



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2018**

## CALENDAR

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

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> June**

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> June

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Active Walk to School Day – meet at Phillis Street at 8:30am**

9:30am - 2019 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SCHOOL TOUR

Year 3 – 6 Gym program continues

Prep – Year 2 Gym program commences

Year 3 – 6 Gym program concludes

Junior Unit Werribee Zoo excursion – please be at school by 8:15am

Prep – Year 2 Gym program continues

Pie Drive Orders and money due at the Office

P&F General Meeting in multipurpose room starting at 9:15am – all welcome

**Student Free Day**

**Queen's Birthday Public Holiday**

School Photo Day

Pie Drive Collection Day

First Steps Werribee Zoo excursion – please be at school by 8:15am

Prep – Year 2 Gym program continues

Prep – Year 2 Gym program concludes

P&F SAVE THE DATE – A FUN NIGHT OUT FOR GROWN UPS COMING!!

## School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

### EDUCATION WEEK

This week has been a fun-filled week of activities, tours and a grandparent/special friend visit. This morning we had the Woolworths healthy breakfast and tomorrow we finish the week off with Active Walk to School leaving Phillis Street at 8:30am and another tour for prospective 2019 families at 9:30am. Thank you to everyone who took part in the activities.

### TEAM CHINA – OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

As Matt will be in China until 2nd June, 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/>. If you have trouble joining the blog, feel free to contact Kate Dole at school for support or email [dole.antoINETTE.a@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:dole.antoINETTE.a@edumail.vic.gov.au).

### BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Zoe C.

*Sharyn Burnett, Assistant Principal*

## FIRST STEPS NEWS

### EDUCATION WEEK

This week we have enjoyed participating in many great activities to celebrate Education Week. A big thank you to all the Grandparents and Special Friends that visited our classrooms on Tuesday. We had a wonderful turnout and the children thoroughly enjoyed making their giraffe or zebra with you. Our students also did a fantastic job juggling their scarfs and singing songs in the circus performance.

Today it was fantastic to see so many students arrive early at school to participate in the yummy Healthy Breakfast that was provided by Woolworths. Children enjoyed a range of fresh fruit, cereal and toast. To end our Education Week celebrations don't forget to meet us at Phillis Street at 8:30am to participate in our Active Walk to School.

### GYMNASTICS

On Monday we will be attending our first gymnastics session at Jet's Gym in Golden Square (sports clothes only–no dresses). Please ensure your child's permission form has been returned to the Office and payment has been made by tomorrow, as we need to finalise numbers.

### WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION

Just a reminder that the Werribee Zoo permission notes need to be returned to the office along with payment by Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to come along with us to the zoo. We now have enough volunteers for both classrooms.

### READING

Our reading goal this year is for each student to read for 200 nights. It's wonderful to see many children are starting to reach their 100<sup>th</sup> night certificate in their Reading Journal.

Please remember to record the number of nights read in the space provided in your child's yellow Reading Journal so that a total can be collated at the end of the year.

### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

*For enthusiastically participating in our Education Week activities:*

**FSN** Mia McG  
**FSP** Tayah C

*Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIENDS**

Thank you to all the grandparents and special friends who attended our classrooms on Tuesday. Your interest, participation and creativity in all the learning activities was much appreciated. The students thoroughly enjoyed spending time with you in the classroom and the playground.

### **CIRCUS PERFORMANCE**

The Junior Unit performance was amazing. The students displayed their talents and skills in a variety of areas including the spinning plates, poise, ribbons, hoops and devil sticks. Congratulations to Phil for coordinating a wonderful circus performance and to Sandra for her colourful art work displays.

### **WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION**

The Werribee Zoo Excursion is quickly approaching. We still require parent helpers (who have Working With Children Check cards) to assist on the day so **please** contact your child's teacher if you are available on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June for a fun day at the zoo.

### **JETS GYM**

Jets Gym commences for the Junior Unit next Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May. Parents are most welcome to attend their child's gym sessions and the times are as follows:

<b>JC</b>	<b>9:30am – 10:30am</b>
<b>JJ / JW</b>	<b>10:30am – 11:30am</b>

Please ensure that on gym days appropriate clothing is worn, such as shorts, leggings or tracksuit pants.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For great participation during our Circus Performance:*

**JC** India H  
**JJ** Evie S  
**JW** Jack E

*Catherine, Jen & Wendy*

## **MIDDLE UNIT NEWS**

### **EDUCATION WEEK**

Thank you to all students and families that supported our Education Week activities. We enjoyed taking the opportunity to celebrate The Arts and were amazed by our students Circus skills and performances.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to the students who attended Cross Country yesterday. We were extremely proud of the way these students represented the school through both their participation and behaviour.

### **GYM**

Our gym program will resume tomorrow, Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. Students need to ensure they bring along a drink bottle and wear appropriate school uniform (no tights for girls).

### **HOMEWORK & SPELLING TESTS**

Students need to complete Week 6 in their book and their Unit 13 words. There will be a spelling test tomorrow. Students are also expected to read at home every day for 20-30 minutes and record this in their Student Diary. Diaries are checked by teachers every Friday.

### **LITERACY**

Next week Middle Unit classes will work on the Comprehension area; Point of View. In Independent Reading students are continuing to build their reading stamina to read increasingly challenging chapter books from beginning to end. Students will also conference with their teacher to identify individual CAFÉ goals.

We will not run strategy groups next week, instead we will complete testing to inform Semester 1 reports.

In writing students are working on writing to persuade. Students will conference with their teacher to set individual writing goals. Students will work on Sound Waves Unit 14 to learn the consonant 'l' sound: lizard, bell.

### **NUMERACY**

In Mathematics we will continue our work on the processes of multiplication and division and recalling our basic facts.

