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WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL 2023



PRINCIPAL TEAM NEWS

Respect, Resilience, Achievement & Community



We would like to pay our respect to the Dja Dja Wurrung people. The Traditional Custodians of this Land on which we gather today and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging.



Student Awards - Friday 28th April

Values Awards

- Sylvie P - for listening carefully during learning time and always completing her best work.
- Remy C - for approaching her school day with enthusiasm and willingness to do her best work. Well done Remy.
- Lexi F - for always having a positive attitude towards learning. Keep it up.
- Grace W - for demonstrating a sense of community by volunteering answers in class.
- Brayden G - for always listening to instructions and listening during our morning circles.
- Alfie U - for demonstrating achievement by returning to school ready to learn and making positive choices in the classroom. Well done, Alfie!
- Dean K - for your fantastic letter writing around the Rats of Tobruk texts.

Reading Awards

- Chloe N - for consistently reading every night, even when she is sick!
- Joanna C-T - for using her knowledge of sounds to work out unknown words.
- Eliza M-W - for constantly working hard to improve her reading and reading every night in holidays.
- Oscar W - for reading sections of the class text to the class.
- Henry L - for always engaging in independent reading time.
- Abby S - for substituting an unknown word to help determine its meaning. Keep up the amazing work, Abby!
- Will H - for reaching 75 nights of home reading.

Thought of the Week

“One of the marvellous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn’t as individuals.”

Welcome Back

We are excited to welcome everyone back after the recent break. Holidays provides us all with the opportunity to spend time together. The children have been sharing stories with us around the various things that they did during this time. Bendigo sure is a great place to be during the Easter period!!

School Uniform

The mornings are getting a little colder and many of us are wearing warmer clothing. At Golden Square Primary School it is an expectation that children wear school uniform and we have several options to help keep the children warm. There are polar fleece jumpers, vests and jackets available. We also have a school beanie. These items can all be purchased at Lowes at Lansell Plaza in Kangaroo Flat.

By having and wearing a school uniform, we aim to:

- foster a sense of belonging
- encourage students develop pride in their appearance
- support all children to feel equal
- ensure that all children are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community

If you are requiring support in purchasing any pieces of school uniform, please contact our school chaplain, Kelli Bailey.

It is great to know the children are being active and are connected to community groups, however, a reminder that the Golden Square Football Club attire is not school uniform and therefore should not be worn unless it is an out of uniform day. We thank you for your support.

Mother's and Special Friend's Day

We are excited to announce that we will be running our Mother's and Special Friend's Day stall and raffle again this year. We are currently looking for donations for the raffle and volunteers for the stall that will be on Friday 12th May. We ask that donations be brought to the office by Tuesday 9th May. If you have a current working with children check and are able to volunteer your time, please email mandy.armitage@education.vic.gov.au. There will be a \$5 limit for purchasing Mother's Day gifts with items ranging from 50 cents to \$3. Additional money can be bought by each child to purchase raffle tickets. The raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 3 for \$2. All money raised on the day will go towards the school production.

On Friday the 12th May we will be running afternoon activities much like the Father's Day afternoon. All Mother's and Special Friends are invited to attend with their child/children. More information about the activities will be coming soon.

ANZAC Day Service

Our Student Leaders did a wonderful job leading our school service on Monday afternoon. The information they shared with us all helped remind us of the significance of this day and reinforces the level of sacrifice that those who served in our armed forces made (and continue to make). And it is just not those who served that were impacted; it is the families and their communities that also endured so much anxiety and grief.

Two members of the Student Leadership Team also represented us at the Bendigo morning service on Tuesday; Victoria and Andrea. Thank you to their families for supporting them in getting them to the service. It is an honour to represent our wonderful school community and an even greater one at an event where there is such reverence shown by all in attendance.

Immediately after the service we were fortunate enough to see one of our families and noticed that one of the children was wearing some medals. They had joined the march to represent a family member who had served determined to maintain the tradition for future generations - lest we forget.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Golden Square Primary is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 8 September 2023.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

All students will be receiving their login details to bring home by Friday this week – please check your child's bag for this and contact our library teacher, Claire Osborne via phone or email: Claire.osborne@education.vic.gov.au, or your child's class teacher if you require further assistance.

3/4 Bendigo Writer's Festival

Our grade 3/4 students have been selected to attend the Bendigo Writer's Festival, 'Wordspot 2023'. They will be attending two sessions with published authors Gabrielle Wang and Ailsa Wild at Ulumbarra Theatre, followed by lunch in Rosalind Park and a tour of the Bendigo Art Gallery. "Wordspot 2023 is designed to engage, to surprise, to inform and inspire. This year's program features everything from time travelling adventure stories to delightful books about dogs, spooky ghost stories to a book about all the words for love. Wordspot is the free Bendigo Writers Festival program for schools presented by Bendigo Venues & Events for the City of Greater Bendigo in partnership with La Trobe University. Our bus travel has been subsidised by the Bendigo Council, making this a **free event**. Students will bring a fruit snack, recess snack, lunch and a drink bottle containing water only. Please carefully label all items. Students will carry these in their bags.

