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THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 27th April
Tuesday, 1st May
Friday, 4th May
Tuesday, 8th May
Thursday, 10th May

Friday, 11th May
Thursday, 17th May
Friday, 18th May

Monday, 21st May
Tuesday, 22nd May

Wednesday, 23rd May
Friday, 25th May
Monday, 28th May
Friday, 1st June
Monday, 4th June

Friday, 8th June

Monday, 11th June
Thursday, 14th June
Monday, 18th June
Monday 25th June

Big Hill PS Cross Country
Grip Student Leadership Conference – Senior Unit – selected students only
Year 3 – 6 Gym program commences
Student Voice Fundraiser – RSPCA – Onesie/PJ Day – gold coin donation
Mother's Day Stall
Mother's Day Raffle tickets (both sold and unsold please) due back and the Office by 9:00am
Division Cross Country
P&F General Meeting in the multipurpose room at 9:15am
Year 3 – 6 Gym program continues
Walk Safely to School Day
Education Week commences-special assembly 9:00am
Grandparent/Special Friend visit, bring a plate to share and cuppas provided by P&F in multipurpose room
2019 Information Evening 7:00 – 8:00pm
Overseas Learning Experience China, tour begins
Year 3 – 6 Gym program continues
Prep – Year 2 Gym program commences
Year 3 – 6 Gym program concludes
Prep – Year 2 Gym program continues
Student Free Day
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
School Photo Day
Prep – Year 2 Gym program continues
Prep – Year 2 Gym program concludes

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 2! Term 2 is a longer term, with 11 weeks in total, so here's hoping it will be extremely productive for all concerned.

MR NASH

As you would've been aware, Mr Nash (Peter) took Leave unexpectedly at the end of Term 1. Whilst he is well, he certainly needs the break as he contemplates his future teaching. We have been very lucky to have Amanda Bateman step in. Amanda is one of our BHPS staff, currently on Family Leave, and therefore knows how we run classes at Big Hill PS. The girls and boys absolutely think the world of her too, so having Amanda has been a blessing considering the quick leave arrangements with Peter. As outlined, at this state, Peter will be on Leave until the end of Term 2. We have had to advertise a position and go through a selection process (takes around 4 weeks). Yesterday, Renae Westley, Dean White and I finished this process and are happy to announce that we have found a very suitable replacement for Peter. Rhys Bull is our successful applicant and comes to us after teaching a Year 2/3/4 at Inglewood Primary School, whilst also working this year on-and-off at Kangaroo Flat PS. Rhys will begin on Monday and will be with us until (at least) the end of Term. Please make Rhys feel very welcome and drop in to meet him in the coming week, especially if your child is in Middle Nash.

AINSLEY STANLEY

Congratulations to Ainsley and Steven on the safe arrival of their beautiful little girl, Audrey Grace. Audrey arrived last Friday and is healthy and happy. It's pleasing to report that Ainsley is also doing very well and the family are enjoying this special time together. Whilst Ainsley is on maternity leave this term, we are lucky to have Tash Turpie working in her room. I expect that Ainsley will return to full time employment at the commencement of Term 3.

ANZAC DAY

Big Hill PS has certainly taken the time to reflect on ANZAC Day and show our respects. Last Friday, Sharyn Burnett and three of our four student leaders travelled down to the Shrine of Remembrance to participate in the schools service. From all reports, this was a special day and the students really enjoyed the opportunity to pay their respects at such a massive venue with so many people present. A big thank you to Sharyn for spending the day travelling down and back with our students. On Tuesday, our Senior Unit lead a school service for the whole school, recognising the importance of ANZAC Day to all Australians. Well done to those concerned – the service went off well and was totally student lead! Yesterday I had the pleasure of marching with our school leaders, one of our students who went to Portsea Camp courtesy of the RSL and a large group of students from Big Hill PS. It was an honourable moment walking down High Street Kangaroo Flat with our children in their school uniform, recognising the significance of the 25th of April. Once at the cenotaph, our 4 student leaders proudly lay wreaths on behalf of our School Community during a touching service from 9:45am – 10:30am. A huge thank you to all families, students and staff who attended and came in uniform. It was wonderful to see so many of you there and I was very proud to see so much black and gold.

Lest we forget!

TEAM CHINA – OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

If you haven't already paid the full amount of the trip to Beijing, Shanghai and Suzhou, please do so ASAP as this is overdue. Very shortly, I will begin organising the spending money, converting individual's spending money from Australian Dollars to Chinese Yuan. Stay tuned for more details and please keep checking your emails. Just a couple of reminders – please, if you haven't already, return your overnight stay permission form for Suzhou and your permission form to participate in next Wednesday's PRE-DEPARTURE morning at Golden Square Primary School. This is for the students only....parents are to drop students off at GSPS Gymnasium at 9:10am and pick them up at 1:00pm.

Finally, our next and final INFORMATION SESSION FOR TRAVELLERS, is next Thursday, 3rd May from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the Specimen Hill Primary School art room (same venue as last time). It is extremely important to make this meeting, as it will outline any changes to travel as well as include important information about our upcoming trip. Please mark this on your calendars and don't forget! A reminder also to our Team China Fundraising Families of our Bendigo Stadium dinner tonight, 6:30pm – 7:00pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Our Parents and Friends are working very hard at the moment, preparing for Mother's Day, which is just around the corner. I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of our P&F and thank them for always doing things for our students. In voluntary roles, I do hope each of our members get great joy out of doing things for all of our wonderful students. Keep up the great work!

CHILD SAFE

A reminder to all members of our community that if you are volunteering to work in our school (P&F, school excursion, camp, class assistant) that you must have a valid WORKING WITH CHILDREN'S CHECK. These are easily organised online or through the post Office at no cost to you! Big Hill PS is compliant with the CHILD SAFE STANDARDS expected of all schools. When working in our school, staff and volunteers are familiar with our CHILD SAFE CODE OF CONDUCT and POLICY. If you would like to see a copy, please feel free to contact me: pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au and I can email you a copy. At Big Hill PS, keeping all children safe is a priority. If ever an adult, including a parent, is concerned about the wellbeing of a child, processes are followed to ensure authorities are made aware of situations to keep children safe. Our teachers are mandated by law to report, this means we cannot ignore concerns that we have and legally have to report. If you are ever unsure what to do, always report your concerns to Child Protection and feel free to make contact with myself, our Wellbeing Coordinator Sharyn Burnett OR Chaplain Megan Haddon.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

I had the absolute pleasure of spending three days last week (Wed-Fri) with our Year 5/6 students on the Maldon Bluelight Disco Camp. We enjoyed a train ride from Maldon to Castlemaine and back, participated in multiple road rides on bicycles, expended a lot of energy on a challenging night walk, enjoyed a rotations afternoon with visits to the lolly shop, game of giant soccer and Nerf Gun war the main highlights. A disco helped make our Thursday evening more enjoyable, whilst on Friday, we all rose to the Tarrengower Challenge....walking up and down the mountain and range. Well done to all girls and boys who attended AND a special thank you to the staff and volunteers who made the camp so successful.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance goal this term is 2 days or less. This is an aspirational goal, with 11 weeks in total to get through...including colder months with illness. Good luck! Try only missing school when your child is genuinely sick and I'm sure they will come close to meeting this goal.

READING

Our First Steps and Junior Units continue to recognise reading awards each week. Some children are well on their way, passing the 75 night mark. If you were wondering, by the end of Term 2, your child should have achieved the 100 night mark. As parents, can you all keep track of nightly reading to ensure that your child is on track for our 200 night goal by the end of the year? Use your child's diary to keep track each week by signing and filling in each night your child reads.

BIG HILL PS CROSS COUNTRY

Tomorrow, all students, from Prep – Year 6 will participate in our own Big Hill PS Cross Country event. PE Coordinator and teacher, Brett Strange, has organised a morning of events, ensuring each age group has an appropriate course to complete. Ribbons will be awarded to place getters and those in Years 3-6 will qualify for the upcoming Bendigo District Cross Country....more details to come. Looking forward to a great morning thanks to Brett's hard work!

SCHOOL REVIEW – MONDAY (VALIDATION DAY) & THURSDAY (FIELD DAY)

Monday will be an extremely busy day, with our school reviewer (Toni) visiting, alongside our Senior Education Improvement Leader (Leonie) and challenge partners (Trish and Trudi). The entire day will be spent working with selected members of staff and our School Council President. Classes will be visited and observations completed, as well as interviews undertaken with key staff and students. Most of the staff involved will be unavailable during the day due to this very important process. Our reviewer will also return on Thursday to work independently, assessing areas of interest throughout the day to ensure Big Hill PS is compliant where it needs to be.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS

We are still accepting Coles vouchers until the end of next week so remember to drop them into the Office. We will then send them off and will be able to choose our rewards next month.

CCS – NEW CHILD CARE SUBSIDY – PARENT ACTION REQUIRED

For those families who use our OSHC facilities, you will need to complete the following before the end of this term. If you have any queries, the bottom link has all the information for you, and further in the newsletter is the details of website information sessions to help you understand the changes.

Step 1: Ask your parents to use the Governments Child Care Subsidy estimator to determine their expected entitlements.
<https://www.education.gov.au/sites/education/files/chcare/est/index.html>

Step 2: Make sure your parents have a MyGov account as this will be important in authorising Enrolments and allowing the CCS to flow through

Step 3: Direct parents to the Government information sites to help them understand and get ready for the change.
<https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>

YEAR 6 – YEAR 7 TRANSITION

An application form and information pack for Year 6 – Year 7 students will be sent out shortly. These will need to be returned to Big Hill PS by Friday, 11th May.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Tayah C, Xavier P, Maliha D & Blaik Y.

I do hope the term has started well for you and your family and that things continue to flow smoothly. Remember, at any time, if you have concerns or needs, feel free to contact either Sharyn or myself, or speak to your child's teacher.

Kind regards...

Matt Pearce, Principal



Partners in education

*Year 6 – 7 transition Information Night
Wednesday, 9th May at 7:00pm*

FIRST STEPS NEWS

WRITING

During writing sessions last week, students wrote a recount about their school holidays. They then made their own individual holiday book. It's great to hear that many parents were impressed with their child's work.

CROSS COUNTRY

First Steps students have been practising their running skills in preparation for our whole school Cross Country event tomorrow. This event will be held at school and both classes will run in the morning between 9:15am - 10:00am. We encourage all students to participate. Children can run, jog or walk during the event. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear such as sneakers.

JETS GYMNASTICS

Permission notes were sent home last Thursday outlining dates, session times and the cost. Please ensure permission forms are returned to the Office along with payment before Tuesday, 22nd May.

ANZAC DAY

On Tuesday, students took part and showed their respect in our whole school ANZAC Day ceremony. We made poppies in our classrooms and learnt that the Flanders Poppy is a symbol of remembrance for the people who went to war.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For being persistent when sounding out unfamiliar words when reading:

FSN Charlotte S

FSP Levi B

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

ANZAC DAY

This week the students participated in ANZAC Day activities in their classrooms, Art and Library. They also attended an ANZAC Service on Tuesday morning conducted by our Year 6 students.

JETS GYM

Last week a yellow Jets Gym note was handed out to all First Steps and Junior Unit students. Students from these units will commence their gym sessions on Monday, 28th May. Just a reminder that permission notes and payments are due at the Office by Tuesday, 22nd May.

HOMEWORK

Congratulations to the students who have already achieved 75 nights of reading. The school goal is to reach 200 nights of reading by the end of the year. Please note there is an expectation for students to read every night, and to complete spelling homework in preparation for Friday's test.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating the School Value of 'Safety' by moving carefully around the classroom:

JC **Isabella B**
JJ **Tiffany H**
JW **Mikayla F**

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

WEEK 3 READING

Our shared CAFÉ focus areas and Learning Intentions include: Iggy Iguana. Learning Intention, I can locate clues in a text to infer. Students should read for 30 minutes each night and record this in their Student Diary.

WEEK 3 WRITING

We will continue working on writing to persuade. Learning Intention – I can write to persuade. **Unit 11** Spelling explores the short vowel sound **umbrella** and **monkey**. Students will be tested on 10 words from their Sound Waves book and 10 words from the Oxford Word Lists. Students who are consistently achieving a score of 20/20 may like to challenge themselves to learn additional words from the set lists.

WEEK 3 NUMERACY

Our Middle Unit students are working towards the Learning Intentions; I can recall basic multiplication facts, I can complete vertical multiplication problems, I can explain and compare 2D and 3D shapes.

WEEK 3 HUMANITIES, SCIENCE AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Students will attend rotations to learn about famous Australian Bush Rangers, Physical Sciences and prepare for the school Cross Country which is held tomorrow.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

Gym – Our first gym session will take place on Friday, 4th May. Please return notes and payment as soon as possible.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR **Lincoln S**
MD **Wesley H**
MN **Lochie C**

Renae, Dean & Amanda

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

CAMP

Well done to all students who attended camp. They demonstrated all our school values, and from all reports had a fantastic time. We would also like to thank all the staff and volunteers who attended, your assistance was greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This will be held tomorrow, Friday, 27th April. Good luck to all students and most importantly have FUN!

GYM

Commences next Friday, 4th May. Please ensure all permission slips are returned and payments made prior to this date.

GRIP

All school captains and students voice representatives will be attending a leadership day next Tuesday at Bendigo Stadium. They will interact with other students from various schools throughout Bendigo, and will further develop their skills, by participating in numerous team building activities. Please ensure permission slips are returned as soon as possible and payment made prior to this date.

STUDENT WRITING

Maldon camp: The 3 day camp started on Wednesday 18th. It was a 20-30 minute bus ride to Maldon, where we stayed at the Bluelight camp. As soon as we arrived, we took our luggage off the bus and walked to the train station. Everyone rode in a steam train going to Castlemaine and back. Everyone had fun on the train poking their heads out of the window and having fun. The carriages even looked like a scene out of Harry Potter. We waited for about 20 minutes at Castlemaine so the train could turn around. There was even a train photographer who was following the train around.

Back at camp the rooms were allocated and after we went back to the main carpet bit to get ready for bike riding. Our first road bike trip was to a place with a really big dam with a bike track around it. Some people got a bit lost because there wasn't a bike track some of the way around. On the way back was a bit hard because we had to ride up a hill the whole time, so when we got back to camp some people were really exhausted.

Afterwards we had to make our beds and get ready for the night. We were allowed to have free time once our beds were ready. We were allowed to ride around the bike track which was about 100 metres, or under 1 kilometre if you wanted to the big track. There was also a games area with a life size connect 4, ping pong and air hockey. There was also a low ropes course and a mini golf area.

Some cabins also had to do dinner duty and breakfast duty, which was setting the knives, forks, spoons and glasses on the table, and washing the tables afterwards. The first night we were served spaghetti bolognese, and a bread roll which was really good. For dessert we had ice cream and fruit. Once we had finished eating we had to take our dishes to the "food window" to be cleaned.

After dinner we had the night walk, half way up a steep hill. It went for 1 and a half hours. For the first five minutes there were crosses in the ground to remember the fallen soldiers in the war, as well as the Australian flag. The rest of the walk was interesting when we found cool insects and stuff that they used in the war. There were also really steep ditches in the ground where the water ran when it ran down the hill that some people fell over at. The walk down the hill was really steep and that's when most people fell over. Back at camp, before we went to bed we had hot milo and biscuits. Actually getting to sleep was a bit hard, because everybody was excited and wanting to talk.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

For breakfast the next morning we had pancakes with maple syrup or lemon and sugar. We also had toast and cereal. We rode to the gold mines, where we had a tour of inside the mine. At the end of the tour there was a puppet who waved at you when you pulled a bit of string. The last group got to blow out all of the candles as a birthday present.

After the tour we had to walk back to where we parked our bikes, and had watermelon and water. Then it was a 15 minute ride back. For lunch they prepared meat, cheese, tomato and lettuce sandwiches. The teachers took a group around to different activities which were really fun. There was the lolly shop, bouldering, bubble soccer, mini golf, a nerf gun war and the ropes course and bike riding. We had half an hour on each rotation. The bouldering was just a race to see who could get around the wall (5-6 metres) the fastest without falling off. The Polly shop was small but packed to the brim with lollies. Even a 28 year old lollipop that was the size of a small tennis racquet. We had free time until dinner which was crumbed chicken and vegetables. Dessert was ice cream and jelly.

That night we had a disco until 9:00pm. We were allowed inside where we had the nerf gun war for the disco, or the games area that was just next to it. The chicken dance and the macarena were put on too for a bit of fun. It was a bit easier to get to sleep on the last night because everyone was tired from the dancing. Breakfast was bacon, eggs and baked beans.

We had an hour hike that morning too, up the same hill except all the way to the top, where there was a big tower that you could climb up. But climbing up the hill seemed to take forever! Climbing down the hill was only like 10 minutes. We had a barbecue before taking our luggage to the departure area and going back to school.

Mia B

MELBOURNE SHRINE

On Friday, 20th April we went to The Melbourne Shrine Of Remembrance to pay our respects to the men and women who served in war.

We contributed to multiple songs, marches and speeches. We also got the opportunity to lay a wreath at the eternal flame. After the service, we sat down and had some lunch. After that, we got up and wandered around the shrine before heading back to school.

