Dear Parents,

SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE
Thank you to our Year 3/4 students & staff (especially Mrs. Jackson) for organizing a special ANZAC service held at school on Friday morning 24.04.09. Special mention to the Year 3/4 students who did an outstanding job presenting and introducing speakers. They were: Kayla R, Mitchell B, Rhiannon D, Shona S, Dacoda MG, Paris S, Mitchell S, Becky D & also to David S (who took our flag for half mast to full mast).

Mr. John Hanley President of the Kangaroo Flat RSL spoke to the school community and Mr. Ray Trevaskis played the Last Post and the Rouse.

We also had Mr. Mark Snell (community police officer) & Mr. Wayne Sherriff (School Council President) as part of our official party.

The School Choir sang beautifully (lead by Ms MacDonald & guitar Mr. Barker). They also sang at an ANZAC service held at Bethlehem—senior citizens home on Friday 24 April. Thanks again to Ms MacDonald & Mr. Barker for supporting these choir students.

Our school Captains attended the ANZAC service held at Kangaroo Flat on Saturday and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. Thanks to Ms Craig for organizing this and making the beautiful wreath.

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards were presented - Monday 27 April to:

PG - Paige G
PQ - Aaron F
P/1B - Ethan B
1/2 H - Bailey B
1/2 MY - Jackson E
1/2 SW - Rhiley M
3/4B - Xavier B
3/4G - Courtney C
3/4C - Adam B-S
3/4J - Haylee L

Congratulations to all these students for their achievements & contributions

Dates to Remember...
4th, 5th, 7th & 8th May—Swimming Program
Mon 4 May - Parents & Friends meeting
Wed 6 May - Incursion “Sticks & Stones”
Tue/Thur 12-14 May - NAPLAN testing (Years 3 & 5)
Mon/Fri 18-22 May - Education Week
Mon 18 May - School Council
Thur 21 May - Healthy Brekky & Open Morning
Fri 22 May - Harmony Day
Mon 8 Jun - Queens Birthday
Fri 12 Jun - State-wide Curriculum Day
Mon 22 Jun - School Council
Tue 23 Jun - Year 3-6 Athletic Sports
Thu 25 Jun - Proposed Parent, Student & Teacher interviews (12-7pm)
Fri 26 Jun - Last day Term 2

FUNDING BOOST FOR LITERACY
As previously reported, we have our Regional Network Leader (RNL) Mr. John Sloan to thank for being able to secure a government grant to support our current work in the area of literacy. We have now started the project which aims to strengthen our new coaching model with the support of a critical friend. Our critical friend is Ms Alison Davis. Alison was at our school on the 24 & 27 April getting to know staff and our school. We welcome her support and look forward to working with her this year. We have booked her for 20 days and she will be back on June 4, 5, 22, 23 & 24 this Term. This is a very exciting project and Alison is extremely enthusiastic about working with us.

The program is being funded over three years so we should be able to add significant value to the strong results we currently have in this area.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP
The Year 5/6 students and staff had a lot of fun & learning as we explored the Outdoor challenges on offer at Baanya Biami. Thank you to the Year 5/6 staff (Ms. MacDonald, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Sing) for organizing an excellent camp and to the staff who attended: Ms. MacDonald, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Sing, Mrs. Emerson & Mr. Warne. The weather was not as good as we had hoped but all enjoyed the many experiences on offer.
PARENT ACCOUNTS STATEMENTS
The School Council is again offering a raffle prize which will be drawn after the 15th May. All families who have paid their child’s materials & the school levy by this date will be in the draw. This includes those families who receive EMA and use the school portion to pay for materials & the voluntary levy.

We have 3 prizes donated by the Zone Entertainment Complex
They are 3 Family Mega passes which include a laser game, skating and mini golf. Each prize is worth $107.00!! We will draw out 3 families after the 15th May and each will win one of these fantastic prizes.

Outstanding accounts have been sent home this week.