Please provide consent for your child on Compass. If you need support to do this, contact our friendly office staff who will be more than happy to help.

The itinerary for this excursion held on Thursday 4th May, 2023 is as follows:

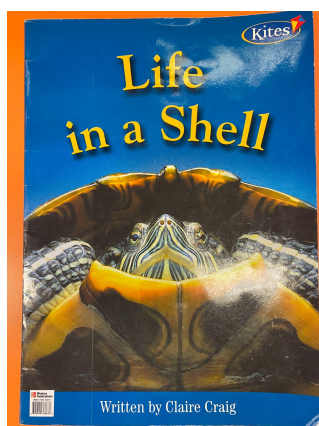
- 9.30am Travel by bus to Ulumbarra Theatre
- 9.50am Fruit Snack
- 10.15am Wordspot Session 1: Chase the Moon
- 11.00am Recess Snack
- 11.15am Wordspot Session 2: Wild's World
- 12.15pm Lunch and play in Rosalind Park
- 1.15pm Bendigo Art Gallery Tour
- 2.45pm Return to school by bus

Social Media

In our last newsletter there was information around some inappropriate use of social media. I wished to thank the families that I contacted for your respect and support. That is us working as one with the children at the centre.

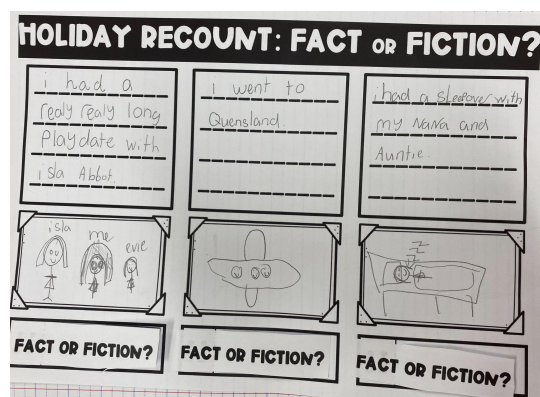
Reading

Throughout the start of the term, we will be exploring information text across reading, writing and integrated. In reading we have started with the text 'Life in a Shell' as we start to identify the aspects of the text we read. Such as the contents page and what the numbers mean, the title, headings, subheadings, the information that the text provides, the images, and the facts. This links in perfectly with Integrated as we research big things to incorporate with our information writing.



Writing

To start writing for the term, we have been breaking down the understanding of fact and fiction, and ultimately what they mean. Students were asked to do a holiday recount through providing the facts about the holidays (true information) and one fiction (something imaginary). Students have grasped this understanding and it's great to see what they have come up with! For the rest of the week, we will focus on ANZAC Day and delve into the facts of this day to start writing an information report.



Mathematics

This week in maths we have started with the topics of addition and 2D shapes. We have shared our ideas about the topics and started to develop an understanding for the strategies we should use when showing our working out.



Reminders

- Lunch orders for the term have started again.
- We still need to wear hats up until this Friday, from next week forwards students aren't required to wear hats.
- As the weather starts to get a bit colder, please remember to send your children in suitable clothing for the weather.
- Just want to let families know that with our integrated topic of Big Australia and exploring the Big Things in Australia, I invite families to bring copies of any big things you may have visited in any of your travels around Australia. These pictures will be displayed in the class around our class map. Thank you!



Reading

This week, we have read, watched and responded to a variety of picture story books, short clips and non-fiction texts to learn more about the Anzacs and their experiences during times of conflict, at home and abroad. We will be introducing ourselves to the authors we will get to meet next week at the Bendigo Writer's Festival and their books.



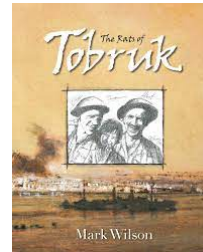
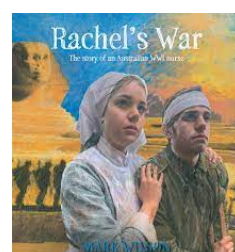
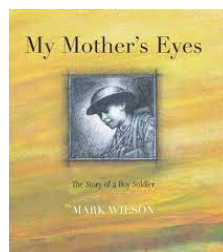
Gabrielle Wang



Ailsa Wild

Writing

This week, students have been writing diary entries from the point of view of people who have experienced war and conflict. They have used the knowledge gained from texts read and viewed in Reading to understand how war affects those involved, enabling them to put themselves in someone else's shoes and make their writing more authentic.



Mathematics

This week we are learning to count money, add amounts with simple financial transactions and make amounts in a variety of ways. For the remainder of the week we will be estimating and measuring length and perimeter of objects with scaled instruments (rulers, tape measures and trundle wheels) and discussing appropriate units of measure; would we measure the distance from Bendigo to Melbourne in centimetres? Why not?



