Dear Parents,

Another great week has passed. I continue to be impressed by how settled the classes are with everyone taking the opportunity to maximise their learning opportunities and to demonstrate the school values listed on the top of the newsletter.

A big thank you to everyone who did some work around the school over the holidays. Whilst the environment is very dry at the moment we came back to a neat and tidy school yard. A number of children are also helping out with watering and sweeping outside demonstrating the value of pride in our school.

Please take note of the information regarding School Council and consider nominating. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to have input into certain aspects of the school organisation and a worthwhile experience whilst also gives parents an insight into the running of the school.

Have a great week
Kerry McGuffie

School Council
Retiring School Councillors
Monday 18th February will be the final meeting for members retiring from School Council. Many thanks to Sharyn Allen, Geoff Hamilton, Sarah Whyte, Erin Kent and Deanne Pell (parent category) and Jake Saddlier (DEECD category) for their input into the organisation of the school.

Retiring members are eligible to renominate.

School Council Elections – Nominations
Below is information regarding the School Council election and a notice of election. Nominations are open next Wednesday 13th February. Nomination forms will be available from the office.

The completed form must be returned to the Principal by 4pm the following Wednesday, 20th February.
We have 6 vacancies in the ‘parent’ category and 1 vacancy in the ‘Department of Education employee’ category. These comprise of 5 two year positions and 1 one year position.

Our annual elections for School Council will be conducted according to the following timeline:
Wednesday, 13th February - Notice of election and call for nominations. (Nomination forms can be collected from the school office.)
Wednesday, 20th February - close of nominations at 4.00pm.
Friday 22nd February – Nominees displayed on noticeboard.
By Wednesday 27th February - post out ballot papers (if nominations exceed number of vacancies).
Thursday 6th March - close of ballot at 4pm.
Friday 7th March - count votes & declare poll.
If nominees equal the number of vacancies there is no need for an election and the new executive will be elected at our March council meeting (18th March).
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### SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Tuesday 19th February we will be having school photos taken. Order envelopes are being sent home with today’s newsletter. Orders will need to be returned with money by Feb. 19th.

### OFFICE NEWS

Please ensure you have the correct money when paying for things at the Office.

*If you would like your newsletter emailed to you please advise the Office.*

### Education Maintenance Allowance—Forms available from the Office.

If you’re not sure what this is….please come and see me.

### Subject Contributions $80 per student-

This fee covers the students requisites for the whole year. ie: Pencils, pens, books, art materials, printing, readers etc.

Please pay at the Office A.S.A.P.

### Excursion Fee

The 2013 excursion costs for various grades will be sent home later this term. There are no camps this year for Grades 3-6.

*This fee can be paid in full or by instalments.*

### Working With Children Check

Application forms are available from the Office.

### Student Banking—Every Tuesday

Applications available from the Office.

### Subway Lunch Orders

A new order form is available from the Office. An order form must be completed and correct money is required with order. Please remember lunch orders have to be in the Office before school on Fridays.

### Second hand uniforms

Thank you to Chris G., who will be operating a second hand uniform shop every Monday. Chris hopes to open up before school, about 8.50am and then for a short time after assembly. The second hand uniforms are stored in the new building.

### Fresh Fruit Friday and Friday breakfast

Unfortunately both of these programs have finished. The funding for Fresh Fruit Friday finished last year and our access to the Foodbank has also ended. Our school was subsidising breakfasts costs towards the end of the year but this is no longer possible. Thank you to our wonderful parents for preparing breakfasts on Friday mornings, Sarah, Michelle, Rachel, and Sherie.

### Holiday gardening

Oooops, sorry Kylie for leaving your name off the newsletter last week. Thank you for helping to look after the grounds over the holidays.

### Family Statements

Hopefully family statements will be sent home this week. For families receiving EMA if you have chosen the option “Direct Deposit to school” , your subject contributions amount will be covered, therefore the statement is just for your information. Please come and see me if you need any assistance. (It can be quite confusing!)

### Hats – Be Sunsmart

Children are expected to wear broad-brimmed or legionnaire-style hats for sun protection. Baseball caps are not acceptable, as they provide inadequate protection. The school has a ‘no hat, no play’ policy. A copy of the policy is available at the office upon request. Children who do not have a hat will be directed to remain under the shelter area. We appreciate your support with the promotion of sunsmart behaviours.
Active After-Schools Communities (AASC) – Free Program
The Active After-school Communities (AASC) program begins Monday 11th February.
In Term 1 we will be conducting Basketball & Orienteering sessions. Monday nights will be strictly for children in grades 3-6 and Wednesday nights for children in grades Prep-2. We understand our Preps do not attend school on Wednesdays until March, however prep children are most welcome to commence mid-term once they begin full weeks of school.
Parent Permission forms are available from the school office and Mr. Saddlier.

