



Responsibility
Respect
Resilience
Care
Persistence
Positivity

2021 CALENDAR

15 - 26 February	Grade 1 Swimming Program
Tuesday 16 February	School Council Meeting 6pm
Monday 22 February	Grade 6 Aquarium Excursion
1 - 12 March	Grade 2 Swimming Program
Thursday 4 March	Grade 6 Hanging Rock Excursion
Monday 8 March	Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 16 March	School Council Meeting 6pm
Wednesday 17 March	School Photos - Individual
Thursday 18 March	School Photos - Families & Leadership
Thursday 1 April	End Term 1 - school finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 19 April	Term 2 commences
Tuesday 20 April	School Council Meeting 6pm
17 - 28 May	Grade 4 Swimming Program
Tuesday 18 May	School Council Meeting 6pm
31 May - 11 June	Grade 3 Swimming Program
Monday 14 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 15 June	Curriculum Day - student free
Tuesday 22 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews 2pm - 7pm
Friday 25 June	End Term 2 - school finishes at 2.30pm
Monday 12 July	Term 3 commences
30 August - 3 September	Grade 5 Camp
18 - 20 October	Grade 4 Camp
22 October - 5 November	Prep Swimming Program
8 - 12 November	Grade 6 Camp
10 - 12 November	Grade 3 Camp

2021 School Term Dates

TERM 1	28 JANUARY - 1 APRIL	TERM 2	TUES 19 APRIL - 25 JUNE
TERM 3	12 JULY - 17 SEPTEMBER	TERM 4	4 OCTOBER - 15 DECEMBER

Principal News

Parent Teacher Information Exchange

Thank you for the support of the Parent Teacher Information Exchange and supporting the Covid safe plans. Our teachers really appreciate the chance to learn about the context of each of our students after getting to know them in the new class environment and we would always prefer the personal meeting where possible. This connection with family is vital in creating a positive learning environment at BWPS.

2021 Twilight Sports

Unfortunately, we will not be able to run our Twilight Sports and welcome night for 2021. Mr Walsh and our student leaders are making plans to run an equally fun program during the day, so students still get the experience albeit without the adoring fans.

Obviously, a major factor to add to the disappointment is not being able to compete in the parents/teacher race. Like all finely tuned athletes we are going to have to readjust our training plans to peak in 2022.

Mathematics Feedback

I stated, at last year's graduation, that we love to hear how our past students are getting on with their lives post BWPS and we encourage students to come back and share their stories. Many secondary schools must be doing some maths pretesting and the stories we are hearing that our BWPS students are raising eyebrows with how well they are doing.

This makes us all very happy to see the students get rewarded for their hard work and realise how much they know. It also opens up boundless opportunities across all subject areas to sound mathematical knowledge to apply to all sorts of situations. It is also a wonderful reward for our teachers who have worked very hard over a number of years to put together such an outstanding program.

Please keep the feedback coming.

Review

Over February and March, the school will go through its four yearly review. This review consists of three days, a validation day on Friday February 12th, a fieldwork day on Thursday February 25th and a Panel Day on Thursday March 4th.

On Friday, our review panel, consisting of two visiting principals, an independent reviewer, our DET School Education Improvement Leader, School Council President and the BWPS principal team, will engage in the validation day. During this day, all of our results over the past 4 years are analysed and it is judged as to whether we have achieved our targets or not. The panel will be conducting lesson observations and discussion with our student leaders to help get extra context.

I will keep the community up to date on the process and a panel report will be made available at the end of the process. It is an exciting time to share what we have achieved and get some consultation on our goals moving into our next four years.

Have a great week.

Steven Capp

Birthdays 10 - 16 February

★ Benjamin L ★ Riko A ★ Max E ★ Sarang J ★ Misha K ★ Kaylee D ★ Haylee D ★

★ Jinky K ★ Charlotte L ★ Christian K ★ Emily P ★ Isaac K ★ Alyssa L ★ James S ★ Will A ★



Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you have a valid means-tested concession card, such as a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible. There is also a special consideration category for asylum seeker and refugee families.

