



Caring



Optimism



Respect



Excellence

Friday 24th March

Principal's Report

150th Anniversary Celebration

It was so lovely to be able to celebrate our school's 150th anniversary on Thursday 23 March with so many past and present students, staff and families members. The un-earthing of the time capsule, by students and staff members who attended the school when it was buried 25 years ago, was such a memorable moment and was eagerly watched by our current students, staff and several hundred community members, many of whom attend our school in their childhood.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our organising team - Kylie Tan, Melinda Rosser, Jeanette Gaul, Sarah Macumber, Sally Downes, Bec Soulsby and Melinda West - who put in many hours to help prepare for our special event and to everyone else who helped throughout the day.

Our Time Capsule Un-veiling was the first official event in our year of celebrations. We will have several 150th themed events throughout the year including our Trivia Night for Grown Ups, our School Reunion on the 9th and 10th of September, our 150th School Day of the 150th School Year celebrations and our Community Fair on the 20th October.



SPS Gr 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Thank you so much to everyone for their efforts in ensuring our students had an amazing day at the athletics carnival on Wednesday. These days take a lot of preparation and hard work on the day. Thank you to Bryce Curnow for his leadership in this area and to our amazing parent volunteers who assisted on the day. It has been so lovely to hear all the excited stories from our students as they reflected on their athletics achievements.

Additional Thanks

We had a very busy but amazing time this week and I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their amazing contributions over the last seven days.

- **NAPLAN** Well done to all our Gr 3 and Gr 5 student for putting in your best efforts with you NAPLAN assessments and thanks to Mrs Walker for all your coordination and to our Gr 3 and Gr 5 teachers and parent for your support.
- **Harmony Day** Thanks for organising our visiting performers, Mrs Di Camillo . Great to see all those orange tops.
- **Rock Your Socks Day** Thanks Mr Canobie and JSC. Loved all the incredible socks and, thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to donate \$574 to help raise awareness of Downs Syndrome.
- **Happy Active Health Hour** Thanks for coordinating all the incredible HAAH activities, Mr Freeman.

2023 Curriculum Days and Student Learning Interview Days

Term 2 Week 1: Monday 24th April - Teacher Professional Learning Session (pupil free day)

Term 3 Week 1: Wednesday 12th July - Student Learning Interviews (students only attend at interview times)

Term 3 Week 7: Monday 21st August - Teacher Professional Learning Session (pupil free day)

Term 4 Week 8: Friday 24th November - Report Writing Day for Teachers (pupil free day)

Kind Regards, Cindi Bruechert Cindi.Bruechert@education.vic.gov.au

“Our school vision is to empower everyone to learn and grow in an inclusive environment.”

School Council

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Important Dates

March 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Canteen Lunch - Pizza • Assembly 2.35pm
April 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Cross Country • Term 1 Concludes - Early Finish 2.30pm
April 7th - 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Weekend
April 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 2 Commences / Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
April 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anzac Day - Public Holiday
April 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Term 2 for Students
April 26th - 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 4 Camp - Billabong Ranch
April 27th - 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3 Camp - Weekaway
April 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 2.35pm
May 1st - May 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholastic Book Fair
May 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divisional Cross Country
May 10th - 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mothers Day / Special Persons Stall 8.30 - 9am & 3.30 - 4pm
May 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 2.35pm
May 15th - 19th	<p>Education Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation information sessions (Tues May 16th 9.30am – 11am & 6 – 7pm) • Open Classrooms (Thurs May 18th 9am – 11am) • Grandparent / Special Person's Hour & Biggest Afternoon Tea (Fri May 19th 2.00pm – 3.30pm)
May 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canteen Special Lunch • Assembly 2.35pm
June 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 2.35pm
June 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPS Trivia Night for Grown Ups
June 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly 9.15am • Term 2 Finishes at 2.30pm
June 24th - July 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Holidays



2023 Term Dates for SPS Students

Terms	From	To
2023 Term 1	Monday 30th January	Thursday 6th April
2023 Term 2	Wednesday 26th April	Friday 23rd June
2023 Term 3	Monday 10th July	Friday 15th September
2023 Term 4	Monday October 2nd	Wednesday 20th December

Happy Active Healthy Kids (HAHK) News!

