follows the adventures of a small group of apprentice Yule Guardians who, during the thick of winter, find themselves trekking through the forest in search of the Sacred Grove. It is in the Sacred Grove that they hope to find Wise Owl and discover the secret of the Winter Solstice. I am excited to invite you to our **community service**:

- **Date:** Wednesday 16th August
- **Location:** JB Osborne Theatre (Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat)
- **Time:** 6 pm
- **Cost:** Gold coin donation



Buses

After extensive consultation through the Resource and Management Committee, School Council and Consultative Committee studying the bus reports to look at usage of the buses; trip data, odometer readings and general condition and based on evidence from these reports we have decided to sell two of the older buses - Buses 3 and 5.

We are in the process of formalising our bus plan and requirements in to the future. There maybe slight alterations to local excursions including Community Access at school as we modify our programs to suit three buses.

Attendance – It's Not Ok to be away

One of the most important things you can do to ensure your child has a bright future is to make sure he or she goes to school every day—and gets there on time.

It sounds simple, but it's true.

The correlation between school attendance and children's achievement levels is well-established. The more time kids spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success.

Conversely, according to a report from the Victorian Auditor General, students who are regularly absent from school are at the greatest risk of dropping out of school early, and of experiencing long-term unemployment. When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem. Also, it's often the kids who can least afford to take time off school who are most likely to be serial absentees.

SO ...please remember that **every minute matters!** It is important to come to school every day.

Therapist Reports

This week, every child in the school was provided with a report from our therapist team that has been designed to support your child's application to the NDIS. This report was sent home in your child's diary. It

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provides a snapshot of your child's needs as accessed by Megan, Hamish and Xiao. If you would like to have a chat about the report please do not hesitate to contact the therapists through the office.

Parent Opinion Survey

The Department is excited to announce a refreshed Parent Opinion Survey for 2017.

The refreshed survey seeks parent opinion on measures of school climate, student engagement and effective teaching practice known to influence student engagement and student outcomes.

The 2017 survey will be conducted online by **ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7 August to Sunday 27 August**.

A link will be sent to families – as in previous years this will be a random sample of parents that is generated from our Cases 21 data.

If you require the use of a computer, please pop into school, grab a cuppa and complete it on one of our computers.

More information is available at

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>

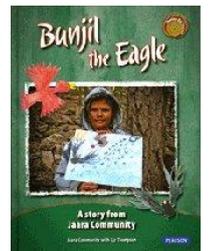
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (Children's Day) is a time to for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to celebrate the strengths and culture of their children.

The day is an opportunity for all Australians to show their support for Aboriginal children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that community, culture and family play in the life of every Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child.



Next week, we will be reading the book: **'Bunjil the Eagle: A Story from Jaara Community'** during the week in classes, and assembly on Monday & Friday. As a school community, we will be decorating 'cut out' hands to be placed on Bunjil's wings in the school foyer. We invite all parents to drop into the office, grab a cuppa and decorate your own hand. If you can't get in, send one in with your child.



Next Friday 4th August, we will be asking the school community symbolically place their hands on the Eagle throughout the day.

Children's Day is held on 4th August every year and we look forward to supporting this day - more details to come early next week.

Kirshy McAinch, Principal

THANK YOU to the 113 UFS Pharmacies Members who have nominated Bendigo SDS when joining or renewing their membership. A total of \$990.80 is the amount raised over the past twelve months.



Building a Healthier Community

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★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

5 th August	Hayden	Room 2	5 th August	Lachlan	Room 15
8 th August	Joshua	Room 5	10 th August	Leigh	Room 15
31 st July	Caroline	Room 15	1 st August	Leonie	Room 19
9 th August	Kirsty	Room 14			

Town 1 : 0427 287 843	Jack & Joy
Town 2 : 0428 159 660	Peter & Cynthia
Town 3 : 0428 261 802	Max & Tracey
Town 4 : 0429 118 349	Darryl & Katrina
Wedderburn : 0427 380 040	Peter & Janine
Castlemaine : 0409 421 500	Ray & Debbie
Heathcote : 0429 177 732	Phillip & Angela
Malmsbury : 0428 271 824	David & Raelene
Kyneton : 0428 236 271	Steve & Helen

Buses

If you have any concerns or would like to make any changes to the buses, please contact the school.



Student Awards RECEIVED at Assembly on Friday 21st July



Room 4	Dylan Laura Jaxson	For voluntarily assisting the staff members on Before School Yard Care with wiping down all of the playground equipment to ensure the other students didn't get wet
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Student Awards TO BE RECEIVED at Assembly on Friday 28th July



Room 6	Riley Cohen	For choosing a musical instrument and playing along with the group
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National Disability Insurance Scheme

For more information and to register please go to

http://www.disabilityloop.org.au/news/bendigo_ndis_workshops.html?utm_source=Disability+Loop&utm_campaign=6e5a226fe5-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2016_11_22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1f568c9dc3-6e5a226fe5-14669297&mc_cid=6e5a226fe5&mc_eid=a280afc385



R . D . A . Contacts

If you are unable to attend,
please phone or text :

Jan or Nigel for Ride Days on

5435 4140 or 0404 875 249

Diana for Carriage Days on

0409 959 271



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2017

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again. Through this program, we will be able to get new educational resources for our school, and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From **Wednesday 26th July to Tuesday 19th September**, or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get **one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent** (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it is complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the **end of the promotion**, we will be able to get some great **new equipment**. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

If you'd like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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