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WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 2018

CALENDAR

Wednesday, 28th March
Thursday, 29th March

Hot Cross Bun Drive collection day between 2:30pm and 3:30pm in the multipurpose Assembly 9:00am – student awards

Easter Raffle Tickets (both sold and unsold please) due back at the Office by 9:00am
Guess the eggs competition (closes at 9:00am) and raffle winner announced
Canteen Pizza Day – no normal food items available – iced treats will be available

Thursday, 29th March LAST DAY FOR TERM 1 – early dismissal of 2:15pm

Monday, 16th April

First Day for Term 2

Wednesday, 18th April

FIRST CANTEEN DAY FOR TERM 2

Friday, 20th April

Year 5/6 Camp departs

Tuesday, 24th April

Year 5/6 Camp returns

Thursday, 26th April

School Council

Friday, 4th May

P&F General Meeting in the multipurpose room 9:15am

Friday, 18th May

Year 3 – 6 Gym program commences

Friday, 25th May

Year 3 – 6 Gym program continues

Friday, 1st June

Year 3 – 6 Gym program continues

Year 3 – 6 Gym program concludes

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe that Week 9 is upon us and only half a day remains of Term 1! Time goes so fast, particularly so when school is extremely busy. Term 1 is always a busy time, with the launch of the school year, new students to settle in etc. In 2018, it's been particularly extra-busy due to the beginning of our Review of 2015-2018, the Capital Works program and preparation for an earlier trip to China. The girls and boys have worked very hard, along with the staff, so I think everyone is going to enjoy a well-earned break.

CANTEEN

Now operating on Wednesdays and Fridays – no longer on Tuesdays

MR NASH

Next term Mr Nash will have to take Leave. Peter plans to have a good holiday and rest...and whilst this decision came late in the term, I am alerting parents and children at my earliest opportunity. For any extended absence over 6 weeks, the position must be advertised. Due to this, a process will be undertaken over the school holidays and the first two weeks of term (it takes about 4 weeks from start to finish) to appoint a teacher until the end of Term 2 (total of 9 weeks). For the first two weeks of term, we have been fortunate to attract Amanda Bateman back to the school. You may not know Amanda, however, rest assured that Amanda is a very competent teacher from Big Hill PS who is currently on family leave. Amanda is a very skilled teacher and was our Literacy Coordinator and First Steps Unit Leader up until her departure on family leave at the end of 2015. Amanda will fit well with the Year 3/4's in Nashy's room and the children concerned will have a consistent program with a quality teacher. I do apologise for the late notice, but as I said, I'm letting you know as soon as possible and the replacement of Nashy for the first two weeks was only organised yesterday.

AINSLEY STANLEY

On behalf of the staff, students and families of Big Hill PS, I'd like to wish Ainsley all the best as she finishes with us tomorrow afternoon to wait for the arrival of her first child. I know it will be a very special time for her and husband Stephen, so all the very best of wishes to the excited couple on the impending arrival of their bundle of joy. During Ainsley's absence over Term 2, Tash Turpie will take control of Ainsley's Year 5/6 class for the first 9 weeks, with Amanda Bateman completing the final two weeks. Ainsley will return to us at the commencement of Term 3 to continue her role as Year 5/6 teacher of SA.

BON VOYAGE KERRY

Our Business Manager, Kerry Prentice, begins Long Service Leave after the holidays for several weeks. Kerry is heading overseas for a wonderful tour of England and the British Isles. Have a wonderful trip Kerry and stay safe. During Kerry's absence, Janet Dean will work extra days, supported by relief staff who can undertake the financial roles normally covered by Kerry.

