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THURSDAY, 19TH JULY, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 20th July
Monday, 23rd July-Sun 26th July
Tuesday, 24th July
Wednesday, 25th July
Thursday, 26th July
Friday, 27th July

Tuesday, 31st July

Friday, 3rd August

Thursday, 9th August
Friday, 10th August

Friday, 17th August

Friday, 24th August

Thursday, 30th August
Friday, 31st August
Saturday, 1st September
Thursday, 6th September
Friday, 7th September

Friday, 14th September

Friday, 21st September

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2
Parent Opinion Survey – selected families
Girls Football Carnival (selected Year 5/6 students only)
Boys Football Carnival (selected Year 5/6 students only)
P&F general meeting in the multipurpose room from 9:15am
Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2
Scholastic Book Club Orders due in

Student Reporting Day –

Students only required at school with parents for appointments

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2
SL Habitat Hollow Excursion
"Buddies" whole school incursion – cost \$5
Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2
SA Habitat Hollow Excursion
Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2

Student Free Day

Father's Day Stall
Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2
ADULTS ONLY TRIVIA NIGHT! Registration forms and tickets available at the Office until 10th August
Middle Unit Camp departs – more information to follow
Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2
SB Habitat Hollow Excursion
Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2
SK Habitat Hollow Excursion
LAST DAY FOR TERM 3

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Term 3. Our first week back has been very settled and productive indeed and we are all looking forward to that continuing. Term 3 is renown as a term where much is accomplished and learning tends to escalate for the majority of children. With this in mind, capitalise on this and keep your child well-rested and at school every day where possible, whilst supporting them at home with reading and homework tasks. By doing so, the benefits are set to be amazing for your child/ren.

WELCOME / WELCOME BACK!

It's been wonderful welcoming Ainsley Stanley back into the Senior Unit, after having Term 2 off for maternity leave. The children in SA have been very pleased to have Ainsley back in the room, despite having a productive and enjoyable time with Tash and Amanda.

Due to Phil Seaton being on leave, we welcomed our new music teacher for Term 3, Lazare, to Big Hill PS. Lazare settled in well during the week and we are sure that he is going to have a lot of fun getting our classes ready for the productions in Term 4. Susie Marsh has stepped into Wendy's room for the first two weeks of Term 2 and the children are working well for her.

Finally, we were very fortunate to welcome a new teacher to the Junior Unit this week. Cheryl Holt has joined the Junior Unit team as an additional support teacher. Cheryl has extensive background working in primary schools around Bendigo and is a great asset for our school. We look forward to having Cheryl support our Year 1 and 2 students this term.

As mentioned last term, Renae Westley is on sick leave for the first five weeks. All is well for Renae, but as she recovers, we welcome back Samantha Kantaris, who is very familiar to the students in Renae's room.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Yesterday, Brett and Pam took two teams (one boys, one girls) to the Bendigo District Netball tournament. Both teams did very well, finishing second in their division and winning 4 out of 5 games. Well done girls and boys! A huge thank you to Brett for organising this outing for our students and for running the day and to Pam for her expert help and assistance.

CANTEEN – WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS

Canteen for Term 3 will remain the same for Term 3...with Wednesdays and Fridays the set days. This week we sent home a new menu, with small price adjustments to cover the rising cost of food and drink supplies. Please familiarise yourself with the new prices when ordering from the canteen in the coming weeks.

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports were sent home at the end of Term 2. If you didn't receive a copy, please contact the Office to organise another. The report format changed to be more informative and easy to read. I'm hoping you found the reports to be to your satisfaction and welcome any feedback around what you thought of them.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY (POS) – WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

We are conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday, 23rd July to Sunday, 26th August**. The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September. Like other years, Big Hill Primary School will communicate to parents the results of this survey through the annual report, via the newsletter and as part of our School Council meetings. Recently we used the survey results from 2017 to develop our School Self Assessment and inform the early stages of our 2018-2021 Strategic Plan. Those families selected will have information sent home to them today or tomorrow in preparation for the survey opening on Monday.

NAIDOC WEEK

Here's hoping you had an opportunity to attend some NAIDOC related events during the school holidays. As outlined in the last newsletter of Term 2, we were able to do quite a few things with the children in the lead up to the event. This week, Sandra has begun to focus on Indigenous art during her lessons, with children enjoying exploring the use of indigenous techniques and images when creating their own piece. In addition to this, all classes have had the option to use some of the great teaching resources provided from the NAIDOC site – a big thank you to Lauren for making these available for our staff and children.

