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THURSDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 9th November

Year 5/6 2019 Camp Deposit of \$80 due at the Office

Last chance to buy Raffle Tickets to win a \$300 Woolworths gift card and Guess the Lollies Competition
Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2

Monday, 12th November

Payment of \$45 due for the Year 2 Sleepover

Thursday, 15th November

Year 2 Sleepover at the Discovery Centre

Friday, 16th November

Payment of \$7 due for Senior Unit Bricks for Kids Incursion

Tuesday, 20th November

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2

Thursday, 22nd November

First Prep Transition visit 9:30am – 11:00am

Father/Parent Evening for Year 5/6 students 6:00pm – 7:00pm in the multipurpose room

Friday, 23rd November

Mother/Parent Evening for Year 5/6 students 6:00pm – 7:00pm in the library

Year 5/6 2019 Camp Second instalment of \$70 due

Monday, 26th November

Senior Unit Bricks for Kids Incursion

Tuesday, 27th November

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2

Friday, 30th November

Payment of \$55 due for Middle Unit Swimming

Monday, 3rd December

Prep Transition Literacy/Numeracy Evening 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Tuesday, 4th December

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2

Thursday 6th December

Middle Unit Swimming Program commences

Friday, 7th December

Second Prep Transition visit 10:00am – 12:15pm

Tuesday, 11th December

Student Voice fundraiser for Rural Aid – gold coin donation requested for Rural Aid

Wednesday, 12th December

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2

Friday, 14th December

Whole School Transition Day (Preps 10:00am – 12:15pm, with a school/OSHC tour at 10:00am)

Monday, 17th December

Orders due by 10:00am for Pizza Day – no late orders can be accepted

Thursday, 20th December

PIZZA DAY and last canteen day for 2018

Friday, 21st December

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2

Year 6 Graduation

Senior Unit Breakup – more information to follow

NO Second Hand Uniform Shop – apologies

LAST DAY FOR 2018 – early dismissal 1:30pm

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Week 5 is almost done and dusted...and by mid-week of Week 6... we'll be halfway through the term! Weeks are flying by and school is such a busy, exciting and action packed place! With this in mind, if you notice your child is tiring out, becoming more aggravated etc, it's a sign that they need a rest. Whilst they won't like being put to bed earlier, it really does help to ensure that extra sleep is happening when they are so busy.

MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY

Tuesday's Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day went ahead despite the dodgy forecast...and we had mixed success. We were able to get through all of the hat parade, managed a hybrid fashions on the asphalt but fell short of providing a races afternoon. So much rain fell (more than was forecast) that the grounds were no longer safe to use as a sporting event. At this stage, the staff and I will discuss the possibility of running a shorter races afternoon before the end of the year... we have engraved trophies to award... so we will announce soon a set afternoon so that you can put it in your diary. I'd like to thank Renae Westley for coordinating the day.... a lot of time and effort goes into the event and we appreciate Renae's efforts. Thanks also to the P&F who ran a productive BBQ despite the rain... and also donated prizes, ribbons and trophies for our special occasion. A big thank you to the staff for being flexible on such a topsy-turvy day, the children for their efforts and understanding and our parents / special visitors who made the effort to come along and supported children at home with hat making and outfit selection.

TEAM CHINA

Grace and Helena have had a settled start to their time at Big Hill PS, with both girls now spending just over two weeks at Big Hill PS. The Alexander and Blake families continue to do a wonderful job looking after both of the girls. Olivia, the visiting Chinese teacher, is also enjoying her time in Australia and speaks very highly of our school and students. Can I remind families that we will continue to provide 8:15am meetings each Thursday to support families with any issues that may arise. Kate, Chen or I will always be present to ensure we can work through things as they do arise. For our children travelling to China next year (Bailey, Carlos, Mia and Ethan) I suggest starting the passport application process now... if you don't already have a passport. Families of children travelling to China will need to ensure they have paid a \$400 deposit by the start of December also. Fundraising for next year can begin...we just need to have a start up meeting. If families concerned can let me know their preferred day / time via email (pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au) I can schedule a catch up.

