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Term Dates 2018

Term 1 2018

Wednesday 31st January
2pm Thursday 29th March

Term 2 2018

Monday 16th April -
Friday 29th June

Important Dates

Day	Date	Event
Thursday	29 th March	• End of Term 1 : 2pm Finish
Monday	16 th April	• Term 2 Starts
Tuesday	17 th April	• Resource Management (Finance) Meeting 4.30pm
Friday	20 th April	• Parents and Friends Gathering after Assembly in Staffroom
Monday	23 rd April	• School Council Meeting 7pm Staffroom
Monday	23 rd April	• ANZAC Biscuit Orders Due
Wednesday	25 th April	• ANZAC Day - No School
Thursday	26 th April	• Parent Helping Parent Group : 1 st Meeting in Student Kitchen

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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School Captains

We are so excited to announce the appointment of our school leaders for 2018. Congratulations to our School Captains, Karly H and Brenden K, and our Vice-Captains, Brittany R and Louis B. These students display our school mantra of "Act Safely", "Show Respect" and "Be your Best", in all aspects of their schooling life and are wonderful role models for our entire school community. They have already performed a number of official duties and we will be working with the students to expand their role within the school across the year.

Personalised Learning Support Plans

All students' Personalised Learning Support Plans (PLSP) have been finalised and will be sent home to you. These plans represent a snap shot of the learning program for your child and their progress in the

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focus areas as identified by the Whole School Two Year Curriculum plan. These goals will be reported against, at the end of Semester 1 and discussed at the Student Achievement Conferences in Term 2.

Easter Parade – Sunday 1st April 2018

We are so excited to be taking part in the famous Bendigo Easter Parade on Sunday 1st April as a school. Our great specialist teachers, Kim Burns in Music and Hayley Morris in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Music) have teamed up together to create a 'walking float' performance for students and families to participate in. Students need to be over 12 years in age and can be accompanied by their family if they so wish. If you would like more information about being in the parade, contact Kim Burns at the school. If you can't be in the parade, we hope you can watch the parade and give the school a big cheer as we walk on by! Hope to see you all there.

NDIA School Transport Workshop

On Friday 13th April 2018 (the last Friday of the holidays), the school will be hosting a workshop that will provide information regarding how the NDIS may work with transport to school. At this stage we do not have the exact times or contents of the workshop, but we will post information on our Facebook page, send out an SMS and update TiqBiz when these details are confirmed.

NDIS Support

Speaking of NDIS, we are very lucky to have one of our parents, Sarah Chignell, who has extensive experience with understanding and managing the NDIS with her son, volunteer her time on a Monday to support and offer advice to other families. If you would like to chat with Sarah or seek her advice, please contact the school and we will arrange a time for you to chat to her on a Monday she is available. Thank you Sarah for being so willing to help others through this often confusing and at times daunting system.

Holidays

As the term draws to a close, I would like to thank you all for your contribution to the start of our schooling year. We have had a busy time and some big changes with new bus runs and times and the new school times and as always, many events and experiences happening in many different classrooms. All of this has made for some great learning in our classrooms and that is not possible without your input and support. We hope you have a great holiday break, enjoy the chocolate and we look forward to seeing you all back here to start a great Term of learning on Monday 16th July.

HAPPY EASTER

KIRSHY McAINCH PRINCIPAL



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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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

25 th March	Felix	Room 8	25 th March	Tamlye	Room 11
25 th March	Zeathan	Room 12	26 th March	Kieran	Room 5
1 st April	Jahkye	Room 8	1 st April	Joanna	Room 2
5 th April	Jesse	Room 12	8 th April	Kayla	Room 13
14 th April	Sunny	Room 6	14 th April	Cody	Room 6
14 th April	Ryan	Room 15	17 th April	Declan	Room 5
19 th April	Edward	Room 8	19 th April	Ron	H&PE
21 st April	Stacey	Room 16	22 nd April	Shaman	Room 2
24 th April	Laura	Room 11			



CONGRATULATIONS to the seven students who were selected and participated in the annual Kalianna Cross Country event held at the Bendigo Show Grounds on Friday 16th March.

Dylan (Rm 16), Em (Rm 14) and Brendan (Rm 14) ran in the 3km race. Dylan came 3rd overall in the 13-14 Year Old Boys, well done Dylan!

Blake (Rm11), Sunny (Rm6) Jordan (Rm11) and Mackenzie (Rm11) ran in the 600m event. Blake came 2nd overall in the 7-8 Year Old Boys, top effort, Blake!

Thank You to Ron and Meg for helping out on the day.

We will definitely participate again next year. Chris

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NDIS Assistance

NEED A LITTLE EXTRA HELP WITH A STAGE OF YOUR NDIS?!

Dear Parents and Carers, are you just getting started with **NDIS** planning; or are you reviewing your plan; or ongoing issues finding services to meet your needs?

Or maybe you haven't even started as it is all too hard?

We realise this process can be quite stressful and one of our parents, who has much experience has volunteered her time to help you, as she has had some challenges in her son's plan. If you would like to book a session with Sarah, she is available on Mondays (if Monday does not suit, let Meg know). Sarah will work alongside Meg, our Family Support Worker.

Please call the school and make an appointment, get in soon as she has had some really positive meetings this week; so call in now..

PARENT HELPING PARENT

A **new parent/carer group will be starting in Term 2**. The first meeting will be **Thursday the 26th of April**, (2nd week of term), after drop off come, and join other parents for a cuppa and chat in the canteen (room next to bus bay entrance).

A good chance to share ideas and needs.



As part of our inquiry project about ANZAC Day, Room 11 will be baking ANZAC biscuits to raise funds for the 2018 ANZAC APPEAL.

All orders will be baked at school by the students in Room 11 and will be sent home on April 24th.

Please fill in and return the attached order form to school by

Monday 23rd April

Thanks you for your support.

Davina, Kylie and Room 11 students

SPECIAL THANK YOU

ROTARY CLUB KANGAROO FLAT

Thank you once again for providing the goods for our Welcome Back BBQ and also to Bob Wiseman (School Council Community Rep) and other members of Kangaroo Flat Rotary for cooking and serving with a smile. It made everyone feel very welcome and 'at home'. So thank you very much to Bob and his merry band of assistants.

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT VACANCIES

Bendigo Special Developmental School Council still has three Parent Vacancies. Please contact the office if you are interested in being on School Council and we will send you a nomination form. The school needs your input and feedback in setting and monitoring the school's direction.

School Councils have three main responsibilities:

- **Finance**: overseeing the development of the school's annual budget and ensuring proper records are kept of the school's financial operation.
- **Strategic planning**: participating in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan.
- **Policy development and review**: developing, reviewing and updating policies that reflect a school's values and support the school's broad direction outlined in its strategic plan.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP - 2018

Parent Membership

Sarah Chignell

Kylie Cleever

Tammy Manton

Louise Spofforth

Leah Thomas (*President*)

Vacancy

Vacancy

Vacancy

Department of Education and Training Membership

Jenny Annett

Barbara Johnstone (*Secretary/Treasurer*)

Kirshy McAinch (*Executive*)

Davina McCurdy

Kirsty Phillips

Community Membership

Bob Wiseman

Angela Whalen (*Vice President*)

Minute Taker

Margaret Butler