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THURSDAY, 14TH JUNE, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 15th June

Monday, 18th June

Tuesday, 19th June

Friday, 22nd June

Monday 25th June

Wednesday, 27th June

Thursday, 28th June

Friday, 29th June

Saturday, 1st September

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

Second Hand Uniform Shop open in the multipurpose room 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Prep – Year 2 Gym program continues

School Council Meeting

Second Hand Uniform Shop open in the multipurpose room 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Prep – Year 2 Gym program concludes

Pizza Day orders due by 9:00am

Whole School Incursion \$6.60 per child-see back page for details

PIZZA DAY – no normal menu items available, no late orders accepted – iced treats will be available

Last day for Term 2 – EARLY DISMISSAL OF 2:15PM

Second Hand Uniform Shop closed – apologies for any inconvenience

ADULTS ONLY TRIVIA NIGHT! Registration forms and tickets available now at the Office

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Week 9 has been a short, but very busy week at Big Hill Primary School, with much occurring over the 4 days of schooling.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

With freezing and damp temperatures today, it wasn't the best conditions to hold school photos. Nonetheless, our children have all lined up for a snap and have also taken part in class photos. MSP Photography run a tight operation, so the event went smoothly, despite the less-than-fortunate weather conditions. Our School Leaders also did a sterling job helping organise classes for photos and individual shots – well done Connor, Zoe, Mikayla and Todd. Photo orders were due back today with payment. If you forgot to order and you still have your order form with a code on it, you can order online, otherwise, please contact MSP Photography by calling 5333 5577.

PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE – TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Sharyn Burnett and I spent two days at the North Western Victoria Region (NWVR) Principals Forum in Melbourne. Along with all other Principals and Assistant Principals in our Region, we were briefed by the Minister James Merlino, Secretary Gill Callister, Deputy Secretary Bruce Armstrong and NWVR Regional Director Janette Nagorcka. In addition to this, we attended sessions with experts from New Zealand, Canada and other countries leading the way in education. Whilst it is mandatory for Sharyn and I to attend, it was certainly wonderful to know the school was in good hands and I thank Kate Dole, Renae Westley, Kerry Prentice, Janet Dean and our staff for keeping things going smoothly at Big Hill PS during our absence.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – NEXT TUESDAY

Just a reminder to School Councillors of our June meeting next Tuesday, 19th June. Finance Committee members will meet at 6:30pm, with the Council meeting commencing at 7:00pm in the library. Documentation for this meeting will be sent home or emailed shortly – please keep an eye out for this. As we need a quorum at each meeting, parents are reminded to attend each meeting where possible...due to this, I'm hoping we manage to have the majority of members present on Tuesday night. If you are an apology, please email me or contact the Office as early as possible. Thank you.

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

The final section of the 2017 Annual Report is WELLBEING: In 2017, the new online Attitudes to School Survey (AToSS) was introduced, including Year 4 students for the first time. On the AToSS our Years 4, 5 and 6 students' connectedness to our school was similar to like schools, staying above the state median. 84% of those surveyed were positive (up from 73% in 2016). Year 4's were very positive, Year 5's similar with 85% positive endorsement, whilst Year 6's were less positive with 70%. Year 6 girls endorsed the school favourably with 91%, however the boys were less positive in Year 6 (58%). This was a small group of 11 students, with 2 PSD funded students with challenging behaviours. Due to the change to AToSS and the inclusion of Year 4 students, there is no 4 year trend data to compare to. Management of Bullying on the AToSS in 2017 was positively endorsed as similar to like-schools, however the performance of Big Hill PS was above the State median. Management of Bullying was 87% positively endorsed, with Year 4's at 85%, Year 5's at 91% and Year 6's at 83%. Girls (across the 3 year levels) were very positive (89 – 100%), however the boys results varied and less positive – Year 4 79%, Year 5 83% and Year 6 79%. It appears that in both factors measured, our work lies with the boys in Years 4-6.

ATTENDANCE

Just a reminder to text 0438 738 788 or call the Office when your child is away from school. If this can be done before 10:00am on the day, it will save you the hassle of a call from the Office. Remember to state why your child is away – as we must code each absence accurately for the Department of Education and Training (DET). Attendance awards will be presented on the last day of term for children who have achieved 2 days or less absence during Term 2. Those with 100% attendance will get a special certificate and prize as a result. At this stage Attendance Bands are on reorder and may not arrive on time. If this occurs, bands will be presented after the July holidays.