POPPY APPEAL

Badges, pens, wrist bands and key rings
are now for sale at the Office
with prices from \$1 – \$5

BOOKLISTS

The 2019 Booklists will be sent out within the next week with the Prep booklists being handed out on the first Transition Day on Tuesday, 20th November. The booklist will need to be either completed online, or dropped in at the Office by Friday, 7th December. Please note that no payment is required this year.

STAFFING

We currently have Susie Marsh working in SA – with Ainsley returning to Big Hill PS on Monday. Brett Strange has had to take sick leave for the next two weeks, so Kristie Lacey is working with his class during this time. Wendy Hicks has also been on Long Service Leave this week and we have welcomed Samantha Kantaris back into the school to cover Wendy during her time away. Wendy also returns on Monday.

WELCOME STACEY AND PAULINE

For the next few weeks (at least) we welcome Stacey Murtagh and Pauline Gierisch onto our staff, as the two ladies complete placement as part of their Education Support Officer course. Stacey and Pauline will support students and classes across the First Steps, Junior and Middle Units.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Tomorrow I will meet with our architects and building contractors to have a formal START UP of the CAPITAL WORKS project. During this meeting, I expect to be briefed on what we can expect to occur this year and into 2019. Stay tuned for more information next week – exciting times not too far away!

CLASS STRUCTURES

After looking at our expected enrolments for 2019...we can see that our numbers are going to stay pretty similar to 2018, which is fantastic! The size of our school is perfect...not too big and not too small, so staying around the 280 mark would be ideal. With numbers very similar to 2018, we are also able to run a similar structure to this year. I can therefore announce that next year we will run a PREP and PREP / YEAR 1 class (First Steps Unit), three YEAR 1/2 classes (Junior Unit), three YEAR 3/4 classes (Middle Unit) and a YEAR 4/5 and three YEAR 5/6's (Senior Unit). In the coming weeks I will announce the placement of teachers within each Unit and the expected Unit Leader for each.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING – YEAR 6

Year 6's that completed the training are reminded to return their finished PUBLIC LEADERSHIP Training booklets to be eligible to receive the official YOUNG LEADERS, PUBLIC LEADERSHIP certificate.

YEAR 6 PHOTO - MONDAY

On Monday our photographers (MSP Photography) will return to Big Hill PS to take a Term 4 photo of our Year 6's for Graduation purposes. I'm announcing this to enable families to prepare for this visit.... everyone likes to look perfect for that moment caught in time. The photos will be taken at 9:45am.

ENROLMENTS AND DEPARTURES – PLANNING FOR 2019

Is your Kinder child enrolled for 2019? If not, you need to get in contact with the Office ASAP. Are you moving away from Big Hill PS next year? If so, you need to let the Office know ASAP. If you have friends or family coming next year, please check in with them to ensure they have enrolled.

YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

By this time next week, the Year 2's will be very excited about their Year 2 Sleepover at the Discovery Centre. Wendy, Catherine and Jen have been busy planning a wonderful night away from home for our Year 2's. It's going to be an exciting time for them all next Thursday, 15th November!

REMEMBRANCE DAY

A service will be held this Sunday at the Kangaroo Flat Cenotaph at 10:30am if you would like to attend. School leaders will lay a wreath and teacher Kate Dole will also be in attendance.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Mikayla G, Riley K, Willow W & Taya K.

Here's hoping that the weekend ahead is an opportunity to have a mid-term rest... charging up the batteries for the final run toward the end of the school year.

Kind regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

VOLUNTEERS

We have recently purchased some new take home readers. We are currently looking for any volunteers to help contact these new books. You are welcome to take them home and contact them when you have some free time. If you are able to help out, please speak to Nicole or Pauline. Thank you.

