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THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 2017

CALENDAR

Thursday, 30th November

Friday, 1st December
Thursday, 7th December
Friday, 8th December

Tuesday, 12th December

Wednesday, 13th December
Friday, 15th December

Monday, 18th December

Tuesday, 19th December
Wednesday, 20th December
Thursday, 21st December

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER

Literacy / Numeracy activity night for 2018 Preps

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3pm – 3:30pm multipurpose room

Year 3/4 Camp departs

Booklists due back (or completed online)

Year 3/4 Camp returns

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3pm – 3:30pm multipurpose room

Whole School transition and last Prep transition visit

Last School Council meeting for 2017

Pizza Day orders due in by 9:00am

LAST CANTEEN DAY FOR 2017 – Pizza Day, normal menu NOT available

Middle Unit Passion Projects due to be completed

LAST Second Hand Uniform Shop for 2017 3pm – 3:30pm multipurpose room

Year 6 Graduation 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Christmas Raffle tickets (both sold and unsold tickets please) due back at the Office

Christmas Raffle drawn and Guess the Chocolates winner announced

Farewell to 2017 Performance and BBQ 5:30pm – 6:30pm, BYO chairs

Senior Unit Breakup – cost \$25, why not use our Qkr payment app?

LAST DAY FOR 2017 – EARLY DISMISSAL

Please return all Library books by tomorrow, Friday, 1st December.

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of Week 8, the weariness in the children is beginning to show...and the hot weather certainly hasn't helped. Regardless, everyone continues to work hard and remain focused in the lead up to the end of the year.

ADVANCED WARNING – CHRISTMAS / END OF YEAR FAREWELL PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday, 20th December, musical director Phil Seaton will lead our students through a FAREWELL TO 2017 performance at Big Hill PS. Parents and friends are invited to come along, but bring a chair and arrive early to avoid disappointment. Our students will dance, sing and carol you from 5:30pm – 6:30pm outdoors, under our shade structure. As it could be hot, please prepare by bringing water to drink and an adequate hat for shade. If your child/ren cannot make the event, that's okay, but please inform your teacher so we can ensure that Phil knows who will be there on the night and will require extra support with preparation. Like last year, our Team China Crew will be running a BBQ on the night, as well as selling drinks. Please support this BBQ to help us raise China for our 2018 trip. Our P&F will also be selling Zooper Doopers on the night and would also appreciate your support – all funds raised go to the school.

TEAM CHINA IMMERSION (HOMESTAY PROGRAM)

Firstly, thank you to our current host families who waited for quite a while when the bus conked out on the way home from Saturday's Melbourne outing. Sorry for the inconvenience! We only have 1 week left with Ada, Jeffrey, Alice and Jordan....so here's hoping we can all make the most of our time with them before they depart on Saturday, 9th December. Times will be confirmed shortly for the drop off of students at the Tom Flood Sports Centre.

TEAM CHINA OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE (OSLE) 2018

Just a reminder to 2018 travellers to make the payment of \$500 deposit next week (4th December), as well as ensure that the passport application process is well underway! We had a successful fundraising meeting yesterday and lots of activities are now planned on weekends across Bendigo in the coming months. Billy G's Cookie Dough will also return in Term 1, 2018.

ZOOPER DOOPERS / TEAM CHINA FUNDRAISING

Sales of Zooper Doopers have been very popular after school and we actually sold out one night! Sorry for any inconvenience. Stocks are now topped up and sales will continue each night until the end of the year. Zooper Doopers cost \$1, with all proceeds going to our Team China trip in 2018. With the hot weather upon us, it will be a nice way to end the day by visiting the canteen to purchase an icy-pole for the drive home.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Monday, 18th December is fast approaching and currently, our Senior Unit staff, are working hard preparing for a very special night! This year, our Graduation Ceremony will take place at Big Hill PS. We are planning different places to mingle and eat, watch student awards being presented and enjoy student performances. It's set to be a very different affair from previous years and we're very excited by the extra ways we can engage our Year 6's to prepare for their special night.

KINDER – PREP TRANSITION

Tonight our Preps for 2018 will visit Big Hill PS with their parents from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. The adults and students will enjoy participating in different activities, whilst looking around the school at its facilities. The evening also presents an opportunity for parents to find out more about the school and programs. Our final Prep 2018 Transition visit is on Tuesday, 12th December, from 9:30am – 11:45am. On this day, students will work with their 2018 teacher and mingle with other students in their class. Exciting times ahead!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

If you haven't already, please RSVP to our School Council dinner on Tuesday, 12th December. Sharyn Burnett has made a booking at the National Hotel for a dinner and we need to know numbers in the coming weeks. Please let Sharyn know if you can or can't make it. Much appreciated and hope to see you there to farewell a great year's work together.

