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THURSDAY, 11TH OCTOBER, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 12 th October	Tickets on sale at the Office and on Qkr for productions - \$10 per ticket for secondary aged and over
Tuesday, 16 th October	Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2 BSE transition day – PLEASE BE AT SCHOOL BY 8:45AM
Thursday, 18 th October	School Council Meeting Scholastic Book Club orders and money due at the Office
Friday, 19 th October	Parents & Friends meeting 9:15am in the multipurpose room – all welcome Class Placement Requests in writing due at the Office Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2 Applications for the 2019 China Trip due at the Office
Saturday, 20th October	Melbourne Warehouse Shopping Tour-TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE
Monday, 22 nd October	Payment of \$47 due for First Steps Swimming program
Tuesday, 23 rd October	Year 3/4 T20 Blast
Wednesday, 24 th October	Prep – Year 2 Production 'Wackadoo Zoo' matinee & evening performances Baptist Church, Junortoun NO CANTEEN available due to production – all year levels
Friday, 26th October	Day for Daniel – please wear red and bring a gold coin donation and meet at Phillis Street at 8:30am for the walk/active travel to school
	Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2
Sunday, 28 th October	Mango Drive Order forms and money due back at the Office
Monday, 29 th October	Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk-see inside for more information
Tuesday, 30 th October	First Steps Swimming Program commences
Friday, 2 nd November	Year 3 – 6 Production 'Gladiator' matinee & evening performances Baptist Church, Junortoun Active Travel to School Day – meet at Phillis Street at 8:30am
Monday, 5 th November	Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2
Tuesday, 6 th November	Year 5/6 T20 Blast
Friday, 9 th November	Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day Year 5/6 2019 Camp Deposit of \$80 due – note sent home this week
Friday, 16 th November	Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2
Tuesday, 20 th November	Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2
Friday, 23 rd November	First Prep Transition visit 9:30am – 11:00am Year 5/6 2019 Camp Second instalment of \$70 due
Tuesday, 27 th November	Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2
Friday, 30 th November	Prep Transition Literacy/Numeracy Evening 5:30pm – 6:30pm Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Term 4...a long and busy term indeed. So much occurs in Term 4, including transition for all students, two productions, Year 2 Sleepover, swimming programs (excluding Senior Unit – completed Term 1), assessment and reporting, Year 6 Graduation, End of Year Celebrations and much more. It's going to be busy, but hopefully, really productive and lots of fun for all involved.

CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY – 2019

Very soon the staff will begin working on class structures for 2019, including the formation of classes. We start to think about where the best placement for your child will be and take into account your child's ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL and PHYSICAL needs when forming classes. Your child will often request who they want to be with, but take this with caution, as children really don't have the full picture of what is best when making a decision about where they want to be. Their choice is predominantly emotionally based and changes sometimes on a daily basis. We do try and look at friendship groupings too, but these also change from day-to-day. In the end, the best course of action is to trust the professionals and let them make the decisions around placement. Each year parents are given the opportunity to try and INFLUENCE the placement of their child, by adhering to our Placement Policy. This is included in this week's newsletter for your information.

Read through the policy and if you wish to put in writing your request, please ensure that your request is in line with the policy. If it isn't, we won't be able to consider your request. Letters of request are due to me by Friday, 19th October – either drop a letter off at the Office addressed to me, or email me directly: pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au. No late letters will be accepted in line with the policy. Can I remind families that requesting does not guarantee that what is outlined will occur, only that it will be considered. Also remember that speaking to a teacher or other staff member will not suffice, you need to put your request in writing... this includes even if you have spoken to me throughout the course of the year around future requests. I'm hoping this is clearer for you all... and that generally, you won't need to write a letter at all...rather, you will trust that we will make the right decision and that all of our teachers are highly skilled and would do a wonderful job with your child/ren.

BUSHFIRE – CODE RED DAYS – SCHOOL CLOSURE

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.** Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, notices in the newsletter, message on the School and P&F Facebook page, message on our webpage and via Flexibuzz. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1:00pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. **Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child/ren.



