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THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER, 2017

CALENDAR

Friday, 15th December

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

Monday, 18th December

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 – tickets on sale now \$15 each, maximum of 6
Christmas Raffle tickets (both sold and unsold tickets please) due back at the Office

Tuesday, 19th December

Out of Uniform Day – gold coin donation – wear pink for National Breast Cancer Foundation

Wednesday, 20th December

Middle Unit Breakup \$4 – cash only please
First Steps Fish & Chip orders due – cash only, please give to classroom teacher
Christmas Raffle drawn and Guess the Chocolates winner announced
Christmas Raffle tickets (both sold and unsold tickets please) due back at the Office
Farewell to 2017 Performance, BBQ & Zooper Dooper sales 5:30pm – 6:30pm, BYO chairs & Christmas Raffle drawn and Guess the Chocolates winner announced

Thursday, 21st December

First Steps End of Year Breakup
Junior Unit Carnival
Senior Unit Breakup – cost \$25, why not use our Qkr payment app?

FRIDAY, 22ND DECEMBER

Special Assembly at 9:00am – Student awards / Year 6 ‘guard of honour’

Wednesday, 24th January

LAST DAY FOR 2017 – EARLY DISMISSAL OF 1:30PM

Wednesday, 31st January

NO KANGAROO FLAT BUS, Ravenswood bus will depart at the earlier time

Friday, 2nd February

Booklist Collection Day from 10:00am – 2:00pm

2018 First Day of School for Years 1 - 6

2018 First Day of School for Preps

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians, week 10 has been very busy and there's still a lot happening tomorrow in preparation for some major events next week, including our Christmas Breakup Concert and Year 6 Graduation.

CHRISTMAS END OF YEAR CONCERT – NEXT WEDNESDAY 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Next 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 ok, 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 (see menu on back page) as well as selling drinks. Please support this BBQ to help us raise money for our 2018 trip to China. 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)

Alice, Ada, Jeffrey and Jordan arrived safely home to Suzhou, China earlier in the week. From all reports, all students and teacher Jordan had a wonderful time and is due largely to the support and care of our community, especially our host families. A huge thank you to the Sullivan, Murdoch, Alexander, Spolding/Cheyne, Cleave, Parsons and Zhao families for their generosity over the last 8 weeks to ensure our visitors had a wonderful place to call home. A big thank you also to Kate Dole and Chen Zhao for running the majority of homestay meetings over the last 8 weeks. Now the immersion program is finished for 2017, so we can pause and prepare for our next instalment in Term 4, 2018. Perhaps you might like to host next year?

ZOOPER DOOPERS / TEAM CHINA FUNDRAISING

Zooper Dooper Sales continue each night after school - \$1 each. We also have BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL BANDS to purchase from the office - \$2 each, all proceeds to Team China OSLE 2018. Two great designs available – black with yellow writing, or fluoro yellow with black writing. Limited stock...so don't miss out! We're also having a BBQ at Kangaroo Flat IGA this Sunday from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Why not come along and support our cause whilst doing your shopping? It was great to see many families dropping by and buying a sausage last Saturday – thanks for supporting us! It means a lot!

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Year 6 students are busily preparing for their Year 6 Graduation evening, set to occur next Monday, 18th December, from 5:30pm – 7:00pm. It's been wonderful to see our students being able to make displays, decorations etc for the event – something we haven't been able to do before. It's set to be a grander affair than usual, with a mixture of finger foods (both adult and child friendly) and cold drinks available on the night. Students are encouraged to make an effort for the night and dress up in smart casual, however, if it is very warm, do your best to look smart, but stay cool. Presentations will be made to all students and they will walk the red carpet to receive them. Our community awards will also be presented on the night, so don't miss out! Tickets are available at Kate's room before and after school for cash sales or at the Office for EFTPOS sales - \$15 per person, which covers the cost of the catering on the night. A huge thank you to Brett Strange, Kate Dole and Ainsley Stanley who have been working very hard to ensure this is a very special night for our Year 6's.

TEAM CHINA OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE (OSLE) 2018

Payment of \$500 is now overdue for travellers to China in 2018. Don't forget to get onto your passport applications also!

