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**BPS Newsletter – Number 15**  
**Friday 10th September, 2021**

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Dear Parents,

As we begin to see restrictions ease across regional Victoria our preps have been able to return onsite learning. While it has been a juggling act to manage learning from home, the students have maintained their resilience and optimism.

Thank you for your support at home and for helping your child/ren to stay on top of their learning.

**Easing of Restrictions**

The Victorian Government has made announcements in relation to arrangements for schools in regional Victoria.

From today, students in Prep to Grade 2, Units 3/4 Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students and final year Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and International Baccalaureate (IB) students will return to face-to-face learning.

Parents in regional Victoria who are returning to work will be able to access in-home childminding for primary-school aged children and younger.

The existing remote learning program will continue for other year levels, with on-site supervision only available for those students who were previously eligible for on-site supervision. No additional students in Grades 3 to 6 or in Years 7 to 11 will be able to attend on-site.

*Key health advice:*

\* School staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face mask indoors and outdoors at school, unless a lawful exception applies.

\* It is recommended that children under 12 years of age and students at primary school wear face masks when at school, or when attending an OHSC program. We are lucky at Bridgewater Primary School that we can socially distance when required.

The Victorian Department of Health is hosting a live webinar for young people to provide information on COVID-19 vaccines and how to support their mental health. You can join the free webinar on Tuesday 14 September, 6-7pm. Registration is via this link.

Topics covered include:

- \* Vaccines, development and safety
- \* Accessing and consenting to a vaccination
- \* How to book an appointment
- \* How to support your mental health
- \* Q+A with the panel.

This event will be held via Microsoft Teams Live. For access information visit Attend a live event in Teams.

**School Review**

Due to the changing climate with restrictions and some students required onsite, we have made a decision to postpone the school review until term 4.

## **Book Week**

Sue Gentry would still like to celebrate Book Week onsite – if your child dressed up online, count it as a rehearsal for the big day. Please see the details included in this newsletter.

## **Supporting Young People and their Mental Health with Head Space**

As parents and carers you play a significant role in the mental health and wellbeing of your young person. This webinar will help you build your knowledge on mental health literacy, learn skills to start the conversation with your young person about their mental health, and help guide and support them to the most appropriate help and local support, should the need arise.

A free webinar is being offered at 7pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, brought to you by headspace National, headspace Bendigo and Bendigo Senior Secondary College. Please [click here](#) to register.

All parents are encouraged to register because even if you cannot join the webinar, registered participants will receive a digital pack that will contain a vast array of useful information on this important topic.

## **End of Term**

Next Friday will be the final day for Term 3. This means that students will be dismissed at 2:30 pm.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Kind regards,

Julie Ladd

Principal



## Bridgewater Book Week 2021

**NEW DATE!!!**

Lockdowns can't stop our Book Week celebrations!

Our dress up parade  
will now be held on

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Come as your favourite  
book character!



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### Lunch Orders

A reminder that orders must be either handed in to school on a Thursday morning, or alternatively, dropped off at the bakery in person by close of business the day before.

## Student Awards—Classroom Award

The classroom awards recognise students who are demonstrating skills that are in line with our school values, Respect, Excellence and Relationships.

Please note that this award will be presented at our next Assembly. Our current Award recipient will be held over to our first onsite Assembly.

Student	Reason
No Award	Due to no assembly

Term 3 Week 10	Term 4 Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
<b>Monday 13th</b> Breakfast Club  <b>Wednesday 15th</b> Lunch Club  <b>Thursday 16th</b> MARC  <b>Friday 17th</b> Last Day Term 3	<b>October</b> <b>Monday 4th</b> Breakfast Club Playgroup Swimming  <b>Tuesday 5th</b> Swimming  <b>Wednesday 6th</b> Lunch Club Swimming  <b>Friday 8th</b> Newsletter	<b>Monday 11th</b> Breakfast Club Playgroup Swimming  <b>Tuesday 12th</b> Swimming  <b>Wednesday 3th</b> Swimming  <b>Thursday 14th</b> MARC Assembly	<b>Monday 18th</b> Breakfast Club Playgroup  <b>Wednesday 20th</b> Lunch Club  <b>Friday 22nd</b> Newsletter

## Happy Birthday to Rylea



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A/C 132448242 YOUR FAMILY SURNAME  
IS INCLUDED AS THE  
REFERENCE!