Congratulations to our HAHK team members for 2023! They include:

Tyson H
Pippa S
Cameron M
Chloe F
Lexie A
Lucy V
Sanneke P
Annabelle T
Ivy D
Isabelle M
Connor O
Lucas G
Matilda M
Adie M



These students will begin their first job of Gate Greeters during Week 8. You will see some HAHK team members lining the front and back gates from approximately 8.45am in the mornings. They will be wearing bright and colourful vests and wearing their HAHK team badges and, on some mornings, might even be accompanied by our school dog, Monty!

Their job as Gate Greeters is to greet our school community with a warm, friendly smile each day and to accompany any junior students who need assistance to walk to their classrooms where needed.

Make sure you smile and say hello if you happen to see them on your way into school!



Class Awards

1	Raphael Q Jaxson B	For working hard to sound out his words when writing. For working hard to do his best in all curriculum areas.
2	Macy W Heath B	For always participating in classroom discussions and listening attentively. For having a positive attitude at school and having his best go at new activities.
3	William C Hudson B	making good progress by working on improving his handwriting every day. making good progress by working on improving his handwriting every day.
4	Chelsie M Pippa K	For fantastic work in Initial Lit with syllable blending. Recognising how many syllables there are in a word and putting the word back together. Well done Chelsie. For recognising the starting sounds in words and placing the pictures under the correct sound. Great work Pippa.
5	Alexander D Vinnie H	For challenging himself mathematically to extend his understanding of place value. For applying a greater level of focus and concentration to work tasks.
6	Harper D Vishal M	For having a positive attitude towards learning. Well done Harper. For focusing on using his lower case letters in writing. Fantastic job Vishal.
8	Levi F Norah T	For showing great 'ready to learn' behaviours in the classroom. For showing great 'ready to learn' behaviours in the classroom.
9	Harrison S Oakley M	For showing great optimism and resilience with a broken arm. For working hard to improve in all curriculum areas.
10	Ayden F Mahli L	For working hard on his writing goals! For working hard in all areas of her learning and helping other classmates!
11	Zali M Sienna H	For writing a great Thoughts, Ideas and Feelings response to our Harmony Day performance. For showing excellence in her maths by representing a three and four-digit number on her Thinkboards.
13	Bonnie G Emilia D	For demonstrating a positive attitude and giving her best effort throughout the NAPLAN testing week. For her effort and determination when completing recent NAPLAN and Essential Assessments.
14	Freddy W Lotus W	For consistently treating others with care and respect. For showing optimism by giving 100% during NAPLAN.
15	Milo C Kaylee C	For regular positive contributions to the class. For regular positive contributions to the class.
16	Koby R Jaxon D	For demonstrating resilience and producing his best effort in a difficult situation. For an outstanding effort using the jump strategy in his Maths lesson.
17	Zander H Lily S	For using creative ideas to develop an excellent plan for his narrative. For using excellent descriptive language in her narrative. Well done Lily!
18	Jax S Amber P	For working hard on extending his understanding of place value throughout our place value unit. For regularly contributing her ideas to focus lessons.
21	George K Harley W	For being a caring and co-operative class member. For always listening respectfully and following instructions.
22	Kelsey C	For getting in and having a go at our athletics day! Well done Kelsey!
23	Kaiden Y Skye J	For the high standard of presentation demonstrated in both his school activities and homework. For approaching NAPLAN with an optimistic mind set.
24	Izzy C Angus M	For approaching all tasks with optimism and demonstrating resilience when faced with challenges. For approaching his work with a positive attitude and growth mindset.
25	Jake I Charlie G	For consistently supporting others in our classroom . For consistent positive work ethic.
26	Jackson B Olive C	For giving every task his best efforts and assisting others when required. For having the confidence to give every task her best efforts.
27	Emma H Taylor Q	For always striving for excellence. For being focussed and completing his tasks.
28	Cooper L Georgia H	For working hard to improve automatic recall of times tables. For working hard to improve automatic recall of times tables.
Vis Arts	Jaxon S	For really insightful observations and comments when looking at the student photography display.
Perf Arts	Khye M	For always doing his best in Performing Arts.
P.E.	Isaiah O	For his positive attitude towards the Athletics Carnival.
Library	Hudson H	For listening attentively to stories in library and completing all tasks to a high standard. Well done Hudson
LOTE	Hartley R Rachel T	For taking the challenge to write Chinese characters and writing them beautifully in LOTE. For the active participation and enthusiastic attitude in LOTE.
STEM	AJ M Pip K	For showing an excellent knowledge and understanding of Newton's laws of motion in STEM Classes. For her excellent understanding of the laws of motion in STEM class.



