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THURSDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 2018

CALENDAR

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

Friday, 9th November

Student Free Day

Book Week and 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! Doors open at 6.30pm with a 7pm sharp start
National Superhero week commences

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – SUPERHERO COSTUMES – gold coin donation

Middle Unit Camp departs – please be at school by 8:40am
Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2
SB SK Habitat Hollow Excursion-NOTE CHANGE OF CLASS
Middle Unit Camp returns approximately 3:15pm
Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm – all items \$2
SK SB Habitat Hollow Excursion- NOTE CHANGE OF CLASS
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
Year 5/6 2019 Camp Deposit of \$80 due – more information to follow

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Week 6 has been a very productive week, with the majority of classes working effectively without disruption to programs. It's certainly crazy to think we only have 4 weeks of Term 3 left though!

STUDENT FREE DAY TOMORROW

Just a reminder to all families that there is NO SCHOOL TOMORROW FOR STUDENTS. The day will be spent working on Writing with a consultant from Melbourne. I'm sure your child will enjoy having a day at home, creating a long weekend and bit of a rest for them. Due to the Student Free Day, OHSC services have also been cancelled.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey closes on Sunday. Invitations, with digital links to the survey, were sent home to a third of our school community a few weeks ago. At this stage, we have had a 30% response rate to the surveys shared with families. Ideally, we need a 45% response rate, so if you haven't already completed the survey, could you please do so tonight, tomorrow or before Sunday? Thank you.

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, 2019). I am looking for families to host if the program goes ahead in Term 1. If you would like to host and also intend to send your child to China in June 2019, please let me know. Hosting will give your child a better chance of getting one of our four China trip allocations. More information will be forwarded to Bendigo Team China schools when it is available.

YEAR 6 – YEAR 7 PLACEMENT

At this stage, the great majority of our students in Year 6 have either returned their secondary enrolment form or have indicated a placement in a non-government school for Year 7. From here, the process is in the hands of the Secondary School allocated. If you have questions related to placement, feel free to contact your 2019 school, however, I am always happy to answer any queries as best I can.

PRINCIPALS DAY

Recently Sharyn Burnett (Assistant Principal) and I were acknowledged by our School Community as part of Principals' Day. We received a lovely card, crown and cape...all courtesy of the children, staff and parents of the school. I know P&F and Student Voice did a lot to ensure the occasion was special for us, so thank you to all involved in making us feel valued.

TEAM CHINA OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE (OSLE), 2019

Planning is underway for the 2019 China Overseas Learning Experience, when Year 5/6 students from Bendigo visit Beijing, Shanghai and our sister school in Suzhou. We are anticipating that this will take place in late May / early June next year. If your child is currently in Year 4 or 5, they are eligible to attend. An information night is scheduled at Specimen Hill Primary School on Thursday, 6th September, 7:45pm – 8:30pm. If you or child are remotely interested, I suggest attending as you will gain a lot of information to help you make your decision to attend. Invitations will be sent home also in the coming weeks to those that show interest when I speak to them about the trip in 2019.

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 10:00am 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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We had a very productive meeting on Tuesday night, sharing the outcomes of our Strategic Plan / School Review, hearing about the Team China trip from the travelling students, being updated about the Capital Works program, discussing the Year 6 – 7 Transition process and much more. We welcomed new Councillor Shane Chapman into the team also and know he will make a great team contribution in the future. Our next meeting, for organisation sake, is on Tuesday, 18th September.

STAFFING

Unfortunately, there has been a lot of illness with the cold weather upon us. Due to this, we have had a lot of replacement staff working in the school to cover classes when staff become unwell. As you can imagine, children fall ill and as a result, so do staff. Fortunately, we have some excellent teachers who fill in at Big Hill PS, ensuring programs run as scheduled. We farewelled Deb Sammons for the rest of the term at the end of last week too – welcoming May McLean back into the Reading Recovery / Intervention role. May will ensure all Reading Recovery / Intervention goes ahead as if Deb were here...right up until the end of term. Deb will return at the beginning of Term 4.

STUDENTS AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:45am

Legally, the only children who should be at school before 8:45am are those booked into our Before School Care Program or who arrive on the Ravenswood bus. As parents, you have a duty of care with your children until 8:45am, when teachers take over this responsibility. Due to this, please ensure your children do not arrive at school before 8:45am. Our facilities, particularly the Tiger Turf and playgrounds are utilised by our OHSC program until 8:45am. It's after this time that the general community can use them. Sometimes you might have your child requesting to head off to school early, but please remind them that an arrival before 8:45am is not desirable. Thanks for your help with this.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a large bale of wool that needs to be moved from the multipurpose room and taken to landfill. We need someone with a trailer and 2-4 strong adults to help lift. Please contact Matt, Sandra in the Art Room or the Office if you can help. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Johan V, Charli S, Sophie B, Jett G & Zane L.

Here's hoping your child/ren enjoy an additional day off tomorrow and the weekend is both relaxing and enjoyable for you all. Until next week....

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

BOOK WEEK PARADE

Book Week is always a highlight event at our school, with student and teachers making costumes from their favourite books, and dressing up on parade day. The parade will be held on Friday, 31st August from 9:00am – 10:00am. Parents / Caregivers and siblings are welcome to attend the parade.

BOOK FAIR

As part of Book Week, the Book Fair will be held in the Library after school next week, starting on Monday. The Book Fair is a celebration of reading and offers a selection of affordable books, including the newest titles for every reading level.

It is a great opportunity to stock up on books and make your home library grow. We hope to see you there.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Children have the chance to visit our annual Father's Day Stall next Thursday to find something special to give to their dad or special person. Children generally bring between \$2 and \$20 to spend. Thanks to our P&F who organise the stall for our community.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For being respectful and responsible during art:

FSN *Liam W*
FSP *Henry P*

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 the characters from our favourite books.