It is also important to note that: No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day. Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) will also be cancelled on these days. School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located. As a bus coordinating school, all bus routes will be cancelled, ie. Ravenswood. Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school. On these Code Red days, families are encouraged to enact their own Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.** For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do? Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed. Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website and Facebook pages and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan. Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay. If your child/ren are old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>. For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see: <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>, Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic)), Twitter (twitter.com/CFA_Updates), ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters and the VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226).

CHINESE STUDENTS ARRIVAL

At this stage we are expecting the arrival of 3 Chinese students and a teacher on Monday, 22nd October (to be confirmed). Our visitors will come from Fangzhou Primary School, Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP), China. Fangzhou is the same school we hosted from last year and also the school that Lachie, Charli, Abi, Ciana and I visited this year. I can confirm that the following families will host this year: Blake, Sullivan, Alexander, Parsons and Miller families. A big thank you to all concerned. I am awaiting the names and contact details for the children arriving. As soon as I know, I will be in touch with the families involved.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2019 CHINA TRIP

I have sent home the documentation to students interested in travelling to China next year when in Year 5 or 6. Please look out for this information, as it outlines how to apply. If you haven't got a copy, please let me know ASAP. Applications are due back at school on Friday, 19th October.

PHOENIX FM

Why not tune into Phoenix FM (106.7) tomorrow at 12 midday to hear three of our School Leaders (Zoe, Todd and Mikayla) and I in action! The children will be asked all about being a leader at Big Hill Primary School. It should be lots of fun and also be very informative! You can also listen online. Visit: <http://www.phoenixfm.org.au/>.

STAFFING – CONGRATULATIONS TO AINSLEY AND RHYS

Congratulations to Ainsley Stanley, who has successfully picked up the Learning Specialist position at Big Hill PS. Ainsley will work with staff to model excellent teaching and learning in the Literacy and Numeracy areas in the future. Rhys Bull has also successfully picked up our Graduate position, meaning that he will remain at Big Hill Primary School now and into the future... this is good news for the boys and girls who are currently working with Rhys. We also welcome back Deb Sammons, Phil Seaton and Roberta Mathers from Long Service Leave this week – it's been great to have them back on deck at Big Hill PS.

FREE DEFIBRILLATOR

We've finally done it – thank you so much to everyone who pledged their accounts at Bendigo Bank. We'll keep everyone informed when it has arrived.

SUNSMART, HATS IN TERM 4

As a SunSmart school, Term 4 is a term where all children and staff have to wear a hat if in the yard. NO HAT, NO PLAY has come into effect as of the first day of Term 4, so please ensure your child comes to school each day with their hat. If you need a new hat, they are available at the Office for \$10. It's also a great idea to have sunscreen in your child's bag to apply throughout the day and to send them to school already coated. Sunglasses are also advisable. As the weather warms up, I would like to advise that when the temperature reaches 35 degrees celcius or above and the UV index spikes, extreme weather timetables will be put in place and children will remain indoors on this day. Please talk to your child about why we will need to do this to prepare them.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our October meeting of School Council is set to occur on Tuesday, 16th October. Finance will meet at 6:30pm, with the rest of council meeting at 7:00pm in the library. Documentation for the meeting will be sent out via email today and tomorrow, so please look out for this and read through in preparation. In the event that you cannot attend, please ensure you have put in an apology well before the meeting starts. I'm hoping to see many of our Councillors there for our 3rd last meeting of the year.

TRANSITION

Term 4 will be very busy with transition. Year 6's going to BSE next year will need to be at school next Tuesday, 16th October at 8:45am to catch a bus to BSE for the morning. Brett Strange will be attending with the students concerned. Our Kinder – Prep transition program starts on Tuesday, 20th November, from 9:30am – 11:00am. This is the first of 4 planned visits. On Tuesday, 11th December, all Year 6's will attend their 2019 secondary school for the day, whilst all other classes at Big Hill PS (Prep – Year 5...including Kinder kids) will have a transition morning in their 2019 classes. Busy, but exciting times ahead.

