



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2018**

## CALENDAR

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June

**PIZZA DAY** – no normal menu items available – iced treats will be available  
**HOODY day** – please bring a gold coin donation and wear your favourite hoody  
**AWARDS ASSEMBLY 9:00AM**

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

Lunch (second break) will be from 1:30pm – 2:00pm

Second Hand Uniform Shop closed – apologies for any inconvenience

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> July

**Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July**

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September

**First day for Term 3**

P&F general meeting in the multipurpose room from 9:15am

**Student Reporting Day – STUDENT FREE DAY only required at school with parents for appointments**

“Buddies” whole school incursion – cost \$5 – note going home next term

Father’s Day Stall

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

## School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Whilst it has been a very long and busy term, it’s hard to believe that we almost have 11 weeks behind us and are at the commencement of June/July school holidays!

### STUDENT AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Don’t forget that tomorrow is our Student Award Ceremony, beginning at 9:00am, under the outdoor shelter. As it is at the beginning of the day, please ensure your children are dressed in a warm manner and if you are attending, come rugged up also in case it is cold. We will be presenting Attendance Awards for meeting our goal of 2 days or less absence AND 100% Attendance – the new bands have arrived and look fantastic! Other awards presented include EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS and VISUAL ARTS, ENDEAVOUR IN ENGLISH and MATHEMATICS and OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOOL VALUES. Our winners have been announced today in this newsletter – congratulations to all of our Term 2 worthy winners. I look forward to being part of the celebrations tomorrow!

### CSEF PREP UNIFORM PACKAGE & CSEF APPLICATIONS CLOSING

I am still awaiting uniform order sheets for Preps in receipt of CSEF funding. This form was sent home to the families concerned recently...if you received an order form, please return ASAP so I can put in the order. Basically, if you have CSEF funding and your child is in Prep, you are entitled to a free Winter School Uniform. Feel free to contact me to discuss if you need to.

### OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW – AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS MENTORING EXPERIENCE (AIME)

On the last day of school, we traditionally have an out of uniform day, with a gold coin donation given to a charity or business. This term the business/program is the AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS MENTORING EXPERIENCE (AIME) – an organisation that raises funds to give indigenous youth around the country the opportunity to extend themselves through mentoring experiences. Here’s some information from the site [www.aimentoring.com](http://www.aimentoring.com) to outline the importance of the program for you:

*Since the first group of twenty-five kids, 15,000 Indigenous high schoolers and 5000 university students have now been through our program. It’s the largest volunteer movement of university students in Australian history. We’ve managed to close the education gap for this group: 75% of non-Indigenous people between age 17-24 are in employment, university or further training. The Indigenous rate is 42%. AIME kids have closed that gap heading through into jobs or university at 75% + for the last 6 years running. In further measuring AIME’s impact, Australian universities have completed independent research that has found that the program is one of the best things that university students do during their degree. The same body of research has found what may be expected: that the kids have increased sense of strength of identity, purpose and aspirations. As an economic solution for governments, KPMG found that for every dollar invested into AIME, seven were returned into the Australian economy. A letter to the world was recently co-signed by over thirty leaders, including fifteen Australian university leaders, and Australia’s first female Governor General, Quentin Bryce, and it led with the sentence, ‘It’s not every day that an idea that can change the world comes across your desk. Today we wanted to share one we’ve kept secret in Australia for the last 12 years.’ Impressed? Check out the site and view the video...it’s inspiring stuff...and as it’s NAIDOC week in the holidays, what a way to help celebrate NAIDOC by staging AIME’s “HOODY DAY” at Big Hill PS. Whilst HOODY DAY is on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, we will hold ours earlier due to the holidays...so tomorrow...send your child to school in a hoody with a gold coin for AIME. If you can’t afford the loose change...send them along in a hoody anyway to support the cause physically. I’ll be wearing this year’s official AIME hoody to assembly on Friday also – so if you want one (or hoody’s from previous years), go to the website and order your own...all proceeds go to AIME.*

### **SCHOOL REPORTS HOME TOMORROW**

Our new reports go home tomorrow. Please collect these from your child when they get home to prevent them spending two weeks in school bags. The new format has a different layout, making it much easier to see if your child is at, above or below standard in many areas. We have also included personalised comments and student goals because we know students and families love these. There are some formatting issues with the new software, so please excuse some obvious errors, such as the graphic for attendance, which has the ranking of days absence around the wrong way...0 days away from school is actually excellent and 20 days away from school is a concern. As we work with our Software provider, we will iron out any issues in the future. Feel free to let me know any glaringly obvious issues with the formatting.

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – SECURITY, COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 3 ETC**

School Holidays will provide a welcome rest for students and staff for the next two weeks. School will commence again at 9:00am on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> July. As the school has long periods of vacancy during holiday times, I do ask our community to keep an eye out for suspicious persons in the grounds, particularly after dark...and to report any concerns immediately to the Police (000). When Police are called, if there is a security issue, they contact me, so I can attend the school to ensure our children's resources have not been damaged or stolen. Thanks for your diligence and help with this matter.