Zoe, Connor and Todd



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating the School Values whilst on camp:

SA **Brenton K**
SB **Claudia F**
SK **Tyson T**
SL **Declan C & Katrina O**

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE & STALL

Raffle books for our Mother's Day raffle were sent home to families on Tuesday with a note about our upcoming Mother's Day Stall. We would love your support by helping to sell the book of raffle tickets and returning them to the Office by 9:00am on Thursday, 10th May. We will have a range of prizes up for grabs to give to a lucky mum or a special person in your life. Tickets are only 50c each (each raffle book contains 20 tickets to sell).

Our Mother's Day Stall will be set up in the multipurpose room on Thursday 10th May ready for children to come along and shop for a special present. Items will be priced from 50c to \$10 each.

If you are able to help with a donation for our raffle or stall we would be most appreciative and these can be left at the Office. Some items which would be helpful are:

- Chocolate or wrapped lollies,
- Gift vouchers/cards,
- Mugs,
- Wine glasses,
- Beauty/pamper products,
- Clear cellophane, tissue paper and curling ribbon.

OR perhaps you're a crafter that would like to make something for our stall OR maybe you own your own business and could donate a goods or services voucher as a raffle prize?



Our Annual

MOTHER'S
DAY STALL

will be held on

Thursday 10th May 2018

Gifts priced
from 50c up to \$10 each



SPARE CHANGE DRIVE

Bottles for this year's Spare Change Drive have now been placed in each classroom. The Drive will run until the end of the term and the class that raises the most money during the Drive will be treated to a special class prize and will have bragging rights for the year. Dean's class were the winners last year and were treated to some relaxation time while eating hot chips, chocolate and a movie. The more we raise the bigger the prize will be! ANY loose change can be placed in bottles. Can Dean's class win it again or will we have another class become our champions this year?



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:

[\(https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/\)](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 committee met again today to discuss our Term 2 activities with lots planned again for children and families.

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday, 17th May at 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.

Your support of P&F activities is appreciated

ART NEWS

If any families have any old calendars with colourful pictures that they would be happy to donate to the school, please leave at the Office. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who donated egg cartons, I know have enough to keep us going for a while.

*Sandra Willis
Visual Arts Coordinator*

SUNSMART NEWS

SUNSMART

Families are reminded to keep sun protection on the agenda 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 are used in school until the end of April.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Accounts have been sent home to those families who still have outstanding amounts and/or CSEF balances. If you didn't receive one and would like an account, or just need clarification on anything, please do not hesitate to contact the Office. Thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS CHANGE OF DAY/ MENU CHANGES

CHANGE OF DAY

The canteen is trialling a different day instead of Tuesday due to falling sales.

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



MENU CHANGES

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

*Tammy Fear
Canteen Manager*

Family Webcast Information Session

You are invited to participate in an online family information session.

Child care fee assistance is changing. From 2 July 2018, the Australian Government is introducing a New Child Care Package. The Package includes a Child Care Subsidy which will replace the current Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate.

To transition to the subsidy, you'll need to provide some new information and confirm your current details now through **myGov**. The webcast will step you through what you need to do to transition and give you the opportunity to have your questions answered.



Choose the one that best suits you.

Thursday 3 May 2018

12.30 – 2.00 pm AWST / 2.00 – 3.30 pm ACST / 2.30 – 4.00 pm AEST

Tuesday 15 May 2018

6.00 – 7.30 pm AWST / 7.30 – 9.00 pm ACST / 8.00 – 9.30 pm AEST

To register for the webcast visit: education.gov.au/childcare

EDUCATION WEEK

Celebrating the Arts

Monday, 21st May – Friday, 25th May

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday 21 st May	9:00am	Assembly Opening of Education Week
	9:30am	2019 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SCHOOL TOUR
	9:30am – 11:00am 2 x 45 minute sessions	Whole school Art activity 
Tuesday 22 nd May	10:15am – 11:00am	Grandparent / special friend visit 
	11:00am – 11:30am	break
	11:30am – 12:00pm	Special musical performance Showcasing work in dance and music
	7:00pm- 8:00pm	2019 Prospective Families Information Evening
Wednesday 23 rd May		Team China depart for Beijing
Friday 25 th May	8:30am	Active walk to school Meet at Phillis Street 
	9:30am	2019 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SCHOOL TOUR