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THURSDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 7th September

Middle Unit Camp returns approximately 3:15pm

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

Coles Little Shop Swap at the canteen from 3:15pm

Friday, 14th September

SB SK Habitat Hollow Excursion-NOTE CHANGE OF CLASS

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Monday, 17th September

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

Friday, 21st September

LAST DAY FOR TERM 3-early dismissal of 2:15pm

Jump Rope for Heart "Jump Off" Day

First Day for Term 4

Monday, 8th October

Saturday, 20th October

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

Friday, 9th November

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

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Week 8 has also been extremely busy...especially with the preparation and participation in the school camp at Echuca! While you are reading this, I'm in Echuca helping with the Year 3/4's and having a wonderful time.

PICK MY PROJECT – HAVE YOU VOTED FOR US?

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 address: <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 will all members of your family and friends. Let's see if we can win the grant through people power!

PARENT OPINION SURVEY – IF YOU HAVE A SURVEY AND HAVEN'T DONE IT...PLEASE TAKE THE TIME

The Parent Opinion Survey has been extended until this Sunday, 9th 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, SUPERHERO DAY AND BOOK FAIR

Our Book Dress Up Day was a great success, despite the poor weather. We managed to do a hybrid parade within the classes and halls of the school...and the children loved it! Thanks to the parents who chanced staying to see if any form of parade went ahead. We weren't sure until quite late in the day that we could actually pull it off indoors...but we did! Our Student Voice Superhero Day was also successful on Tuesday with almost \$200 raised for Muscular Dystrophy Australia. Thanks to the Student Voice students and Chaplain Megan for organising this great activity! Our book fair finished last Friday too – a big thank you to the staff concerned for making it such a breeze to run each afternoon....and also THANK YOU to you and your children if your supported the fair.

OUR CHINESE HOMESTAY PROGRAM IS BACK ON! HELP! HELP! HELP!

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 families 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 or 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) if you want to know more....or can help me out. An information session for interested families is being held **TONIGHT – Thursday, 6th September, from 7:00pm – 7:40pm at Specimen Hill Primary School**. All interested families are welcome to attend...just head to Specimen Hill PS 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 TONIGHT – Thursday, 6th September, 7:45pm – 8:30pm**. If you or child are even 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?

YEAR 3/4 CAMP, BILLABONG RANCH

So far the Year 3/4 Camp has been lots of fun! The Year 3/4's are enjoying the outdoor nature of the camp, including the opportunity to have a go at some new experiences. Don't forget we get back tomorrow, at approximate 3:15pm. Please don't be late to pick up your child, as they will be tired. A huge thank you to Dean White for organising the camp and to all the staff who are in attendance as we speak!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT

Last Saturday's Trivia Night was an outstanding success, with an impressive number of attendees, lots of great prizes, fun and competition. Well done to all who helped organised the event! Another amazing fundraiser under the belt thanks to our P&F.

CAPITAL WORKS

Our capital works project (\$2,010,000) is well-underway, with the tendering process almost complete. I expect in the coming weeks to be notified who has been successful. They will be completing the upcoming construction of a new multipurpose room with two additional general purpose classrooms, remodelling of the administration / art / library spaces and alteration of the existing multipurpose into an art room. As soon as I have a start date, I will be sharing this with all of the community to ensure that we have as smooth a preparation for the construction as possible.

YEAR 6 – YEAR 7 TRANSITION

All but one or two Year 6 students should be aware of their 2019 school by now – enabling individuals to prepare for transition programs in the near future. Both Crusoe College and Bendigo South East will be running special visits in the near future. Details are as follows: Buses are organised to transport to and from each school on the selected day. A Big Hill PS Staff member will also be in attendance. If your child is attending a non-Government school in 2019, transition arrangements for your child will be organised directly between the school of choice and the family.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Sophie W, Owen G, Samuel H, Bailey P & Jarvis M.

With some spring weather upon us, here's hoping you have a wonderful weekend with some time outdoors.