STUDENT REPORTING DAY – INTERVIEW BOOKINGS

On Tuesday, 31st July, we will be having a Student Free Day to undertake "3 Way Conferences" between teacher, parent and student. On the day, parents will keep students home from school, however, will bring them to their interview. The Parent Teacher Interview site is available to make appointments (unfortunately it did close for a few days...but has been reset...so try again if you were unable to book in the last time you tried). To make a booking visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code 929bq. Once in the site, you should be able to select the teacher and time that suits you with ease. If you have any issues, please contact your child's teacher to discuss. We hope to have all families attending an interview with their child this year, as it's a very important opportunity to ensure your child is on track and provides an avenue to set up important strategies for the future. Children are encouraged to attend the interviews with their parents.

BENDIGO BANK – DEFIBRILLATOR

Do you, your family, friends or workmates have a Bendigo Bank account? Have they pledged that account to a school in Bendigo? If you (or someone you know) has a Bendigo Bank account, pledge the existing account to Big Hill Primary School. If the Bank get 25 pledges, we get a Defibrillator at no cost (usually worth between \$3,000 and \$5,000). Having a defib on site means we have the best life-saving equipment readily available in the event that someone has a heart attack – this could be a child, staff member, parent or community person visiting on one of our special days. It's easy to pledge the account and there is no cost to the account holder. Why not consider doing this today? Current status is 10 pledges (15 more needed). You can also pledge over the phone by calling 5447 9244.

XBOX USE

Technology can be both wonderful and a terror. Unfortunately, with the chat/online features installed on some Xbox games, not only has it made the games more engaging and social...but offered an avenue for children and adults to bully one-another. Our advice to parents is to only allow your child to play on linked Xbox games where they know the identity of members joining the game and to ensure games are played in an area of the house where adults can easily supervise.

It's a disturbing thought, but if children are on an Xbox or computer in their room unsupervised, it can be likened to leaving them in a room with a complete stranger. I don't think anyone would want that...so if you feel that the Xbox isn't well-supervised and is indeed in the bedroom, perhaps make some changes to make it more safe. In the event that someone is bullying or harassing online, block them immediately so no further communication can occur. I do hope this good advice is helpful for some of our parents who were not aware of this problem.

PIANO

We have a beautiful, old piano in need of a tune, but otherwise, in fairly good shape. It has not been used for many years, therefore we are opening the door for expressions of interest to purchase the piano. Feel free to come in for a look and make us an offer.

TEAM CHINA OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

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 this term. 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.

I now know that I will need 6 families (3 children hosted for 4 weeks each, over an 8 week period in Term 4) and to date I have had no expression of interests. A Chinese child does not need their own room – they can share with your child. Basically, hosting a Chinese child is like having an extra child for 4 weeks in your home. They just do what your family is doing. I urge you to consider this as an option in Term 4 and make contact with me.

ABSENCES

By now you would all be familiar with the new Department of Education and Training regulations where a parent must report the reason why a child is absent on the actual day of the absence. Due to this, we have to contact families who haven't indicated why a child is away, on the actual day.

To make it easier, please get into the habit of either calling the Office (an answering machine is on 24/7 so you can leave messages at any time of the day), sending a message via our communication app Flexibuzz, emailing the school big.hill.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au or texting 0438 738 788. Thanks for your cooperation.

Our attendance goal for Term 3 is 2 DAYS OR LESS ABSENCE. Here's hoping that good health arrives in your household and your child/ren are able to be at school almost every day. Remember, those that get 100% attendance get a special prize, where those achieving the goal of two days or less get an attendance band and certificate. Last term's bands were a real hit (indigenous themed) – what will this term's band look like?

READING AWARDS

Our 2018 reading goal for all children is 200 nights reading for the year. If your child is at 100 nights (or above) presently, your child is on track to achieving this goal. If your child is below (or you don't know how many nights they have read), please endeavour to get your child into good reading habits each night and with some additional weekend reading, you could easily catch up and get back on track. Certificates and awards will be presented at the end of the year.