Update from the Music Room

On Wednesday we celebrated Harmony Day and it was great to see so many students dressed up in orange to support Cultural Inclusion. As part of our celebration we were lucky enough to watch a performance by Vardos. They introduced us to the music, instruments and traditions from Hungary and Romania.

Alana led the group on the violin which was supported by Sophia on the piano accordion and Kerry on the double bass. Sophia also showed us the hurdy gurdy and Alana played a violin trumpet. Alana was able to move in and around the students as she played on the violin and kept them in stitches of laughter as she played to students individually. Students were also given the opportunity to participate in a traditional Hungarian Folk dance.

Thoughts from Room 11

T. I thought the wooden Hurdy Gurdy instrument was really cool.
I. It was interesting how the music was from Romania and Hungary.
F. I felt shy when we had to dance.
By Easton M

T. I thought the bird sounds were amazing.
I. It was interesting how the music went from really fast to really slow.
F. I felt amazed at how they can play music from very high to very low.
By Sienna H

T. I thought the double bass was cool, it was so big!
I. It was interesting how the bird song sounded like a real bird.
F. I loved it because there was SOOO much energy that I wanted to join them.
By Zali Mc

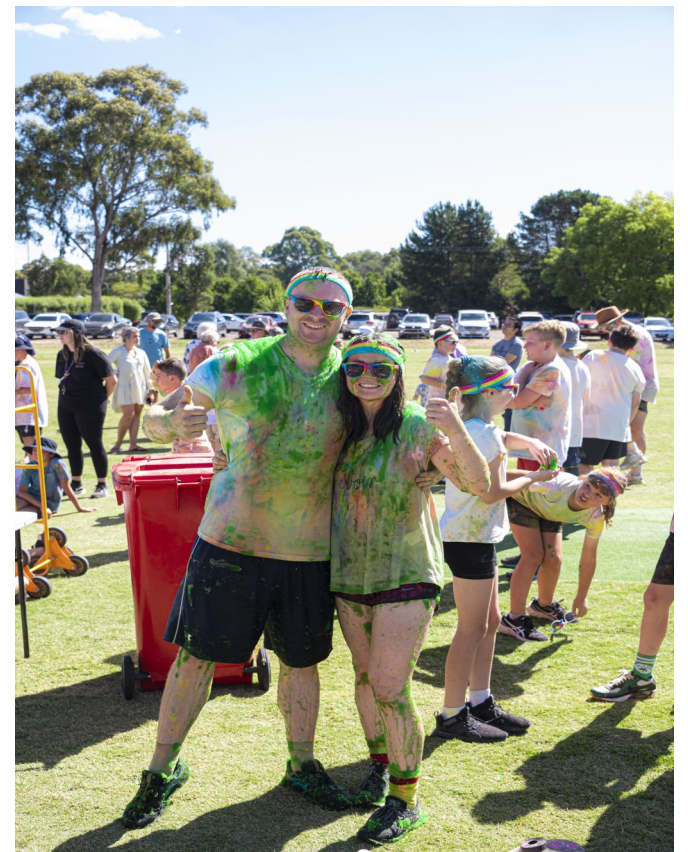
T. I thought they did a great job.
I. I had an idea that when we left they would sing a goodbye song.
F. I felt really happy. I really liked their voices and I think they tried really hard.
By Ava W



Run4Fun Colour Explosion!

