



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2018**

## CALENDAR

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

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> August**

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

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September**

Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September

Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September

**Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> October**

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November

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

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

LAST DAY FOR BOOK FAIR IN THE LIBRARY AFTER SCHOOL

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 – colouring competition entries due in

**OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – SUPERHERO COSTUMES – gold coin donation**

Middle Unit Camp departs – please be at school by 8:40am

P&F meeting in the multipurpose room starting at 9:15am

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

\$B 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-early dismissal of 2:15pm**

Jump Rope for Heart "Jump Off" Day

First Day for Term 4

**Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Tour \$30 early bird price if paid by Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 5/6 2019 Camp Deposit of \$80 due – more information to follow

## School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Whilst Week 7 has been very busy, it's also been extremely productive, with the children and staff working very hard in class throughout the week. With some sunny days, it's been lovely to see the children enjoying the outdoors to their full extent too!

### PICK MY PROJECT

You might have noticed the Parents and Friends group promoting our PICK MY PROJECT submission. We are hoping to get the funds to resurface the basketball court – as it currently pools after rain and is not useable for the students. We also had to get a parent to paint the lines back on the concrete too – so getting a new surface and marking would be awesome.

All you have to do is head to the following website: <https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/rounds/pick-my-project/ideas> and choose our project. You only get to vote once... and when you do, you get to choose three projects, so ensuring ours is one of them is vital! Please promote this with all members of your family and friends. Let's see if we can win the grant through people power!

### PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Parent Opinion Survey has been extended until this Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. 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 35% 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. To get the extra 10% response would only require about three more families doing the survey. Please take the time if you haven't already.

### BOOK DRESS UP DAY – TOMORROW

Tomorrow is our Book Week Dress Up Day – an opportunity to don an outfit and come along as a beloved book character from a favourite book! You don't have to spend money on an outfit...or even make one. Start with a few of your child's favourite books, flick through the text and scan images for outfits you could use from your current wardrobe...and before you know it...you'll have an outfit! We will have a grand parade first thing in the morning....here's hoping the weather is kind to us. In the event that it isn't, we will just have to enjoy showing our costumes off in our rooms and also take lots of photos.

### ATTENDANCE

This term's bands have just been ordered. They look pretty groovy I must say! If your child has 2 days or less absence, they will be bringing one home on the last day of term. Good luck!

### **OUR CHINESE HOMESTAY PROGRAM IS BACK ON!**

I was alerted this week that the Chinese group will potentially still come to Bendigo next term. This is despite information given to us a few weeks ago and reported to you in recent newsletters. I desperately need 6 host families for the three students coming to Big Hill PS in week 2 of Term 4. In a nutshell, a family hosts a Chinese student for a 4 week period. The child eats what you eat, does what your family does and goes to school...and on weekends, fits in with your family's usual routine. A payment is made to support families for the cost of the extra family member and all school and uniform costs are covered. Ideally, families hosting should have a student in Year 4/5/6 at Big Hill PS AND hosting is a foot in the door if you want your child to travel to China next year. Please call or email me ([pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au)) if you want to know more....or can help me out. An information session for interested families is being held next Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, from 7:00pm – 7:40pm at Specimen Hill Primary School. All interested families are welcome to attend...just head to Specimen Hill and head into the main building for directions to the meeting.

### **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 next Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 have also been sent home this week with children who have shown interest when I have spoken to them. I realise that for our current Year 4 students, this meeting clashes with the Middle Unit Camp. I suggest therefore that parents attend the meeting and fill their children in on the details when they return from Echuca. As I will also be on the Echuca camp, I shall also have to get bought up to speed. Talk to your child about their desire to travel to China and if they would love to climb the Great Wall of China, see the night lights of Shanghai and stand on the glass floor of the Pearl Tower (to name a few highlights)...and if they are keen...is it worth finding out more by going to this information night?

### **SUPERHERO DRESS UP DAY**

Next Tuesday's SUPERHERO DRESS UP DAY has been organised by our hardworking Student Voice Committee and School Chaplain Megan. Your child can come dressed up as a Superhero (which could include a sports hero or role model) and donate a gold coin to MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY. On the day, Student Voice members will collect donations from classes and a best dressed superhero will be chosen from each room. Please note, there is no parade. This day is a bit of fun, raises money and is low key...especially as it is so close to our Book Character Dress Up Day. Looking forward to seeing some Superheroes on Tuesday! I might get my Principals Day Cape back out!