OSHC AND CHILDREN AT SCHOOL AFTER HOURS

Please be mindful that it is OSHC that need to use the Tiger Turf and playground before and after school weekdays. This means not letting your child/ren use the areas whilst OSHC are occupying them. This comes down to a duty of care issue and we appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

TEAM CHINA – OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Our trip to China will be upon us very quickly after the holidays. With departure on May 23rd, when we return from holidays there won't be a lot of time until we depart. Families are reminded to pay the full amount on return to school. I'm also requesting each family to indicate their child's preference for the overnight stay/s or evening meal....please email me as I have not heard back from any of the travellers regarding this.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Congratulations to the Parents and Friends group who ran a very successful and enjoyable MOVIE NIGHT last Friday. The girls and boys in attendance enjoyed a sausage in bread dinner, snack and drink and the chance to watch the movie in a choice of two locations. The level of effort put into the movie night by the parents was outstanding, with lots of wonderful decorations making the atmosphere very exciting! Well done P&F and thanks for your hard work and dedication. I thank all parents who helped in some way to make this event so successful. A big thank you also teachers Jen Nicholls and Catherine Kelley who also attended and ensured that supervision of children was first class.

TEAM CHINA – FUNDRAISING

We have a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday, 7th April (the middle Saturday of the holidays) to raise funds for our trip to China. Parents of travellers are reminded of this event and to double-check with the group if you are unsure of what time to be on duty. I encourage the community to come along to Bunnings, Kangaroo Flat on the 7th and buy a sausage (or two) or a drink to help us raise funds for the program. It's always lovely to see members of our community dropping in for a chat and to support us. Zooper Dooper sales will cease tonight, with no sales after school tomorrow due to the holidays and early departure.

GASTRO

Just reminding families of the need to keep your child at home for a full 24 hours after your child has been sick with gastro. Children are contagious for a full day after their last "episode" and for this reason, those who have been ill need to be quarantined to ensure no other children or staff get sick. This ensures that the bug does not go through the whole school, disrupting teaching and learning programs etc. During periods such as this, it's also important to remind your child of good hygiene practices... such as washing hands after going to the toilet and before eating any food. With the break upon us, this will hopefully provide time to quarantine us all and ensure that everyone is fit and well on return.

ATTENDANCE

I arrived at school today to find a hand-written letter from a student regarding attendance awards. I was touched, as I read through the thoughtful letter, asking me to reconsider the attendance goals in light of students not getting an award when they have over 2 days absence...especially when those absences come from being genuinely ill. It's an unfortunate situation to be in – aiming for 100% attendance but falling ill through no fault of your own. To be honest, I have had three days illness this term also... which I had no control over either. BUT... a goal is a goal and we strive to have high levels of attendance.

The goal of 2 days or less takes into account that students may have a bout of illness and one that is not too serious that requires extra time away from school. The goals are set to promote children getting on average 2 days absence a term, a total of 8 days for the year, which is around 5 days better than the State average. If you take in to account your child having 8 days away for the year, this is over a week and a half of school missed. We can't avoid being unwell, so days missed from school should be reserved for being ill and where possible, avoid absences for family holidays, days off for birthdays, special visitors etc. They do stack up!

To be fair, 2 days absence or less is the line in the sand for us all. Getting sick is unfortunate, however, a reality of life. For this reason, I have to enforce our goals, as they encourage high expectations of attendance. I do acknowledge however, that committed students sometimes miss out due to back luck and this really can't be avoided. I remind all families of our attendance awards being presented tomorrow – 100% attendance and 2 days or less for the Term. These will be presented at our 9:00am Awards Assembly in the undercover area.

TYRES – MAYBE THEY MIGHT FIND A NEW HOME IN THE HOLIDAYS?

I'm conscious of families removing waste (including tyres) incurring a cost to take to the tip. I'm suggesting that the remaining tyres (near the blue skip bin) are only removed if you have the capacity to store them away on your property or re-use them in some fashion. They aren't in good shape, so suggest that the best course of action is to just dispose of them (if you have a junk yard on your property) or be creative and use them for gardens etc. The cost of disposing each tyre at the tip would equate to quite a bit of money, so the school does not want any family to have to wear this cost. If there are no takers after the holidays, we may look at disposing of them ourselves. What would help is if someone could actually remove the bolts between each tyre, making them easier to dispose of in the future. Is this something you can do?