On Friday 10th March, our students participated in the first Run4Fun Colour Explosion Event, The children had a great time making their way around the obstacle course and being covered in bright colour powder. After the Colour Run4Fun event was over the students were very excited to see Miss Hocking and Mr. Worn get slimed!

We would like to say a big thankyou to the family's donated for this very exciting fundraising event. We raised almost \$30,000.



Run4Fun Colour Explosion!



School Canteen Information

- The school canteen operates on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 11-12pm
- Canteen orders and payments, by credit card, can be made through the Compass portal. The Canteen link is accessible under the 'Community' icon (the 2 people) on your Compass home page
- **Online orders close at 8:40am each day, except for Friday when orders close at 8:00am**
- Lunch wallets are available from the school office for \$8
- Volunteers are always welcome to help collate the orders and prepare the lunches.
- If you are willing to assist between 9 -11:30am on either Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday please contact Marcella, our Canteen Manager, on **0409 795 170**

VOLUNTEER CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 1 2023

DAY & DATE	9.00am — 11:30am	
Monday 27th March	Jo March	
Tuesday 28th March	Jo March	
Thursday 30th March	HELP NEEDED	
Friday 31st March SPECIAL LUNCH DAY (PIZZA)	Brionna Giddings Lucy Warfe	Tara Neville
Monday 3rd April	Laura Barty	
Tuesday 4th April	Mel Rosser	
Thursday 6th April	Michelle Hicks Deb Wahlert Leah Venville	

Thank you

We would like to say a big thankyou to all of our wonderful volunteers that have helped in the canteen this term.



Strathfieldsaye Primary School are excited to announce that we are running an Easter raffle this year!

We would appreciate your support by donating something Easter themed to assist with making our raffle a success. Examples of donations could be: Easter Chocolate – Eggs, Bunnies, Easter craft activities, Easter baskets, anything chocolate, anything Easter!

Donations can be placed in the Easter raffle collection boxes in the office.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Each family will receive 20 tickets (\$20 value) to sell. These will be coming home with the eldest child in each family. Additional ticket pages are available from the office. Please remember to include a name and phone number on each ticket.

Please return all tickets and money to the office by 9am on Wednesday 5th April . The raffle will be drawn during lunch time on Wednesday 5th April. Winners will be announced on Compass and contacted via phone.

All money raised from our Easter raffle will go towards purchasing decodables and additional books for our classroom libraires to support student learning.

We would like to thank all families once again for all your support with our fundraisers as we couldn't do it without you.



Student Wellbeing

To help promote student wellbeing across our school we have decided to include the article titled 'Learning to take on challenges.'



For further information please visit: www.happyfamilies.com.au

A Message from The City of Greater Bendigo

Increased Mosquito Activity and Threat of Arbovirus in Greater Bendigo Region

The City of Greater Bendigo region has been identified as having increased Mosquito activity through its mosquito surveillance program. Some of the mosquitos identified by the surveillance program are capable of carrying infectious diseases. Over the coming weeks, we expect the population of mosquitos to continue to increase, resulting in a higher risk of exposure to these infectious diseases.

Management of mosquitos requires a community effort. You can protect yourself by doing the following:

- Wear loose fitting clothing when outdoors.
- Use effective mosquito repellents on exposed skin containing DEET or picaridin.

You can increase your protection by:

- Ensuring your buildings are fitted with well maintained flyscreens or other physical insect barriers.
- Checking any rainwater tanks and water storage devices are sealed or fitted with mesh screens.