PHILLIS STREET – TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

A couple of parents have reported dangerous situations when children are walking to school, particularly at Phillis Street (diagonally opposite Harvey Norman). It seems that children are trying to walk or scoot across the road, whilst drivers are either doing the wrong thing....or are not watching what the children are doing carefully. We don't want a serious accident, so am suggesting that parents talk to their child about safe crossing techniques and to avoid crossing right at the intersection. It would be much safer for children to walk up to the NO THROUGH ROAD sign and cross there when all is clear, then walk back down to the path. If you could talk to your child/ren and maybe even go to Phillis St and practice this, it would be of huge benefit to your child/ren....and maybe even help them avoid being put in a dangerous situation. We are doing bike education very soon with some of our children, so this will also be discussed as part of the program. It's great to see many children walking and scooting to school, let's just continue to teach our children about safe travel and the importance to stay alert, especially when crossing roads.

ENROLMENTS, DEPARTURES, PROJECTIONS & STAFFING

Any changes to a family's circumstance for 2018, resulting in not attending Big Hill PS, are encouraged to be shared with the Office ASAP. We appreciate that things change for families from time to time and need only know the move is occurring for planning purposes. In addition to this, if you know of a student attending Big Hill PS next year and is not yet enrolled, please let us know.

PUBERTY AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our Year 6's are a lot wiser and prepared for the changes that lie ahead for them as they transition from child to adult. Our sessions are very respectful and help students to understand not only their own changes (current and future), but those of the opposite sex. A big thank you to our Senior Unit staff for organising this important educational opportunity.

BOOKLISTS

Please return, or order online, booklists for 2018 by Friday, 8th December. If you have misplaced yours, please contact the Office for a replacement.

GARDEN SHED

We have the need to move our garden shed from its current location down beside the sport shed. It is currently only bolted down on each corner and could be moved with a small, but strong working party. If any family thinks this is a task they could undertake, could you please contact Sharyn Burnett to discuss. Eventually, we would like to reposition this shed, put a waterproof roof on it so items inside don't rust and also add walls. Again, if you could help with this or know someone who could undertake this work, please contact Sharyn. Anyone at all please?

YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

Congratulations to our Year 2's and staff who enjoyed the night spent at the Discovery Centre, Bendigo last Thursday. The behaviour of the students was excellent and all had a great time. Thanks to the staff involved, particularly those who did the overnighter: Catherine, Lauren, Wendy, Clare and George.

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY

On Tuesday, 12th December, all Year 6's will move to their Year 7 Secondary School as part of the State Wide Transition Day (this will possibly be different for Private Schools – please check). From 9:00am to 1:30pm, all children from current Prep – Year 5 will move up to their new class and teacher for a morning of activities, designed to enable children to get to know each other and their teacher. As our 2018 Preps will also be at school on this day, they too will spend time with their teacher and classmates from 9:30am – 11:45am. Class placements are now set and will not change. Where possible, parents who made a Class Placement Request in line with the policy sent home (and within the timeframe given) and been considered and many have been accommodated. Unfortunately, we offer no promises though that if a request is made, it can be accommodated.

YEAR 3/4 CAMP – SOVEREIGN HILL

Just a reminder to parents that the Year 3/4 Camp to Sovereign Hill is next Thursday and Friday the 7th and 8th of December. The girls, boys and staff attending are all excited for this fantastic outing and it is a fitting way to wind up the last few weeks of the year. Please ensure you are familiar with departure times and pick up details by contacting your child's teacher if you are unsure or have lost notes. I will be heading to camp with the Year 3/4's, so I look forward to reporting back to you in the coming weeks.

As I am on the Year 3/4 Camp next week, I may not get to write my update for you, however, will endeavour to try before I leave. With only 3 weeks to go, keep your child rested with nights that aren't too late, send them to school with their hat and drink to avoid fatigue from the heat and remind them of the highest expectations for their behaviour in the final weeks of term. Enjoy your Friday and the weekend...when you get there!

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Cohan M, Elly V, Rylee G, Alissa M, Alexis C, Carlos J & Indi N.

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS UNIT NEWS

YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

We would like to congratulate our Year 2 students on both their behaviour and enthusiasm at our recent Discovery Centre Sleepover. Everyone had a fantastic time with the planetarium and vertical slide being a highlight for many students.

HATS

We would like to remind all students that hats are required for outside play in Term 4. Please ensure that these are clearly named so if misplaced they can be promptly returned. We do not lend out spare hats to students who have forgotten theirs, they will need to play underneath the large shelter until they bring their hat back to school.