### **PARENTS AND FRIENDS – FATHERS' DAY STALL & TRIVIA NIGHT**

Our Parents and Friends have done an outstanding job again today with our annual FATHERS' DAY STALL. There were so many amazing choices for our children to select for their loved ones AND so reasonably priced. Well done P&F for once again organising a wonderful service for our children and community. Much appreciated. Don't forget the Trivia Night this Saturday also! It's looking like a great night of fun and games....I hope to see you there! It may not be too late to attend if you weren't organised....feel free to contact the P&F or the Office tomorrow if you would like to enquire about attending at short notice.

### **BOOK FAIR**

Tomorrow night will be our final night selling books as part of the Scholastic Book Fair. If your child hasn't been in yet, there are still heaps of great titles for sale in the library. Don't miss out – 3:15pm to 4:00pm in the library.

### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AND BASKETBALL**

Our athletic students who attended Monday's Athletics Carnival did extremely well, with a huge number qualifying for the next level of competition. Not only did they excel, Big Hill PS won the overall shield for the day over Epsom, Huntly and Maiden Gully Primary Schools. What an amazing effort! Congratulations to all of our competitors who did their best on the day. Tomorrow is the annual Year 6 Basketball Tournament. A team of students is heading off with Brett to represent Big Hill PS once again at the next level! Good luck to the students involved and a big thank you to Brett for his continued hard work organising our participation in sporting events. Thanks also all other staff who helped assist Brett on both days.

### **YEAR 3/4 CAMP – NEXT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

Our Year 3 and 4 students are getting very excited about the Camp coming up next week. The Year 3's and 4's will head off to Billabong Ranch in Echuca next Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> and return to Big Hill PS on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. Dean, Rhys, Renae, Sandra, Brett, Pam and I are looking forward to the outing with the Year 3/4's – we'll just have to start packing too! To ensure you are aware of what to take, departure and return times etc please ensure you have the latest copy of camp notices and are reading the Middle Unit section of the newsletter.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Zack H, Marcus B & Asha M.

If you're a Dad or Grandfather reading this, have a great Fathers' Day. If you are a significant male (carer, uncle, brother, friend) or a strong woman doing the job of two parents...enjoy Fathers' Day too! Plenty of skilled and loving people can take the role of a father for a child. Here's hoping you have a great weekend and spend some special time together on Sunday.

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## FIRST STEPS NEWS

### FATHER'S DAY STALL

Today all students had the opportunity to purchase gifts for their fathers / grandfathers / special friend from the Parents and Friends stall. The children were so excited to go shopping with their own money to choose a special gift. Thank you to our wonderful parents for organising this opportunity.

### BOOK WEEK PARADE

Tomorrow we will be celebrating Book Week by holding a dress up day. Students may come dressed up as their favourite book character. We will be holding a parade from 9:00am – 10:00am, so please feel free to come along and enjoy watching our students' efforts.

### NATIONAL SUPERHERO WEEK

On Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, we will be having a Superhero dress up day to help raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. For a gold coin donation students can come dressed as their favourite Superhero.

Students can also take part in a Superhero colouring completion. Colouring sheets were sent home today with each student. If your child would like to enter the competition, they will need to colour in the picture at home and return it to the Office along with \$1 entry fee. Entries are to be returned by Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September and winners will be announced in the last week of term.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

*For displaying the School Values of 'Respect' and 'Responsibility' by always following teacher instructions:*

**FSN** Maeson D  
**FSP** Clare P

*Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline*

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

### BOOK WEEK PARADE

Tomorrow is our book character dress up parade. 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.

### FATHER'S DAY STALL

A big thanks to Parents and Friends for their commitment to our school and the incredible Father's Day Stall they provided today for our students. The kids had a great time choosing their favourite gift for their special person.

### BOOK FAIR

Thank you to those parents and students who have come along in support of our Book Fair. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting our school and the excited faces of our students with their chosen books. The fair finishes tomorrow afternoon, so be sure to come in and have a look if you have not done so yet.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' by their enthusiastic participation in class discussions:*

**JC** Ethan J  
**JJ** Zane L  
**JW** Lexi C

*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 **Cause and Effect** when reading. We are also all still working on **Explanation text when writing**. We have continued our spelling program and are working on week 24 on **Soundwaves** looking at the letter combinations that make the **'t' as in tiger** sound. In **Mathematics** we have been revising multiplication and learning to count by quarters, halves and thirds. We have also continued to work on basic number skills and **New Wave Mentals** week 24.

### ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all the Year 4 students who represented our school at the Cluster Athletics carnival on Monday. It was great to hear of the way our students competed and represented our school. There were also many excellent individual efforts from some students, who will now go on to compete at regional level. Also, a huge thanks to Brett for all of his organisation and hard work to allow our students to participate on the day. Very well done to all involved.