Supplies To Be Provided By Parents
The school supplies most materials that your child will need.
The only things parents are asked to supply are:
- Smock or old shirt for Art and Craft.
- Large box of tissues. Please send to your child’s class teacher.
- School bag large enough to hold a lunch box, reader cover and general belongings.
The payment of a student requisites fee of $80.00 per student per year and the additional excursions/camp fee.
Please ensure you name clothing, bags, drinking containers, lunch boxes and other personal items. Small children often fail to recognise their belongings.

Library news
If any parents are interested in covering some books for the library please come and see me in the Office.
For all our parent readers out there......we have a collection of novels that have been donated by families. This collection is available for you to access, have a look what’s there.....read it and bring it back. Donations of more books are also welcome.

Student Medication
If your child/ren require medication to be administered please leave the medication at the office. Parents will be asked to sign an authorisation. This will enable us to administer the correct dose at the appropriate time.
The school is not authorised to administer paracetamol. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the well being of your children.

Headphones
All children need to have a set of headphones for their own use. Some children may have theirs at home from last year. If so they need to bring them along ASAP. Headphones allow the children to use multimedia programs that often have sound.

Headphones are now available from the Office for $5.
Jenny Ashby—ICT Coordinator

Parent Helpers
We invite parents of children in all grades to come into our classrooms to hear reading any morning you are available. Our preference this year is for reading to begin at 9:00am through to approximately 9:30am. We also require parents to assist cleaning the tables. This could happen any morning before 9.00am or any afternoon after 3.30pm. A reminder that all volunteers now need to obtain a Working with Children’s Check.

Prep Attendance & Other Information
Prep children attend school four days a week during February.
They will NOT be required at school on Wednesdays.
Parents are most welcome to join in with class activities between 9-9:30am each morning. Mothers, fathers and grandparents are all welcome.
A morning tea will be organised this term for our new parents. Date to be advised.

Weekly Grounds Roster
We have a very successful weekend grounds roster for parents to help keep our school grounds in such good shape. We will commence this roster again this week with two families on duty each weekend
On the Wednesday prior to your weekend duty, you will be sent information and a key that opens the padlocks on the double gate closest to the oval and the shelter shed. Equipment is stored in the shelter shed.
For parents who are new to the school, your duty involves only an hour of your time over the weekend, or after school any night, and entails sweeping paths, weeding and other light jobs. You use the school’s equipment for any job allotted. If the week you are rostered on doesn’t suit, you can swap or let us know in the office.
Deanne Hendy – Environmental Coordinator

I will be sending keys home today with Jett, A.J., and Jasmine.
FREE: AFL Football Coaches Clinic
* Carlton Football Club
*Thursday 7th February at QEO (Queen Elizabeth Oval)
  (South Bendigo Club Rooms)
* 5.30pm - 6.30pm
* Presentation by Carlton FC Assistant Coaches OPEN TO ANY COACH

FREE: AFL Football Super Clinic
* Carlton Football Club
*Thursday 7th February at QEO (Queen Elizabeth Oval)
  *4.30pm - 6.30pm* *Skills drills and activities*
*Signing session from 5.30pm OPEN TO ANY 5 - 12 YEAR OLD CHILD

Fundraiser for School Chaplaincy:
Thursday 21st Feb.
Film - Les Miserables at Star Cinema Eaglehawk, 6pm light refreshments; 6.30pm screening. $16.
Bookings & Payment to School Chaplaincy c/- 175 Station St. Epsom 3551 by Mon. 18 February
(Phone 5448 3912).

Wanted
Bendigo Monday Ladies Netball Ass
Is looking for players, teams or umpires
To play in our Monday Morning competition at Bendigo Stadium during school terms
A free creche is provided
All abilities catered for
Phone Marge 54437379

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with the parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident’s nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police will conduct random patrols throughout the school year to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

Music Lessons Available
Guitar (Grades 3-6)
We are offering private tuition in guitar during lunchtimes for students in grades 3-6.
Lessons are for 30 minutes and cost $10 per lesson.
If your grade 3-6 child would like to learn to play guitar in 2010 please complete the expression of interest form and return it to school asap.

Music Lessons – Guitar

Guitar Lessons – Expression of Interest
I wish to express an interest in my grade 3-6 child/ren

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receiving private guitar lessons at the school.

Signed _______________________
Name _______________________

Music Lessons – Guitar