END OF TERM BREAKUP

On Thursday, 21st December we will be celebrating the end of our year by holding a special lunch and watching a movie together. Next week we will be sending home a form for our students to order their special lunch of Fish and Chips. This will be a tick box menu where students can choose from Dim Sims, Potato Cakes, Fish or Crab Sticks. We will also be providing some chips for us to share. Please note that you will only be able to pay with cash for this special lunch.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For showing resilience by getting along with their classmates:

FSN *India H*
FSP *Brady J*
FSC *Miller L*
FSJ *Erica K*

Nicole, Sharyn, Pauline, Catherine & Jen

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

READING

This week the students have been practising the CAFÉ strategy of Expanding Vocabulary. They have been encouraged to discover new and interesting words and find the meaning of the words. It is also an ongoing expectation that students read every night at home to ensure skill development.

SPELLING

Our spelling focus has been on the 'th' sound and investigating words with prefixes such as im, un, dis, in and mis.

WRITING

The students have been busy writing responses to the school productions, books, pictures and short video clips. This has involved writing descriptions, making comparisons and giving reasons for their preferences.

MATHEMATICS

Students have participated in data activities this week. They have become familiar with terms associated with data and interpreted information on a variety of bar/column graphs.

DISCOVERY CENTRE SLEEPOVER

Last Thursday evening the Year 2 students participated in a sleepover at the Discovery Centre. They had the opportunity to interact with a variety of exhibits, visit the planetarium and even attempt the vertical slide. Congratulations to all the students on a very successful night.

SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP

Our Year 3 students are now eagerly awaiting the Sovereign Hill Camp next Thursday and Friday. Any outstanding notes and payments should be made at the Office. Thank you.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Values at the Year 2 Discovery Centre Sleepover:

JW *Sophie W*
JLR *Addison ML*

Wendy, Lauren & Roberta

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

CURRICULUM

GENERAL

YEAR 3/4 CAMP – SOVEREIGN HILL, BALLARAT

Thank you to parents for returning camp forms and payment. We depart next Thursday, 7th December. We will have a talk about everything required for camp at our Middle Unit Assembly on Friday. Students will also have an opportunity to choose room-mates while on camp. Next Thursday and Friday should be educational and enjoyable.

ENGLISH

This week students have been working in Sound Waves on Unit 33. Our Spelling Test on Friday will be on Unit 33. Our CAFÉ strategy will focus on Expanding Vocabulary. Students will also complete a post – writing assessment – 'Touch Down on the Red Planet'.

MATHEMATICS

This week students will complete Week 33 in New Wave Mentals. We will also have an opportunity to work on any previous pages in New Wave Mentals. Our focus will be on revisiting some challenging concepts from Measurement, Geometry, Statistics and Probability.

INTEGRATED INQUIRY

All Students will have a session of Geography, Science and Physical Education this week.

In Geography, students will study Civics and Citizenship and learn about the services our local government provides; In Science, under Design and Technology, students will have opportunities to research their Passion Project; In Physical Education, students will practise small ball skills; Students will also be working on their Passion Project during the next few weeks.

Passion Projects will need to be completed by the end of Week 10 (Friday, 15th December).

Each student will be expected to provide a brief presentation of their Passion Project during Week 11.

BIKE EDUCATION

During the final 2 weeks of school (Weeks 10 and 11) Middle Unit students will have the opportunity to participate in a Bike Education Program. As such, if students can bring their own bike to school they can use their own bike during practical sessions. However, this is not essential, as we have a collection of different sized bikes here at school to use in the program.

HOMEWORK

There will be no homework next week (Week 9) due to camp on Thursday, 7th December and Friday, 8th December.

SPELLING TEST

There will be no Spelling Test next week (Week 9) due to camp on Thursday, 7th December and Friday, 8th December.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

These students have been selected for demonstrating the Value of 'Responsibility':

MR *Emily T*
MD *Katie M*
MN *Tanner F*

Rena, Dean & Peter

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

DATE CORRECTION





The date for the Senior Unit Break Up is Thursday, 21st December, please ignore the date previously sent in the Senior Unit Break Up note. Apologies for any inconvenience.

SENIOR UNIT BREAK UP

This note was sent home on Monday outlining the timetable for the day and also the cost. Earlier this term we sent notes home explaining our 3 strikes policy which will work as a support for students to monitor their behaviour at school so they can participate in this exciting day. We will continue to monitor this throughout the term and look forward to having all of our Senior Unit students attending the day.

KRIS KRINGLE

We have sent out a note outlining the Senior Unit Kris Kringle gift giving guide for this year. We have asked students to bring a gender neutral gift to the value of \$10. Please wrap your gift put it under the tree in the classroom.

-  **Bring a \$10 gift (approximate),**
-  **No lollies,**
-  **Do not write your name on the gift,**
-  **Do not write another students name on the gift.**

The wrapped gift can be brought to school any time on or before Friday, 15th December and stored in the classroom.

We will hold our final gift exchange in our classroom on Wednesday, 20th December. Please let us know if your child will be absent on the day of the party so that we can make arrangements to distribute his or her present earlier.

BIKE EDUCATION

Bike Education will start next week and will consist of 6 practical and theoretical sessions. We will only require bikes on Monday 4/12, Wednesday 6/12, Friday 8/12, Monday 11/12, Thursday 14/12 and Friday 15/12 for practical sessions. Please only bring your bikes on these dates due to lack of overnight storage options.

GENIUS HOUR

Students have chosen a subject that holds a large interest for them and will be extending or developing their knowledge in their chosen areas. Students will be required to bring in items from home that they may use in their design and create component. This work is currently being done in rotations on Friday but will continue during the next 2 weeks throughout the other days.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For being a good role model to their buddy:

SA *Darcy M*
SB *Jaci R*
SK *Eloise A*
Ainsley, Brett & Kate



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Be sure to check out the Christmas hamper now on display at the Office. This hamper is one of the prizes on offer in our Christmas raffle. Raffle books have been sent home to families today. Please return all raffle books (sold and unsold) to the Office by Monday, 18th December. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, 19th December.

GUESS THE NUMBER OF CHOCOLATES

Alongside our Christmas hamper at the Office you will see our Guess the Number of Chocolates Competition. Entry is 50 cents per guess with the winner taking the bucket of chocolate home. The raffle and the Guess the Number of Chocolates Competition will run until Monday, 18th December and winners will be announced on Tuesday, 19th December.

FREE TO GOOD HOME!

Thanks goes to the Sinapius family who have kindly donated some wall hanging racks to our Second Hand Uniform Shop. We now have two metal hanging racks needing a new home. If you are interested in taking these off our hands or would like to take a look please contact us on bhpspf@gmail.com or leave your details at the Office and we will be in touch with you.

GET INVOLVED WITH P&F

If you would like to get involved with P&F or know of any new families joining our school next year who might be interested, please feel free to contact us at bhpspf@gmail.com and we will provide you with further information. Everyone is welcome! Want to keep up to date on P&F activities online? Why not join our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/>
Your support of P&F activities is greatly appreciated

CANTEEN NEWS

Volunteers are needed for 2018. We appreciate all offers of help as this enables the continuation of the canteen and assists with economical pricing of our menu.

Help is required between 9:00am – 10:30am OR 12:00pm – 2:00pm Fridays only and once or twice per term. If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to the Office or canteen.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME _____

PH NUMBER _____

TIME AVAILABLE 9:00am to 10:30am

12:00pm to 2:00pm

Thank you,

Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager

BOOKLIST NEWS

Booklists have been sent home for all Year levels. Please ensure you have either ordered online or return sheet to the Office no later than Friday, 8th December.

OSHC NEWS

All accounts MUST be finalised before the end of the 2017 school year. Accounts that are in credit will carry over to 2018.

Any amount outstanding must be paid BEFORE care can start in 2018. Please contact Matt or Sharyn if you are having any difficulty in paying your account.

CANTEEN BANDANNAS

TOMORROW is your last chance to purchase a Canteen bandanna – only \$5 each. It raises funds for the Canteen program, helping children and their families who are suffering from cancer. Get in before they all go!

YEAR 3 – 6 PRODUCTION DVD ORDERS

We are taking orders for the Year 3 – 6 Production DVD. Please complete the form and return to the Office with the money by TOMORROW, Friday, 1st December.

YEAR 3 – 6 PRODUCTION DVD ORDER FORM

Dear Parents,

A DVD of the Year 3 – 6 Production is available for order. If you are interested in buying a copy for \$5.00 please return this form along with the money. Please make your order before the end of this week.

I would like to order a copy of the DVD for

(child's name) _____ and have enclosed \$5.00.

Signed _____ (parent/guardian)

YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER PHOTOS



COMMUNITY NEWS

FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES
on sale

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DECEMBER 2 & 3
DECEMBER 8, 9, 10, 14 - 18
MON-FRI NOON-6PM | SAT-SUN 9AM-6PM
(trees can sell out at anytime)

Phone: Ken 0439 360 510

AT THE YMCA - TOM TWEED STADIUM, MUNDY STREET, BENDIGO

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER

PIZZA DAY MEAL

\$4.50

HAWAIIAN



OR



VEGETARIAN

WITH PRIMA OR MILK

(No choice in flavours, sorry, can only choose between prima or milk)

- ✚ If you wish to order an extra slice, the cost is \$1.50 per slice
- ✚ Orders can be put in an envelope, or ordered on our Qkr app
- ✚ Orders are to be placed in the classroom or ordered using the Qkr app by 9am Wednesday, 13th December. Late orders cannot be accepted.
- ✚ Ice creams will be available as normal

THE CANTEEN'S MENU IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY