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THURSDAY, 16TH AUGUST, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 17th August

Monday, 20th August

Friday, 24th August

Monday 27th August

Thursday, 30th August

Friday, 31st August

Saturday, 1st September

Monday, 3rd September

Tuesday, 4th September

Thursday, 6th September

Friday, 7th September

Friday, 14th September

Monday, 17th September

Friday, 21st September

Monday, 8th October

Saturday, 20th October

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 in the School Library

Year 4-6 Cluster Athletics – selected students only

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

Year 5/6 Division Basketball – selected students only

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

ADULTS ONLY TRIVIA NIGHT!

National Superhero week commences

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

Pick My Project voting closes at 5pm – MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT AND VOTE FOR US NOW!

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,

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Just reminding families to complete the Parent Opinion Survey as soon as possible. Log on details and the link to the survey were sent home a few weeks ago. If you haven’t completed it yet, we really encourage you to do so...as your opinion counts and is used to improve our school in the future. Thank you to those families who have already completed the survey.

YEAR 6 – YEAR 7 PLACEMENT

FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS - Enrolment packs have been sent home with Year 6 students, containing all of the information required to enrol your child at their allocated school. Please return enrolment forms to our Big Hill PS Office ASAP. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

With a 10 week term, cold weather and the colds / flu doing the rounds, achieving our 2 DAYS OR LESS target this term is going to be tricky. If your child is genuinely sick, please keep them at home....however, always encourage your child to come to school every day when they are actually well enough to attend. Please remember to contact the Office when your child is absent, or text 0438 738 788. We prefer contact to be made before 10am if possible. **Parents must alert schools every day a child is absent and indicate the reason for the absence. This is a new requirement for the Department of Education and Training.**

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). Why not consider doing this today? You don’t even have to go into a branch, you can call them on 5447 9244 and quote Agent Code 4420.

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.

MYKI CARDS FOR KANGAROO FLAT BUS TRAVEL

Please ensure that if you use this service, to keep your myki card topped up as we have had reports from the bus driver that some cards are empty. Christians run this service as a special favour to Big Hill PS, and it could jeopardise that service if people aren’t using it correctly. Thank you for your cooperation.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Demi L, Mitchell P, Charlotte C & Cameron K.

FIRST STEPS NEWS

100th DAY OF SCHOOL

On Friday the First Steps Unit was very excited to celebrate the 100th Day of School! We have been counting the days each week on a number chart in our rooms anticipating the 100th day.

Students arrived in the morning to find their classrooms decorated with balloons, posters and streamers. We even had a 100th day cake.

Throughout the day students were very busy participating in lots of fun and exciting activities. The students made their own colourful 100 Day crowns to wear for the day, they made yummy necklaces with 100 Fruit Loops, they used their 100 items from home to count, sort and make creative pictures, they iced and decorated biscuits, they made 100 day sunglasses and they wrote a list of 100 words.

Thank you to all the families who helped support such a successful day at school by counting items at home with your child. We're sure some of you were wondering how you would ever fit 100 items in one paper bag.

RECYCLING

Yesterday Erin from the Bendigo Shire Resource Recovery Unit spoke to our students about the importance of disposing waste appropriately.



Our students learnt how to sort different waste items into the correct bin.

BOOK WEEK

On Friday, 31st August, in celebration of Book Week, we will be holding a dress up day. Children are encouraged to dress up as a character from a story book that they know and love. Costumes do not need to be extravagant and can be as simple as you like. There will be a parade from 9:00am – 10:00am, with all families invited to attend.

PARENT HELPERS

We would again like to invite parents and special friends to come into our classrooms and help with our morning reading.

All children enjoy reading to different helpers and your child enjoys having you at their school. We are very flexible with the days you come in and we don't mind if you can only stay for 10 to 15 minutes. We really appreciate any time you can spare to help.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying our School Value of 'Respect' by listening and participating in our Recycling Incursion:

FSN Jarrod M
FSP Tom C

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

BOOK WEEK PARADE

On Friday, 31st August, in celebration of Book Week, we will be holding a dress up day inspired by book characters. There will be a parade from 9:00am – 10:00am, so please feel free to attend and cheer on our characters from our favourite books.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

This week we will be completing our History unit, where we have focused on changes over time to Toys, Games, Houses and Technology and comparing them to items of the present. Next week we will begin our Geography unit on the states of Australia, their capital cities, landmarks and famous attractions.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' by getting along with others in the yard:

JC Logan B
JJ Emily A
JW Tyrone D

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

THIS WEEK

This week in the Middle Unit, all classes have been working on the CAFÉ strategy of looking at **Synonyms or words with similar meanings** when reading. We are all still working on **Procedural writing** and next week students will complete their post-test procedure of "How to Make a Cheese Sandwich". We have continued our spelling program and are working on week 22 on **Soundwaves** looking at the letter combinations that make the 's' as in **seal** sound. In **Mathematics** we have been learning to count by quarters, halves and thirds, including with mixed numerals. We have also continued to work on basic number skills and **New Wave Mentals** week 22.

ATHLETICS

Year 4 students who have been selected to represent our school at the upcoming cluster athletics carnival were given a note this week. Students have been asked to return the note along with payment to the Office when completed. The date of the carnival is Monday, 27th August and will be held at the Flora Hill Athletics track.

CAMP

Our Camp to Billabong Ranch in Echuca (September 6th & 7th) is fast approaching. A second note was sent home this week and we ask that the attached medical form indicating any special dietary requirements be completed and returned to school as soon as possible to assist further organisation. The date for payment to be finalised is Thursday, 30th August.

ROTATIONS

This week in **History** students have been learning about WW1 and Gallipoli and completing activities related to My Place, the year 1918. In **Physical Education**, students have continued to work on developing their Athletics skills in preparation for the Athletics carnival. In **Science** students have been learning about Chemical Changes.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR Tom S
MD James G
MB Matilda R

Renaë, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

HABITAT HOLLOW

Our next Habitat Hollow excursion is in September. If students from SB and SK haven't returned notes and payment, please do so by next Thursday.

SPARE CHANGE DRIVE

Next Thursday SA will be receiving their prize for winning the Spare Change Drive. The students will be watching Jumanji and getting some hot chips and popcorn.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating resilience during class:

SA Tanner J
SB Kayla G
SK Chase H
SL Shayla P

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL BIG HILL PS FAMILIES, THEIR EXTENDED FAMILY & FRIENDS

Pick OUR project at Pick My Project

This week our school reached the next stage of the statewide Pick My Project initiative. \$15 million of the \$30 million grant funding will be allocated to regional partnership areas and our school is hoping to get a slice of that funding to upgrade our very sad looking basketball court.

NOW WE NEED YOU TO HELP US GET LOTS OF VOTES!

We are asking every family to vote for our project and help us achieve this much needed upgrade. Every person over the age of 16 years living within 50kms of the school can vote, so please talk to your family and friends and drum up as many votes as you can for our school. Imagine the possibilities a new court could bring to our school!

To vote go to www.pickmyproject.vic.gov.au and search for Big Hill then find our project "**Resurfacing and upgrade of basketball court and asphalt area**". We would love if you could also share the project on your social media accounts asking your friends to vote for us as well. The link is on our Facebook page. Voting closes on Monday, 17th September and winners will be announced in the weeks following. Thanks for your help!

PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY

Thank you to our Student Voice for working with P&F to present Matt and Sharyn with gifts of appreciation for Principals Day on Monday. Thank you also to everyone that took the time to leave a note of appreciation at our "Appreciation Station" which were also presented on Monday.

TRIVIA NIGHT – SATURDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER

Our Trivia Night is only a couple of weeks away now. If there are any last minute entrants wanting tickets we still have some spare. Hurry to the Office and secure your place. Thanks to our hard working team, we will have some great prizes on offer on the night. Don't miss your chance to claim the "Trivia Champ" title! Any teams that haven't yet finalised their tables or payment could you please arrange for this to be done by next Thursday, 23rd August.

When: **Saturday 1st September**

Doors open at 6:30pm, 7:00pm sharp start

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

Tickets: \$20 per person

Tables: 8 - 10 people per table

This is an adults only event with a full bar available on the night (strictly no BYO drinks).

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE AND STALL DAY THURSDAY, 30TH AUGUST

Only 2 weeks until our Father's Day pop up stall returns. If you are able to help with a donation towards the raffle or the stall we would appreciate your help with all donations helping towards raising money for our school. Please also remember to bring your raffle tickets and money to the Office by 9:00am on Thursday, 30th August to be in with a chance to win one of the great prizes on offer, some of which are now on display at the Office.

MELBOURNE SHOPPING TOUR SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2018

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 register for your seat on our Melbourne Shopping Tour. Our early bird price is a "CHEEP" \$30 per person and this includes a seat on the bus, exclusive access to a variety of Melbourne warehouses, a morning tea pack as well as a great day out with friends. The early bird price ends on 14th September so start calling your family and friends and get them on board, the more the merrier!

CASH REWARDS

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

A letter about this exciting new program was sent out last week. Please consider joining up through our unique landing page:

<https://www.cashrewards.com.au/community/schools/big-hill-primary-school> This is a fantastic opportunity to **earn great cash rewards for yourself** while you do your usual shopping online and at the same time, raise funds for the school. This will be an ongoing program with over 1,200 brands to shop with including ebay, Woolworths, Apple, Myer, Chemist Warehouse, Adairs, Dan Murphy, Spotlight - the list goes on and on. Tell your family and friends to join through our landing page as well – the more members we have the more money we raise for the school!

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

PE NEWS

YEAR 4 – 6 CLUSTER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Selected students have been informed. The date of the carnival is Monday, 27th August, and payment is due by NEXT MONDAY, 20th August.

Brett Strange
PE Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL 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.

CANTEEN NEWS

HELP NEEDED

The canteen is in need of new volunteers for Term 3. As parents return to work or their children move onto secondary school, we lose our precious volunteers.

Without volunteers, we cannot run a successful canteen. Volunteers are only asked to give up an hour once or twice a term. There is no pressure and you can choose between a morning or an afternoon.

Once started, our volunteers enjoy the time spent helping out, meeting other parents and interacting with the students.

Please consider helping our canteen.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME _____

PH NUMBER _____

TIME AVAILABLE 9:00am to 10:00am

12:30pm to 2:00pm

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

This week's winners are:

-  Skye D
-  Leila D

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

Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS



Hello!
A shopping tour
you say?
Let me get my
purse!

When: Saturday 20th October
departing at 6.30am

Early bird price: \$30 per person
(to be paid by 14th September, price after
early bird offer will be \$35pp)

Bring your friends and
family for a great day out
shopping.

Sign up and pay at the office

BYO lunch
Price includes exclusive access to warehouses, hot
morning tea pack and a great day out with friends.



**Annual
FATHER'S DAY
STALL**

will be held on
**Thursday
30th August 2018**

**gifts priced
from 50c to \$10**

Please remember to provide your child
with a shopping bag to carry their
purchased gifts in

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

100TH DAY PHOTOS



You're invited to our Scholastic
BOOK FAIR!

Reading Is Out of This World!



Monday, 27th August – Friday, 31st August
Big Hill Primary School
In the School Library

**TO THE
BOOK FAIR
AND BEYOND!**



Every purchase earns books and learning resources for our school!