SCHOOL VISION & VALUES

With our new Strategic Plan in development, we pause to revisit our Vision and our Values. I am including our Vision and Values this week for you to consider – do they cover what we need as a school for the next four years? **VISION:** *At Big Hill Primary School we foster the personal and academic development of all students through a comprehensive and balanced curriculum with a focus on positive and successful relationships.* **VALUES:** *Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible.* Our Values were successfully endorsed by the recent Review, with all children and staff showing great understanding of the three core values. You may feel they are perfect and worth continuing with, however, if you feel an addition or deletion could be made, feel free to email me pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au. As for the vision...feel free to reword it...including or deleting new material. The vision should succinctly outline what we are trying to achieve in our school setting. Again, email me your drafts for consideration.

CAPITAL WORKS

I am expecting at any minute an announcement that the old portable (near the Senior Unit) will be collected and removed from site. When this occurs, the first stage of our Capital Works program won't be too far off. Once the portable is removed, the builders compound will be set up in the corner of the staff carpark (near the nature park entrance) and site preparations shall begin. When this occurs, all parking at the rear of the school shall be lost – staff will then beginning parking in other areas. Where possible, I will ask staff to try and park away from the designated parks near the school to ensure there is still parking for drop-offs and pick-ups.

ENROLMENTS AND DEPARTURES – PLANNING FOR 2019

With planning of 2019 beginning, we really need to know if you have plans to move interstate etc in the New Year. We understand families move from time to time, so making us aware helps to ensure we have staffing right for 2019. This is also the same for enrolments. We have a few families planning to enrol Prep students for 2019, yet we haven't had confirmation. If you are in this boat, could you please grab an enrolment form from the Office ASAP and add your child's details to our list? If you know of friends or family who intend to come to Big Hill PS in 2019, please also encourage them to make contact if they haven't already. Much appreciated.

EVACUATION DRILL

In order to maintain a safe environment for our children, staff and visitors it is necessary that we practice our emergency drills. We will be conduct various drills throughout the year this term we practice a lock-out drill and a severe weather drill.

Lock-out drill is when the children, staff and visitors will evacuate the school building due to an issue in a building. Students will be safely escorted along a designated evacuation route to one of our pre-determined evacuation sites. At the conclusion of the drill, all students will be escorted back to their classroom. For the safety of everyone involved and to maintain order, we respectfully ask that you would abide by the following during these drills:

- Do not come to the school campus
- Do not call the school Offices (as they will be busy with the drill or actual emergency)
- Do not contact students or staff members via cell phone or social media (as they will be busy with the drill or actual emergency)
- Avoid social media posts. Correct information will be disseminated through our automated system as soon as possible.
- Please make sure that your contact information is current at all times so that you can be reached without delay in the event of an emergency.
- In the event of an actual emergency evacuation, you will receive notification where to pick up your child as soon as practicable.

Please remember that these safety practice drills are done to help maintain our schools as a safe place to learn and work. If you have any questions regarding any of these Safety Drills or other safety concerns, please contact your school Office, or the office of the superintendent.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Ella R, Emily A, Cody N, Nathan A, Piper H, Gemma C & Ruby H.

It's been great to be back at school this week and see the children so settled and ready to learn. The break has done them the world of good!

Kind regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all the First Steps students and families. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday and are ready for a very busy Term 4. This term we have lots of exciting things happening that we look forward to sharing with you. It's great to see students have returned back to school full of enthusiasm and excitement ready for the last term of the school year!

SWIMMING PROGRAM

On Monday, 29th October our swimming program will commence at the Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre in Browning Street, Kangaroo Flat. A blue permission note outlining the times, days and associated costs was sent home today with all students. We ask that payment be made and permission notes returned to the Office by **Monday, 22nd October 2018**.



PREP – YEAR 2 PRODUCTION

All students have been busy practising for our production "Wackadoo Zoo" which will be held on Wednesday, 24th October at the Bendigo Baptist Church in Junortoun at 12:30pm and 6:30pm. Tickets are on sale from tomorrow via Qkr or at the Office at a cost of \$10 for secondary aged and over (Primary School aged and under are free).

We would like to ask parents/guardians to please send in a plain t-shirt for your child's costume at your earliest convenience. T-shirts can be purchased at Big W, Kmart, Best & Less or Target. Thank you to those parents who have already sent in their child's T-shirt.

