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Newsletter # 2

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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

Wednesday	28 th February	• Great Start Conference
Friday	2 nd March	• Parents and Friends Gathering in Staffroom after Assembly
Wednesday	7 th March	• SDS V Kalianna Cricket Match Albert Roy Park 10am
Friday	9 th March	• PBS Parent Representatives Ice Cream Day
Monday	12 th March	• Labour Day : Public Holiday
Wednesday	14 th March	• 'Welcome Back' BBQ 5.30 – 7pm
Wednesday	23 rd March	• Last day for Hot Cross Bun Orders for SDS Fundraiser
Thursday	29 th March	• End of Term 1 : 2pm Finish

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Hello SDS Community



Great Start Conferences

This coming Wednesday, 28th February, it is Great Start Conference time. We are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's learning goals. This is your opportunity to share with us your aspirations for the short, medium and long term for your child and to talk through any specific skills that you would like us to work with you towards. Please return your forms to book your times and a reminder that there will be **no formal classes** on that day. Students are only to attend school with their families at their appointment time. Child minding will be available here at school. If you cannot make it on Wednesday, for whatever reason, please contact your teacher to make an appointment at a time that suits you.

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Parent School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Handbook



Today each family will receive a copy of the handbook created by the Parent School Wide Positive Behaviour Committee to explain what School Wide Positive Behaviour Support is, what it looks like in our school and how you can use it in your own home to support your child. This is an amazing resource created over many, many hours and with incredible dedication and attention to detail by Natalie Beale, Leah Thomas and Rachael Byrne. I thank them sincerely and congratulate them on the passion and knowledge they have for SWPBS. Once you have had a read, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make a time to talk to one of the parent team, or chat to your teacher.

Hospital Passport



Recently I attended a meeting to learn about a pilot project run by Bendigo Health. The project creates a document called a Hospital Passport and is designed to be a one stop shop of all the information that relates to your child. It covers things such as how they communicate, what they like to eat and drink; how they will demonstrate particular feelings and how health practitioners can best interact with your child. The idea is that information is on file at the hospital, although, you will also have a copy, and this stops you having to repeat explaining your child and their preferences repeatedly. One of our families recently used this Passport during a hospital admission for an operation and found it to be invaluable. We are currently organising a workshop day at the school for parents and carers to come along and make these documents. When we have a date, we will let you know. In the meantime, if you think you will need one in the short term, please get in contact with Meg Holmes, our Family Support Teacher, or myself.

Easter Raffle



It is time to crack out the chocolate eggs for our annual Easter Egg raffle. We are asking families to donate some chocolate eggs, rabbit, bilby, humpty dumpty or whatever Easter treat you would like to create our prize hampers. Raffle ticket books will be coming home shortly. Please help us generate some extra money for classroom resources and celebrate the coming Easter holiday period.

Dr Mary Jean Gallagher

On Wednesday morning, I was fortunate to take part in a seminar with Dr Mary Jean Gallagher, who is one of the World's Leading Experts in Education and acts as an advisor to the Department of Education in Victoria. She comes from Ontario in Canada and was responsible for overseeing the education reforms that lead to Ontario being one of the best performing education systems in the world. Dr Mary Jean delivered an address on Special Education in Ontario and how schools cater for the individual needs of students with additional learning needs.



KIRSHY McAINCH PRINCIPAL

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10 th February	Hannah	Room 5	10 th February	Ruby	Room 7
18 th February	Helen	Room 14	22 nd February	Bella	Room 2
22 nd February	Em	Room 14	22 nd February	Brendan	Room 14
24 th February	Mandy	Room 5	27 th February	Tyler	Room 1
1 st March	Jason	Room 19	3 rd March	Rowan	Room 1
3 rd March	Jesse	Room 15			

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



**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.**

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Student Awards

TO BE PRESENTED ON MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY



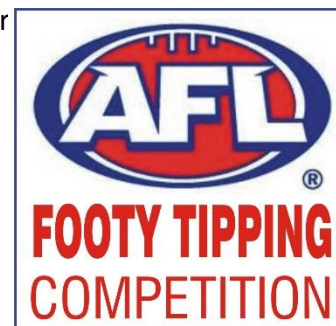
Hannah	Room 5	For helping a friend in the playground to Be Their Best and make a Good Choice; for always looking out for others and modelling the wonderful value of 'CARING'.
Brendan	Room 17	For using, his manners while collecting cups around the school during the Work Skills Program.

Bendigo SDS Footy Tipping : Entry Fee: \$25

Footy tipping, like last year, will be on the website www.footytips.com.au . After the end of each round, all the tips will be automatically updated on the website. All tips need to be entered **before** the first game of each round. If you forget to do your tipping then you will get the away teams. Each round there will be one game where you need to pick a margin. This will help determine your place on the ladder in case there are more than one person with the same amount of cor

The prize money is as follows:

First Prize	:	50% of the total prize pool
Second Prize	:	25% of the total prize pool
Third Prize	:	15% of the total prize pool
Forth Prize	:	10% of the total prize pool



The Jackpot

Each week \$5 is put into a jackpot, so if anyone that can correctly get all tips correct for that round, will win it. In the event that more than one people gets all the tips correct it will then go off lowest margin for that round. For example: if player one gets all tips correct has a margin of 14 and player two gets all tips correct and has a margin of 3 then player two will win the Jackpot because of the lower margin. Anyone wishing to play can write their name on the sign-up sheet in the staff room or let School Reception know, and they will get your email address so the log in details can be sent through to you.

Matt Higgins