### CAMP

Next Thursday we leave for our Camp to Billabong Ranch in Echuca (September 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>). All payments must be finalised prior to the camp so see the Office staff should you need to do so. Students were given a note previously outlining what they need to bring with them on camp. Please see your child's teacher if you are unsure. Students will need to **bring with them a water bottle, recess, lunch and afternoon snack** in their backpack for the first day. Could all students also please bring with them a wide brimmed hat as we look forward to a fantastic time and hopefully some sunshine. Due to camp, we will not be having homework or spelling test next week.

### ROTATIONS

This week in **History** students have been learning about WW2 and The Great depression and completing activities related to My Place, the year 1938. In **Physical Education**, students have continued to work on developing their Athletics skills as well as their skipping skills in preparation for our Jump Off Day. In **Science**, students have been learning about States of Matter.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

**MR** Elly V  
**MD** Jett T  
**MB** Bella J

*Rena, Rhys & Dean*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### HABITAT HOLLOW EXCURSIONS

Just a reminder that it will be Kate's class be going next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, and Brett's on the following Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### CAMP

As Brett will be on camp next week, Lauren & Roberta will be covering his class and on Friday, Lauren's Year 5's will be split across the Unit.

### 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, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018,
- ✚ Second instalment of \$70 due on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018,
- ✚ Third instalment of \$70 due on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019,
- ✚ Final instalment of \$70 due on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

The Camp dates are Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For demonstrating the School Value of "Responsibility" in class:*

SA **Jayden G**  
SB **Kaylah D**  
SK **Gabby K**  
SL **Mitchell T**

*Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL BIG HILL FAMILIES AND THEIR EXTENDED FAMILY AND 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](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> September and winners will be announced in the weeks following.

### FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE AND STALL DAY

What a great day we've had assisting children to shop for their special person for Father's Day. Thanks to everyone who helped on the stall, donated items and bought or sold raffle tickets. Without your help we would not be able to provide this event for our children. Congratulations to all of our raffle winners whose names will be published on our Facebook page later today. Wishing all the dads a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday, we hope you enjoy your gifts.

### TRIVIA NIGHT – SATURDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER

Only two more sleeps! Who will be our Trivia Champs? Please remember to bring along:

- Your entry ticket
- Snacks for your table AND
- All your general knowledge!

HOT TIP: Some gold coins might help to win you some prizes as well

When: **THIS SATURDAY NIGHT – 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

Doors will open at 6.30pm with a 7pm sharp start

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

Tickets: \$20 per person

Tables: 8 - 10 people per table

The Bowls Club will be running the bar, so please remember that there is no BYO permitted. We can't wait to have some fun with you all.

### P&F 2018 FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

With the AFL footy season now over it's time to announce our winners.

Coming in at:

- 1<sup>st</sup> JBB - John G  
144 (579) winning a prize of \$150
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Rodney – Rodney S  
142 (617) winning a prize of \$75
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Smithy - Casey S  
140 (559) winning a prize of \$25

And the wooden spoon goes to Shirleydw - Shirley W 24 (709)

Our winners will be contacted to collect their prizes.

P & F would like to thank everyone who entered our footy tipping competition this year for their support and we hope they all enjoyed this new competition as much as we did. See you all again next year!!!

### MELBOURNE SHOPPING TOUR SATURDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> 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 **\$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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **RENOVATIONS TO THE OSHC BUILDING**

This past week has seen the OSHC building fitted with some new carpet, and we will shortly see some new vinyl laid as well. P&F fundraising has proudly funded this project, as we know that OSHC is an important facility for many of our school families who rely on this service on a daily basis. Thank you to everyone who has helped to complete this project for our 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 as often. Unfortunately Facebook has changed it's 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".

## **GET INVOLVED WITH P&F**

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 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.

*Your support of P&F activities is appreciated*

## **PE NEWS**

### **DIVISION BASKETBALL**

Selected Year 6 students will participate at the Division Basketball Tournament at the Schweppes Centre **TOMORROW.**

Please ensure you wear your school uniform, runners and black shorts and bring warm clothing for in between games. Students will also need a snack and drink for recess and a healthy lunch and drink plus plenty of fluids for the entire day.

*Brett Strange  
PE Coordinator*

## **WHOLE SCHOOL BOOK CHARACTER PARADE**

Just a reminder that the book character parade is on tomorrow. 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 TOMORROW.

