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Our children's future in the very best of hands.

Friday 28th July 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear parents and carers,

Our students have had another wonderful week of learning. Last week and this week are focusing on teaching our school value of Honesty and our values awards for these weeks will be given to a student displaying this value.

BERRY STREET

On Friday our entire staff participated in the third day of our four-day training program; the Berry Street Education Model. This model is shaped by decades of research and thousands of dedicated teachers. The Berry Street Education Model helps educators gain new perspectives, strategies, and skills to build safer, healthier and more engaging classrooms for all students. The Berry Street Education Model provides strategies for teaching and learning that enables teachers to increase engagement of students with complex, unmet learning needs and to successfully improve all students' self-regulation, relationships, wellbeing, growth and academic achievement." I encourage you to read more about this on the Berry Street website: <https://www.berrystreet.org.au/learning-and-resources/berry-street-education-model>

CHANGES TO NAPLAN REPORTING

The NAPLAN results for students, in Yr. 3 and 5, have been released and were sent home with students last week. There have been changes, introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which will be further explained:

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels. Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be, in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

NAPLAN results are important milestone, but it is also important that students know that one result does not define them and that this is one assessment at a point of time. These results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to grow as learners.

When we provide parents, in Yr. 3 and 5, with their child's results, you would have also received information about what the new proficiency levels mean. Parents, and carers may find the following [video on reading the Individual Student Report](#) useful to understand student-level reporting and the new proficiency standards for NAPLAN. As always, please reach out to the leadership team with any questions about these changes.

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SPECI STUDENT AWARDS

Term 3 Week 3 – Awards presented at following Monday Assembly

Empathy

Excellence

Honesty

Resilience

Respect

Grade	Student of the Week	Values Award - Respect
Prep/One – Room 1	Katie M	Nikolai F
Prep – Room 2	Charlotte E	Sam P
Grade 1/2 - Room 3	Ryder J	Patrick E
Grade 1/2 - Room 4	Derek B	Cooper N
Grade 1/2 - Room 5	Bill T	Cordelia G
Grade 1/2 - Room 6	Jordan P	Isabelle
Grade 3/4 - Room 4a	Shelbi R	Xavier P_Y
Grade 3/4 – Room 7	Ruby H	Charlie B
Grade 3/4 - Room 8	Malikye G	Imogen B
Grade 5/6 - Room 9	Harley S-D	Matilda C
Grade 5/6 - Room 10	Issy C	Sean P
Grade 5/6 - Room 11	Kaide H	Jim S
Grade 5/6 - Room 12	Simon M	Tahlia D
Grade 5/6 - Room 13	Izaak B	TBC
Physical Education		
Art	Junior- Mary Ann G - Room 1 Senior- Ava E - Room 7	
Coding		
Music	Tah Eh Pnaw – Room 5	
Chinese	Logan K - Room 4	
Circus	Megan R – Room 10	
Principal's Award	Cooper M – Room 11	

Swimming Forms

Swimming will be in Week 5 of this term. The permission form can either be completed online via Sentral or filled in and returned to the office.

A reminder that families will need to fill in the **Swimming Survey** via the attached QR code or link for the pool to place your child into the correct swimming group for the week. This survey must be completed by the **2nd of August**. It should take no longer than 5 minutes to fill in. The QR code is here for your usage, please scan and complete. Link is <https://bit.ly/3p7XNs7>



Division Netball Tournament

Grade 5/6 House Captains have written two retells of this tournament below for you viewing. Congratulations to all students who participated with great Speci Spirit and sportsmanship.

On the 19th of July, the grade 5/6 students walked down to the Red Energy arena to play the netball tournament. There were 2 groups, one boys and one girls. The girls played outside, and the boys played inside. The boys won 5 out of 7 games and the girls won 0 out of 7 games but the girls and boys did a fantastic job representing Speci and played well. I would like to thank Mrs Pelly and Mr Tanner for letting us have the opportunity to play in the netball tournament.

by Ethan M and Ashdon B

On Wednesday the 19th of July some students in grade 5/6 went to Golden City to play netball. The people that went to netball and played for the girls' team were Issy C, Cynthia W, Ruby C, Ruby P, Daisy K, Aria C, Paw Tha You, Marlee G, Maddy R, Mackenzie Y. We all had so much fun, and we tried our best to win. In total the girls won 2 games that we didn't play because the teams didn't show up but even, we didn't win many games we all still had fun.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Tuesday 1st August is our District Athletics which will be held at the Bendigo Athletics Track. Please ensure students who are attending bring warm clothes as they will have to wait around before their event/s. Students will need to bring their school bags with a packed lunch and recess. Water bottles are a must! Buses will be leaving at 9am sharp. Hopefully the weather treats us nicely this time around. Parents are welcome to attend, but, are reminded to watch from the outside of the fenced track area. Go Speci!

5/6 news

Last Tuesday grade 5/6 students travelled to LaTrobe University and Bendigo TAFE to participate in the

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Passions & Pathways Education Immersion Day. Students had the opportunity to tour both campuses and participated in a nursing workshop. The students had a wonderful day and really enjoyed the hands-on activities.

A big thank you to Passions & Pathways, La Trobe University, Bendigo TAFE and our 5/6 Team for such a wonderful day.



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TERM 3 DATES



July

Monday 31 st	ALL DAY	100 Days of prep Celebration
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August

Tuesday 1 st	ALL DAY	District athletics La Trobe University Track Flora Hill
Thursday 10 th	ALL DAY	Grade 5/6 Passion and Pathways - Bendigo airport
Friday 11 th	ALL DAY	Whole school Science Day
Monday 14 th -18th	WHOLE WEEK	Whole school swimming program – Gurri Wanyarra
Tuesday 22 nd	9am	Book week parade
Thursday 31 st	ALL DAY	Divisional basketball
Thursday 31 st	ALL DAY	Grade 3/4 Scienceworks excursion

Weekly Additional Activities 2023

MONDAY

9:00am to 11:00am	Playgroup Multipurpose Room – ran by Coordinator Chloe Hickey
2:45pm to 3:15pm	Whole School Assembly Basketball Court Weather Permitting or Multipurpose Room

WEDNESDAY

8:35am to 8:55am	Breakfast Club Served from Canteen – Students eat in under cover area
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THURSDAY

3:30pm – 4:30pm	EAL Homework Club Library with Mrs Manley, Paw Doh and many wonderful volunteers
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*Looking for a new after school activity?
Why not try out our newest program?*

STEM Club!



*Discovery's after-school STEM club
4-5pm on Wednesdays in Term 3, 2023
Join us for hands-on experiments and
fun!*

