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THURSDAY, 26TH JULY, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 27th July

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2

Scholastic Book Club Orders due in

Tuesday, 31st July

Student Reporting Day –

Students only required at school with parents for appointments

Friday, 3rd August

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2

SL Habitat Hollow Excursion

Thursday, 9th August

"Buddies" whole school incursion – cost \$5

Friday, 10th August

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2

SA Habitat Hollow Excursion

Friday, 17th August

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2

Friday, 24th August

Student Free Day

Thursday, 30th August

Father's Day Stall

Friday, 31st August

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2

Saturday, 1st September

ADULTS ONLY TRIVIA NIGHT! Registration forms and tickets available at the Office until 10th August

Thursday, 6th September

Middle Unit Camp departs – more information to follow

Friday, 7th September

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2

SB Habitat Hollow Excursion

Friday, 14th September

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2

SK Habitat Hollow Excursion

Friday, 21st September

LAST DAY FOR TERM 3

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I unfortunately missed a bit of this week being unwell – the joys of the winter season! Week 2 has been productive nonetheless, with a 5 day week almost under the belt and a lot of work completed in classes.

PHOTOS – ISSUES / GROUP ORDERS

If you have issues, please contact MSP Photography directly on 5333 5577. You can pre-order copies of the Student Voice and School Captains from the Office for \$18 for a 25cm x 20cm copy. Orders must be in by Friday, 10th August.

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 5 and 6 boys and girls have represented Big Hill PS this week at the girls (Tuesday) and boys (Wednesday) football tournament. Brett, Pam and the children involved spent the day/s at the Epsom Huntly reserve and participated to the best of their ability. Behaviour was also excellent. A big thank you to Brett for organising and coaching and to Pam for assisting. Stay tuned for the results of the two days.

BASTOW INTERNSHIP

As of next week, I will have Corinna Harland (an educator from the Bendigo area) shadowing me each day. This will mean that I will not appear alone very often, with constant company. Why is this important for you to know? Because you are to feel free to come up and talk to me as you feel the need to. Corinna will participate in all that I do (as part of the program she is doing to become a Principal), however, if you need to speak privately, just let me know when you approach. Rest assured that anything you say to me is confidential with Corinna present anyway.

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

Our school is 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 have been 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. The families selected will have received information that was sent home last week in preparation for the survey opening this week.

STAFFING

Unfortunately Lauren has been quite unwell this week and SL has been taken care of by Roberta and other available staff. We're hoping to have Lauren back on deck next week. Susie Marsh will finish her time with us this week and we will welcome back Wendy Hicks from Long Service Leave on Monday.

STUDENT REPORTING DAY, NEXT TUESDAY...STUDENT FREE DAY

Next 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. 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.

BENDIGO BANK – FREE DEFIBRILLATOR – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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? We still need 15 pledges. You don't even have to go into a branch, you can call them on 5447 9244.

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 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 very few expressions of interest. 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.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I'll be on a little bit of Long Service Leave from next Thursday, 2nd August to Tuesday, 7th August. During this time, feel free to meet with Assistant Principal Sharyn Burnett.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Lyla R, Cohen S, Dakota J, Brenton K, Jarrod M, Jayden G, Imogen M, Skyla R & Eligh G.

With week 2 almost done, it's hard to believe that we are almost a quarter of the way through the term. Time flies when you're having fun. Have a great Friday and an even better weekend when you get there....

Until next week,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

WRITING

To support our Literacy program for next week we are asking students to bring in an item that they used to have when they were a baby. This item will be used for discussions and as a writing prompt. Could you please assist your child in choosing an item and bring it to school on Monday. Please be aware that we will be keeping these items at school until the end of the week.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

The students are eagerly awaiting our 100th day of school on Friday 10th July.