READING GOAL

By the end of this term, your child should have achieved 100 nights of reading. At this stage, many of our children in Prep – Year 2 have done this and have received a certificate at assembly. Congratulations to our students and families who are on track to reach 100 nights of reading – or a well beyond this target! Your efforts at home really do make a difference to your child's reading ability. If you are unaware of how many nights your child has read (including students in Years 3-6), it's a sign that you might need to check in with your child and ensure reading is occurring and that it is being documented in diaries. If you are unsure, please talk to your child's teacher.

PROPOSED STUDENT REPORTING DAY

I have only had one parent indicate their views on a new structure for the student reporting day – proposed for Tuesday, 31st July. Due to this, we will proceed to School Council level to make a decision regarding the proposed day and inform the community of the outcome early... enabling families to make the necessary arrangements to attend interviews and also have their child/ren with them for the day (and at the interview). As this will be discussed next Tuesday night at School Council, I will be able to give you a definite outline of what will happen in next week's newsletter.

PETER NASH – RETIREMENT

As announced last week, Mr Peter Nash has retired formally as of the end of this term. Rhys Bull will continue with Peter's class into next term and a selection process will occur to put a teacher in place for a longer term position. It would be lovely to just extend Rhys until the end of the year, but DET regulations require us to readvertise, even if we just wanted to continue as we have been. Peter has not indicated when he will return to Big Hill PS for a farewell. I think it was a very hard decision for him and saying goodbye is never easy. If you are wanting to write him a letter, send him a card etc feel free to drop these to the Office where we can organise them to be delivered to him. I'm still hopeful of having a formal farewell for Peter – I think the children would love that, but cannot guarantee when that will happen as the timing and visit are entirely up to Peter. I'll keep you posted.

KANGAROO FLAT BUS – MYKI

Parents are reminded to ensure that children travelling on the Kangaroo Flat bus have adequate money on their MYKI. As this is public transport, it is illegal to travel without payment. I have had contact from the bus driver indicating that several students have repeatedly had no money on their MYKI and if this was to continue, travel on the bus will be refused. Please ensure you have a MYKI that is topped up ready to travel to avoid the hassle of a phone call to come and pick up your child in the event that travel is refused.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ELMORE BAKERY PIE DRIVE

Pie deliveries occurred at the school today, with all families reminded to pick up by Close of Business. A big thank you to the Parents and Friends group for organising another wonderful fundraising event for our school. Enjoy the goodies on these cold nights.

TEAM CHINA OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE – FINAL POST DEPARTURE DAY

A reminder to the families of students who travelled to China to please return permission forms for next Wednesday's Post-departure Day at Golden Square Primary School. This event is an opportunity to get feedback from the students who participated in the trip around what they really enjoyed, what they didn't enjoy and how the trip could be improved. This information is put to good use when planning the OSLE for 2019. A reminder to all current Year 4's and 5's of the opportunity to travel to China next year (May/June 2019) – an expression of interest form will be sent home in Term 3. A great way to almost guarantee your child a place is to host a Chinese student in Term 4. Families host for 4 weeks and are supported by the school financially and by key staff (including our Chinese teacher) during this period. If you are able to assist and are thinking about your child possibly travelling to China in 2019...why not send me an email asking for more information: pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au OR feel free to call the school and have a chat with me.

NEW REPORT FORMAT

We have had feedback from parents in the past outlining the complexity of the past school report format and the bulk amount of comments provided. To simplify the report template, Staff have worked hard to create a new format that is easier to read and ascertain how one's child is going at school. There will still be written comments, however, we have cut these back to ensure they are more succinct and to the point for parents. Kate Dole has done a huge amount of work setting up the new system and I thank her for all of her efforts. Well done Kate!

Reports will be sent home at the end of the school term with your child. Please look for them in your child's bag. If you require a second set of reports due to a split family arrangement, please ensure you have notified the Office of the requirement to send home an extra copy...or details of where it is to be emailed.

FAREWELL TASH

Tomorrow Tash Turpie will spend her last day with Senior Ainsley (SA), as she begins a long term commitment with another school until the end of the year. This will mean we won't see Tash again this year, so it's only fitting to thank her for all of the hard work she has put into our school and for the great relationships she has formed with the students at Big Hill PS. She will be missed! To ensure a smooth end of the term for the children in SA, Amanda Bateman will return from Family Leave for two weeks to ensure Ainsley's 5/6's have a nice end to the term. From the commencement of Term 3, Ainsley will return to her normal duties. We look forward to welcoming her back!

CURRICULUM DAY

Last Friday was well spent on Koorie Cultural Training and the Respectful Relationships program. Both sessions were very useful opportunities to check how we are going in each area. Our work with Koorie students will continue to be a priority, aligning with DET's Marrung Education Plan in coming years, whilst Respectful Relationships will be launched next term to build respect and gender equity in our students – with the hope that one day all Australians will respect women. This initiative is nationwide across all sectors of society – you may have seen some of the new commercials. Education is just one platform where efforts will be made to address attitudes to girls and women in Australian society. From Term 3, we will begin to teach compulsory curriculum to all of our students at Big Hill PS. If you have questions about Respectful Relationships, feel free to talk to our two leaders: Dean White and Jen Nicholls. A huge thank you to the staff involved in making Friday such a great day too!

CRUSOE TECHNOLOGY EXTENSION AFTERNOON

Your child might be one of the lucky ones chosen to participate in tomorrow's Crusoe College Technology Extension afternoon. A bus will pick up the students and myself at around 1:00pm – 1:30pm and return us to Big Hill PS close to 3:15pm. If your child is involved and uses the Ravenswood bus, it might be a good idea to have a back-up plan in the event the bus returns later than anticipated.

WERRIBEE ZOO – FIRST STEPS EXCURSION TOMORROW

Tomorrow's First Steps excursion to the Werribee Zoo is going to be very exciting for the girls and boys involved. With the weather forecast at 13 degrees and cloudy, I suggest parents send children with warm clothing and a waterproof jacket in the event of showers. Don't forget to meet at school by 8:15am to avoid missing the bus. We have a tight schedule and can't wait. Apologies. A big thank you to Pauline, Nicole and Sharyn for organising this exciting outing for the First Steps students.

HEAD LICE

We have a number of families dealing with this issue of late, so can I please remind everyone to be vigilant and regularly check your child/ren's hair to try to stay on top of it. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our parent head check volunteers are needing new parents to help with this important task. If you have an hour a week to help our school battle this ongoing problem, and you have a current Working With Children Check card, please contact the Office for more information. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Nate P. Taini H, Allara N, Leila D, Phoebe C & Madi L.

Only two weeks to go! It's hard to believe that this is the case – I think time has just flown because we've been so busy. I think the children are getting ready for a rest...some are looking weary after 9 weeks. With this in mind, use weekends to rest and recharge...ensuring your child travels well through to the end of term.

Have a great Friday and an even better weekend,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION

Yesterday your child brought home a note explaining the important details of the Werribee Zoo excursion. Please note the zoo's 'nude food' policy of no plastic bags and no food wrappers. Please unwrap your child's snacks at home and place their sandwich and snacks in named, reusable containers.

Children are required to bring their backpack to store their drink bottle, food containers, jumper and jacket. Please ensure students are in their classroom by **8:15am** for roll check and organisation before boarding the bus.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For being a responsible learner by being organised to start learning tasks straight away:

FSN Samuel S

FSP Hope G

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

PE

Next semester, JW will be receiving an additional specialist PE session during the week instead of JJ and JC. The Junior Unit classes will still have PE as part of their Monday rotations.

PHOTOS

Please see on the back of the newsletter, the wonderful photos of our Junior Unit students participating in the Jets Gym Program and at the Werribee Zoo.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by completing all set work tasks:

JC Skyla R
JJ Oliver S
JW Cayden H

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

LITERACY

Next week the Middle Unit will be working on the CAFÉ area of Comprehension to critique texts. Students will also continue work on their individual CAFE goals in one of the four areas; Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency, Expand Vocab.

Students will expand their understanding of Persuasive texts to explore advertisements.

Next week's Sound Waves focus is Unit 17 the long 'i' sound: **ice-cream, fly, night, spider, pie.**

NUMERACY

In Numeracy, students will continue work on the 4 processes. Each class will soon be introduced to the concept of Fractions and Decimals.

ROTATIONS

History, Science, PE.

In History, students are learning about the Gold Rush. In Science, students are learning about water forces and in Physical Education, students are developing gross motor skills through a range of ball games.

HOMEWORK

Week 9 Homework is due tomorrow. Students will be tested on their 10 OWL and 10 Unit 16 Sound Waves words. Students wishing to challenge themselves may learn and complete tests for additional word lists. In addition to homework, students are expected to read for 20-30 minutes each night and record this in their student diary. Diaries are checked and signed by teachers each Friday.

REPORTS

Semester 1 Reports will be sent home on Friday, 29th June. Please take the time to read through your child's report. Interviews will be held in Term 3 to discuss your child's progress this year.

INTERVIEWS

Unfortunately Renae Westley will be unavailable for Parent Teacher Interviews in Term 3. Therefore, an alternate day has been set for Wednesday, 27th June. Students are expected to attend interviews along with parents and may be excused from class for their interview times. To make a booking visit:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code nu7wf.

