



# Calder Chronicle

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## THURSDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2018

### CALENDAR

#### Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March

#### Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> April

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> April

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June

#### Billie G's Cookie Dough orders due in (orders can still be handed in tomorrow)

School Council Nominations due at the Office

Senior Unit Swimming program payment of \$38 due at the Office

Parents & Friends AGM – 9:15am in the multipurpose room

Oral Health Screening forms due at the Office

Senior Unit Swimming program commences

Payment of \$16 for Whole School Let's Get Moving Incursion due

Billie G's Cookie Dough order delivery day

Whole School Let's Get Moving Incursion – lessons commence

Let's Get Moving performance at 12:00pm – ALL INVITED

#### LAST DAY FOR TERM 1 – early dismissal of 2:15pm

First Day for Term 2

Year 5/6 Camp departs

Year 5/6 Camp returns

Year 3 – 6 Gym program commences

Year 3 – 6 Gym program continues

Year 3 – 6 Gym program continues

Year 3 – 6 Gym program concludes

## School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **BILLIE G'S COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER**

Orders will still be accepted tomorrow. Please either order online or bring the orders into the Office. We have spare order forms if needed. Thank you everyone for your support.

### **QKR CANTEEN ORDERS**

Please ensure you have updated your child's home group for this year as we have a few children not getting their lunches on time as they are being sent to the wrong class. Thank you.

### **GREEN WASTE** (repeat from last week)

Do you love a good bonfire in the Autumn? Do you have the capacity to collect green waste to add to your pile? If you are keen OR generous, we'd love someone who is willing to come along after hours and collect the green waste that is piled along the fence leading down to the back of the multipurpose room/near the two large skip bins. It's an eyesore and a risk near our school and therefore ask for a kind volunteer to collect this and put it to good use. Feel free to visit after school hours to ensure easy access.

### **TYRES** (repeat from last week)

We also have a large group of car tyres that are joined together with metal bolts that need removal. They are basically connected to form a stepping-obstacle as part of an old fitness circuit. If anyone would like this for their own gym, course, whatever, please contact the Office to organise collection. First in best dressed! In the event that no one nominates to collect them, I will then seek assistance from the community for a volunteer to come and collect them and "dump-it-to-Mount-Crumpet" (ie take it to the tip).

### **GASTRO**

There have been confirmed outbreaks of gastro across Bendigo. If your child is unwell please do not return them to school until a full 48hr (2 day) period has passed since their last "episode" - this is to prevent widespread infection throughout our school affecting all students and staff. Thank you.

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**SPORTS for SCHOOLS**  
2018

**SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND GET COLLECTING**

We would love your help collecting Coles Sports for Schools for our school. Tell your friends and family to get involved as well, because the more vouchers we collect, the more sports gear our school will receive.

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## **CHILD SAFE STANDARDS AT BIG HILL PS**

### **Our commitment to child safety**

The following is from our Child Safe Policy, "Our organisation is committed to child safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the safety, participation and empowerment of all children. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently with our robust policies and procedures. We have legal and moral obligations to contact authorities when we are worried about a child's safety, which we follow rigorously. Our organisation is committed to preventing child abuse and identifying risks early, and removing and reducing these risks. Our organisation has robust human resources and recruitment practices for all staff and volunteers. Our organisation is committed to regularly training and educating our staff and volunteers on child abuse risks. We support and respect all children, as well as our staff and volunteers. We are committed to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children, the cultural safety of children from a culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and to providing a safe environment for children with a disability. We have specific policies, procedures and training in place that support our leadership team, staff and volunteers to achieve these commitments."

### **STUDENT VOICE**

Congratulations to the following successful students:

JC Skyla & Leila  
JJ RJ & Remy  
JW Taj & Lexi  
MD Lily & Addison  
MN Marley & Connor  
MR Charlotte & Jordan  
SA Allegra, Seth & Kalisha  
SB Rylee & Milla  
SK Chanelle & Ben  
SL Shayla & Bailey

The badge presentations will be at assembly next Monday at 9:00am. Badges will be presented for the School Captains and Vice Captains at that time as well.

### **SCHOOL REVIEW** *(repeat from last week)*

Randomly selected families should have received an invitation to come to Big Hill PS after hours, to take part in a review session of our current Strategic Plan. As part of the night, parents and children will break into two workshops (one parent focused, one child focused) to reflect on the performance of our school during the last 3 years. If you get an invitation, please consider this a valuable opportunity to provide your constructive thoughts on our school and the achievements from 2015-2018. I am asking for an RSVP, so please email me either way. The session is scheduled for Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

If you don't get an invitation, but would really like to attend, please feel free to email me at [pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au) to organise your inclusion in the event.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

We had a successful meeting last Tuesday looking over y2 plans, child safe standards, approval of P&F activities and workshop on the review of 2015 - 2018. Just a reminder to School Councillors to return your reflections early next week please.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

These close tomorrow. There will be an announcement of election ballot or outcome next week.