KINDER / PREP TRANSITION

Our Kinder / Prep transition for 2017 has concluded, with all kinder students ready to commence school in 2018. Parents of 2018 Preps are reminded that Prep students next year officially start on Friday, 2nd February. By now, parents of 2018 Preps should have made a PREP ENTRY ASSESSMENT APPOINTMENT on either Wednesday, 31st January or Thursday, 1st February. If you haven't made an appointment yet, please contact your child's 2018 teacher to organise via email: Nicole Peach (argall.nicole.n@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Pauline Mulcair (mulcair.pauline.r@edumail.vic.gov.au). Alternatively, you can telephone the school and speak to either teacher before or after school by calling 5447 7022. These appointments are mandatory and run for about an hour, so please ensure you have a time locked in. A big thank you to Pauline, Nicole, Sharyn and Jen for organising and supporting this year's Kinder / Prep transition program – with such a team effort, our new Preps are sure to start school ready and raring to go!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

It was lovely to catch up with School Council on Tuesday night for our December meeting and Christmas breakup. We worked through November finances, before approving the 2018 Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), BHPS and OHSC Sunsmart Policy and 2018 Year 5/6 Maldon Bluelight Disco Camp in April. On behalf of our school community, I'd like to thank our School Councillors for their voluntary work during 2018 – a role that is crucial to the running of any school. May you all enjoy your break and enjoy festive times with family and friends in the weeks ahead.

NEW ENROLMENTS AND DEPARTURES

Numbers for 2018 are increasing, however, we still have late notifications of children arriving and departing in 2018. If you know of anyone coming to Big Hill PS in 2018, please ensure you encourage the families of future enrollees to contact the school. Children cannot start without a meeting occurring between the parents and myself. If your circumstances have changed and you are moving away, please also contact me to advise so we can adjust our numbers. Schools are funded on the number of students attending, so knowing the number of students equates to employing staff and providing additional facilities, such as extra classrooms.

BOOKLISTS

Booklists for 2018 should've been returned by now. If you haven't done so, please return tomorrow. If you have lost booklists, please drop into the office tomorrow to grab another. This will ensure you have your child's schooling needs covered for 2018.

YEAR 3/4 CAMP TO SOVEREIGN HILL

I had the pleasure of attending the camp to Sovereign Hill with our Year 3/4's last Thursday and Friday. Two days of fun occurred, with lots of gold panning, a mine tour, 9 pin bowling, candle dipping, shopping, watching musket firing, seeing "Blood on the Southern Cross" and visiting the Gold Museum all highlights. The behaviour of our girls and boys was outstanding and all parents of children who attended should be very proud. Give your child/ren a big pat on the back! A huge thank you to Peter Nash, Dean White, Renae Westley, Roberta Mathers, Tammy Fear, Courtney Sheridan, Desiree Crandell and Pam Farnell for their efforts to ensure the two days were so successful. A special congratulations to Dean White for his overall coordination also!

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DAY

On Tuesday, all of our current Prep – Year 5 students stepped up into their 2018 class for the morning and worked with their future teacher and other teachers in their Unit. It was a very smooth morning, with all children enjoying the opportunity to meet their teacher and classmates in preparation for 2018. Mornings such as these provide a valuable opportunity for children to transition into next year, ready to learn and free of excessive anxiety. When the future is clear, children tend to relax, which is what we want over the holidays. The majority of our current Year 6's also spent the entire day on Tuesday at their 2018 Secondary School (Crusoe, Bendigo South East and Weeroona) and from all reports this was highly successful for our Year 6's. I'm sure they are feeling very excited about next year and are less worried about taking the big step from primary to secondary.

READING AWARDS

Reading awards for 200 nights (reading at home) will be organised and presented next week, on Friday at our Grand, final Awards Ceremony – 9:00am (22nd of December). Congratulations to all students and families who worked hard at home this year to achieve this special award. The real reward is that your child's reading will have improved dramatically as a result – the best gift ever!