Doug Jones
Principal

PARKING AT SCHOOL
Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that this information be conveyed to parents. They have also advised that Parking Officers will be conducting random patrols throughout the 2009 school year to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

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

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident’s nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. This includes NO stopping in turning circles at the top of both side streets.

Motorists are reminded to slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones especially when children are making their way to and from school. Please note that the law requires that a driver approaching a children’s crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing.

Bendigo City Council

WELLBEING
From time to time individuals and families can experience difficulties including trauma and hardship in their lives. When a family is dealing with such an experience it has a huge impact on every member of the family. The way people deal with and cope with the situation is different for each individual. But there are many common behaviours that we see quite regularly such as:

- Bedwetting
- Acting out
- More challenging behaviour
- Violent behaviour
- Telling lies
- A sense of sadness or being worthless
- Poor academic performance
- Be withdrawn
- Issues with friendships
- Parentified behaviour in children

If your family or your child/ren are responding to a circumstance in any of the above ways it will surely be having an impact on their schooling and relationships.

Please feel free to contact
- Class teachers
- Bernadette (Wellbeing Officer)
- Di Craig / Doug Jones

to let us know of any changes so we can assist all involved to understand, deal with and cope better.

Di Craig
Assistant Principal

MOTHERS DAY STALL—FRIDAY 8TH MAY
Grade 3/4J are organising the Mothers Day Stall to be held on Friday 8th May. We are seeking donations of suitable gifts which can be left on the table at the front office. Gifts will range in price from 50 cents to $1.00. A big thankyou to Tracy English, who has generously sewn and donated 70 heat packs.

Some gift suggestions are:

- Hankies
- Boxed chocolates / lollies
- Cosmetics / soaps
- Notebooks
- Plants
- Knick knacks
- Cups

or any other creative ideas. Thank you to those who have already generously donated items.

Di Craig

SCHOOL FAIR reminder
The date has been set, the wheels are in motion for the School Fair on Friday November 20th. This will be a twilight occasion starting at 5.30pm till 7.30pm. It promises to be loads of fun for the children, family and friends with displays, competitions, plants and produce, cakes and food galore, spinning wheel, circus, talent quest, show bags and heaps more!!

Mark the date down on your calendar. Anyone with ideas for the fair or willing to put up cuttings, sewing, etc. please see Di Craig.

Thankyou for your support.

Di Craig

Thought for the Week
“Respect is something your earn. You can’t beg, borrow or steal it. It’s a process of right doings”

Di Craig
Assistant Principal

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CLASS NEWS

JUNIOR NEWS
Prep, 1/2 Journals
Dear Parents
Please share journals with your children discussing their efforts and feel free to make positive comments about their term’s work. Could we please have all journals returned to school by the following week 8th May so we can put in additional work for Term 2.

Corey, Jenny, Julian, Julie, Katie, Kylie, Lisa, Sandy

SENIOR NEWS
Grade 3/4
Congratulations to the Year 3/4 students who played an important role in last Friday’s ANZAC ceremony. They did a wonderful job.
A reminder that the swimming program continues next week. We will be going swimming on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please ensure your children have appropriate swimming gear on these days.
Students are being introduced to a Maths program called Mathletics. This program can be used at school and at home and is designed to assist your child’s mathematical development. Any queries regarding this, can be directed to us.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Lorraine

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

BOOKCLUB
Could all book club orders be returned by early next week - Tuesday 5th May please.
Thanks
Sandy

PE NEWS
Swimming
No swimming this week due to 5/6 camp. Please ensure all clothes/goggles are clearly named.
Swim Dates: 4th, 5th, 7th & 8th May
Times:
11.45-12.25pm—PrepQ, 3/4B, 5/6S
12.25—1.05pm—Prep G, 3/4C, 5/6M, 6B
1.05—1.45pm—1/2H, 3/4G, 5/6B, P/1B
1.45—2.25pm—1/2YM, 1/2S, 3/4J

Any lost property from swimming will be left in the lost property box in the Multi.

Corey Warne

GUITAR GROUPS—reminder
Advanced and Beginner Guitar groups will have an extended holiday until after the swimming program has finished.

Lee MacDonald

PERFORMING ARTS - repeat
In a few weeks children in Years 3&4 will be presenting some work in a performance here at school. Stay tuned for updates on the date and time.
Year 5&6 children are busily preparing for a wonderful production of ‘Suburban Circus’ to be staged here at school at the end of this term. They are learning songs and routines for class items. There will also be small group routines in the line up. Dates will be published next week. If there are parents who can help with the sewing of costumes please get in touch with me.

Performing Arts Inc.-performances for the year
May 6 Wednesday 9.30am Sticks & Stones
July 23 Thursday 11. 30am Music Is Fun Band
Nov 13 Friday TBA Shake, Rhubarb & Roll

Julian Regan (Arts co-ordinator)

LIBRARY NEWS
All books borrowed prior to the holidays are now overdue. Please encourage your child to return their library book immediately.

Thanks
Sandy

WANTED
Any margarine, yoghurt and ice-cream containers for our Gardening groups plus any spare pot plant containers. These can be left at the school office.

WIGGLES TICKETS
There are still tickets available for a performance of the Wiggles to be held on 31st May at 1pm at the Bendigo Schweppes Centre. Tickets $22.50 each from the school office.

EGGS FOR SALE—from our Specimen Hill PS chooks!!
$2.00 per dozen. See Mandy Pickering.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

BENDIGO HOOKIN2 HOCKEY CLINIC

Want to learn hockey? The Central Victorian Hockey Association here in Bendigo is running a Hookin2Hockey clinic on Saturday mornings (9.30am - 10.15am) over a period of 6 weeks at the beginning of Term 2 (from 2nd May to 13th June) for children aged 6 to 12 years. For a cost of $55 participants will get their own hockey kit (stick, shin pads and ball). To register or obtain further information, see the flyer or visit www.cvha.org.au/development or you can contact Kerri Wellman at cvha.hookin2hockey@yahoo.com.au or on 5449 3527.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS

After School Care operates from 3.15pm - 6.00pm
Please ring Rachel on 0414 068 475 for Bookings/Cancellations.
Please note that ASC is fully booked on Fridays unless a permanent booking cancels.

Before School Care operates from 6.30am - 8.40am. Please ring Anika on 0438 062 561 for bookings

UNIFORM SHOP

Hours: Monday and Tuesday mornings 8.45am to 12 noon and all day Wednesday.
Uniform shop is fully stocked with winter uniform items.
Sale Items: Girls pleated shorts sizes 4 to 10 for $8; Wintercheater w/ side split sizes 8 to 14 for $14. Girls pleated gabardine trousers sizes 6 to 16 for $10.
Uniform Order Forms are available from the office.
Second-hand Uniforms: Various items/sizes free

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN DUTY:
Thurs. 30th April—Tricia R. Martine A, Carol Jordan
Fri. 1st May—Sheridan H.
Mon. 4th May—Tricia R & Cassandra F.
Tues. 5th May—Tricia
Wed. 6th May—Michelle J
Thurs. 7th May—Tricia R, Margaret S, Cheryl B-S
Fri. 8th May—Sheridan H.

THE ZONE

‘Family Entertainment Complex’
1 Gildea Lane, Bendigo
Ph. 5441 7046
Skatezone, Darkzone, Kartzone, Golfzone, Kidzone
Mobile Laser Zone
Big Slide Inflatable
Looney Tunes 5 in 1 Inflatable
Under 5’s Big Top Inflatable

HUGE BABY & KIDS SALE
Saturday 2nd May 9am to 1pm @ YMCA Stadium 45 Mundy St.
Gold coin entry proceeds go to the Bendigo Bushfire Appeal.

SCHOOL BANKING

Forms for opening up a school bank account are available from the school office. Bring bank books and money to school on Tuesdays.

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