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

MATHEMATICS

During Mathematics, students have been involved in fun hands on activities, comparing lengths and weight. Students enjoyed using scales on a collection of objects to explore with and find objects that weigh the same. This week we have also been focussing on money. Children have been comparing and sorting cents and dollars into groups and beginning to identify names of coins. The best fun of all was setting up shops! Students wrote price tags and a grocery list and bought their items from the play shop.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Values by working well in teams during our measurement activities:

FSN *Charlotte S*
FSP *Sophie B*

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

DRESS UP DAYS

Thank you to all the parents, students and teachers who made the effort to dress up for our Book Week and Superhero dress up days.

It was wonderful to see so many different book characters represented and reading being celebrated across the school. We have included some photos from our dress up day at the back of the newsletter.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' during Junior Unit observations:

JC *Liam W*
JJ *Jett E*
JW *Zac L*

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

CAMP

We are having a wonderful time at camp. Just a reminder that we should be returning to school at approximately 3:15pm tomorrow.

Rena, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

CRUSOE COLLEGE BIG DAY OUT

Students in Year 6 attending Crusoe College will be attending a *Big Day Out* for Year 7 transition next Thursday, 13th September. All students attending the session will be leaving from Big Hill PS with Ainsley and Clare at around 12:30pm and will return at around 3pm. This is an opportunity for students to meet future peers and staff at Crusoe and be involved in some activities at the school.

HABITAT HOLLOW EXCURSIONS

Just a reminder that it will be Kate's class be going TOMORROW, and Brett's next Friday, 14th September.

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 showing leadership qualities in the Senior Unit:

SA **Cody N**
SB **Lachlan R**
SK **Ciana M**
SL **Allara N**

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PE NEWS

CLUSTER ATHLETICS

Well done to all students who competed in the Cluster Athletics on Monday, 27th August. Big Hill PS competed against Huntly, Epsom and Maiden Gully. Students participated in 9 different Track & Field events throughout the day. We had some amazing results, winning the Carnival Shield and having 4 relay teams win their event.

- 10 y/old Girls: Abbie P, Bella J, Marley T, Matilda B.
11 y/old Girls: Kalisha M, Allegra M, Mia B, Kayla G.
12 y/old Girls: Jazz R, Koni O, Jadah L, Alex F.
12 y/old Boys: Jayden F, Connor B, Jarred B, Riley K.

Division Athletics will be held on **Monday, 17th September at the Flora Hill Track**. Students who have qualified will be notified next week.

DIVISION BASKETBALL

On Friday, 31st August, Big Hill PS competed in the Annual Division Basketball Tournament held at the Bendigo Stadium. The Year 6 Boys team won 3 out of 6 games and the Year 6 Girls team won 4 out of 6 games. Congratulations to all students involved for demonstrating great behaviour and sportsmanship.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Throughout this term students from Prep to Year 6 have been learning lots of different skipping skills. This term we are raising awareness and funds for The Heart Foundation, this is a fantastic cause that supports raising money for Heart disease. Students can fill out a sponsorship form or raise money online. Please complete and hand in by the last day of term.

Brett Strange
PE Coordinator

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

HAVE YOU VOTED FOR OUR SCHOOL YET?

Pick OUR Project at Pick My Project

There's less than two weeks to make your vote count for our school in the Pick My Project initiative.

What can you do to help?

- Register and vote at www.pickmyproject.vic.gov.au and search for our project "**Resurfacing and upgrade of basketball court and asphalt area**"
- Ask your family and friends to vote for us.
- Share our project on your social media accounts (and ask your family and friends to do this too). The link is on our Facebook page and can be shared from the Pick My Project site.

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



Let's do this together for our school and our kids.

MELBOURNE SHOPPING TOUR

Saturday 20th October

EARLY BIRD PRICE FINISHES NEXT WEEK

Have you signed up for our Shopping Tour yet? The early bird price of \$30 finishes next Friday so be quick to secure your seat on the bus.

We can now announce that we will be visiting the following warehouses on the day:

- ✚ Feelgood (health & beauty products),
- ✚ Footscray Fashion Bazaar,
- ✚ The Linen Factory,
- ✚ Bambis (kitchenware),
- ✚ Toyworx,
- ✚ Christmas Elves,
- ✚ Ross's Nuts,
- ✚ Sporting House Direct and
- ✚ Siricco (leather goods)

Come along and join us for a fun day out!