FSN: Preps-Lions: Orange or Gold/Yellow T-shirt
Year 1's-Monkeys: Brown T-shirt

FSP: Pigs-Pink T-shirt

If you have any questions regarding the production, please feel free to see your child's classroom teacher.

HATS

Just a reminder that all students are required to wear their broad brimmed hats this term while outside. Please ensure that your child's hat is clearly labelled with their name. If students do not have a hat they will be asked to stay in the shade under the rotunda. Hats are available for purchase from the Office year round for a cost of \$10 each.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For a great start back to Term 4:

FSN Jarrod M

FSP Chelsea B

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

The Junior Unit staff would like to welcome all students and families back to school for what promises to be a wonderful term. We hope that you all enjoyed a nice, relaxing break. The children have returned to school happy, energetic and ready to learn. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

DRINK BOTTLES AND HATS

Although we have returned to school with cooler weather, the temperature is set to rise over the coming weeks. As such, it is important to send your child to school with a named water bottle and hat in order to keep them hydrated and sun smart during the day.

HOME READING

As we head towards the end of the year, we would like to remind you of the importance of home reading. Our goal is to achieve 200 nights of home reading by the end of the year. We look forward to seeing many of our students achieving this goal.

PRODUCTION

With production practice well underway and tickets going on sale TOMORROW, we would like to remind parents and guardians to send along their child's named t-shirt to their classroom teachers by Monday afternoon. The children will be making their headpieces in the classroom over the coming week.

SWIMMING

We are excited to be undertaking our swimming program in week 4 at the new Gurri Wanyarra swimming pool in Kangaroo Flat. Please keep a look out for swimming permission forms, which have been sent home today. This note will outline the times and days each class will be attending swimming lessons. Please feel free to come along and watch your child's lessons throughout the week.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying all of the School Values and having a great start to Term 4:

JC Sam H

JJ Blaik Y

JW Mikayla F

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

TERM 4

Welcome back to all our students and families for what is going to be a HUGE Term 4! All students returned refreshed, excited and ready to learn. Here's hoping that our students took the advice from teachers and continued to read and maintain their Maths number facts throughout the holidays!! We certainly have a busy term coming up as usual and we look forward to some exciting learning opportunities that have been planned.

This term once again staff have been busy planning and organising many extra curricula activities for students to be engaged in. Some of these include the T20 Blast Cricket carnival, Major Musical Production, Swimming Lessons, Bike and Traffic Ed, Transition, Passion Projects as well as our usual busy schedule of general classroom learning.

Students have all received their Term 4 homework books and have weekly homework tasks to complete. Learning spelling words, basic number and multiplication facts as well as recording reading in their diaries are 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 'Respect':

MR **Johan V**
MD **Chelsea W**
MB **Connor B**

Renaë, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

Welcome Back to all our Senior Unit students, we hope you all had a wonderful and restful break in preparation for a very busy Term 4.

PREP PHOTO

Can we please request that all of our Year 6 students bring to school a prep photo to give to their classroom teacher in preparation for our Year 6 graduation celebrations? Thank you.

BSE TRANSITION

This will be taking place next Tuesday, 16th October. Students will be travelling by bus with Brett.

STUDENTS ARE TO BE AT SCHOOL BY 8:45AM

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP DAY

This will be taking place with Ainsley & Matt on Friday, 19th October.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For playing safely in the yard:

SA **Kodee M**
SB **Jayden F**
SK **Daniel B**
SL **Eli H**

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS PRODUCTIONS

PREP – YEAR 2 & YEAR 3-6 PRODUCTIONS

The Prep – Year 2 production of 'Wackadoo Zoo' will take place on Wednesday, 24th October and the Year 3–6 production of 'Gladiator' will take place on Tuesday, 30th October.

TICKETS

Tickets for both productions will go on sale TOMORROW – both at the Office and on our Qkr payment app at a cost of \$10 for secondary aged and over (Primary aged and under are free). Please be advised that there is no allocated seating for either the matinee or evening performances.