### **NAIDOC WEEK 8<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY – CULTURAL INFUSION PERFORMANCE TODAY**

Today we had a fantastic performance from Indigenous Artists. Children from all classes had the opportunity to learn from experts on Australia's First Nations People and from all reports, it was very impressive. As NAIDOC WEEK falls in the holidays, we have staged a performance in the lead-up to NAIDOC, are holding an AIME HOODY DAY tomorrow and if your child got an attendance band this week...you will notice a very obvious theme. In addition to this, NAIDOC merchandise was also awarded to respectful students in class this week – 2 chosen per class. During the holidays, keep an eye out in local newspapers and on the NAIDOC website for interesting and cultural events that are occurring in our local area from the 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **NEW CHILDCARE SYSTEM – USERS OF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

It is really important for families using OSHC to do a Centrelink Child Care Assessment now, if you have not already. 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, your child care fee assistance may be disrupted and/or you may have to pay full fees. Please do this as soon as possible. To find out more, visit [education.gov.au/childcare](http://education.gov.au/childcare) or watch this short video: [youtube.com/watch?v=8q6sTeqWkcY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q6sTeqWkcY).

### **STUDENT REPORTING DAY – INTERVIEW BOOKINGS**

On Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> 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. To make a booking visit [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://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.

### **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 3 pledges. You can even pledge over the phone – call 5447 9244.

### **STAFFING**

Next term Renae Westley will need to have the first 5 weeks off school with Sick Leave. During this time, Samantha Kantaris will replace Renae in her classroom. Fortunately the children in Middle Renae have worked with Samantha several times and enjoy her teaching.

Phil Seaton will also be absent in Term 3, for the entire term, as he takes some Long Service Leave. We're very lucky to be welcoming Lazare (a fully qualified music teacher) onto our staff for Term 3. Lazare will prepare students for our Term 4 Productions as well as provide an ongoing quality music program for students. I'm sure you will make Lazare feel very welcome. Wendy Hicks will also be on Long Service Leave for the first 2 weeks of term, replacement to be announced. Rhys continues to work in the Middle Unit for the Term, with a permanent position advertised in the near future.

### **PLANNING WEEK**

Planning week occurred from Monday – Thursday this week. It's been very busy indeed, however, the children have coped really well! Planning days ensure teachers in Units plan the term together, ensuring there is consistency from class to class.

## **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 in Term 3. A great way to almost guarantee your child a place is to host a Chinese student in Term 4, 2018. 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](mailto:pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au) OR feel free to call the school and have a chat with me.

## **CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT – UPDATE**

The latest plans have been shared with School Council and Staff – all is looking pretty good. Our new building has not diminished in size nor have our classrooms. Our remodelling of the library, art and staff spaces will also go ahead. Cuts to the plans only involved some reduced landscaping and seating, as well as some cabinetry in particular areas. The construction is hopefully due to start mid Term 3. I'll keep you posted.

## **END OF TERM, TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

School will cease tomorrow, Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, at 2:15pm, with children departing for 2 weeks of holidays. Parents are reminded to organise pick up at the earlier time of 2:15pm. The Ravenswood bus will run at an earlier time, however, the Kangaroo Flat bus is hard to predict. It may run in line with dismissal, however, we cannot guarantee this. Due to this, I suggest families make other arrangements tomorrow, rather than rely on the Kangaroo Flat Bus.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Jaci R, Oscar G, Owen B, Mia M, Connor W, Melia H, Peyton C, Kyle W, Bailey S, Zac N, Charlie T, Jayden F, Ciana M, Emily W, Levi B, Alaena H, Deklyn M & Kirra W.

With our big Awards Ceremony tomorrow, it will be a great opportunity to see many of you within the school. If I don't catch up with you before dismissal, may the next two weeks be safe and enjoyable for you all. It's a lovely time to have students out of routine, providing extra opportunities to spend time together.

See you in two weeks time,

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **HOLIDAYS**

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Your child will bring home three readers for the holidays, please continue to read these books and also your favourite books at home over the holidays. Also please check your child's 'Take Home book', inside you will find sight words for your child to practise reading and spelling.

### **GYMNASTICS FUN PHOTOS**



*Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline*

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

### STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the students who received Student Awards this term. It is wonderful to acknowledge your achievements and endeavours in English, Mathematics, Visual Arts and the Big Hill PS Values.

### HOLIDAY READING

There is an expectation that all students will keep up their reading over the holidays. Just a reminder to fill in your yellow Reading Diary and record the relevant details.

We wish all our students and families a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing everyone in Term 3.

*Catherine, Jen & Wendy*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### WELL DONE

Congratulations to all students for a great term!

### HOLIDAYS

Keep up the reading over the school holidays and have a great break. See you next term!