Payment amounts this year are \$125 for eligible primary school students. Payments are made direct to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for CSEF through our school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

If you would like to apply for the first time, please contact the school office on 9557 1228 And ask for an application form.

You can also download the form, and find out more about the program and eligibility, on the Department of Education and Training's Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund web page.
https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/CSEF_application_form.pdf

Check with the school office if you are unsure, and please return completed forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Staff Carpark

Now that school has returned, the roads are very busy with children and cars.

Please do the right thing when it comes to dropping off and picking up your children from school.

It is extremely important that you do not use the staff carpark at any time to make U turns, drop off children or collect children.

Please also be mindful of our neighbours and do not park across their driveways.

Parking inspectors have been at both the back and front of our school over the last few days so please be aware as they are fining people.





A little note from Nurse Charlie

One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms. What you need to know:

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home. If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school as soon possible.
2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- Fever
- Chills or sweats
- cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice: call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398, call a general practitioner or use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) online self-assessment tool.

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative. If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

Any other queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

BENTLEIGH WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL



COMMUNICATIONS

All school notifications, including, consents, weekly newsletters and correspondence are done via Compass
<https://bentleighwestps-vic.compass.education>

PLEASE OPEN IN YOUR BROWSER TO SEE ALL ATTACHMENTS

It is really important to notify the school when your child is going to be away so please log on to Compass to record your child's absence or late arrival.

You can download the Compass App from the App store for iPhones or Google Play for Samsung devices. In the App you can then open the full Compass website where you can access up-to-date information.

If you have forgotten your username or password you can recover your details by clicking the 'Don't know your username/Forgot your password?' link on the front page

3G COFFEE



Grade 3G - Pop along for a cuppa & a chat

This is a regular event so there is always an excuse for a chat and to get to know the grade 3 parents and carers. If you can't make this one don't worry there will be another next month on the following day.

So drop the kids at school and then head over to the cafe, order some drinks maybe a treat and have a chat to get to know each other. Little ones are of course welcome and we hope to see some Dads or carers too.

When: Thursday Feb 11th 9am.
Where: District Brewer (Brewer Rd)

Contact:
Sara Gill
Anna Rosenberg

Whens the next one?
Friday March 12th 9am.
Tuesday April 20th 9am.
Wednesday May 19th 9am.
Thursday June 17th 9am.
Friday July 16th 9am.
Monday August 16th 9am.
Tuesday September 14th 9am.
Wednesday October 13th 9am.
Thursday November 11th 9am.
Friday December 3rd 9am.

Coordinator Update



Dear Families,

I am writing to you today to say that I am pleased to introduce Casey Lockton as the new Before and After School Care Coordinator at Bentleigh West Primary School. Casey will begin her new role on Wednesday 27th January 2021.

Casey has her Bachelor of Education. Casey is very motivated and passionate about working with children and being a part of the school community and will continue to be supported by myself and the entire Camp Australia Team during the transition into his new role.



For further information regarding the program or to discuss any specific requirements, please contact the Bentleigh West OSHC Program directly during OSHC Service Hours on 0423 793 663.

Please remember to bring photo ID with you for your child's first After School Care Session.

For all other inquiries, please contact our Customer Care on 1300 105 343.

Kirstie Wills
Regional Manager
Camp Australia

Before School Care program Times: 7:00am to 8:45am
each school day

After School Care program Times: 3:30pm to 6:00pm
each school day

Register and book now. Manage your before and after school care bookings at www.campaustralia.com.au or call the Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343.



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Mentone Girls' Secondary College is delighted to be resuming onsite College Tours in term 1 and planning for an **Open Night on Wednesday 21 April at 7pm.**

Bookings for the College Tours are essential and made through our website at www.mgsc.vic.edu.au.

Additional tour dates are released as each tour day fills.

Interest is very high from 2022 year 7 families. If you are able, please encourage families looking at MGSC for 2023 year 7 and beyond to attend the Open Night and a tour later in 2021.