'WACKADOO ZOO' PRODUCTION COSTUMES

The Prep – Year 2 production of 'Wackadoo Zoo' is being performed at the Bendigo Baptist Church in Junortoun on **Wednesday, 24th October** at 12:30pm and 6:30pm.

We would like to ask parents/guardians to please send in a plain t-shirt for your child's costume. Please be advised that t-shirts may be painted on or have decorations attached to them and may not be returned in the same condition they were sent in. (Plain t-shirts can be purchased at Big W, Kmart, Best & Less and Target for a few dollars.)

Cows: White T-shirt

Year 1's from JC, as well as Ethan J, Chelsea H, Isabella B & Jesse B

Lions: Orange or Gold T-shirt

Preps from FSN, as well as Jett G, Noah P, Jai N & Mia L.

Monkeys: Brown T-shirt

Year 1's from FSN & JJ, as well as Sienna H, Brady J & Harley W

Goats: Grey T-shirt

Year 1's from JW, as well as Owen G, Matilda M, Taj A & Tyrone D

Pigs: Pink T-shirt

Preps and Prep Pauline, as well as Neriya T & Ben O

Visitors: Casual Clothes

Logan B & Peyton C

Professors: White Lab Coat

Miller L, Oliver S, Mackenna L & Cameron K

Narrators: Smartly dressed in casual clothing such as a dress or pants and a shirt

(Narrators do not need to bring their outfit to school before the performance)

Sebastian S, Leila D, Skyla R, Zane L, Mia P, Keira H, Harry L, Taya K, Dakota J, Mikalya F, Charlie W, Lexi C, Shanay O, RJ T, Harry S, Remy W, Jett E & Cohen S.

Please ensure that your child's named t-shirt is given to their classroom teacher at your earliest convenience

Many thanks, *Jen, Wendy, Nicole, Pauline & Catherine*

PE NEWS

ACTIVE TRAVEL

Throughout the month of October, students are encouraged to actively travel to school by walking, riding or scooting. Each class will be recording how many times they have actively travelled. We will be holding an active travel day on Friday, 2nd November meeting at Phillis Street at 8:30am.

Brett Strange, PE Coordinator

STEP UP FOR DOWN SYNDROME WALK

To celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month, there is a Step Up for Down Syndrome Walk that will be happening in Bendigo on Sunday, 28th October.

The walk is always a fun family event with a sausage sizzle, jumping castle and all-inclusive dance group from Bendigo Beam performing.

Registration starts at 9:30am at Lake Weeroona, and the walk starts at 10:30am. People can register on the day or pre-register on the link below. It also has additional information.

You can register individually or register under "Team Jarrod". Jarrod is in Year 1 at Big Hill PS.

http://www.downsyndromevictoria.org.au/DSV/SupportUs/Events/Event_pages/StepUP.aspx

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Brochures for Issue 7 have been distributed today. Please have orders and money back to the Office by next Thursday, 18th October. Alternatively, you can place an order and pay online using the LOOP system on the Scholastic website:

<http://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/>

THANK YOU

We would like to express our gratitude to Leon Reidy for his wonderful efforts extricating all of the balls from the roofs around the school over the holidays, it was really appreciated.

We had a donation of netballs from the Monday Ladies Netball Association at the Bendigo Stadium. Thank you so much and if there are any ladies wanting to play netball, please visit their website:

<http://www.mondayladiesnetball.com.au/>

We have also had a donation of books from author Danny Willis. Thank you so much for thinking of our school, we're sure the kids will love them.

LOST PROPERTY NEWS

Missing: a white, purple and green NIKE Soccer ball. If found please return to class SL. Thank you.

2019 YEAR 5/6 CAMP NOTE

Notes have been sent home requesting your indication to attend. Please complete the form and return it with the deposit of \$80 to the Office no later than Friday, 9th November. The second instalment is due on Friday, 23rd November and the rest of the payment isn't due until 2019. The camp dates again are March 4th – 6th.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

MELBOURNE SHOPPING TOUR SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2018

Have you thought about coming along?

There are still tickets available.