STUDENT AND ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations to the students announced today in the newsletter as our winners of the following awards: OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN MATHEMATICS, ENDEAVOUR IN ENGLISH, ENDEAVOUR IN MATHEMATICS, OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN VISUAL ARTS and OUTSTANDING DISPLAY OF SCHOOL VALUES. If your child has won an award, don't forget to try and come to the Awards Assembly tomorrow morning in our outdoor undercover area.

LET'S GET MOVING

Today saw the performance of this year's LET'S GET MOVING program to parents and the community. Over the last week, coordinator Alli Watts has worked with each of the classes to bring together a whole school performance. Many parents and family members came along to enjoy the performance, held at midday today. Well done to the students for their efforts and participation – I thoroughly enjoyed the performance. If you attended, I hope you did too! Programs like LET'S GET MOVING are extremely important. On watching some of the rehearsals, I noticed quite a few children who struggled with coordination, balance etc. By the end of the program they had improved dramatically. Often children who struggle in an area such as coordination will often try and avoid participation in programs that develop specific skill sets. For this reason, always involve your child in school programs even when they indicate that they don't want to. It's worth remembering that children don't always know what is good for them.

NATIONAL RIDE SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

We had a massive turn out for last Friday's NATIONAL RIDE SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY, with a very large number of students, parents and staff meeting at Phillis Street and walking, scooting and riding to school together. I've been pleased to see some children and families continuing this after the event, which is a great idea whilst the weather permits. Why not continue this practice at the start of Term 2 – it's great time spent together and exercise is good for us all. A big thank you to Brett Strange for coordinating this event.

CRUSOE CURRICULUM EXTENSION EXCURSION

Ten students attended Crusoe last Friday afternoon to participate in a writing extension program. I attended alongside the students and was really pleased to see our students enjoying the visit and getting so much out of it. Once a term, students excelling in an area will be invited to attend these special outings – a great way to encourage our students to excel and also be rewarded for working hard and behaving appropriately.

END OF TERM 1 – TOMORROW!

Students will dismiss from school tomorrow at 2:15pm for two weeks of holidays, including Friday, 30th March (Good Friday). Families are reminded to organise collection of students from school at the earlier time of 2:15pm. The Ravenswood bus will operate on this day, however, will depart the school earlier in line with the early dismissal. This will mean that families collecting children from the bus service will need to adjust their pick-up times (one hour earlier than normal). The Kangaroo Flat bus service may not operate at this earlier time and as we can't predict the service will be available at 2:15pm, encourage families therefore to organise other arrangements for getting home on the final day of school.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Kaydin M, Claudia F, Tiffany H, Shayla P, Xavier M, Tait R, Jayda W, Chad S, Toby W, Chelsea H, Isabelle H, Katie M, Lily R, Emily T & Connor B.

If you celebrate Easter, may you have a happy one! If you don't, may you enjoy the extra time spent with your loved ones. I do hope the two weeks are relaxing for you and your child/ren – ensuring they return for the long Term 2 (11 weeks) rested and ready to learn. If you are travelling, stay safe on the roads – the Easter break is notorious for being a dangerous period for drivers.

I look forward to seeing you all on MONDAY, 16TH APRIL at 9:00am for a busy, fun and productive Term 2.

Kind regards...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

LET'S GET MOVING

Wow! What a great performance our students put on today. It was wonderful to see so many children take part in the whole school performance and thoroughly enjoy themselves. Thank you to all families who supported the Let's Get Moving Program and came to watch our school performance this afternoon. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the students did.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We would like to congratulate everyone in the First Steps unit for such a wonderful start to the year. We have worked very hard on establishing out classroom routines and expectations and each day we marvel at the quality of work produced by our students. Please take care over the holidays and continue practising your letter sounds, sight words and reading.

LITERACY – LITTLE LEARNERS LOVE LITERACY

Each week we have been learning the letter names and sounds through our Little Learners Love Literacy phonics program.