END OF YEAR AWARDS

Don't forget our End of Year Presentations Ceremony....starting at 9:00am on the 22nd of December, the final day of school. We will be presenting ATTENDANCE AWARDS (Term 4 – 2 days or less absence, 100% attendance in Term 4 and 100% Attendance for the YEAR!), READING AWARDS (200+ nights reading at home, mentioned above), STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS (in English, Mathematics and Visual Arts), STUDENT ENDEAVOUR AWARDS (in English and Mathematics) and SCHOOL VALUES AWARDS (for outstanding demonstration of our School Values: BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL and BE RESPONSIBLE), before concluding with a guard of honour for our current Year 6 students. It's always a wonderful way to finish off the year, so don't miss out on the fanfare next Friday.

END OF YEAR DISMISSAL

Parents are again reminded that school will dismiss on Friday, 22nd December at 1:30pm. Please make note of this earlier time and arrange for your child to be picked up at 1:30pm. The Ravenswood bus will operate in line with this earlier than usual dismissal time, however, those using the Kangaroo Flat bus will need to make their own arrangements to pick up children as this bus will NOT be available – apologies for any inconvenience.

BENDIGO SPIRIT VISIT

Yesterday we had a short assembly due to the offer of Big Hill PS being the BENDIGO SPIRIT "SCHOOL OF THE WEEK". We naturally took up this offer and welcomed player Rachel, and team promotion officer Alex, to a brief assembly before school. Rachel spoke about her role as a Bendigo Spirit player and her background playing basketball in Minnesota, USA. As part of being School Of The Week, all children were given a free ticket to tonight's game, which is occurring at the Bendigo Stadium (Schweppes Centre) 7:00pm. Please look in your child's bag for this printed ticket (A4 sheet). Go SPIRIT!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Children in **Years 1-6 (2018)** will **resume school on Wednesday, 31st January**. Please note that Monday, 29th and Tuesday, 30th January are student free days. **Prep 2018** students begin school officially on **Friday, 2nd February**, but have a one hour PREP ENTRY appointment on either Wednesday, 31st January or Thursday, 1st February.

STAFFING / CLASSES

First Steps Unit	Prep (Pauline Mulcair) and Prep/1 (Nicole Peach Tues – Fri / Sharyn Burnett Mon)
Junior Unit	1/2 (Wendy Hicks), 1/2 (Catherine Kelley) and 1/2 (Jen Nicholls)
Middle Unit	3/4 (Dean White), 3/4 (Peter Nash) and 3/4 (Renae Westley Mon – Thurs / Sandra Willis Fri)
Senior Unit	4/5 (Lauren Adcock Mon – Thurs / Roberta Mathers Fri), 5/6 (Kate Dole), 5/6 (Ainsley Stanley) & 5/6 (Brett Strange Mon – Wed and Friday / Roberta Mathers Thurs)
Specialists	Deb Sammons (Reading Recovery and Reading Intervention Mon – Thurs am), Sandra Willis (Visual Art Tues – Thurs), Chen Zhao (Chinese Tues & Thurs), Brett Strange (Physical Education Thurs) Phil Seaton (Music Mon – Wed)

Education Support Officers – Kerry Prentice (Business Manager), Janet Dean (Administration Officer), Jenny Brown (First Steps Education Support Officer/Aide), Clare Grant (Middle and Senior Unit Education Support Officer/Aide) and Pam Farnell (Middle Unit Education Support Officer/Aide)

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Jacob V, Shelby C, Abi A, Daniel B, Amelia C, Bobby S, Harley L, Jarred B & Seth E.

With only one week to go, it's set to be busy with the Year 6 Graduation on Monday night, Middle Unit Breakup Tuesday, Christmas Concert on Wednesday afternoon / evening, Senior Unit Breakup Thursday and awards presentation on Friday. In amongst all of that, we'll also be printing off reports, collating them and sending them home to you next week. It's a festive time of year, lots happening and days are hectic...so with this in mind, keep your child/ren as rested as possible in the lead up to our end of year dismissal next Friday at 1:30pm.

Enjoy your Friday and the weekend too! Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS UNIT NEWS

FISH AND CHIP DAY

We have received lots of orders for our Fish and Chip Day on Wednesday, 20th December. Just a reminder if you haven't done so yet and your child would like to order, please give your child's order and cash payment to the classroom teacher by Tuesday, 19th December. If you have misplaced your order slip, please see your child's classroom teacher for a new one.