If you would like to come along on the Shopping Tour, please contact the Office ASAP. We will be visiting the following warehouses during the day:

Feelgood, Footscray Fashion Bazaar, The Linen Factory, Bambis, Toyworx, Christmas Elves, Ross's Nuts, Sporting House Direct and Siricco.

MANGO DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Did you get the mango drive form last term? This is the first time we've run a mango fundraiser which is becoming a very popular fundraiser at other schools with delivery just before Christmas holidays.

The Mango Fundraiser use Bowen Special Mangoes which are more formally known as Kensington Pride Mangoes. They are packed in a single layer tray, with approximately 7kg of Mangoes per tray. The number of Mangoes per tray depends on the size of the fruit, and may vary from 12 large Mangoes up to 23 small Mangoes.

As well as having a great taste, Mangoes are packed with nutritional goodness – Vitamin C (one Mango contains your recommended daily allowance), Vitamin E, Beta-Carotene, antioxidants, Potassium & B Vitamins. They are low in fat & Cholesterol free.

When you buy Mangoes from the Mango Fundraiser you know the fruit is coming directly from the farm to you. Your mangoes aren't being held for long periods in storage or ripening rooms.

Ask your family and friends and take the form into work with you to collect orders as well.

Trays are \$25 each and order forms and payment are due back at the Office by Friday, 26th October.

PICK MY PROJECT

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with our application to upgrade our basketball court through the Pick My Project initiative with the winning projects now listed on the Pick My Project website. Thank you to everyone who voted for our Project and supported our application. We will continue to keep an eye out for any future opportunities that might help us to upgrade the court.

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

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.

GET INVOLVED WITH P&F

Our next general meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th October from 9:15am in the multipurpose room. If you would 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

CANTEEN NEWS

ITEMS NO LONGER AVAILABLE

Due to our suppliers, we are no longer able to have lasagne or mac & cheese on our menu. Apologies for any inconvenience.

New menus were sent home last term with a few changes. If you need another one, it is on the website and hard copies are available from the Office.

CANTEEN CLOSURE DAY

The canteen will be closed on Wednesday, 24th October due the Prep – Year 2 production. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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:

✚ Harley L

✚ Xavier D

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

Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager

KIDS HOPE NEWS

INTRODUCING OUR NEW KIDSHOPE MENTOR



A warm welcome to Fred our new student mentor. He is a retired nurse and landscape gardener and you may have noticed him around the school busy gardening volunteering additional time inside and outside of

school hours. The garden is looking fantastic and the students have been observing and helping with great interest. Fred is also a classical trained singer and performs with the Bendigo Chorale, which is currently celebrating their 60th anniversary. Their next performance is Saturday, 1st December at 2:30pm at the Forest Street Uniting Church Hall, a 'Christmas with the Chorale' for anyone interested and if you happen to see him around the school he loves a chat! BIG thank you Fred for your wonderful work.

Megan Haddon, School Chaplain

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Big Hill PS Walk to School and Active Travel

The logo for School Fun Run, with 'SCHOOL' in green and 'FUN RUN' in blue and red.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In conjunction with School Fun Run we will be holding the first ever *Day for Daniel Walk to School and Active Travel* as a fundraising event this year on Friday 26 October 2018. We're doing it in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, with funds helping them achieve their mission of keeping kids safe in Australia!

How Does My Child Fundraise?

All fundraising is completed online, so please create your profile at dayfordanielfunrun.com.au. Share your link through social media, email and even text. As a bonus, all donations are tax deductible!

For raising just \$10, students will receive a reward for their effort. The more they raise, the better the reward!

Remember, the money raised will help the Daniel Morcombe Foundation raise awareness, so please share your fundraising link far, wide and often! It will guarantee the best results.

About the Day for Daniel Walk to School and Active Travel

The *Day for Daniel Walk to School and Active Travel* promotes awareness for child safety while raising funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The Foundation works tirelessly to educate communities on child safety strategies and support victims of crime involving children. We're supporting by holding a *Day for Daniel Walk to School and Active Travel* on Friday 26 October. We are proud to be among the first schools ever to participate in the initiative and hope to raise funds.