We have completed stage one and each student should have mastered the letters and sounds for M, S, A, F, P, T, C and I.

Understanding these letters will assist our students with interpreting their new decodable readers, which will be sent home next Term.

STUDENTS OF THE TERM

Congratulations to all the First Steps Students for a great Term!

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

LET'S GET MOVING

The Junior Unit staff would like to congratulate all of our children on their great performance at today's 'Let's Get Moving' presentation. The children were all very excited to share the routines they had been working on over the past week and did a wonderful job. Thank you to those who were able to come along and share it with us.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We would like to wish our children and their families a happy and safe Easter break. We hope you enjoy spending some quality time with your loved ones over the next two weeks and we look forward to an exciting and productive Term 2.

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

TERM 1

This term has been most successful. Students have worked conscientiously; progressed significantly; been challenged and extended and appeared to enjoy our program. As teachers, we have been impressed with overall achievements both academically and socially. In particular, Spelling Test results have been especially high. Many students have correctly spelled 40 tested words each week. Progress in Mathematics (Number) has also been most evident.

ENGLISH

This week in CAFÉ Reading, our focus has been on reading 'Just Right Books' at school and at home. In CAFÉ Writing, emphasis has been on using conjunctions and employing capital letters and full stops at all times. Because of our 'Let's Get Moving' Program and a short week there will not be a Spelling Test this week.

HOME READING

All Year 3 and 4 students should be reading at home for between 20 – 30 minutes. We hope students will continue to read daily during the holidays.

MATHEMATICS

This week we have continued with vertical subtraction. Almost every student can rename from tens to ones and from hundreds to tens. Most Year 3/4 students understand the process of subtraction and are having success with subtraction sums.

Week 9 Learning Intentions – "I can recall basic number facts". "I can complete vertical addition correctly". "I can complete vertical subtraction with renaming". "I can tell the time using an analogue clock".

ROTATIONS

Students enjoyed rotations for the last time in Term 1. On Tuesday, 27th March, each class enjoyed History, ICT and Physical Education.

Remember Homework and Diaries do not need to be completed and delivered to class teachers this week.

Rena, Dean & Peter

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

CAMP

Next term in week 1, we will be leaving for our Year 5/6 Camp to the Victorian Bluelight Youth Camp in Maldon.

Students will be **leaving 9:00am** sharp on Wednesday, 18th April and returning at **approximately 1:30pm** on Friday, 20th April. Last week we sent out a final note with a list of essential items for camp as well as the limit of \$20 for spending money.

All payments **must** be finalised prior to leaving for camp on Wednesday. All medicines must be labelled, in original packaging and given to Clare Grant on the day.

Brett Strange will be working with the remaining Year 4, 5, & 6's from Wednesday to Friday of that week, and it is expected that all students not attending camp will be at school on those days.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all students and families in the Senior Unit. It has been a fantastic start to the year with many positive aspects to reflect on. Already it has been a busy start with Swimming, Year 4/5 Crusoe Transition, Let's Get Moving and also our normal timetable. Please rest up and enjoy the holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in Term 2.

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

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.

Donations of small, empty, clean dip containers and egg cartons would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

SUNSMART

Families are reminded to keep sun protection on the agenda during the school holidays and up until the **END OF APRIL**.

UV levels are still moderate to high at this time of year so it's important to continue to Slip! Slop! Slap! Seek! Slide!

Please make sure hats and sunscreen come back to school in Term 2 until the end of April.

COMPUTER ACCESS NOTE & PG PERMISSION NOTE

Notes have been sent home to those students who have not yet returned them. Please sign and return ASAP. Thank you.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Due to the school holidays commencing tomorrow, it will not be open again until the first Friday in Term 2.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

Hot Cross Bun orders have arrived! Don't forget to come along to the multipurpose room between 2:30pm and 3:30pm to collect your order. Thank you to everyone who placed an order and helped us to raise valuable funds for our school.