## **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:

-  Harrison L
-  Matilda B

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

*Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager*

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **FREE Kids and Worry Workshop**

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> September at school

6:30pm – 8:30pm

No childcare provided sorry

For bookings, contact the school on 5447 7022

For enquiries, please contact Megan Haddon at school

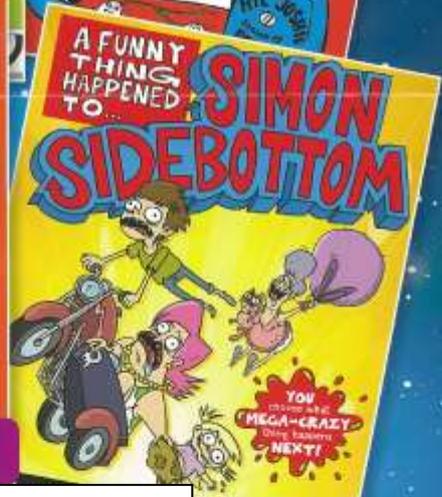
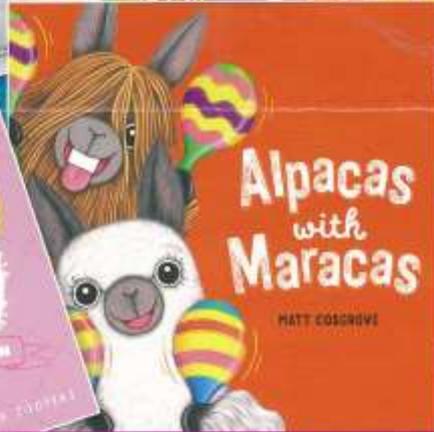
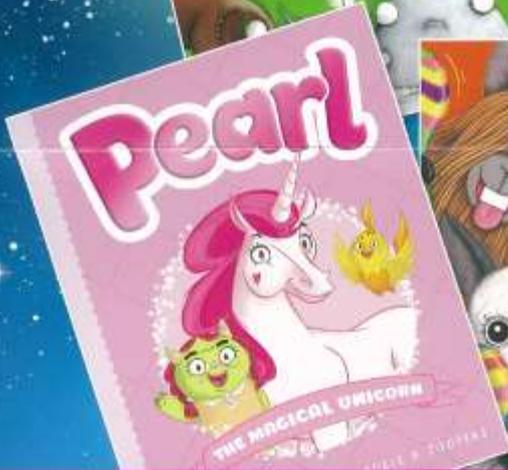
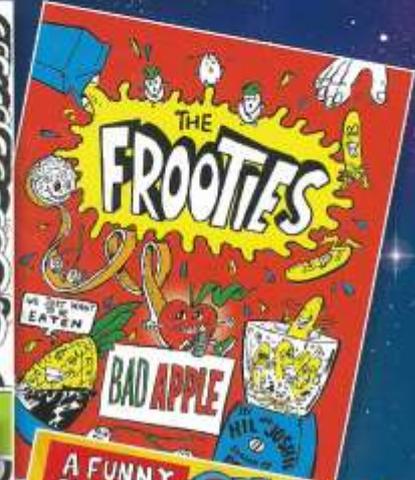
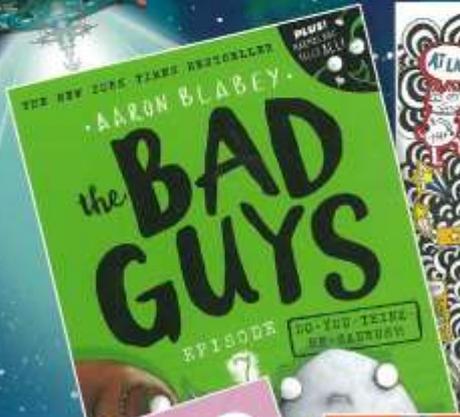
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would like to thank the Catch Group  
as a supporter of Big Hill Primary School events:  
[www.catch.com.au](http://www.catch.com.au)

You're invited to our Scholastic  
**BOOK FAIR!**

*Reading Is Out of This World!*



Choose from a huge selection of books at the Fair!

**LAST DAY TOMORROW!**  
**Big Hill Primary School**  
In the School Library

**TO THE  
BOOK FAIR  
AND BEYOND!**



Every purchase earns books and learning resources for our school!

**FRIDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**PIZZA DAY MEAL**  
**\$5.00**

**MEATLOVERS**



**OR**



**VEGETARIAN**

**WITH PRIMA OR MILK**

(No choice in flavours, sorry, can only choose between prima or milk)

- ✚ If you wish to order an extra slice, the cost is \$2.00 per slice
- ✚ Orders can be put in an envelope, or ordered on our Qkr app
- ✚ Orders are to be placed in the classroom or ordered using the Qkr app by 9am Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September. Late orders cannot be accepted.
- ✚ Ice creams will be available as normal

**THE CANTEEN'S NORMAL FOOD MENU  
IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**