### **PARKING**

Bus zones, Calder Highway, bike paths – Police are fining parents who park in bus zones, drive on paths and park illegally. To avoid a fine please make safe and sensible decisions around our school. It's important for the safety of our children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### **SICK LEAVE**

Brett Strange will require another week off in sick leave after surgery. He will return on Tuesday, 13th March.

### **FIGS – PLEASE DO NOT BRING TO SCHOOL**

Could I please ask parents to refrain from sending figs in their child's lunchboxes? One of our teachers, Kate Dole has an allergy to them and it is quite serious. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Thalia M, Evie S, Neriyah T, Noah H, Harry S & Addison M-L.

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## FIRST STEPS NEWS

### PREPS

Just a reminder that yesterday was our Prep students' last Wednesday off school. As of next week, all prep students will commence full time attendance.

### INQUIRY

Over the last two weeks, we have been focussing on our School Values; Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Safe. Children have shared their ideas about what makes a good learning environment and how to make good choices in the playground and in the classroom.

### WRITING

Students have been focusing on correct letter formation and applying this to their drawings during writing. They have also been taking part in our "Language Experiences" where as a group we have conducted an activity and then used this as a basis for our writing.

### TAKE HOME BOOK

We are pleased to see that many children have been practising their spelling words (Year 1's), sight words & letters, and sounds of the alphabet that are located in their Take Home books. Please continue to take the time to regularly check these books to see the new activities that have been added. Thank you.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

*For playing safely in the yard during recess and lunch:*

**FSN** Isla G  
**FSP** Sophie B

*Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline*

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

### HOME READING

Congratulations to our Junior Unit children who received their 25 nights of home reading award at Monday's assembly. Well done to Caitlyn, Olivia, Chelsea, Skyla, Taj, Blaik and Cameron. Keep up the great home reading!

### SPELLING HOMEWORK

We are pleased to see that many of our children have made a good start to completing their spelling homework each week. Your child has 6 spelling words which are chosen for them based on their Oxford spelling tests. Please ensure that your child practises these words at home throughout the week using the spelling practise grid in their book. Your child's take home book should be kept in their reader bag so that it can be used in class throughout the week and practised at home in the lead up to their Friday spelling test.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For keeping the classroom safe by packing away their belongings and keeping their bag neat and tidy:*

**JC** Noah P  
**JJ** Remy W  
**JW** Neriya T

*Catherine, Jen & Wendy*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### CURRICULUM

#### YEAR 3/4 MAJOR EXCURSION

On the 15<sup>th</sup> March the Middle Unit will enjoy an educational excursion to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and the National Sports Museum. A signed permission note and payment should be returned to school as soon as possible. Thanks to parents who have already organised this.

#### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Our Information Presentation to parents on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February from 6:30pm was most successful. We had lots of parents in attendance. If you were unavailable and could not attend but would like a copy of handouts and a chat about the presentation, please contact Renae, Dean or Peter.

### ENGLISH

This week in CAFÉ Reading we have encouraged students to make predictions – 'I can make predictions before and during reading'. For example, use the cover, title and background knowledge to predict; stop regularly to predict; check if predictions change as you read further. In Spelling, students have been supported to 'learn/acquire' new spelling words from Sound Waves Unit 5.

All students have also worked on the Oxford Owl words and words from one of the other lists - Parrots, Zebras or Lizards. In writing, we have focussed on narratives and we have stressed the importance of using 'capital letters' and 'full stops'.

### HOME READING

All Year 3 and 4 students should be reading at home for between 20 – 30 minutes.

### MATHEMATICS

Students have been revising and consolidating Place Value – ones, tens, thousands and tens of thousands. We have also continued teaching vertical addition. We have supported students to understand the correct process of vertical addition. We have also focussed on Basic Number Facts eg. 3 + 4; 6 + 3; 7 + 5; hoping to develop an automatic response to these additions.

Week 5 Learning Intentions –

'I can recall basic number facts'. 'I can complete vertical addition with renaming'. 'I can tell the time using an analogue clock'.

*New Wave Mentals – Week 5.*

**Remember Homework and Diaries need to be completed and given to teachers prior to 9:00am tomorrow.**

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*The following students have been selected for showing the School Value of 'Safety':*

**MR** Zac N  
**MD** Brodie H  
**MN** Tess H

*Renae, Dean & Peter*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### SWIMMING

Please ensure that the permission note, payment and the award note are sent back to school by Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. The Senior Unit Swimming Program is a **Compulsory** element of our PE Curriculum, please ensure that your child attends this program. If your child is unable to attend, a medical reason must be communicated to your child's teacher.

### CAMP NOTE

The third instalment of payment is due Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March. By this stage your child's teacher should have contacted you in regards to your child's attendance of the camp, and numbers have been finalised.

### HOMEWORK

Students should be reading each night and recording this in their diary as well as completing the 5 maths questions. Spelling testing is in the process of completion across classes and some classes have sent spelling words home to be practiced. Please note that we aim to teach students the processes of spelling rather than teaching them how to spell specific words. You may notice that your child's spelling matrix is organised into four different areas, Visual – How words look, Phonological – How words sound, Morphemic – How words can change and Etymological – What words mean.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For being responsible for belongings:*

SA **Riley N**  
SB **Will S**  
SK **Mia GM**  
SL **Lilli W**

*Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

We are calling for donations for our second hand shop. If families could please have a hunt around in their wardrobes for any uniforms that no longer fit their child/ren, we would be greatly appreciative to receive them at the Office. Thank you.