On this day we will have a fun filled day of Literacy and Maths activities that revolve around the number 100. One of the activities involves 100 items, tomorrow your child will bring home a note and bag for their items. Details and examples will be outlined in the note. Could you please help your child choose and count these items? Thank you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For being responsible by quickly and quietly lining up at bell times:

FSN Nathan A
FSP Chad S

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS

The Junior Unit have been fortunate enough to have Cheryl Holt join us for the remainder of Term 3. She will be conducting some small group Reading, Writing and Mathematics sessions. Some lucky students have been selected to take part in these sessions and we would like to extend a warm welcome to Cheryl and hope she enjoys her time here with us.

BUDDIES INCURSION

Last week a note was sent home regarding our upcoming anti-bullying Buddies Incursion. Notes and \$5 are required back at the Office before the performance on Wednesday, 9th August.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

We are looking forward to meeting with you and your child for our upcoming 3 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 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 displaying respect to Cheryl and their peers during our small group sessions:

JC *Jesse B*
JJ *Alissa M*
JW *Alaena H*

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

TERM 3

We have all had a great week of learning in the Middle Unit. Samantha has settled in very well and is doing a great job replacing Renae for the first 5 weeks of this term (we do all miss Renae though).

Students have been working hard in **Mathematics** revising place value and addition / subtraction of decimals as well as looking at different angles. Students have also been developing and revisiting their knowledge of **CAFÉ reading** as well as looking at how to write a **Procedure** when writing this particular genre.

CAMP

Students were excited when reminded that this term we have our annual camp to Billabong Ranch in Echuca (September 6th & 7th) and a note with more detailed information was sent home on Tuesday. Please read over the note with your child and discuss any concerns they might have about camp!

The permission to attend and the deposit of \$45 is due by Friday 3rd August. It is important to return this so staff can further organise camp knowing the number of students who will or will not be attending.

HOMEWORK

Students are reminded to have homework books, other weekly homework tasks as well as home reading and diaries completed and handed in to teachers by 9:00am on Fridays. Learning spelling words, basic number and multiplication facts as well as recording reading in their diaries is an important part of weekly learning tasks for each student.

INTERVIEWS

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews this Term for Dean and Rhys will be held next Tuesday, 31st July. For our new format this year students are expected to attend interviews along with parents **where possible**.

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 'Responsibility':

MR *Samantha C*
MD *Kyle W*
MB *Abbie P*

Renae, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS

These are next Tuesday, 31st July. To make a booking visit; www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **929bq**.

CRUSOE HABITAT HOLLOW PROJECT EXCURSION

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

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating a positive attitude:

SA *Deklyn M-C*
SB *Dontae B*
SK *Mia B*
SL *Bailey S*

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

OSHC NEWS

NEW STATEMENTS

The new version of statements have been sent home this week. If you need any help reading and understanding them, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

DONATIONS

If anyone has any empty paper towel or glad wrap rolls they could donate, please drop at OSHC or the Office.

Janet Dean
OSHC Admin

PE NEWS

GIRLS & BOYS FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the Girls & Boys Football teams that competed at the Division Carnival in Epsom on Tuesday and Wednesday. Both teams did an amazing job, showing great sportsman / womanship and fantastic behaviour. The Girls team won 4 games and played off in the Semi Final and the boys team won 5 games and played off in the Grand Final. Thanks to all parents who came to support their children.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

This term students from Prep to Year 6 will be participating in Jump Rope For Heart. Students will receive a sponsorship form to raise funds for the Heart Foundation. There are fantastic prizes up for grabs to raise funds for a fantastic organisation. On the last day of term all students will participate in a 'Jump Off' with lots of skipping activities run by the Senior Unit students.

Brett Strange, PE Coordinator

ART ROOM NEWS

If families have any empty long wrapping paper inner tubes they would be willing to donate, could they please be left at the Office? Thank you.

*Sandra Willis
Visual Arts Coordinator*

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Issue 5 of the Scholastic Book Club brochures were handed out last week. 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

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 for \$2.00 each
4.5 healthy star rating
"Green" rated by Australian School
Canteen guidelines



WEDNESDAY WINNERS

This week's winners are:

-  Chelsea W
-  Atila M

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