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THURSDAY, 2ND AUGUST, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 3rd August

Thursday, 9th August

Friday, 10th August

Wednesday, 15th August

Thursday, 16th August

Friday, 17th August

Monday, 20th August

Friday, 24th August

Monday 27th August

Thursday, 30th August

Friday, 31st August

Saturday, 1st September

Tuesday, 4th September

Thursday, 6th September

Friday, 7th September

Friday, 14th September

Friday, 21st September

Monday, 8th October

Saturday, 20th October

SL Habitat Hollow Excursion

Year 3/4 Camp Deposit of \$45 due

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

~~“Buddies” whole school incursion – cost \$5 CANCELLED DUE TO PRESENTER’S ILL HEALTH~~

Student Voice and School Captain photo orders due at the Office

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

SA Habitat Hollow Excursion

School Captain visit to Bendigo Town Hall

100th Day of School First Steps celebrations

Year 3/4 camp instalment of \$50 due

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

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

“The Protectors” whole school incursion – cost \$5 (replacement for cancelled “Buddies” incursion)

Student Free Day

Book Fair – all week 3:15pm – 4:00pm – venue to be announced

Father’s Day Stall and Raffle Tickets due back at the Office

Year 3/4 Final Camp payment of \$50 due

Book Character Parade 9:00am – 10:00am

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

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – SUPERHERO COSTUMES – gold coin donation

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

Jump Rope for Heart “Jump Off” Day

First Day for Term 4

Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Tour \$30 early bird price if paid by Friday, 14th September

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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.

CHINESE IMMERSION PROGRAM POSTPONED

Due to the Chinese Government introducing greater scrutiny on Chinese schools participating in exchange programs, the Immersion Program planned for October has been postponed. We are still hoping that the program will go ahead but it will likely be early next year (Term 1 & 2 in 2019). Schools will still be looking for host families to assist with this program, so please speak with your school if you are able to host early next year. More information will be forwarded to Bendigo Team China schools when it is available. Planning is underway for the 2019 China Overseas Learning Experience, when Year 5/6 students from Bendigo visit Beijing, Shanghai and sister school in Suzhou. We are anticipating that this will take place in late May/early June next year.

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS

On Tuesday we had a very productive student free day, with the great majority of families coming along with their child to meet with teachers. Feedback from parents has been very positive, as has been the opinions of staff involved. If you have missed the opportunity to catch up with your child’s teacher, feel free to contact the school to organise a time. We always encourage valuable information sharing between home and school.

YEAR 6 – YEAR 7 PLACEMENT

Parents of Year 6 students should expect to see an enveloped letter in your child’s bag on Wednesday afternoon. The letter will outline which secondary school a child has been successfully allocated to. If you do not receive this letter Wednesday night, please contact the school, or me to arrange another copy.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I have been on Long Service Leave today and it continues tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday. I look forward to catching up with you on my return – in the meantime, feel free to contact Assistant Principal Sharyn Burnett on Friday, or one of our Unit Leaders (Ainsley, Dean, Catherine or Nicole) on Monday and Tuesday.

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.

STUDENT VOICE BADGES

We have had two Student Voice badges handed in to the Office. If you are missing yours, please come and collect it.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to India H & Mahdi B.

Sharyn Burnett, Assistant Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

100th DAY OF SCHOOL

As we near our 100th Day of School celebration, the children's excitement is growing. We will spend Friday, 10th August investigating the number 100 as part of the celebration.



A paper bag with a note attached was sent home last Friday for your child to fill with 100 small items. This may include things like buttons, toothpicks, 5c pieces or anything your child chooses that will fit in their paper bag. We ask that the bags are returned to school by next Tuesday, 7th August in preparation for our whole unit activities on Friday.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday. It was a great opportunity to share with you the progress that your child has been making this year.

HISTORY

Over the past two weeks students have had a wonderful time comparing and sorting items from the past and present, such as candles/lights fire/ovens, horse/car etc.

Next week we will be investigating toys from the past. If you have any toys from the past at home we would love to share them with our classes.



STARS OF THE WEEK

For working independently during Reading group activities:

FSN Willow W
FSP Connor W

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

3 WAY CONFERENCES

Thank you to all students and parents who took the time to attend our 3 way conferences on Tuesday. We were pleasantly surprised to see so many parents and we were happy to share with you the accomplishments of our students, discuss their progress and set goals for the remainder of the year.

