

Term 3  
Week 10

# NEWSLETTER

Lightning Reef  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



**RESPECT**  
**RESPONSIBILITY**  
**KINDNESS**  
**PERSISTENCE**



## **UPCOMING DATES:**

### **Week 1:**

Monday October 7th

Term 4 commences

### **Week 2:**

Monday October 14th &  
Tuesday October 15th

Body Safety Australia  
Incursion F-6

### **Week 3:**

Thursday October 24th

Foundation Excursion  
to Kyabram Fauna Park

Friday October 25th

World Teachers' Day

### **Week 4:**

Monday October 28th

Yr 1– Stay and Play +  
Yr 2– Overnight Camp  
at School

Wednesday October 30th

Bendigo Cup Holiday

## From the Principal :

Dear Families and Friends,

Thankyou for another fantastic Term! I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a happy and safe holiday period. The two week holiday break will be a great opportunity for students and staff to recover from the many cold and flu viruses that have been prevalent this term. I hope you all have a restful holiday break and I look forward to seeing you fit, healthy, and ready for the final term of the school year. I hope whatever team you are barracking for in the finals, is successful.

In addition, I really want to thank our staff who again, continue to show great dedication, flexibility and professionalism as they work through the workload that ensures the students here are given great learning opportunities !

### **SUNSMART - HATS**

We are encouraging all families to start the search to find school hats as the weather (every-now and then) starts to warm up. It is extremely important to have hats available at school before the end of term. The school needs to support the use of sun protection measures when the UV index levels are 3 or higher. In Term 4 the 'No Hat No Play' policy will be followed at all times. Hats can be purchased from Lowe's or a Navy Blue Bucket/wide brim is fine.

### **CONGRATULATIONS JONAS:**

Well done Jonas on being a premiership player for North Bendigo FC!

Mr Millar and Mr West both went to watch Jonas play and could see his smile from the boundary.



# Principal news continued....

## **2025 ENROLMENTS**

We are into the business of planning for the 2025 school year, and a major part of this work is determining our enrolment numbers for next year. If you are planning on enrolling your child/ ren, or transferring from our school, we would appreciate knowing as changes to enrolments directly impact forward planning.

## **TERM 4 EVENTS FOR FORWARD PLANNING:**

Week 5– Thursday November 7: Year 3/4 Day Camp—ON COMPASS NOW!

Week 7– Monday November 18th– Wednesday November 20th– Yr 5/6 Camp

Tuesday November 19th– First Prep 2025 Transition Morning (and next four Tuesdays)

Week 8– Monday November 25th– Curriculum Day– Report Writing Day for Teachers

Week 10– Monday December 9th– Curriculum Day– 2025 Planning & Preparation

Monday December 9th– Year 6 Graduation 5.30–7.30 p.m.

Tuesday December 10th– Statewide Transition Day

Wk 10-11 Wednesday December 11th– Tuesday December 17th– Whole School Swimming

Friday December 20th– End of Year Dismissal

## **DOJO BOLT PARTY & SPORTS COLOURS DAY– WHATA TERRIFICEND TO THE TERM!**

It was great to see the kids and staff enjoying such a wonderful time, dressed in their team colours and dancing the afternoon away– celebrating their achievement of filling the Dojo Bolt not once, but twice this term! The kids continuously striving to better themselves each and every day! Thankyou so much to the many families that came along to share their children’s reward! It’s always lovely to see families participating in our celebrations!

I’m heading away for the holidays and taking an extra week Long Service Leave to travel through Singapore, Vietnam & Cambodia for a few weeks. Katrina Johnstone will be Acting Principal through the Term break and Week 1, supported by Amy Gillett and Tim Curtain (our newly appointed Acting Learning Specialist) along with our wonderful LRPS Team should you need support. Katrina’s work phone number is 0472 826 516, which she will check regularly through the break.

Lastly, check out what our amazing OOSHC Team have achieved later in the newsletter.....

Congratulations Mel and Team!

*Have a great holiday and stay safe!*

*Jo*

# Principal news continued...

## SCHOOL SAVING BONUS—INFORMATION

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

### Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

**Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

**Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

in October, to verify your email address in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](http://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus).

If you are on Compass, we have your correct email. If not, please contact Kristie ASAP.

## 1/2 ZOO TRIP PHOTO



# School Holiday Program



## Room 3 Writing samples

During our writing sessions, Room 3 have been listening to & reading stories that help relate the text to ourselves. We have been focussing on fables and after reading “The Little Red Hen” as a class, the students were asked to write a sentence or two about how someone has helped them.