SPORTING EVENTS

Today Tanner and Kalisha represent Big Hill PS at the State Cross Country. This is a marvellous effort to have two students make State level. All the very best to our two top competitors! Next Tuesday and Wednesday will also see selected Year 5/6 students competing in the girls and boys football competition. Brett has chosen specific students to represent us (based on skill level and behaviour) and recently purchased football helmets for the school (thanks to P&F) to ensure the safety of those competing. Good luck to the girls and boys involved in football next Tuesday (girls) and Wednesday (boys) at the Huntly/Epsom reserve.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Kaylie A, Jack E, Chloe-Isabell W, Tom S, Dontae B, Mileah G, Tom C & Caitlyn B.

As we approach the first weekend of Term 3, here's hoping you have an awesome Friday and an even better weekend. Don't forget to book in for your Parent Teacher Interview too!

Regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our students and their families. We hope you enjoyed your break; spending time with your children and taking the opportunity to relax a little after a very busy and long Term 2. We are looking forward to another exciting term ahead.

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Just a reminder that Parent Teacher Student Interviews will be held on Tuesday, 31st July. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to have a chat with your child's teacher about their progress.

If you have not already made an online booking please visit the following website:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au to book an interview time. Our schools code is: **929bq**.

If you do not have access to the internet at home, please arrange a time directly with your child's teacher. Just a reminder that students do not come to school that day until their appointment time with their parent/s.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For being helpful in the classroom:

FSN *Sierra S*
FSP *Kohen S*

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

A big welcome back to our team after the break. We hope that everyone has returned to school rested and ready to learn. Our students have settled in well this week and we're looking forward to a very productive Term 3.

HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

This term we will be studying items from the past like children's clothing, toys, games and technology and how these have changed over time. We will also be constructing family trees and learning all about our personal history.

Later in the term we will be learning all about the states and territories of Australia including major cities, landmarks and attractions and studying some of these from an indigenous perspective.

THREE WAY CONFERENCES

We are looking forward to meeting with you and your child for our upcoming three way conferences. These will be held on Tuesday, 31st July and it is an expectation that all students will attend with their parent or guardian for their appointment time only on this day.

Please take the time before then to go over your child's report with them, ready to share your concerns and celebrations with their classroom teacher on the day. Interviews can be booked at:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Enter the code **929bq** and select the teacher and the time you wish to attend.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating our School Values during their outstanding start to Term 3:

JC *Jai N*
JJ *Cohen S*
JW *Dakota J*

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

TERM 3

Welcome back to all our students and families for Term 3! All students returned refreshed, excited and ready to learn. This term we welcome Samantha who is here for the next 5 weeks replacing Renae. We have a busy term coming up as usual and we look forward to some exciting learning opportunities that have been planned.

CAMP

This term we have our annual camp to Billabong Ranch in Echuca (September 6th & 7th) and a note with more detailed information will be sent home soon.

HOMEWORK

Students have all received their Term 3 homework books and have weekly homework tasks to complete. Learning spelling words, basic number and multiplication facts as well as recording reading in their diaries are an important part of weekly learning tasks for each student.

INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Student Interviews in Term 3 for Dean and Rhys's classes have been set for Tuesday, 31st July. For our new format this year, students are expected to attend interviews along with parents. Students are not required at school that day until their appointment time. To make a booking visit:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

and enter the code **929bq**. If this day does not suit, please contact Rhys or Dean to make an alternate time.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR *Bailey P*
MD *Seth S*
MB *Seth E*

Renae, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week was celebrated last week and the theme was 'Because of Her, We Can!' In the lead up to NAIDOC week, students and teachers of Big Hill PS enjoyed the Cultural Infusion Incursion, it was a fantastic experience, which students thoroughly enjoyed.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Complete nightly reading and record the title and pages read in their diary. Complete set diary maths questions. Complete four tasks from the spelling rubric, practising individual word list.

CRUSOE HABITAT HOLLOW EXCURSION

Please ensure permission note and payment of \$5 is handed into the Office by Friday, 27th August.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For playing safely in the yard:

SA *Mirarni S*
SB *Taini H*
SK *Xcavier F*
SL *Mischa W*

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PE NEWS

GIRLS FOOTBALL – TUESDAY, 24TH JULY

BOYS FOOTBALL – WEDNESDAY, 25TH JULY

EPSOM RESERVE

Could those students selected please hand in permission note and payment of \$10 to the Office by TOMORROW, Friday, 20th July. Thank you.

