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Newsletter # 1

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Term Dates 2018

Term 1 2018

Wednesday 31st January (students start)

Thursday 29th March

Term 2 2018

Monday 16th April -

Friday 29th June

Important Dates

Thursday	15 th February	• School Photos
Friday	16 th February	• School Photos
Wednesday	28 th February	• Great Start Conference
Monday	12 th March	• Labour Day : Public Holiday
Friday	29 th March	• End of Term 1 : 3pm Finish

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello SDS Community



Welcome Back

It is great to welcome you all back to 2018. We have many exciting ventures to look forward to this year as we begin our STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics) program, music program and focus our whole of school focus on reading. The staff will be undertaking significant professional development in this critical area and you will see a lot of reference to learning how to read in all of our activities, whole school events, and in your children's work programs. And of course, we still have all of our other wonderful programs that the students love, enjoy and learn so much from.

Facebook Page



The school now has a Facebook page and we are finding that is great way to communicate with our school and wider community. We will be posting lots of our information as well as

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great photos and videos of the students as they learn onto the Facebook site so I would encourage you all to take a look. We are easily found at :

Bendigo Special Developmental School,

and, as they say in the social media world, please 'like' and 'follow' us.

Congratulations, Welcome, Goodbye and Good luck

We have had a number of staff changes over the Christmas break from our team last year. We wish the following people every success in their new ventures and welcome those new to different roles within our staffing team this year.

The word 'Congratulations' is written in a playful, multi-colored font with a slight 3D effect. The letters are in various colors like purple, green, yellow, and blue, and are surrounded by small, colorful confetti-like shapes.

Kirsty Phillips – Acting Leading Teacher

Stacey Tanner – Room 16 Teacher

Caroline Whitfort – Advance (Programming) Coordinator

Karen Holden – Room 17 Teacher Fridays

Michael Downes – ESS Room 2

Ama Hargraves – ESS Room 8

Sharon Gamble – ESS Room 3

The words 'Good luck' are written in a large, white, 3D block font. The letters are surrounded by a shower of colorful confetti in shades of red, green, blue, and yellow.

Jacqui Righetti – Acting Assistant Principal Term 1– Lightening Reef Primary School

Rosie Critchley – Acting Assistant Principal – Carisbrook Primary School

Amy Davies – Grade 3 /4 Teacher- Lightening Reef Primary School

Josh West – Grade 2 Teacher – Lightening Reef Primary School

Buses and Change of School Times



As you are all aware, we have had a number of changes to the bus runs and the school times to comply with our Department of Education and Training requirements to teach 300 minutes of face-to-face time each day. I would like to say a massive thank you to Rosie Critchley and Marg Butler who spent several days over the holidays updating all of the runs , stops and times in the computer systems and sending out the letters to all families. Kirsty Phillips has taken on the co-ordination of the buses and has done a great job in setting up the new end of day bus procedures. Over the next week or so, we should have a more

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accurate picture of the bus times and if there are any issues with timings, we will be able to make those changes. Please contact Kirsty if you have any issues with the bus.



Great Start Conferences

We look forward to meeting with all parents and carers on Wednesday 29=8th February for our Great start Conferences. These meetings are essential to set the goals for your student’s learning, both academic and social. If you would like to bring along other services that work with your child to contribute to this meeting, for example, a therapist or respite workers, you are more than welcome. Just let your teacher know

Kirshy McAinch

Principal

BIRTHDAY!					
3 rd January	Tyler	Room 17	10 th January	Elliot	Room 19
14 th January	Sophia	Room 3	19 th January	Cohen	Room 10
19 th January	Darcy	Room 16	21 st January	Tia	Room 11
21 st January	Barb	Leading Teacher	21 st January	Phoebe	Room 13
24 th January	Gael	Room 9	24 th January	Sharon	Room10
25 th January	Paw law	Room 13	25 th January	Hayley	STEAM
1 st February	Georgia	Room 14	2 nd February	Michelle	Room 9
9 th February	Jedda	Room 1	9 th February	Tayla	Room 7

Town 1 : 0427 287 843	Jack & Joy
Town 2 : 0428 159 660	Peter & Cynthia
Town 3 : 0428 261 802	Max, Olivia & George
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

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**Attention parents, carers, family and friends our school has registered for the Coles Sports for Schools program
7th February until 15th June.**



****Please keep your Coles vouchers, which you get for every \$10 spent at Coles, and drop them in at the special collection box in the school office foyer. The more we can all collect the more sporting equipment we can purchase for our students. Thanks for your support.**

<p>Join Coder Dojo</p> <p>WHEN Saturdays Beginning March 3rd 11am-1pm</p> <p>WHERE Discovery Centre Bendigo</p> <p>Contact Twitter: @coderbendigo Email: coderdojobendigo@gmail.com</p>	<p>Registration Saturday 24th February 11am – 12.30pm Discovery Centre</p> <p>(Please enter by the side door on the Railway Station side as the Discovery Centre is closed for maintenance.)</p> <p>Come along and talk to the mentors or if you can't make it register online at:</p> <p>https://goo.gl/forms/0VQzzAwnbAQ5iUA43</p>
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