TRIVIA NIGHT

Wow! What a night we had. There were so many great moments (and moves!) and lots and lots of laughter. We hope everyone who came along had as much fun as we did. Congratulations goes to our 2018 Trivia Champs – the teachers and staff of Big Hill Primary School!



We've already had many requests to run the trivia night again, so perhaps we'll bring it back again next year so more of you can join in the fun!

Thank you to everyone that came along and made it a night to remember and to all of our supporting business who helped to make the night such a success.

- ❖ **The Barber Cafe,**
- ❖ **Fidget Kids,**
- ❖ **Indulge,**
- ❖ **Cheeky Buds Florists,**
- ❖ **Talk About Hair & Beauty,**
- ❖ **Dance Your Way,**
- ❖ **Rug Addiction,**
- ❖ **Bendigo Heritage Attractions,**
- ❖ **Supercheap Auto,**
- ❖ **Chemist Warehouse,**
- ❖ **Kangaroo Flat Fire Brigade,**
- ❖ **Commonwealth Bank,**
- ❖ **McDonalds,**
- ❖ **Subway,**
- ❖ **Coles,**
- ❖ **Luna Park and**
- ❖ **Catch Group**

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to all our lucky winners in our Father's Day raffle last week:

1st	Barbara S
2nd	Xavier P
3rd	Mia B
4th	Danny B
5th	Eligh G
6th	Brenton W
7th	Sonia V
8th	Eli H
9th	Laylah M
10th	Sienna H
11th	Chloe W
12th	Connor W
13th	Alex F
14th	Layla F
15th	Kay M

Kobe B won the 'Guess how many lollies' competition.

KIDS AND WORRY WORKSHOP – EVENING OF TUESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER

If you are interested in coming along to this workshop run by CCS Family and Relationship Services on the evening of Tuesday 18th September (6:30pm-8:30pm) please book your place at the Office. The workshop is free but spaces are limited and bookings are essential. A light supper will be provided by Parents and Friends at the workshop.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS DAY

This week we recognised our wonderful OSHC staff on Early Childhood Educators Day by treating them to a small spread of baked goods. Although we know that they are appreciated every day by the families that use the service, we thought it was a great time to show them how much we value their work and spoil them a little bit.



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".

**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!

MANGO DRIVE COMING SOON

We will be running a mango drive this year and order forms will be sent out very soon!

Your support of P&F activities is appreciated

CANTEEN NEWS

COLES LITTLE SHOP SWAP

For those families still needing a few items to finalise their collections, we will be holding a swap at the canteen at 3:15pm tomorrow and next Friday. Please bring any extras you have, and hopefully everyone can get all they need.

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:

- + Gemma C
- + Brodie H

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

Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager

ENVIRONMENT CLUB NEWS

Student Voice have helped the school start up recess clubs. This has been great for students to make new friends and belong to a group. Students have come up with the club ideas, purpose and rules for each club.

Parents or grandparents interested in running a club such as knitting for example, please let me know. Half of the clubs are 100% student lead! If students did not get a chance to write their name down they are still welcome to attend a club, we have set a maximum of first 10 students in best dressed as not all members will attend every week. The club details are on the bench next to the student voice yellow box.

Environment Club is supported by myself and we applied for the Shire waste competition and WON! as a result we have for each class resources to help students sort waste into the correct bins and Erin from the shire came to teach classes about the importance of this for our community, how massive the expense is to manage, and how we can help by doing the right thing. It was a student voice goal this year to clean up the rubbish in the yard and they are a long way towards achieving this goal.



The picture is of different ways we can all help the environment, it is on display in the foyer. Students involved in this model were; Lexi, Neriya, Lacey, Cordy, Keira, Shelby, Tarny, Ava, Sophie, Mia, MacKenzie, Dakota, Wilkie, Alaena, Caitlyn, Kaylah, Skye, Chelsea, Tayah and Xavier. Sorry if I missed anyone!

Megan Haddon, School Chaplain

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

FRIDAY, 21ST 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, 19th 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**

SUPERHERO DRESS UP DAY