DIVISION NETBALL

Congratulations to the Year 6 Boys and Girls teams that competed in the Division Netball Carnival yesterday. Both teams won 4 out of 5 matches and should be very proud of their teamwork, positive attitudes and behaviour throughout the day. Thank you to Pam for coaching the Girls team all the all parents who came along to support their children.

Brett Strange, PE Coordinator

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 5 of the Scholastic Book Club brochures have been handed out today. Please have orders to the Office (or online via parent LOOP) by Friday, 27th July.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT – HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS YET?

Be sure to secure your seats at our upcoming Trivia Night by registering and paying at the Office **BY FRIDAY, 10TH AUGUST**. Tickets are selling fast and are limited. Get in quick to avoid disappointment! Remember, your table isn't secure until payment is made.

- 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
- Tables: 8 - 10 people per table

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.

GET INVOLVED WITH P&F

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th July from 9:15am in the multipurpose room. If you'd like to get involved, have some fun, meet new people all while helping to raise funds for our school, please feel free to come along to our next meeting. We'd love to see some new faces.

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

OSHC NEWS

CONFIRMATION OF CHILDCARE AGREEMENTS

In order to bring our service in line with new government requirements, all families should have received one of the above letters last term. It contains information regarding your booked days, session times and prices for each session. Please ensure it is correct, sign and return to the Office ASAP.

If you haven't received one, please contact me. 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.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR CENTRELINK LUMP SUM PAYMENT CLAIMS

Just to make families are aware that the new Child Care Subsidy cannot be claimed as a lump sum at the end of the 2018-19 financial year.

If families who claimed Child Care Benefit or Child Care Rebate as a lump sum in the past still have child/ren attending child care, they will need to submit a new claim for Child Care Subsidy as soon as possible to avoid paying full fees. Families should sign into their Centrelink online account through [myGov](#) and complete a Child Care Subsidy claim.

Centrelink can backdate payments for care provided up to 28 days before the date the family submitted their claim.

Families can still submit a lump sum claim for Child Care Benefit or Child Care Rebate for any approved child care used in the 2017-18 financial year. These claims need to be submitted by **30 June 2019**.

More information about the new Child Care Subsidy for parents can be found at:

<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/claiming/how-understand-your-assessment>

Janet Dean, OSHC Admin

CANTEEN NEWS

NEW MENUS – PRICE INCREASE

Please note that due to price increases from our suppliers we have had to slightly increase the prices on our canteen menu. We appreciate your understanding. Menus were sent home earlier this week. You can also find the new menu on our website or hard copies at the Office.

NEW MILO DRINKS

Available NOW

\$2.00 each

4.5 healthy star rating

“Green” rated by Australian School Canteen guidelines



This week's winners are:

- ✚ Shelby S
- ✚ Jett E

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

TERM 3

The canteen will continue to operate on Wednesdays and Fridays this term. Thank you for your support.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Anglican Parish of Kangaroo Flat

193-195 High Street, Kangaroo Flat

Winter Art Show

27, 28 & 29 July 2018

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
10am to 4pm

Entry is \$3.00 per person

Children under 15 free with adults

All Event Enquiries: Warrick & Margaret on 5447 3955



Coder Dojo will be back

WHEN

**Saturdays
Beginning
July 21st
11am-1pm**

*No need to reregister
if you are already on
the list just let us
know or come along
to the first session!*

WHERE

Discovery Centre

Bendigo

Learn about **Robotics** · **Coding** · **Scratch** · **Arduino** ·
Raspberry Pi · **Programming** and much more!

Contact

Twitter: [@coderbendigo](#)

Email: coderdojojobendigo@gmail.com

Workshops for Professionals Working with Children and Families

Bendigo 2018

CCS Family and Relationship Services facilitate a range of parenting and professional workshops across the Loddon Mallee Region. In 2018 we will be offering the following workshops in Bendigo for professionals working with children and families:



Term 3

Supporting Separated Families

This two and a half hour workshop considers the issues that parents and children experience during and after family separation. It explores the reasons for conflict, what it's like for the children when parents are unable to communicate respectfully and offers strategies around how to best support children's well-being.

Wednesday 12th September 2018, 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 18th September 2018, 12.00pm - 2.30pm

Location: 176 - 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo

Cost: \$50 (Certificate provided)

Bookings: CCS Reception Ph 5438 1300

If you would like to inquire about hosting a professional development workshop or the other workshops available at your organisation/school or centre please contact us on Ph: 5438 1300



Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged