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THURSDAY, 10TH MAY, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 11th May
Tuesday, 15th May
Thursday, 17th May
Friday, 18th May

Monday, 21st May
Tuesday, 22nd May

Wednesday, 23rd May
Thursday, 24th 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

Division Cross Country – at time of printing it is going ahead, wear warm clothes

School Council

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

Special Musical Performance 11:30am – 12:30pm approximately – all welcome, please BYO chairs

2019 Information Evening 7:00 – 8:00pm

Overseas Learning Experience China, tour begins

Woolworths Healthy Breakfast 8:00am – 9:00am in the multipurpose room

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,

Week 4 has almost come to an end and with that, we are approaching the mid part of Term. It's hard to believe how quickly time goes by, but this is due mainly to school days being so busy. Next week is particularly busy with our final review day on Monday, then the NAPLAN testing for Years 3 and 5 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

NAPLAN TESTING – YEARS 3 AND 5 NEXT WEEK

As outlined last week, testing of our Year 3 and 5 students will occur in the morning sessions of Tuesday, 15th, Wednesday, 16th and Thursday, 17th May – next week. If your child is in Year 3 or 5, please ensure they are well-rested the nights before testing AND at school on time, as the tests occur soon after 9:00am. If your child misses a test, we make every effort to catch them up before the end of the week. If you were considering having your child miss school to avoid the tests, please come and see me to exempt your child from the tests – a much better option than missing 3 days of school. Information sheets regarding the testing will be sent home with each Year 3 and 5 child. Please look for this in your child's bag.

SCHOOL REVIEW – FINAL DAY MONDAY

On Monday, we will once again be visited by our Reviewer (Toni), Senior Education Improvement Leader (Leonie) and Challenge Partners (Trudi and Trish) to bring together the 3 days completed as part of our review of 2015-2018. By the end of the day, the group will have a clear sense of what our future goals for Big Hill PS will be – 2019 – 2022. Once the final report is handed over to the school, I will share findings with School Council and our community via the newsletter. Watch this space.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

In the coming weeks, all students in Years 4 – 6 will complete an online ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY (AToSS). The survey measures the performance of the school and perception of the student across several areas, including safety, classroom behaviour, teaching and learning, engagement, confidence, resilience, relationships etc. Once complete, all responses are de-identified (ie. No one can tell who responded in what way) and collated to produce a measure to see how our school is travelling in the eyes of our students. As part of our current review, AToSS data has been used heavily to look at trends to celebrate successes and indicate areas of future improvement.

TEAM CHINA – OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Our final PRE – DEPARTURE DAY occurred yesterday at Golden Square Primary School. Lachie, Charli, Ciana, Abi and I enjoyed the afternoon, mixing with the other travellers whilst completing a variety of activities. We had bartering lessons, refreshed some of our Mandarin Chinese language, learnt how to wash our tshirts in a hotel sink and viewed videos of the streets and railway stations of Shanghai in preparation. With less than two weeks to go, the 5 of us are getting very excited to travel abroad with such a large group of students and staff from Bendigo. This year, 49 students will travel to China, with 14 staff supporting. We depart on Wednesday, 23rd May and return on Saturday, 2nd June. As I will be in China during this time, all queries or concerns relating to Big Hill PS can be directed to our Assistant Principal, Sharyn Burnett. Why not follow our trip by checking out our blog: <http://bighillteamchina2018.global2.vic.edu.au/>. Our first post is up with lots of photos of yesterday's pre-departure activities.

YEAR 6 – YEAR 7 TRANSITION FORMS

If you haven't already, **please return your child's YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 TRANSITION: APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 PLACEMENT 2019 form by tomorrow.** The transition pack was sent home to each family early last week and your designated school was indicated in the form. This year, your closest local school (a direct measure from home to school "as the crow flies") is used to determine what school your child has an allocated place. Some past rules have now ceased, meaning that what once might have happened with placement won't happen anymore....for example, if you are rurally located, you automatically go to your closest geographical school rather than getting to choose. The sibling rule has also been changed to only allow placement at the given school if that location has the capacity to do so. Be mindful that just because your child has a sibling at a given school, does not automatically mean that you will get a place. It's also important to note that if you do get a school beyond the one deemed "local" and you will rely on bus travel, your child will become a fare paying student (\$125 a term). Free bus travel only applies for students going to their designated school. The transition pack sent home outlines all of these scenarios well, so if you haven't read it, I suggest you do so. By close of business tomorrow, we will start collating lists of students for each school and send these off to each Secondary College. If we get no form returned from a family, we place a child at their designated school based on distance from home to school. Spare copies of the transition packs are available at the school if you need another.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Today our wonderful P&F put on an outstanding Mother's Day Stall for all of our girls and boys. A variety of gifts were on offer, at affordable prices, ensuring children could pick something special for their mum, grandmother, aunty or special friend. My sincerest thanks to our parent volunteers who time and time again come up with wonderful events for all of our community. We are very lucky and seriously, if you had a look at the stock and the decorations, you'd be blown away too! This photo should give you a sense of the magic displayed today for our children. Well done all involved!



CROSS COUNTRY – TOMORROW

With wet weather and a cold snap upon us, the Division Cross Country may or may not go ahead. At the time of printing, we have been notified it will be going ahead at this stage. If the weather allows, it will still be extremely cold and as the children will be out in the elements for most of the day, please send them along with warm jackets, track pants and even a blanket to break the wind chill factor. Brett Strange has been working hard to organise our qualifiers into Blue or Red categories and all concerned are ready to do their best. If it does go ahead, may all students involved do their best. Hopefully I might get to see a few of you at the Bendigo Racecourse if the weather is kind to us.

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Last week I shared with you our School Context. This week, please enjoy reading our FRAMEWORK FOR IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES (FISO) section : In 2016, our focus at Big Hill PS was on EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING – both Building Practice Excellence and Curriculum Planning and Assessment. Whilst our improvement areas for that calendar year were achieved, this work was not small by nature and therefore completed thoroughly in one calendar year. It is due to this that our school continued to focus once again in 2017 on the two EXCELLENCE areas....enabling us to delve deeper. In 2017, there was a focus on writing (whilst maintaining the momentum achieved in reading) and speaking and listening. 2017 was also a year of major focus on mathematics. In 2016 Assessments were trialled, in 2017 assessment practises were implemented across literacy and numeracy with data used to inform teaching and learning across the school. In addition to this, planning was aligned across units, with consistency across the school and linked to the Victorian Curriculum. By doing this, we aligned with the final years of our Strategic Plan...particularly through focused work on numeracy. The 2016 data analysis of NAPLAN indicated growth in curriculum areas, however, there are still areas to address, such as cohort growth in numeracy and writing. Whilst some of data indicated growth, other sets suggest continued work in the improvement initiatives chosen. Growth takes time, so at Big Hill, we continued to focus on moving all of our data sets in a positive direction. We are hopeful that our 2018 NAPLAN data will be reflective of our focus on EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – TUESDAY NIGHT

Just a reminder to all of our School Council Councillors regarding our May School Council meeting, 7:00pm in the library. Finance will meet at the earlier time of 6:30pm. Information for this meeting will be sent home tomorrow, although the agenda and finance documents have already been emailed out. At this stage, the meeting will most likely go ahead without me, as I unfortunately have a family funeral on this day. Sharyn Burnett will instead ensure the meeting still goes ahead and that important documents are approved in a timely manner.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

Dean White commenced Long Service Leave today and will return on Wednesday, 23rd May. During Dean's absence, Samantha Kantaries will work alongside Renae and Rhys to ensure Dean's class continues to follow the lessons set for our Middle Unit. Please make Samantha feel welcome and call in to visit – especially if you have any important information to share with her. Kerry Prentice also returns from Long Service Leave. It will be wonderful to have Kerry back in the Office. A huge thank you to Trinity for filling in two of Kerry's days each week, keeping our finances ticking along....and to Janet for working 5 days a week during Kerry's absence. Both ladies did a marvellous job keeping the Office manned and functional.

STUDENT VOICE – ONESIE / RSPCA DAY

Congratulations to our Student Voice group who organised (along with the help of Chaplain Megan) a wonderful Onesie/PJ day on Tuesday. Over \$300 was raised and this was pledged to the RSPCA. Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun and helped raise funds for the RSPCA.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Jesse B, Nate F, Jett E, Jaylen J, Gryffin W & Koni O.

With cold weather upon us and into the weekend, stay safe on the roads and here's hoping you don't have too many outdoor commitments in the coming days.

Until next week....

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

SCHOOL NURSE FORMS

Just a reminder that school nurse forms were due back on Monday. If you are yet to return the envelope, please do so ASAP as the nurse will be visiting our school next week. Thank you.

WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO

As part of our Science based Inquiry, this term we have organised an excursion to the Werribee Open Range Zoo on Friday 15th June, 2018. Tomorrow we will be sending home a note with details regarding this excursion.

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

Our Gymnastics Program is approaching fast with only 3 weeks to go. Thank you to the families who have already returned notes and payment. These are due at the Office before Tuesday, 22nd May.

READING HELPERS

Our daily reading program is the start of your child's journey of becoming a proficient reader. To increase the success of our reading program, we are asking for volunteers to listen to children read in the morning during our reading program. It can be as little as 10 minutes or up to 30 minutes of your time. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher if you are able to help.

EDUCATION WEEK

On the back of the newsletter there is information about the various activities that will take place during Education Week.

Our students have been working hard on their circus performance which will take place on Tuesday, 22nd May. On this day all First Steps students are asked to wear blue clothes as part of their costume.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying a positive attitude towards their writing by having a go at spelling new words by sounding out and recording the sounds they can hear:

FSN Erica K
FSP Tyler W

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

PYJAMA DAY

Thank you to the Student Voice for organising Pyjama Day on Tuesday. The students enjoyed coming to school in their onesies and PJ's. Your gold coin donations were very much appreciated and the money raised will be going to the RSPCA.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to the Parents and Friends for organising a wonderful Mother's Day Stall. We hope you enjoy your presents and have a happy Sunday!

JETS GYM AND WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION

Just a reminder that Jets Gym and the Werribee Zoo Excursion notes and payment are due back. Jets Gym commences on the 28th May and the Werribee Zoo has been organised for the 1st June. Please return the notes and payments to the Office. Thank you.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For being respectful during class News Time:

JC Phoebe C
JJ Harley W
JW Owen G

Please note – A correction to last week's 1/2C Student of the Week was Jett G

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

We wish all students competing in the Division Cross Country tomorrow the best of luck. Wear warm clothes, it's going to be a cold day!

GYM

Our gym program resumes next Friday, 18th May. Students need to ensure they bring along a drink bottle and wear appropriate school uniform (no tights for girls).

NAPLAN

All students in Year 3 take part in the NAPLAN test. The test dates include Tuesday, 15th Wednesday, 16th and Thursday, 17th May. Please see your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

HOMEWORK & SPELLING TESTS

There will be NO homework or spelling tests next week due to NAPLAN testing. Homework books will be returned to students at the end of next week ready for Week 6. Students SHOULD continue to read at home every day for 20 – 30 minutes and record this in their Student Diary. Diaries WILL need to be handed in in week 5.

EDUCATION WEEK

Our students have been working on their Circus performance for Education week. Our costume includes the colours black, white and orange. We invite all friends and family to come along and see the fantastic performances our students will present on Tuesday, 22nd May.

LITERACY

Next week in reading, we will continue our class work on Comprehension, locating key information in a range of texts. Students are working on building reading stamina to read increasingly challenging chapter books from beginning to end. Students will conference with their teacher to identify individual CAFÉ goals. In writing students are working on writing to persuade. There will be no spelling program due to NAPLAN.

NUMERACY

In Mathematics, we will continue our work on the processes of multiplication and division. We will also use basic maps to describe locations.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR *Sophie W*
MD *Ella R*
MN *Ava A*

Renae, Dean & Rhys

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

This Friday, 11th May. Please ensure if your child is attending they have returned their permission slip and paid their money. Good luck to all students who will be representing our school. PLEASE NOTE: Students attending cross country will need to bring their own packed lunch and water to take to the event, there will be no lunch orders for students attending cross country.

EDUCATION WEEK

It is fast approaching, so please see information and events that will be taking place throughout the week at the back of this newsletter. Students in the Senior Unit are required to wear a coloured t-shirt and jumper/top for their performance during education week. SL & SB Yellow and SA & SK Purple. Children can also wear accessories to enhance their costumes for the performance.