*Rena, Dean & Rhys*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### CULTURAL INFUSION

Today the students enjoyed the Cultural Infusion Incursion. This was a time for students to connect with Indigenous artists and learn about their culture in a hands on way. In the lead up to NAIDOC week, students will continue to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Special Indigenous respect bands have been handed out to selected students throughout the week. These students have been demonstrating respect in a variety of different ways. Congratulations to those students.

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We would like to wish all our students and their families a safe and restful holiday. Students have worked very hard this term and should take this time to recharge and rest in preparation for a busy Term 3.

### HOMEWORK

There was no set homework tasks for this week, however we do encourage our students to complete the maths and reading activities over the school holiday period.

### REPORTS

These will be sent home with each student tomorrow. Please go through the report with you child and if you have any questions please see your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you all for a great term and we look forward to a busy and productive Term 3.

*Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### SPARE CHANGE DRIVE

**Our Winner is.....  
5/6 Ainsley**

Congratulations to all children in Ainsley's class who raised the highest amount during the Drive and will now receive an exciting classroom prize at the beginning of Term 3.

Thank you to all children and their families who contributed their spare change to the drive and helped to raise \$219.15 for our school. Your generosity is amazing!

### TRIVIA NIGHT – A NIGHT NOT TO BE MISSED!

Secure your seats at our upcoming Trivia Night by registering and paying at the Office. **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 26<sup>th</sup> 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

### ACCOUNTS

Please try to keep on top of your accounts. Statements are sent home weekly, and fortnightly payments are expected to hold your child's place in the program. If you are having trouble paying, please contact us sooner, rather than later to work out a payment plan. Thank you.

*Janet Dean, OSHC Admin*

## CANTEEN NEWS



This week's winners are:

- ✚ Henry P
- ✚ Matt E

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

### TERM 3

The canteen will reopen on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July. It will continue to operate on Wednesdays and Fridays next 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

### Primary Art Class

Alice Adams

Tuesday Evenings 4pm - 5pm | 10 weeks - \$250  
Term 3 2018 Starting on 17 July - 18 September



We have an exciting new program for the Primary Art Students in 2018. Students will enjoy creating colourful artworks using a variety of Materials and Techniques. Classes will be facilitated by experienced artist and art teacher Alice Adams. Alice has had extensive experience teaching art to Primary and Secondary students.

Arnold Street Gallery  
509 Arnold Street, North Bendigo  
0439 571 054  
arnoldstreetgallery18@gmail.com  
www.arnoldstreetgallery.com

Enrolment for Term 3 2018 is now open.  
To book please go to our Facebook page or phone 0439 571 054

## Kangaroo Flat MARKET



**Saturday 30th June**

at Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church (opposite ALDI)



Devonshire Teas



Sausage Sizzle

from 8am - 1pm



Enquiries & Site Bookings - Max 54431809

(if raining Garage Sale, Church Stalls & D'Teas will be in the hall)

## 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 17th September 2018, 6.00pm - 8.30pm

Tuesday 18th September 2018, 12.00pm - 2.30pm

Location: 176 - 178 McCue 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.

# **STUDENT AWARDS – TERM 2, 2018**

## **Outstanding Achievement in English:**

FSN: Willow W	FSP: Tyler W	
JC: Leila D	JJ: Mia P	JW: Madison L
MD: Nate P	MN: Adalia C	MR: Charlotte C
SA: Demi L	SB: Blake B	SK: Imogen M
SL: Matilda B		

## **Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics:**

FSN: Vienna F	FSP: Kirra W	
JC: Logan B	JJ: RJ T	JW: Taj A
MD: Wesley H	MN: Tait R	MR: Lincoln S
SA: Jayden G	SB: Will S	SK: Tyler G
SL: Kobe B		

## **Endeavour Award in English:**

FSN: Erica K	FSP: Hope Grant	
JC: Addisyn J	JJ: Billie H	JW: Kiera H
MD: Piper H	MN: Matilda R	MR: Zac N
SA: Olivia S	SB: Elliot P	SK: Tyson T
SL: Lilli W		

## **Endeavour Award in Mathematics:**

FSN: Kaylie A	FSP: Connor W	
JC: Phoebe C	JJ: Shanay O	JW: Ben O
MD: Tellium M	MN: Nate F	MR: Jordan M
SA: Deklyn M	SB: Milla P	SK: Xcavier F
SL: Mitchell T		

## **Outstanding Display of School Values:**

FSN: Bobby S	FSP: Tayah C	
JC: Josh VS	JJ: Harley W	JW: Harley N
MD: Emily T	MN: Chloe-Isabell W	MR: Shelby C
SA: Allegra M	SB: Ebony S	SK: Katie M
SL: Ebon M		

## **Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts:**

FSN: Layla F	FSP: Aleeah M	
JC: Caitlyn B	JJ: Tiffany H	JW: Alexis C
MD: Seth S	MN: Ava A	MR: Latoya F
SA: Tanner J	SB: Jaci R	SK: Jadah L
SL: Ebon M		