TRANSITION

Last Tuesday morning we had our whole school transition day. The children were very excited to step up and trial their new year level for 2018. They got to experience and enjoy a variety of fun activities with a different teacher and new classmates. We wish the children all the best for 2018 in their new classrooms.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For showing 'Respect' and 'Responsibility' during our whole school transition day:

FSN Sienna H
FSP Harley N
FSC Charlie W
FSJ Dustan H

Nicole, Sharyn, Pauline, Catherine & Jen

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

CURRICULUM NEWS

LITERACY READING / WRITING

This week the students have enjoyed participating in reader's theatre. Working in small groups, students have practised their fluency and expression.

In writing this week, students have been completing their Christmas stories, editing and proof reading. They will read their stories to a special friend from the First Steps Unit next week.

MATHS

This week students have continued to explore Mass and Capacity. Enjoying lots of hands on activities.

YEAR 3 CAMP

From all reports the Year 3 students had a fantastic time on their camp to Sovereign Hill. Sharing many experiences and stories with their peers.

BIKE ED

Bike Ed has commenced this week, this will run into next week. The students are learning new skills and road safety whilst practising their riding.

this is not essential, as we have a collection of different sized bikes here at school to use in the program.

TRANSITION DAY

Whole state transition occurred last Tuesday. Students went to their new classrooms for next year and enjoyed meeting with and getting to know their new teacher and classmates.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

This year the Junior Unit will be celebrating the end of year by watching a movie and enjoying ice cream on Wednesday, 20th December, as well as an end of year Junior Unit Carnival which will be held on Thursday, 21st December. The carnival will see students participating in many fun outdoor activities and celebrating their year in the Junior Unit.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating the Value of 'Responsibility' during the Year 3/4 camp:

JW Mahnika M
JLR Atila M

Wendy, Lauren & Roberta

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

CURRICULUM

GENERAL

YEAR 3/4 CAMP – SOVEREIGN HILL, BALLARAT

Last Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December, provided our students with a worthwhile educational opportunity. The facilities were excellent and the weather was fine during the day, although it rained a little on Thursday evening. The most pleasing aspect of the two-day experience was the excellent behaviour of every student.

A special thank you to Dean for his thorough organisation and to Matt, Tammy, Pam, Courtney and Desiree for their professional assistance.

ENGLISH

This week students have been working in Sound Waves.

MATHEMATICS

This week students will complete Week 34 in New Wave Mentals. We will also have an opportunity to work on any previous pages in New Wave Mentals. Our focus will continue to be on revisiting some challenging concepts from Measurement, Geometry, Statistics and Probability.

INTEGRATED INQUIRY

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

PASSION PROJECTS

Passion Projects will need to be completed by tomorrow (Friday, 15th December). Each student will be expected to provide a brief presentation of their Passion Project during next week.

BIKE EDUCATION

This week & next week students have been participating 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,

KRIS KRINGLE

As a special celebration for the end of year, students are going to take part in a Kris Kringle Gift Giving. Each child is asked to make or buy a gift for another class member, between the value of \$5.00 - \$10.00. Teachers will randomly draw names so that the present will be a surprise.

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP FOR 2017

On Tuesday, 19th December, we will enjoy a special day at Crusoe Reservoir No 7. A note including permission to attend has been sent home. Please complete and return to school with \$4 (cash only please) to cover the cost of bus travel, pizza, drinks and icy-poles. Please also note that parents are very welcome to visit us during the day. We expect to be at the Reservoir between 9:30am and 2:30pm.

CLASS PARTIES

We will have a class party on Friday, 22nd December (last day of school for 2017). Could students please bring a plate of food to share? Thank you.

SPELLING TEST

The Spelling Test for this Friday, 15th December will cover words from Unit 34.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

The following students were chosen for excellent behaviour and participation on camp:

MR Zac N
MD Allira L
MN Toby W

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

MR Mia A
MD Maliha D
MN Jaylen J

Rena, Dean & Peter

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

GRADUATION

On Monday, 18th December we will be holding the Year 6 Graduation at Big Hill Primary School. We will be starting the night at 5:30pm with drinks and nibbles, then will commence presentations at approximately 6:00pm. Andy Banks will be providing portrait opportunities on the night from approximately 5:15pm and will finish before the presentations and the costs will be as follows;

5x7 print \$15 each 6x8 print \$20
8x10 print \$30 11x14 poster \$100.
Andy accepts: cash, Visa or Mastercard.

The dress code will be smart casual, no thongs, singlets or caps. Thank you.

Tickets are on sale before and after school from Kate's room at a cost of \$15 per person, with a limit of 6 tickets per family. Cash would be preferable for purchases,

otherwise card payments need to be made at the Office.

SENIOR UNIT BREAK UP

Next week we will be participating in our Senior Unit Break Up at the Bendigo Cinemas and also the Bendigo Pool. Could all payments and notes be sent in by **tomorrow** to ensure your child's participation?

Thank you.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating fantastic bike and road safety skills throughout Bike Ed sessions:

SA *Allegra M*

SB *Harvey T*

SK *Xanthe P*

Ainsley, Brett & Kate



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

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*

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

We will be holding an out of uniform day to raise funds for the National Breast Cancer Foundation and one of our students – Chelsea H on Tuesday, 19th December. Please bring a gold coin donation and wear pink!

Chelsea H

MY NAME IS CHELSEA HAH 7 YEARS OLD AND I RACE IN THE CARTS 'N' CLASS AT THE BENDIGO RACE CLUB. I HAVE BEEN RACING FOR AN ALMOST A YEAR NOW AND ENJOYING IT A LOT.

I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO GO RACE A LADIES ONLY RACE IN FEBRUARY IN JANUARY 2018, AS I AM THE YOUNGEST AND ONLY GIRL IN THIS CLASS IN BENDIGO. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO BE ABLE TO GO RACE WITH THE SUPPORT FROM BENDIGO RACING CLUB, TO TRY AND ENJOY THE DRIVING EVEN FURTHER.

IN BENDIGO YOUR MEMBERS LOGO WILL BE PLACED ON MY STOCK KIT FOR THE FIRST A YEAR RACE.



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.

LAST DAY AFTER SCHOOL CARE-FEE INCREASE

Please note that After School Care for the last day of the year (Friday, 22nd December) will be \$23. This will run from 1:30pm – 6:00pm and please provide all children with lunch to have at After School Care.

Booking forms for 2018 are now available with the full enrolment form to be made available at a later date.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please remember to return your raffle tickets (both sold and unsold tickets) to the Office for your chance to win an exciting hamper. Raffle winners will now be drawn and announced at the Farewell to 2017 night on Wednesday, 20th December.

GUESS THE NUMBER OF CHOCOLATES

Guesses are starting to come in for our Guess the Number of Chocolates Competition sitting at the school office. Entry is just 50 cents a guess and the winner takes home a huge amount of chocolate. The Competition will now run until Wednesday, 20th December and the lucky winner announced at the Farewell to 2017 night.

FAREWELL TO 2017 NIGHT

P&F will be selling zooper doopers for \$1 each on the night on 20th December.

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?
Join our Facebook page

Please remember that all profits from P&F fundraising go back to the school for the benefit of our school and children.

Your support of P&F activities is always greatly appreciated

Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- Books & tablets
- Uniforms & shoes
- Sports fees & gear
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- Books & supplies
- Camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus you must have a CentralLink Health Care or Personal Commission Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you can get a job), and have a 10% discount on almost everything you would buy.



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Big Hill Christmas Evening

Wednesday 20th December
5:30pm

Team China BBQ

*Raising funds to assist in
the travel associated with
the Team China
Overseas Learning
Experience.*

*Your support would be
greatly appreciated*

Menu

Sausage in bread	\$2.00
With onion	
Bottle of water	\$1.50
Soft drink	\$2.00
Sweet Treats	

With thanks to Garlands Bakehouse
Kangaroo Flat for their generous donation

With thanks also to Coles Lansell Square
for their generous donation

Sausages generously donated Actrol
Bendigo

NOEL NOEL
IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CITY
All is Calm, All is Bright
SLEEPING IN THE NIGHT
SILVER LANES AGLOW
LET EVERY HEART
JOLLY HAPPY SOUL
IF I COULD ONLY WHISTLE
YOU BETTER NOT POUT
Three French Hens
LET YOUR HEART BE LIGHT
as long as you love me so
snowing and blowing
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