Learning Intention: I can recall my basic multiplication and division facts. Success Criteria: I can answer questions quickly and accurately. If I do not know the answer, I can use an efficient mental strategy to calculate the answer.

We will also begin working on the Statistics and Probability concept of Chance. Learning Intention: I can describe possible everyday events and order the chance of these occurring.

### **LSL**

Renae will be on Long Service Leave in Week 8, Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June. Amanda Bateman will be her replacement.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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

**MR** Mahnika M  
**MD** Addison ML  
**MN** Abbie P

*Renae, Dean & Rhys*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students who participated in Divisional Cross Country yesterday. It was terrific to see all the students who tried their best and had fun. Thank you to Brett for organising the day.

### EDUCATION WEEK

What a terrific week have all had celebrating Education Week. The students have really enjoyed participating and completing a variety of different activities. Special thanks to Deb, Sandra, Phil and P&F for arranging so many wonderful activities. Also thank you to all our Grandparents and Special Friends who attended on Tuesday, we really enjoyed having you here and we know the students did too.

### TEAM CHINA

Farewell to the students and Matt who have now departed for China. We have been notified that they have arrived safely in Beijing, if you want to follow their adventures go to <https://bighillteamchina2018.global2.vic.edu.au/>.

### GYM

Our gym program is still running and students are having a fantastic time learning new skills and are enjoying being active.

*Reminder to all students and their families,  
there are NO LUNCH ORDERS  
whilst the gym program is running.*

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For demonstrating respect during specialist program:*

SA     **Jayden G**  
SB     **Joffy V**  
SK     **Jadah L**  
SL     **Will M**

*Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*

## PE NEWS

### DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students in Years 3 – 6 who represented Big Hill at the Division Cross Country yesterday. All students should be extremely proud of their efforts and the way they represented themselves and Big Hill.

We had some amazing results, congratulations to the following students who will compete at the Regional Cross Country in the coming weeks.

### **Blue Group – Regional Qualifiers**

Kalisha M – 1<sup>st</sup> in 11 Girls  
Skye D – 4<sup>th</sup> in 12 Girls  
Tanner F – 7<sup>th</sup> in 11 Boys  
Harley L – 23<sup>rd</sup> in 10 Boys

### **Blue Group – Top 20 Finishers**

Tellium M – 20<sup>th</sup> in 9 Boys  
Seth E – 15<sup>th</sup> in 11 Boys

### **Red Group – Top 20 Finishers**

Kaylah D – 1<sup>st</sup> in 12 Girls  
Mitch P – 6<sup>th</sup> in 12 Boys  
Maliha D – 9<sup>th</sup> in 10 Girls  
Jarvis M – 11<sup>th</sup> in 9 Boys  
Lachie C – 13<sup>th</sup> in 9 Boys  
Kaydin M – 14<sup>th</sup> in 9 Boys  
Eligh G – 15<sup>th</sup> in 12 Boys  
Blake B – 19<sup>th</sup> in 11 Boys  
Seth CK – 20<sup>th</sup> in 11 Boys

### ACTIVE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL DAY

Meet at Phillis Street at 8:30am tomorrow morning – see you all there!

*Brett Strange  
PE Coordinator*

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIENDS

#### CAKE STALL

A huge thank you to everyone who baked for our cake stall on Grandparents and Special Friends Day. It was a complete sell out with people still lining up for more as the last cake sold. We're very grateful also to the students and parents who helped to set up, serve, pack up and look after visitors in the multipurpose room while getting a cuppa – thank you!

#### SPARE CHANGE DRIVE

The drive will run until the end of this term. All coins are accepted to help increase your classroom tally so keep them coming to be in the running to win the classroom prize.

#### PIE DRIVE

Pie Drive order forms were sent out last week to families. If you have not received one there are more at the Office or you can get a copy from our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/>). Ask your family, friends, work mates, neighbours or anyone you know that likes pies! Forms and money are due back to the office by **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> June** with collection date on **Thursday, 14 June**.

#### SAVE THE DATE!! 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018

An exciting new event especially for Big Hill parents, carers and extended family and friends is currently in the planning stages for **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September**. This will be a child free event and is sure to be lots of fun and a great night out. Mark the date on your calendars and stay tuned for more details in coming weeks.

#### JUST ONE THING CAMPAIGN

Have you returned your "Just One Thing" letter? We'd love to hear back from you. If you've lost your letter and need another copy please let us know by emailing us at [bhpspf@gmail.com](mailto: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, 7th June 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*

## CANTEEN NEWS



This week's winners are:

- + Isabella B
- + Asha M

Congratulations!

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

## HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Term 3. We appreciate all offers of help as this enables the continuation of the canteen and assists with economical pricing of our menu.

Help is required between 9:00am – 10:00am OR 12:15pm – 2:15pm Fridays only and once or twice per term. If you are interested, please complete the form below and return it to the Office or canteen.

## CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PH NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TIME AVAILABLE  9:00am to 10:00am

12:30pm to 2:00pm

*Tammy Fear  
Canteen Manager*

## ART ROOM NEWS

### DONATIONS PLEASE

If any families have old newspapers that don't have any staples, corks and wire coat hangers that they would like to donate, could they please leave them at the Office? Thank you.

## 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.

## OSHC NEWS



Dear families,

If you have not done so already, you will need to do a Centrelink Child Care Subsidy Assessment now.

You can do your assessment through myGov using your Centrelink online account or through the Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

This is important, because if you don't do your assessment, you will not receive any subsidy from Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

Please do this as soon as possible.

To find out more, visit

<https://www.education.gov.au/ChildCarePackage>

or watch this short video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q6sTeqWkcY>

## LOST

A scotty dog earring was lost on Grandparents / Special Friends day. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the earring, could they please bring it to the Office? Thank you.