EASTER RAFFLE & GUESS THE EGGS COMPETITION

Raffle tickets (sold and unsold) are due back to the Office by **9am tomorrow!** While you're dropping your raffle tickets in why not have a guess at the Guess the Chocolates Competition. This competition will also close at 9:00am tomorrow morning. Winners will be posted on our Facebook page and announced at the end of the school day.

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

We've extended the registration date for the Footy Tipping Competition to Friday, 19th April to give you all more time to sign up. Currently prize money sits at \$150 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd place and \$25 for 3rd place, however with further registrations the prize money will keep increasing. Why not give it a go, it's not too late! Registration details are on our Facebook page or can be found at the Office.

STUDENT MOVIE NIGHT

We hope that children enjoyed the movie night last Friday night. Thank you to all of our INCREDIBLE helpers on the night who helped to make the night such a success. A special thanks also to our teachers, Catherine and Jen, and to Matt for staying on to help supervise on the night, your support is always appreciated. Finally, thanks to Dean, Renae and Sandra for allowing us to use their classrooms to screen the movie.



JUST ONE THING CAMPAIGN

Have you returned your "Just One Thing" letter? We'd love to hear back from you. If you have any questions about the campaign, please don't hesitate to ask us by emailing us at bhpspf@gmail.com.

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 provides reminders and updates on P&F activities as well as connecting you with other families at our school.

P&F GENERAL MEETING

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th April from 9:15am in the multipurpose room. We welcome new members at any time during the year so please feel free to come along and find out how you can get involved with P&F.

Enjoy the holidays everyone!

Your support of P&F activities is appreciated

CANTEEN NEWS CHANGE OF DAY/ MENU CHANGES

CHANGE OF DAY

From next term, the canteen is trialling a different day instead of Tuesday due to falling sales.

The new day will be **WEDNESDAY**. The other day will remain on a Friday. Apologies for any inconvenience.

MENU CHANGES

Pizza roundas and frozen cordial cups will no longer be available. There is a NEW item of Mac & Cheese, and warm Milo cups will be back on the menu.

*Tammy Fear
Canteen Manager*

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVE THE DATE **Thursday, 24th May from** **9:30am – 1:00pm**

BAAG is excited to announce our May event for this year.

Chris Varney and Daniel Giles from the I CAN network will be presenting. The information will be highly relevant for both schools and professionals.

For further information:

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STUDENT AWARDS – TERM 1, 2018

Outstanding Achievement in English:

FSN: Isla G FSP: Skylah D
JC: Skyla R JJ: Cameron K JW: Taj A
MD: Indi N MN: Marley K MR: Ben M
SA: Allegra M SB: Todd R SK: Mia B SL: Remi CK

Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics:

FSN: Samuel S FSP: Henry P
JC: Ethan J JJ: Zane L JW: Mikayla F
MD: Connor S MN: Jaxson S MR: Mia A
SA: Riley K SB: Tanner F SK: Ben B SL: William M

Endeavour Award in English:

FSN: Scarlett N FSP: Isabelle O
JC: Jai N JJ: Evie S JW: Max W
MD: Brodie H MN: Tarniah D MR: Ruby H
SA: Addison R SB: Kayla G SK: Emily W SL: Bogdan J

Endeavour Award in Mathematics:

FSN: Maeson D FSP: Chelsea B
JC: Jett G JJ: Brady J JW: Lacey J
MD: Cooper S MN: Jaxon C MR: Marcus B
SA: Carlos J SB: Taini H SK: Mia GM SL: Jayda W

Outstanding Display of School Values:

FSN: Thalia M FSP: Tristion D
JC: India H JJ: Chelsea A JW: Neriyah T
MD: Ella R MN: Hugo G MR: Lily R
SA: Alex F SB: Mahdi B SK: Koni O SL: Marley T

Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts:

FSN: Nate S FSP: Connor W
JC: Chelsea H JJ: Taya K JW: Cayden H
MD: Cooper S MN: Chloe-Isabell W MR: Atila M
SA: Skye D SB: Mia M SK: Eligh G SL: Milena J