If this day does not suit, please contact Renae to make an alternate time.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR Atila M
MD Jarvis M
MN Rylan S

Renae, Dean & Rhys

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

HOMEWORK

Please ensure that all students are completing their weekly homework tasks. It is important that students begin to create independent work habits and be proactive learners. Weekly homework will include spelling, nightly reading and Maths activities.

PRODUCTION AUDITIONS

These will be taking place next week. Please ensure that if you are auditioning you have a script which you can use to practise your role.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Tash who has been part of the Senior Unit in Ainsley's absence this term. We wish her well for the rest of the year.

HAVE YOU SEEN KATE'S ROCK?

If you have found Kate's rock in the yard and hidden it again, please visit Kate and let her know.

She would love to know about the adventures her rock is having. On the back of the rock is Kate's name and 'bendigorocks'.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating good sportsmanship:

SA Olivia S
SB Jaci R
SK Tyler G
SL Bailey S

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

PIE DRIVE

We've had a great response to the Elmore Bakery pie drive again this year with orders being collected this afternoon. Thank you to everyone who ordered pies and collected orders from friends and families as well. We appreciate your support and hope you enjoy your delicious pies!

SPARE CHANGE DRIVE

Just over a week to go before the final collection of classroom bottles. Who will be our classroom winners?

TRIVIA NIGHT - A NIGHT NOT TO BE MISSED!

Book your table of 8-10 people at our upcoming Trivia Night.

When: **Saturday 1st September.**
Doors open at 6:30pm with a
7:00pm sharp start

Where: Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club,
Station Street, Kangaroo Flat

Tickets: \$20 per person - registration forms
available from the office now

Tickets are limited so get in quick to secure your place. This is an adults only event with a full bar available on the night (strictly no BYO drinks). If you're ready for a fun night out with friends and family then this should not be missed.

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.

Your support of P&F activities is appreciated

ART ROOM NEWS

DONATIONS PLEASE

If any families have old newspapers that don't have any staples, calendars with colourful pictures, empty coffee capsules and corks that they would like to donate, could they please leave them at the Office?

A big thank you those families who have already donated items, it is very much appreciated.

Sandra Willis, Visual Arts Coordinator

OSHC NEWS

CONFIRMATION OF CHILDCARE AGREEMENT

In order to bring our service in line with new government requirements, all families will receive one of the above letters today. It contains information regarding your booked days, session times and prices for each session. Please check your child's bag for it, ensure it is correct, sign and return to the Office before the end of term. If there are any problems, please mark it on the letter and return to the Office for the changes to be made. Apologies for the extra work and thank you for your help.

NEW BOOKING CHANGES FORMS

From now on, if you need to change your permanent booking day/s, you will need to complete a new booking form. If you need an extra day, or need to cancel a day in advance, you will need to complete a casual day booking form. Again, apologies for the extra work, it's another way of ensuring we conform to the new regulations.

*Janet Dean
OSHC Admin*

CANTEEN NEWS



This week's winners are:

- ✚ Isla G
- ✚ Xcavier F

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 12:30pm – 2:00pm 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*

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR THE SCHOOL! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are asking 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, OR YOU CAN MAKE YOUR PLEDGE OVER THE PHONE – 5447 9244.**

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.

FRIDAY, 29TH JUNE

PIZZA DAY MEAL
\$4.50

HAWAIIAN



OR



VEGETARIAN

WITH PRIMA OR MILK

(No choice in flavours, sorry, can only choose between prima or milk)

- + If you wish to order an extra slice, the cost is \$1.50 per slice
- + Orders can be put in an envelope, or ordered on our Qkr app
- + Orders are to be placed in the classroom or ordered using the Qkr app by 9am Wednesday, 27th June. Late orders cannot be accepted.
- + Ice creams will be available as normal

**THE CANTEEN'S NORMAL MENU
IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**

Junior Unit - Jets Gymnastics



Whole School Cultural Infusion Incursion

Dear Parents,

On Thursday, 28th June, all students will have the opportunity to participate in an Indigenous Incursion at Big Hill Primary School.

This is part of an Inclusive School Celebration. The expectation is that all students attend.

Students will have an opportunity to enter the world of Dreamtime Storytelling and receive an overview of Indigenous Culture whilst enjoying a dance and didgeridoo experience.

The first performance will start at 12:00pm and will run for 50 minutes for Prep – Year 2 students, the second performance will begin at 12:55pm and will also run for 50 minutes for Year 3 – 6 students in the multipurpose room.

The cost for the incursion is \$6.60 per child, please ensure payment is paid prior to the incursion.

Thank you,
Lauren Adcock



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Whole School Cultural Performance Incursion

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

Cost \$6.60 per student

PAYMENT: Cash QKR CSEF

Signed: _____ Date: _____

(parent/guardian)

Junior Unit – Werribee Zoo