*When I need help, my mum helps me to clean my bedroom. My friend helps me to learn English. **Tha Ga Su***

I needed help when I was fixing the bed and my mum put the blanket on the bed. **Joel**

*I needed help cleaning my bedroom. Mum and Dad help me with packing up the toys. **Ryan***

I needed help to set up my PS 4 in my room and my Dad helped me by setting it all up. **Nova**

# Lightning Reef Primary School YMCA Outside School Hours Care

## What have we been up to in OSHC?

This week, our OSHC children have been having lots of fun participating in a range of child-led and planned experiences at our OSHC program! We have a fruit platter and yummy snacks every afternoon like popcorn, custard and fruit, wraps and cheese and crackers.

We explore different areas of play including sensory, craft, physical and creative play through our clubs! We have art club, cooking club and more!

Check out some of our recent activity highlights:



## What is upcoming in OSHC?

Next week the Spring School Holiday Program begins! See below some very exciting activities we have planned over the upcoming week.

### School Holiday Program

Week Starting Date: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2024

<p><b>Spring has Sprung!</b> Join us for a variety of spring themed craft activities, inspired by beautiful flowers We'll also go outside to explore nature.</p>	<p><b>Animal Wildlife exposure!</b> Today we get to spend some time UP CLOSE with some wildlife!</p>	<p><b>Movie</b> <i>Today we will travel to Bendigo Cinema to see the new movie 'The Wild Robot'.</i></p>	<p><b>Footy Fever</b> Dress in your favourite team colours and enjoy a day of games. Then celebrate with some footy favourite foods.</p>	<p><b>Public Holiday</b></p>
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It's not too late to book in! Head over to our website [www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au](http://www.childrensprogramms.ymca.org.au) to register and make a booking.

## CONTACT US

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# Reading awards



# Learning Awards Week 9

Room	Name	Reason
5	Kaiden	For improving his writing skills by focusing and staying in one spot while writing about his Teddy Bear.
8	Kwae Doe	For improving his writing skills by writing an excellent information text about lions
7	Summer	For improving her Maths skills by using skip counting to solve multiplication problems.
3	Joel	For improving Maths by solving money problems and explaining their strategy.
10	Chaddy	For improving his math skills by using a range of strategies to calculate change
9	Willow	For improving their Math's skills by persisting to understand percentages.
Art	Harrison	For improving their Art skills by creating a detailed clay sculpture.
PE	Kay Nay Kaw	For improving his skipping skills by keeping his arms by his side and using his wrists to perform a skip.



# Values Awards

# Week 9

Room	Name	Reason
5	Mabel	For demonstrating the Golden Triangle by helping students in Room 5 with their organisation.
8	Emilia	For demonstrating respect by listening to teachers and taking on feedback
7	Dominic	For demonstrating respect by always ensuring he cleans up his space in the classroom.
3	Tha Gay SU	For demonstrating respect by showing care for her friends
10	Chit Chit	For demonstrating persistence by not giving up when trying to work out unknown words
9	Anna	For demonstrating kindness by helping her peers in Math's.
Art	Saw La Yar Sue	For demonstrating Persistence by not giving up when using scissors and cutting out all his work.
PE	Michael	For demonstrating responsibility by continuing to practise his skiping during free choice in PE.







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22 August 2024

Dear School Community,

**RE. School crossing – Holdsworth Road and Holmes Road.**

The City of Greater Bendigo (the City) is committed to continually reviewing its services to ensure they best meet community need and this includes regularly assessing the use of our school crossings.

The City routinely monitors each crossing to track usage, identify under-used sites and determine where resources may be better allocated. Our assessments consider various factors including changes in pedestrian patterns, traffic flow, speed limits and advancements in road safety technology.

Following a recent review of the school crossing at Holdsworth Road and Holmes Road, it has been determined that this location does not meet the criteria for retaining a supervisor due to the low number of pedestrians using this crossing, combined with the presence of pedestrian lights, considered the safest way for pedestrians to cross. The crossing supervisor will stop supervising the site at the end of Term 4, 2024 and will be relocated to another school crossing in Greater Bendigo.

Please note, the crossing in front of Lightning Reef Primary School on Holmes Road will remain.

As you may be aware, the operation of school crossings is governed by standards set by the Victorian Government's School Crossing Subsidy Program. For a school crossing to qualify as a designated supervised site under the Road Safety Act (1986), the following criteria must be met:

- **Primary School Crossings:** The number of children (minimum 20) multiplied by the number of vehicles in the hour (minimum 100) must exceed 5,000.
- **Secondary School Crossings:** The number of children (minimum 20) multiplied by the number of vehicles in the hour (minimum 250) must exceed 25,000.
- **Pedestrian Operated Signals:** Includes pedestrian crossings at signalized intersections, requiring more than 20 primary school children per hour.
- **Other Crossings:** Supervision may be provided based on special needs or other factors affecting safety, as determined by Council.