Reminders



Congratulations to:

75 Nights: Austin, Will

50 Nights: Bonnie, Tyler, Evie, Dean, Jayla, Nicola, Jakayla, Darcy, Evie, Joel, Jayla

25 Nights: Allira, Oliver, Noah, Henry, Arizona, Gwen, Madelyn, Angus, Ted, Isla, James, Londyn, Issac, Lahni, Anabelle, Ella L, Finn, Miller, Jacob, James, Lilah, Pepper, Elias, Scotiah, McKenzie

Upcoming Events:

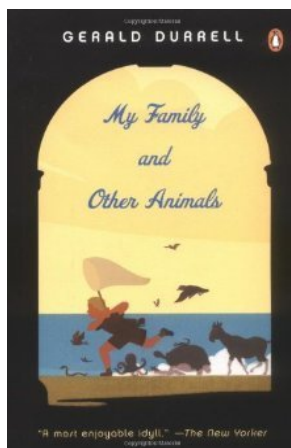
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Reading

In Reading this week, we are using a range of comprehension strategies to demonstrate understanding of our texts.

- Analysing place and time as plot devices.
- Describe how a character's mood and actions in a story are impacted by setting.
- Cite specific evidence to support responses.



Writing

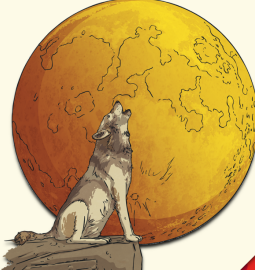
In Writing this week, we have started to explore figurative language on our journey into the world of poetry.

What is onomatopoeia?

Onomatopoeia is when a word sounds like what it is describing.

Onomatopoeia helps to create vivid imagery in writing, which makes it an exciting experience for the reader. It also makes it easier for the reader to imagine the scene in their own mind.

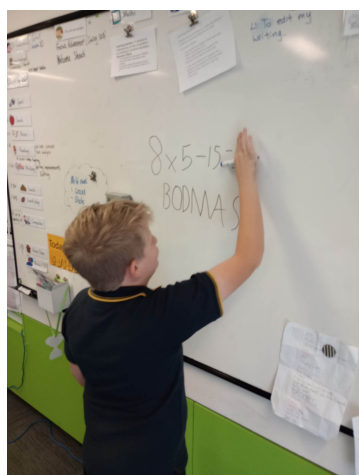
The wolf **howled** at the full moon.



Mathematics

This week we have reviewed our work we did from term 1 on Patterns & Algebra to prepare for our post test for the unit.

We have continued with our challenging maths warm up. The students were wanting to see if you have what it takes to complete the Emoji puzzle?



EMOJI PUZZLES FOR DEVELOPING MINDS

+ + = 48
 + x = 90
 x + = 410
 + x = ?

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Reminders

Students are encouraged to read nightly and record this in their diary or reading log. Class teachers would love to see this!

Order of Operations

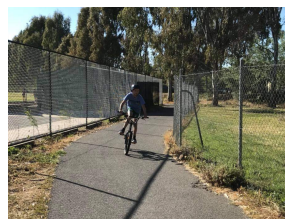
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P	E	M	D	A	S



HPV News



Thank you to all students who completed a trial in Pacman and the timed bike ride along the Bendigo Creek. Discussions will now be centred around team members meeting the criteria as mentioned during the parent and students information sessions.



PUBLIC NOTICES



Tuning in to Kids

Would you like to learn how to help your child develop emotional intelligence and better manage their feelings and emotions?

Children with emotional intelligence have greater success making and keeping friends, are more able to calm down when upset or angry and have better concentration at school.

In this program you will find out how to help your child understand and manage feelings such as frustration, worry and anger.

✓ Connections

✓ Emotions

✓ Self-Esteem

Program Details:

Location: Online via Zoom

Date: Mondays 1st May – 5th June, 12.45pm – 2.45pm
Arrival and Registration - 12:30pm (first session only)

This program has 6 weekly sessions.
Ideal for parents of children aged 3-10yrs

There is a cost of \$60 or \$30 Concession for the Program (workbook provided).

Early registration is encouraged.

Register: www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register or use the QR Code

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Tuning in to Teens

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence. Join our six-session parenting program for parents with teens.

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?

✓ Identify Emotions

✓ Manage Feelings

✓ Resilience

Program Details:

Location: 176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo

Date: Fridays 5th May – 9th June, 10:00am – 12:00pm
Arrival and Registration - 9:45am (first session only)

Register at www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register
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WHATS ON FOR JUNIORS?

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FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITION - 6:45-8:30PM

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Dates of note for Term 2

- Wednesday 3rd May: Sandhurst Cross Country @ Bendigo Race Course (selected students only)
- Thursday 4th May: Bendigo Writer's Festival and Art Gallery Visit
- Friday 12th May: Mother's and Special Friends Day
- Wednesday 24th May: Information Evening from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- Thursday 25th May: School Council meeting
- Friday 26th May: Grandparents and Special Friends Day
- Friday 2nd June: Student free day
- Monday 12th June - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- Thursday 22nd June - School Council meeting