If you have identified increased mosquito at your premises, I encourage you to engage a licensed pest controller to assist you identify and apply appropriate chemical controls at your site.

Should you identify areas in your neighbourhood supporting the breeding of mosquitos, please do not hesitate in notifying the City. Together we can minimise the spread of mosquito borne disease in our community.

Student Wellbeing

Parents & Carers are invited to a free one-hour evening session:



Supporting Our Kids



Tuesday 4th April

6:45 – 7:45 PM

Staff Room

Strathfieldsaye Primary School

This friendly and informal session is presented by the **Bendigo Health CASEA Team** (part of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) in partnership with our school.

The session will include:

- What is 'mental health' in children?
- Signs to look out for in our kids
- Tips for helping your child with 'big feelings' such as worries, anger and sadness
- Signs of neurodivergence (autism, ADHD) and pathways for support
- Suggestions of useful supports for families: services, websites and resources
- The opportunity for questions

[Please RSVP for this event by clicking here!](#)



ICONIC DRAGON MILE

MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE

WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT - TIME: 10:30AM STRAT

\$10.00 MINI MILE & PRIMARY SCHOOLS - \$20.00 SECONDARY SCHOOLS/OPEN AND VETERANS

ALSO INCORPORATING GYM CUP, TEAMS OF 4 FROM YOUR FAVORITE GYM BATTLING IT OUT FOR BEST GYM!

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=48662>



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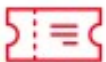


BECOME AN AUSKICK CENTRE COORDINATOR

To acknowledge the selfless work that our Auskick Coordinators contribute to NAB AFL Auskick, we are pleased to offer the following exclusive coordinator incentives in 2023:



Discounts on your child's 2023 Auskick registration fee



Auskick Coordinator Ticketing Program



Guaranteed Half time experience



Win a Medallion Club dining experience

For more information on the above, including how to become an Auskick Centre Coordinator, contact your local Participation Coordinator or Participation Officer [here](#).

Community Notices



PLAYERS WANTED FOR 2023

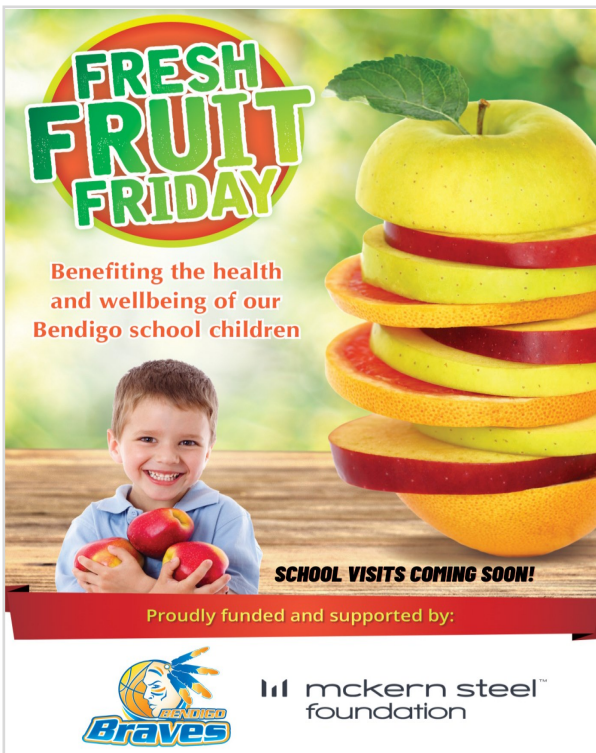
Mounts teams
in Bendigo JFL,
new players
welcome

U10s
U12s
U12s (girls/Friday nights)

For more details
contact
Sonya Browne
0438 904 611

Thank You!

A huge thank you to the Strathfieldsaye Bakery for their donation of bread each week; to Strathfieldsaye Champions IGA for the cheese they donate; and also to the McKern Foundation for donating fresh fruit. We really appreciate your support.





FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

SCHOOL VISITS COMING SOON!

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