If you were unable to attend on Tuesday, feel free to contact your classroom teacher to organise an alternative time.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' for their learning by actively participating in their teacher conference:

JC Joshua VS
JJ Shanay O
JW Ty R

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

TERM 3

This week Students have been working hard in **Mathematics** revising the process of addition / subtraction as well as looking at fractions and decimals. Students have also continued to develop their knowledge of our **CAFÉ reading strategies** whilst also looking at the features of a variety of non-fiction texts. We have also continued working on developing student understanding of how to write a **Procedure**.

INTERVIEWS

Thanks to all parents (and students) who attended our Parent / Student / Teacher conferences this week. They were very successful and a large percentage of our families attended. If you were unable to attend on the day please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns.

CAMP

Just a quick reminder 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 last week. 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 this 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. Thank you.

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.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR *Lily R*
MD *Piper H*
MB *Jaylen J*

Renae, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

HABITAT HOLLOW TALK

Last Friday, the Senior Unit participated in a presentation from Blair (Bendigo Council), Mike (Parks Victoria) and Kerri (Friends of Crusoe Number 7 Park). Blair, Mike and Kerri outlined some of the issues that are endangering some of the native wildlife in our bushland, and also brought in some taxidermy animals for the unit to touch and look at. The Senior Unit are very excited about the prospect of supporting native wildlife such as the Brush Tailed Phascogales, Swift Parrot and Antechinus by participating in the Habitat Hollow program in the coming weeks.

Just a reminder that payment is now overdue for this excursion. Please make payment either using our Qkr app, over the phone, or in person using cash or EFTPOS.

Another reminder also to Lauren's class that their Habitat Hollow excursion is **tomorrow**. Please wear appropriate warm uniform, the morning could be cold so be prepared for that.

STUDENT LEAD CONFERENCES

Thanks to the parents who came and visited the senior teachers for student lead conferences.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For being a role model to younger students:

SA *Olivia S*
SB *Mahdi B*
SK *Koni O*
SL *Maliha D*

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

OSHC NEWS

DONATIONS

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

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

BUDDIES INCURSION CANCELLATION

Unfortunately, Brainstorm Productions will need to cancel the Buddies performance at Big Hill PS on Thursday, 9th August as the actor that performs in this show is very ill.

However, Brainstorm has offered an alternative performance called 'The Protectors' to be staged on Monday, 20th August. It will cover many of the same issues as 'Buddies'.

The payment will stay the same as for Buddies, so if you have paid there will be no changes for you. If you are yet to pay please use the existing Buddies paperwork and name on Qkr.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sandra Willis

LITERACY NEWS

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

As we draw closer to Book Week and Literacy and Numeracy Week, we would like to remind parents and children that we will once again be hosting a book character parade as part of our celebrations.

We look forward to seeing children dressed up as book characters. Costumes do not need to be elaborate or purchased from a shop, often the best costumes are the ones made by the children or put together from pieces you already have at home.

We look forward to seeing our wider school community come along to our parade at 9:00am on Friday, 31st August.

PE NEWS

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

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE AND STALL DAY

Can you believe that Father's Day is quickly approaching? Our Father's Day Stall is set to take place on Thursday, 30th August where a range of exciting items will be available for children to purchase for the special person in their life. Raffle books and a note for our Father's Day Raffle and Stall were sent home last week. If you didn't receive a raffle book there are spares at the Office.

To help us run another successful raffle and stall, we are seeking donations of items and these can be left at the Office. Items such as chocolates, wrapped lollies, fishing, camping, sporting or gardening items are always very popular, however we happily receive and appreciate any donations you might be able to assist with. Thank you.

Raffle tickets are 50 cents each and are due back to the Office by 9:00am on Thursday, 30th August and we appreciate your help with selling these to raise valuable funds for the school.

TRIVIA NIGHT – GET YOUR TICKETS NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

There's only a few days left to grab tickets at our upcoming Trivia Night.

Tickets are available at the Office until 10 August.

It doesn't matter if you don't have a team, we can find a table for you to join.

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.

MELBOURNE SHOPPING TOUR

IT'S BACK! Our long awaited and highly anticipated Melbourne Shopping Tour is on again this year! If you love to shop, need a day out with friends or just want to get started on your Christmas shopping, then make sure you book this one in.

Register your seat and pay at the Office for the early bird price of just \$30 per person. The price includes a seat on the bus, exclusive access to a variety of Melbourne warehouses, a morning tea pack and a great day out with friends.

Our early bird offer ends on Friday, 14th September so start calling your family and friends and get them on board too, the more the merrier.

PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY TOMORROW

Principal Appreciation Day is tomorrow. With Matt being on long service leave until next week we didn't want him to miss out, so our school will celebrate this day on Monday, 13th August. An "Appreciation Station" has been set up at the Office for parents, carers and children to leave a short note of appreciation to Matt and/or Sharyn and to help us recognise this special day for Principals. If you're visiting the Office between now and the end of next week, please be sure to drop a note in the box to make their day extra special.

GET INVOLVED WITH P&F

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday, 16th August 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:

[\(https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/\)](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

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

This week's winners are:

-  Mitch P
-  Connor W

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

DIGITAL WORLD TRAVEL

From the time online games and social media platforms made their way into family homes, parents like myself have wondered if those games and social media would have a negative effect on our children.

We know that the innovations in both game design and social media platforms have increased the opportunities for our children to interact and socialise both online as well as in person.

Where it was once static text communications that parents and teachers had to deal with the issues that arose, the game has changed again! With ever evolving technologies. Most of us are aware that modern gaming and social media platforms are all equipped with voice connection, this connection enables all types of communications both good and bad.

Conversations about mundane things, strategising in game play and unfortunately trash talking, as well as more hurtful bullying conversations. Sadly trash talking seems to be an integral part of any type of competitive environment!

I understand that these platforms serve as a major venue for the creation and maintenance of friendships, but let's face it, we as parents and teachers understand that the Internet has unleashed meanness to a degree unseen before!

The ease of connectivity means that trash talking and meanness are not restricted by time nor physical space. While the lack of physical presence with modern online interactions strip away many of the clues and signs that are part of real time face to face interaction, I believe this makes it increasingly difficult for our children who interact online to see these visual cues. As a result it seems a reduction of these cues often encourage behaviours that may not occur if children could see each other face to face.

Possibly, due to the anonymity, some children feel comfortable behaving aggressively online. I read recently somewhere "It is not anonymity that texting and online interactions provide, but rather the opportunity for individuals to distance themselves from potential conflict and risk that provides them with a platform to be cruel." The downside of online connectivity is that sometimes our children are not equip with the filters that allow them to judge when, or in what situation trash talking is ok. For instance is it ok when trash talk and name calling flow over into the school ground? From a teachers perspective it causes a multitude of problems.

As a parent and an ICT specialist I recognise that we have to allow our children to exist in the real world, after all. For our children these platforms are, increasingly, the real world. It is in this merging of online and offline where we as adults often struggle with social media, many still see the two domains as separate, when, in fact, today's children are growing up in a world where they are seen as one and the same.

However, I still believe in the importance of face to face communication in the fight against this cannot be underestimated. The fact that we now communicate primarily via screens should raise questions for every parent as to whether or not our children have a good understanding of empathy. Do they understand that their words can have devastating and long lasting effects on the self-esteem and self-worth of others? I ask both as a parent and a teacher, are our children becoming less empathetic to the feelings of others due to the fact that they communicate socially more and more online? In this respect, online and offline are not the same world at all!

We as teachers and parents are well aware that many of our children have online identities outside the safety of the virtual classrooms we provide at school. There is the pressure to join Facebook and other social media sites of which most have a minimum age for joining of 13. This is arguably a very dangerous precedent, but what else can we do, except sit them down for a chat and make sure they have the right privacy settings enabled. We all know how easily an online identity can be created.

Unfortunately we are not going to be able to roll back the clock. This social connectivity is not going to change or go away, it's going to continue to be part of our lives. We as both parents and teachers are equipped with the life experiences and tools to cope with much of what the digital world throws at us. We just need to ensure that our children have the same toolkit.

Safe Travels,

Kate Dole

COMMUNITY NEWS



Dental Health Week Monday, 6th – Sunday, 12th August

For life long healthy teeth, it is essential for children to establish a good oral hygiene routine early in life.

Did you know all children aged 12 and under are eligible for bulk billed basic dental services at Bendigo Health with no out of pocket costs? Children aged between 13 and 17 can access our services if they have a Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or if they are eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Scheme through Medicare.

Phone 5454 7994 to make an appointment for your child or for more information.



BIRD WATCH NEWS



Another big thank you to the Sharpe family for their donation of bird boxes – as you can see, they are definitely being used. Have a look as you wander the school grounds and you might just see a head poking out of the hole!

Big Hill Primary School would like to thank the Catch Group as a supporter of Big Hill Primary School events:
www.catch.com.au