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Important Dates 2021:

June

Thursday 24th

Bendigo Science & Discovery Centre Excursion

Friday 25th

End of Term 2

July

Monday 12th

Term 3 begins

Monday 26th

School Council 5pm

Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th

Grade 3/4 Camp Swan Hill

August

Mon 16 Science Week activities.

Fri 20 Science 'Showcase' 9.30—10.30. All families welcome.

Mon 30 School Council 5pm

September

Thur 9 Healthy Harold Incursion

Mon 13—Fri 17 Swimming Program

Fri 17 End of Term 3

Dear Parents and Carers

This newsletter marks the half way point of the year and I hope that the students have a well earned break from school and look forward to beginning term 3 in a couple of weeks time. It was a relief to have COVID restrictions eased last week which enabled us to take a trip in the "Yellow Bus" up to Bendigo to spend a day at the Science and Discovery Centre. The students had a great time and look forward to resuming our on-line classes next term which has been a huge success.

We hope that the restrictions placed on parents in schools will have been further relaxed over the next week or so, and we expect to have a full assembly on the first Monday back, including classroom entry although it looks like QR codes will still be used.

Tomorrow will be traditional out of uniform day for students, the Junior School Council have suggested that it can be fancy dress if you choose to, or simply go the traditional casual clothes. Just be mindful that students must wear shoes and be dressed for warmth!

Work on refurbishing the toilet block will commence next week and we will have running hot water and new fixtures and fittings including doors that go all the way down to the floor! Once again, it was the direct result of feedback from the junior school council several years ago, and thankfully it is the last bit of work that makes our school modern, comfortable and fit for purpose.

Reports will go home on the last day of school tomorrow, Alexia and I plan to conduct parent/teacher/student interviews during term 3.

A reminder too, that our pick up time tomorrow is 2.30pm. We finish at this time at the end of each term, except the last day of school where we finish at 1pm.



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Assembly Reading Awards

Sam received his 75 nights award this week! We have lots of students with awards pending, as they chose to wait until assemblies start up again. Well done to all students on

Science

Miss Dickson's class had their last Discovery Science for this term, looking at chemical reactions. Greta and Seren show their "secret messages" written in bicarb and revealed by grape juice!



Chaplain's Corner

The world is a busy place. At times, everything seems to scream out for our attention, especially when we are involved in managing careers and families. Time is a precious commodity, but we always seem to be running out of it!

Busyness can be a friend or it can be a foe. As a friend, it can make us feel valued, creative, satisfied, productive. As a foe, it can be a diversion away from effectively dealing with the issues that really need attention and it can suck away time that is needed for healthy reflection.

Meaningful reflection needs intentional time and therein lies the problem with being over busy. Time has to be set aside. Reflection is a necessary activity for good mental health. In reflection, we work out what we could have done better, how we might have reacted differently, what we might do next time. It can be a place where fresh vision is created, where new perspectives are put in place, where we get to actively mature and change.

Family reflection times, where everyone gets together to look at positives and negatives in the life of family relationships, can be a life changer for some. Some of my most memorable reflection times have occurred within the family context.

Take a topic, activity, issue. Reflect on it together and see where it takes you.

I hope you all have a restful holiday. Stay warm, and I look forward to seeing everyone again in term three.

Since we were unable to meet for our Parent's Hub at the end of this term because of COVID restrictions, we will try again for early next term. Stay tuned.

Warm regards

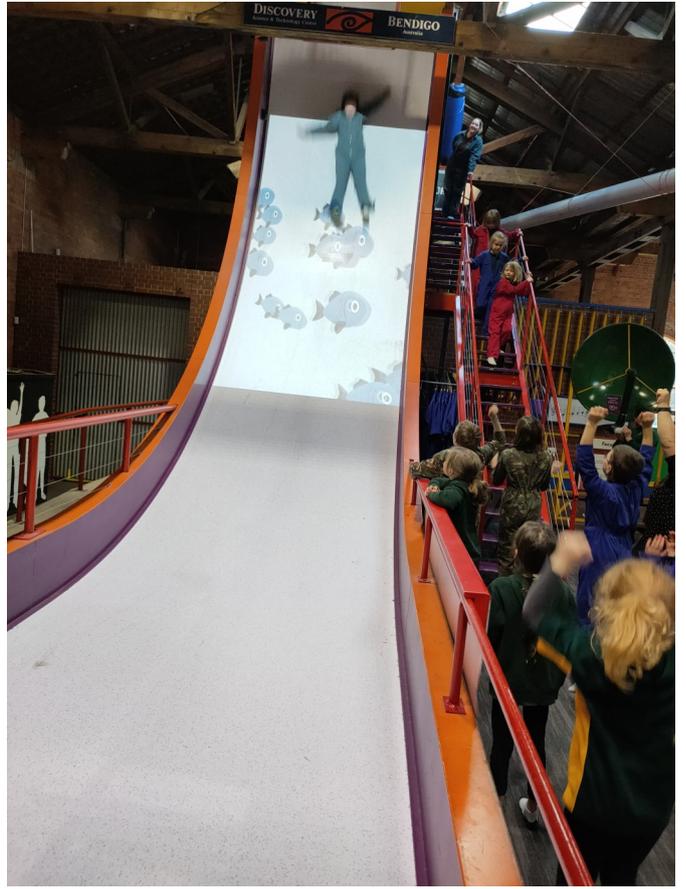
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DISCOVERY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE





Bendigo Venues & Events presents
**Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus
 & The Bottle Collector**

Entertain the whole family
 over the winter school
 holidays with these
**family-friendly circus
 performances!**



*Wolfgang's
 Magical Musical Circus*
 BY CIRCA

Created by Yaron Lifschitz
 with Benjamin Knapton
 and the Circa Ensemble

**Tuesday June 29 –
 Wednesday June 30**
Ulumbarra Theatre

Designed to amaze people from the age of three and upwards, **Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus** reinvents the composer's magical music in a skilful and illuminating show featuring Circa's dexterous daredevil artists and a live accordionist.

Watch as the notes are physically lifted off the page as performers bring the renowned compositions to life amidst a storm of powder, tumbles and crashes, all under the eccentric swirl of the conductor's baton.

**The Bottle
 Collector**

Asking For Trouble & Critical Stages Touring
 Created & Performed by
 Christy Flaws and Luke O'Connor

Friday July 2
**The Capital's
 Bendigo Bank Theatre**

The Bottle Collector is a thrilling combination of circus, physical theatre and object-based puppetry where a collection of bottles provides inspiration to share poetic images, remarkable physicality, and stories of humanity. Be astounded as award-winning Clunes-based theatre makers Christy Flaws and Luke O'Connor pull messages out of bottles and create stories out of thin air using a teaspoon of magic, a pinch of puppetry, and a daring dollop of circus tricks.



Please note:

Both performances are suitable for ages 3+

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**TERMINOLOGY FOR PARENTS
 INFO SESSION**

Castlemaine Community House together with Chirp, are planning to offer a session around LGBTIQ+ Terminology for Parents. This session comes in response to feedback from parents about the confusion they sometimes experience trying to correctly and sensitively answer their children's questions or statements around LGBTIQ+ identity and language.

So as to appropriately tailor this session to parents needs, we've created a very short survey (1 question!) and will use your responses to help design the session.

Please use the QR code to guide us and register interest for the session.



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