BOOK FAIR

Next week we will be holding our Book Fair in the Library.

Every afternoon from 3:15pm – 4:00pm students will be able to browse and purchase picture books, non-fiction titles, novels and stationary.

THE PROTECTORS

On Monday we enjoyed a visit from Brainstorm Productions to present "The Protectors" (replacement Incursion for Buddies). Our students learned a lot about different types of bullying, how it makes people feel and utilising the different coping strategies with catchy songs and dance moves.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by making good choices in the classroom:

JC **Addisyn J**
JJ **RJ T**
JW **Madi L**

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

THIS WEEK

This week in the Middle Unit all classes have worked on the CAFÉ strategy of looking at **Antonyms or words with opposite meanings** when reading. We have begun working on writing **Explanations**. We have continued our spelling program and are working on week 23 on **Soundwaves** looking at the letter combinations that make the '**ir**' as in **bird** 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 23.

CRICKET CLINIC

Thanks to Brett's organisation this week, all classes in the Middle Unit were able to participate in an engaging cricket clinic run by Jacob from 'Cricket Victoria' and the Melbourne Renegades. It was great fun and all students were also given a flyer with information regarding ongoing cricket activities run by Kangaroo Flat Cricket Club should they be interested.

CAMP

Our Camp to Billabong Ranch in Echuca (September 6th & 7th) is fast approaching. A second note was sent home last 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. Thank you.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR **Harley L**
MD **Asha M**
MB **Connor B**

Renaë, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

2019 SENIOR UNIT CAMP DATES FOR DIARIES

Camp notes will be handed out in week 1 of Term 4.

- + Deposit of \$80 due on Friday, 9th November 2018,
- + Second instalment of \$70 due on Friday, 23rd November 2018,
- + Third instalment of \$70 due on Monday, 4th February 2019,
- + Final instalment of \$70 due on Tuesday, 19th February 2019.

The Camp dates are Monday, 4th March to Wednesday, 6th March 2019.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating respect during specialist programs:

SA **Mia M**
SB **Zoe C**
SK **Gryffin W**
SL **Bob J**

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

We're at the next stage of the state wide 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 each of you 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 and can be shared from the Pick My Project site.

Voting closes on Monday, 17th September and winners will be announced in the weeks following.

TRIVIA NIGHT – SATURDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER

Last chance to get your tickets. 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 of 8-10 could you please arrange for this to be done ASAP.

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

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 1 week left until our Father's Day stall returns. Thanks to everyone who has already donated items towards our raffle. If you are able to help with a donation we would still appreciate your help. Donations can be left at the Office. 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 on display at the Office.

MELBOURNE SHOPPING TOUR SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER

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 \$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 Friday, 14th September so start calling your family and friends and get them on board, the more the merrier!

CASH REWARDS COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Please consider joining up for this great program to earn yourself and the school some cash back from your online shopping. Simply sign 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. For a limited time Cash Rewards are giving each new member a \$10 welcome bonus once you spend \$25 through the program.

This is 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 – ARE YOU SEEING OUR POSTS?

You may have noticed recently that you're not seeing our Facebook posts appear in your news feed. Unfortunately, Facebook has changed its settings and our posts may not be reaching our members. To make sure you're kept up to date with all our activity and event information go to our page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/>) and select "notifications" at the top of the page and set these to "all posts".

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

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS VISIT

School Captains and Vice Captains, Zoe, Connor, Mikayla and Todd, visited the Bendigo Town Hall with councillor Rod Fyffe on Friday, 10th August. This special visit gave them a glimpse of leadership at local council level and the honour and responsibility of leadership.

Mr Fyffe explained to them that in his tenure as mayor he attended nearly 900 official functions in a year. Weekends were always the busiest.

Students were treated to a morning tea of fresh fruit, petit fours, juice and iced water.

They also saw the Mayoral Chain. It has the initials of each mayor in the links and the mayor's robes for official functions. We learnt that you can request the mayor wear them to your function if you like.

We also saw the working shire offices and were each given a gold poppet head pin, the City of Greater Bendigo's logo.



FOUND

A gold ring has been found in the OSHC building. Please contact the office if you believe it is yours.

PE NEWS

YEAR 4 – 6 CLUSTER ATHLETICS

Selected students from Years 4 – 6 will be participating in the Cluster Athletics against Maiden Gully, Epsom & Huntly at the Flora Hill Athletics Track next **Monday, 27th August**. Students will participate in nine track and field events and will have the opportunity to qualify for the upcoming Division Athletics. Students will begin their events at 10:00am.

DIVISION BASKETBALL

Selected Year 6 students will participate at the Division Basketball Tournament at the Schweppes Centre on **Friday, 31st August**. Please hand in permission notes and money to the Office by **Wednesday, 28th August**.

Brett Strange
PE Coordinator

WHOLE SCHOOL LITERACY NEWS

BOOK CHARACTER PARADE

Book Week is next week, so 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:

- ✚ Jaclyn R
- ✚ Chanelle K

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

Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS



Daffodil Day Service

9.00am - 26 August 2018

at St Mary's Anglican Church
193-195 High St, Kangaroo Flat



Come and light a candle
and pray for those
touched by cancer

Place a daffodil on the fence
in memory of loved ones &
show those who are fighting
the battle - we care



Morning Tea following the service will be provided

If you or someone you know needs our prayers
or would like to talk to someone, please let us know.
Phone Rev Tracey Wobley (Rector) on 5447 7427 or 0423267405.
or Ken Eddy (Pastoral Convenor) 5447 4664

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

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!