**Our School Values**—teamwork, respect, honesty and care.

## Dates to Remember

* A reminder that the Preps will begin attending school on Wednesdays from next week.

### Next Week

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### 2015 Term Dates

- 29th Jan—27th Mar. Term One
- 13th Apr—26th June. Term Two
- 13th July—18th Sept. Term Three
- 5th Oct—18th Dec. Term Four

## Weekly Awards

- P-2: Values Award— Beau  
  Literacy— Sienna  
  Maths— Amelia
- 3-6: Values Award - Fraser  
  Literacy— Esther  
  Maths— Rhylee

A reminder that awards are now presented on Tuesday afternoon at 3.00pm

## CHANGE TO MARC LIBRARY VISIT

Please note that due to the Grade Three-Six Swimming Sports the MARC Library van did not visit our school today. The Library van will be visiting this Monday 2nd March instead. We remind students to bring their library bags so they are able to borrow.
Principal’s Report

SWIMMING PROGRAM—EXTRA SESSION

Yesterday was supposed to be the final session of our Swimming Program. However, as one of our instructors was ill and unable to make it we have worked with the Bendigo Aquatic Centre to arrange an extra session. This is to ensure that the students do not miss out as yesterday’s session was compromised due to there only being one instructor. The extra session will be next Thursday 5th March, again at the Goornong Pool and again at the same times as all the previous sessions. Please ensure your child brings their swimming gear on this day.

CAMPASPE CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS

Today our Grade Three-Six students attended the Campaspe Cluster Swimming Sports in Rochester. It was very pleasing to see the students demonstrating the skills and techniques learned during our Swimming Program. Well done to all students for their efforts on the day and for representing our school with pride! More to come in next weeks newsletter!

BENDIGO’S HEALTHIEST SCHOOL COMPETITION

Recently our school submitted an entry into the ‘Bendigo’s Healthiest School’ competition. The competition is run by Bendigo Health and gives local schools the opportunity to share in $3,000 worth of prizes. I am pleased to announce that Goornong PS has been shortlisted as finalist for the competition. Our school has a range of initiatives which contribute to us being regarded as a healthy school, including:

♦ Growing our own fresh produce in the Sustainability Centre and using this as part of the Garden Science and Home Economics Program.

♦ Fresh fruit at school is another initiative encouraging students to bring fresh fruit for the fruit break.

♦ Participation in a range of physical education and sport events such as Bike Education, the Swimming Program, Campaspe Cluster Sports Carnivals and Gym Program.

I thank all staff, students and parents who have contributed to our healthy school initiatives and look forward to sharing our result in this competition soon!

GRADE FIVE-SIX CANBERRA CAMP

I ask that parents of students in Grade Five-Six please find attached to today’s newsletter an Expression of Interest form for the Canberra Camp to be run in November this year. These need to be returned to the school by Friday 20th March.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences are held twice a year, in March and again in June.

The first Parent-Teacher Conferences for 2015 will be held after school on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th March. These are an opportunity for parents to find out about how their child is progressing socially, academically and behaviourally following the first few weeks of school.

Whilst it is not compulsory for students to attend the conference, we do encourage students, particularly in the Grade Three-Six class, to be involved as this ensures that parents, students and teachers are all on the same page as to the learning goals of the student for the first semester.

Attached to today’s newsletter is the timetable for the Parent-Teacher Conferences. We ask parents to check their allotted time and if it does not suit to contact their child’s teacher to arrange another time.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION—CHANGES TO FEES

As outlined in last week’s newsletter, Religious Instruction will begin in Term Two. Our school offers two programs for religious instruction.—Catholicism, run by the Catholic Church; and Christianity, run by Access Ministries.

Please note that Access Ministries have notified our school of changes to the fees for participation in the Christianity Program. As such, there will now be a cost of $10 per student to cover the cost of materials for the Access Ministries Christianity Program. Please note this fee is the decision of Access Ministries not our school. There will be no cost for participation in the Catholic Program.

Parent Consent forms were sent home with last week’s newsletter. We ask that these are returned to the school by Friday 6th March if you wish for your child to participate in Religious Instruction in 2015. If you do not wish for your child to participate in Religious Instruction you are not required to return a form.

PREP HEALTH CHECKS

Thank you to those families who have returned the Prep Health Questionnaire to the school. The School Nurse will be visiting our school to conduct the health checks with the Prep students this Monday 2nd March—please make every attempt to ensure your child is at school on this day.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to Lana who competed at the Bendigo District Tennis Tournament on Wednesday. Lana won all of her four matches and now progresses to the Division event on March 11th.
PERSONAL PROPERTY BROUGHT TO SCHOOL

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education wishes to advise that it does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. As such students and staff are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education wishes to advise that it does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Please see Tymika at the office if you would like to apply for Individual Student Accident Insurance

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting is the Annual General Meeting on Monday 16th March at 7pm, followed by a normal council meeting. Finance Committee will meet at 6.30pm on this evening.

Quote of the Week

“If things start happening, don’t worry, don’t stew, just go right along and you’ll start happening too.”

— Dr. Seuss

Jason Cox
Principal

Cooking Class

This week all students cooked pizzas using a range of toppings. Students were given a tour of where the equipment is stored in the kitchen and how to use it safely. They were then given the opportunity to decide on what equipment they required and with much excitement created delicious pizzas.

Felicity Nicholls
Bendigo East Baseball Club  Est. 1961

Interested in playing Baseball Contact us today!

FEATURES OF OUR CLUB:

✓ Family orientated
✓ Strong club ethos, with many active contributors
✓ Strong contribution to Bendigo Baseball Association
✓ Our players participate in other baseball events such as State Winter Championships, Masters Games, University Games, Bendigo Academy of Sport
✓ Players & families may join our Social Club
✓ We have a supportive sponsorship base, & low playing fees

TEAMS:
We field teams in all age groups and have vacancies for boys or girls aged 6 years and older to play T Ball and junior Baseball age groups U12, U14 and U16 in the 2015 winter competition commencing Sunday the 19th of April. Seniors compete in either A, B or C grade. Male and female players are welcome

CLUB FEES:
T Ball $45  under 12 $65  under 14 and Under 16 $85  under 18 $90  Senior $140

Baseball training is held at the Ken Wust Oval, Quarry Hill.
For more details go to www.bendigoeast.baseball.com.au
or contact Helen 0419 510 762 or Gay 0419137556