It's all about participation and Family support is key to our fundraising success and we encourage everyone to get involved.

Getting Involved

Not only can you support the school and students with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun! We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend the *Day for Daniel Walk to School and Active Travel*. We can't wait to see you at our event!

- Day for Daniel Walk to School and Active Travel Friday 26 October 8:30am Phillis St Corner (bikes and scooters will leave first).
- Wear something red to school.
- If you do not want to participate in the online sponsorship, donations can be made at the school's office. Maybe just a gold coin for wearing red.
- Everyone can enjoy a free Quelch frozen treat at 1st break.

Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE

Prizes MUST be ordered between the **2 November** and **9 November**. Simply login to your profile page at dayfordanielfunrun.com.au click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button on your online student profile and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun-Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN (386 786) and they will gladly assist!

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

**SO FAR OUR SCHOOL HAS RAISED OVER \$900 FOR THE WALK TO SCHOOL!
KEEP UP THE GREAT EFFORT AND REGISTER ONLINE**



CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

Purpose

To create the best possible learning environment, which is equitable, to all students and their families.

Guidelines

- 1. That the underlying principles are educational and in the best interests of all children.*
- 2. That involvement in the process is within the framework of specified criteria.*
- 3. That the final responsibility for class placement and/or pupil movement remains primarily with the Principal/delegate*

Implementation

- The specified criteria for movement of a child from one class to another are as follows:
 - Special needs of children (i.e. emotional, psychological, behavioural, disabilities)
 - Equitable distribution of children (i.e. learning, gender, behaviour considerations)
 - Within unit requests (i.e. for children to be placed or not placed within a class for family groupings).
 - Flexibility in grouping will be encouraged in movement between units or year levels.
 - Children should have at least one friend accompany him or her to the next class.
 - Parents of a pre-school child are provided with the opportunity to indicate a friend with whom they would like their child placed as part of the enrolment process.
- People who may be involved in the class selection process are as follows:
 - The child's class teacher.
 - The school's transition teachers.
 - Parent(s) of a special needs child.
 - Parent(s) who have views regarding family grouping.
 - Other staff involved in the child's education, such as specialists who have specific special needs information.
 - Pre-school staff.
 - First Steps, Junior Unit, Middle Unit and Senior Unit staff.
 - The Principal.
- Parents are to write to the Principal stating any educational considerations by Friday, 19th October.
 - Records of decisions which have been made regarding placement of children for various reasons, especially behaviour, will be kept.
 - The Principal/delegate will be responsible for keeping this information.
 - All requests will receive either a verbal or written reply so parents understand staff reasons for student placement.
- If there has been an on-going concern during the year and there has been contact between the parent, teacher and Principal, a child could be moved to another class in the following year. This action should take place only after discussions with the Principal/delegate and the involved parties.
- In the event of new students altering the class structure or dynamics some children may need to be moved to another class early in the school year.

Student enrolment numbers will be a major factor in determining class structures.



Big Hill Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day. Tuesday 6th November.



We invite families to come along and enjoy our annual Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day.

Bring along a **Picnic Lunch** or purchase lunch at the Parents and Friends Committee's **Barbeque**.

A **Coffee Van** will be onsite and the **Canteen** will also open over lunch to sell icy poles and other snack items.



Events on the day will include;

Best Hat Competitions, **Fashion Parades** and **Fashions on the Asphalt**, **Morning Tea** for parents and friends, **Picnic Races** and the **Championship Long Distance Race**.



Hat Categories

Tallest Hat

Best Aussie Hat.

Best Fascinator / Hairstyle

Best Decorated Big Hill Hat

Best Toddler Hat

Hat with the Widest Brim

Best Melbourne Cup Hat

Best Flower Hat.



Fashions Events

Best Foundation -2 GIRLS Outfit.

Best Foundation -2 BOYS Outfit.

Best Pre-School/toddler GIRLS Outfit

Best Pre-School/toddler BOYS Outfit

Best year 3/4 GIRLS Outfit

Best year 3/4 BOYS Outfit

Best year 5/6 GIRLS Outfit

Best year 5/6 BOYS Outfit