NAPLAN

This will be during next week. Students in Year 3 and 5 will participate. Good luck to all those students.

CANTEEN

As students continue to participate in the Gym program, the Senior Unit have decided that there will be no canteen on Fridays.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For playing safely in the yard:

SA *Deklyn McG*
SB *James W*
SK *Xcavier F*
SL *Paul K*

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PE NEWS

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Weather permitting, the Cross Country will go ahead. We will be notified if it has to be postponed. If it goes ahead tomorrow, this will be the schedule:

10:30am – 12:00pm

- a. 10 years 2000m Boys
- b. 10 years 2000m Girls
- c. 9 years 2000m Boys
- d. 9 years 2000m Girls

12:45pm – 2:30pm

- e. 11 years 3000m Boys
- f. 11 years 3000m Girls
- g. 12 years 3000m Boys
- h. 12 years 3000m Girls

Brett Strange, PE Coordinator

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY STALL AND RAFFLE

We've had a lot of fun in the multipurpose room today helping children select a perfect present for mums and special ladies. A very big thank you to all of our wonderful helpers who have worked tirelessly to put the stall together and provide children with so many amazing gifts to purchase. A big thank you also to everyone who donated items to our stall or raffle. Your support is amazing!

SPARE CHANGE DRIVE

A tally of classroom bottles will be done soon. Will your class be the top of the leader board?

COMING SOON..... ELMORE BAKERY PIE DRIVE

Our Elmore Bakery Pie Drive was very popular last year so it's on again this year. Keep an eye out for order forms coming home very soon.

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 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

OSHC NEWS



FAMILIES

The last family webcast information session hosted by the Department of Education and Training will be held next Tuesday, 15th May from 8:00pm – 9:30pm.

The webcasts are to help you understand what you need to do to transition to the Child Care Subsidy. It is essential that you complete an online assessment to receive the new payment.

The webcast will also provide you with the opportunity to ask questions through the live chat functionality.

Please register your interest at

<https://mailchi.mp/ec4669cb81cb/family-webcast-information-session>

if you would like to participate.

CANTEEN NEWS



This week's winners are:

- ✚ Chelsea B
- ✚ Alaena H

Congratulations!

Keep those Wednesday orders coming in for your chance to win!

Tammy Fear
Canteen Manager

STUDENT VOICE NEWS

STUDENT VOICE RSPCA FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who came in their onesies/PJ's to help raise funds for the RSPCA.



Here are the results:

1)	JW	\$39
2)	FSP	\$35
3)	SK	\$31
4)	SL	\$30
5)	JC	\$28.20
6)	JJ	\$28
7)	MD	\$27
8)	MN	\$26.55
9)	FSN	\$25
10)	SB	\$24
11)	SA & MR	\$23 each

Approximate total – \$340! Well done everyone!

Megan Haddon, School Chaplain

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE SCHOOL!

We have applied to Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise for a free defibrillator and it has been approved!

In return, we ask for **25 pledges** by people who bank with the Bendigo Bank or have an account with Bendigo Telco at no cost to them. The pledge forms are available at the **Bendigo Bank Kangaroo Flat branch**. As soon as the Bank has received 25 pledges, our school will be presented with the Defibrillator.

Any queries speak to our School Chaplain Megan Haddon.

TEAM CHINA NEWS

A BIG THANK YOU to the following businesses for supporting Team China:

- ❖ The Foundry Hotel
- ❖ The National Hotel
- ❖ The Shamrock
- ❖ Bendigo Bowling Centre
- ❖ Swift Scissor Co
- ❖ Onyx Hair Co
- ❖ Refresh Day Spa
- ❖ The Lake View
- ❖ Brewhouse Coffee Roasters
- ❖ The Boardwalk
- ❖ Beechworth Bakery
- ❖ Rebel Sport
- ❖ The Windermere Hotel

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 – 12:30pm approx	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
Thursday 24 th May	8:00am – 9:00am	Woolworths Healthy Breakfast Multipurpose room
Friday 25 th May	8:30am	Active walk to school Meet at Phillis Street 
	9:30am	2019 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SCHOOL TOUR