The second hand uniform shop will be open every Friday from 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the multipurpose room.

## ART NEWS

If any families have any old calendar pictures that they would be happy to donate to the school, please leave at the Office. Also, donations of egg cartons would be appreciated. Thank you.

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

# “Let’s Get Moving Incursion”

“Let’s Get Moving” is back and Alli Watts is keen to work with students from Big Hill PS again. This is the third year Alli has provided a dance program that is suitable and engaging for all of our students.

For those not familiar with Alli’s program and performance, it is a dance inspired fun movement to music program, developed by local primary educator, Alli Watts. “Let’s Get Moving” incorporates fitness, performing arts, beat, rhythm and many other components of the curriculum.

Presenter Alli Watts will work with every class for three sessions, commencing on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March and culminating in a whole school performance on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March under the pavilion with parents invited to be part of the audience. Every student participating will be part of this performance. Routines are age specific.

The cost per student is \$16.

The performance is at 12 noon on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March – ALL FAMILIES ARE INVITED!

Please complete, detach and return the notice with payment directly to the Office by Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> March.

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# “Let’s Get Moving”

Child/ren’s name/s:

\_\_\_\_\_

I include payment for my child/ren’s participation in the “Let’s Get Moving” program commencing on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, to be conducted at school.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent / guardian)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash enclosed  Use CSEF credit  Qkr

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Registration is now open for our 2018 Footy Tipping Competition. Invite your family, friends, workmates, anyone who wants to get in on the action to join up. Details of how to enter the online competition can be found in last week's newsletter and on our P&F Facebook page. Entry is \$15 payable at the Office (\$10 of each entry fee will go towards the prize pool and the remaining \$5 to P&F fundraising). Go to [www.footytips.com.au](http://www.footytips.com.au) and search for "Big Hill PF Footy Tipping 2018" to get started!

### P&F AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 9:15am in the multipurpose room. Everyone is invited to attend.

### P&F FACEBOOK PAGE

Keep up to date with P&F activities by joining our Facebook community:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/>.

Our page keeps provides reminders and updates on our activities as well as connecting you with other families at our school.

*Your support of P&F activities is appreciated*

## CLONTARF ACADEMY VISIT

Here are some photos from the visit from some Year 12 students from the Clontarf Academy (see Calder Chronicle No 3 for more information):



## COMMUNITY NEWS

CCS Family & Relationships Services PRESENTS:

# DR JUSTIN COULSON LIVE ON STAGE



Dr. Justin Coulson, parenting expert and father of six, is one of Australia's most respected relationship speakers, authors and researchers.

Connection is at the core of what Justin does and he is passionate about helping others to transform their relationships, and their lives for the better.

These engaging seminars are a must for professionals, careers and parents.

### Professional Seminar POSITIVE SOLUTIONS FOR PROFESSIONALS AND PARENTS

DATE: Thursday 22 March  
TIME: 4pm to 6pm  
VENUE: Capital Theatre,  
View Street, Bendigo  
COST: \$30



Author of "21 Days to a Happier Family"

### Parents and Carers Seminar 21 DAYS TO A HAPPIER FAMILY

DATE: Thursday 22 March  
TIME: 7pm to 9pm  
VENUE: Capital Theatre,  
View Street, Bendigo  
COST: \$15

BOOK NOW:

Visit [www.ccs.com.au](http://www.ccs.com.au), the Capital Theatre box office or call 5434 5100. Group bookings and concession tickets available. Event details call CCS on 5438 1000.

## Bendigo Colour Run

SPONSORED BY BODY DEFENCE FITNESS

Saturday 24th March 2018

Lake Neangar

10am - 2pm

Bendigo Community Event

Adults - \$30 (12 and over)

Children - \$20 (Under 5 FREE)

Family - \$90 (2 x adults & 2 x kids)



Games & Activities  
Fundraiser Raffle  
Colour Powder Party

All proceeds going to  
Bravehearts



Tickets/enquiries -  
[info@bodydefencefitness.com](mailto:info@bodydefencefitness.com)



### Spring Gully United Soccer Club SGUSC 2018 Junior Registrations now OPEN!

Under 6s to Under 16s  
Juniors to Seniors - Boys AND Girls  
Mixed Comp & Girls-Only Comp

Go to the Spring Gully website for FAQ and to register.  
For further information or enquiries  
[email.reg.sgusc@gmail.com](mailto:email.reg.sgusc@gmail.com)



Registrations close Friday 9th March  
Get in early - don't leave it to the last minute!

# Thank You



## Big Hill Primary School

The Clontarf Foundation  
would like to thank you for  
your assistance  
with the

2018 YR12 Leadership Camp  
and for helping to make it a  
successful event

Ben Djuve

Employment Officer—VIC



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