If you are looking for ways pedestrians and road users can be safer when moving around the school, please consider the educational resources available through the Safe Around Schools Program offered by the City of Casey, which can be found at <https://www.casey.vic.gov.au/safe-around-schools>

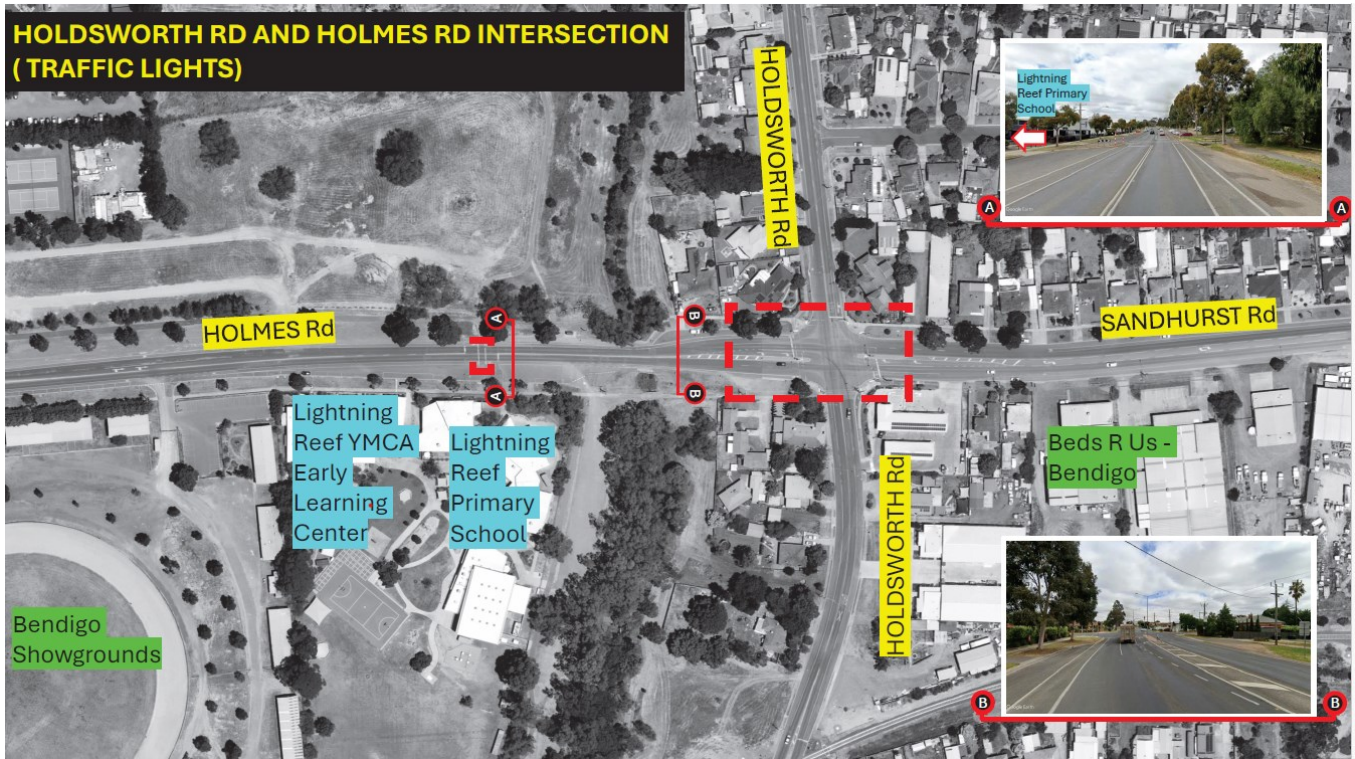
If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Sue Harrison, Acting Manager Community and Environmental Health, on 4408 6560 or via email at [schoolcrossing@Bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:schoolcrossing@Bendigo.vic.gov.au).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



**Stacy Williams**  
Director Healthy Communities and Environments



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# Bendigo

CRICKET CLUB



## JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS

to register visit

<https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/e323c6>

or

The Bendigo Cricket Club welcome all returning and new players to register interest in joining our club for season 2024/25 via the QR code image on this flyer.

scan the QR code below



We invite all youngsters to join our club, where opportunities abound.

Bendigo CC players hail from varied & diverse backgrounds, & regardless of your experience or skill level, you will have a place with us.

Round up your mates and get on board with the Goers!



Having difficulty registering your interest or want further info? Email us at [bendigocricketclub1894@gmail.com](mailto:bendigocricketclub1894@gmail.com)

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to those students who had a birthday in the last fortnight.



## REMINDER

Please remember smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all Victorian Schools and within the school grounds, this includes our shared entrance and the bus stop



## Lost property

Please remember to check lost property regularly. It is located just inside our foyer entrance.