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.

DRINK BOTTLES

As the warmer weather is fast approaching, we are encouraging students to bring drink bottles filled with only water to school, so that they are able to have a drink during class time when they need to.

MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY

What a fun morning we had on Tuesday for the Big Hill Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day. We saw an amazing array of hats and outfits. It was a shame the weather didn't hold off for our afternoon races.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For showing great improvements in their weekly spelling:

FSN *Xavier D*

FSP *Hope G*

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY

Thank you to all the parents and families who made the effort to come along on Tuesday to our Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day. We were so impressed to see the wonderful hats and outfits on display and look forward to the rescheduled picnic races and Cross Country running events. Thank you to our students who showed resilience in the face of disappointment, we were very proud of you.

YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

Next Thursday we will be attending the Discovery Centre for our Year 2 Sleepover. Thank you to those parents who have returned their forms and money. There is still time to do so and replacement forms can be obtained from the Office. If your child will not be attending, please let Catherine, Wendy or Jen know as soon as possible. Thank you.

SCIENCE

As part of our Science Unit into Natural Resources, we had a visit today from Alice at Coliban Water. Alice spoke to our students about the water cycle, how we use water and ways to conserve its use at home and at school.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying resilience and positivity following the postponement of our Family Fun Day sporting events:

JC *Leila D*

JJ *Zoe W*

JW *Matilda M*

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

THIS WEEK

This week in the Middle Unit we have continued to work hard and keep our students on task and engaged. Unfortunately, our Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day was rained out, however students enjoyed the afternoon working with friends on some fun activities.

MIDDLE UNIT SWIMMING

Most students have brought back their notes indicating their swimming levels. Thank you to those students for being well organised. The next step will be organising students into groups and getting the rest of the permission notes returned along with full payment. We are all looking forward to utilising the brand new **Gurri Wanyarra** swimming facility for our lessons.

NEXT WEEK

Next week the Middle Unit will be completing a range of end of year assessment tasks. This will assist teachers to measure growth from the beginning of the year. Students are encouraged to practice their Oxford Spelling words in their homework books in preparation for spelling tests.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR *Ayla R*

MD *Toby W*

MB *Ava A*

Rena, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

YEAR 6 GRADUATION PHOTO

BEING TAKEN NEXT MONDAY

****PLEASE NOTE**** – Graduation student photos to take place on Monday, 12th November. All Year 6 students are to be in their graduation tops, with shorts or skirts, and with no label / logo / stripes visible. Thank you.

PREP PHOTO

We are requesting that ALL Year 6 students bring to school their Prep photo to give to their classroom teacher in preparation for our Year 6 graduation celebrations. Thank you.

PARENT / CHILD EVENING

THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

If your child will be attending, please return the permission slip as soon as possible.

YEAR 5/6 2019 CAMP DEPOSIT

This is due TOMORROW, Friday, 9th November. Please ensure this payment instalment is made on this date, or you have contacted the Office to make alternative payment arrangements. Thank you.

BRICKS 4 KIDS INCURSION

Students from the Senior Unit will be participating in a very exciting hands on incursion on Friday, 23rd November. They will have an opportunity to work within small groups and explore motorised educational concepts. Please make payment and return the permission slip and payment by Wednesday, 15th November.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

The Year 6 Human Relations Session will be taking place Friday, 7th December, and the expectation is that all Year 6 students attend and return their permission slip as soon as possible. If you do not want your child to participate, then you will need to write a letter explaining this to their classroom teacher.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating Resilience during class:

SA *Riley F*

SB *Grace*

SK *Helena*

SL *Will M*

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS



MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY BBQ & RAFFLE RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE UNTIL TOMORROW! The weather was against us all at Tuesday's Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day, however our wonderful volunteers still managed to keep the BBQ going long enough to feed the children and a few families that were still at school while it poured with rain. A very appreciative thank you to everyone that hung around to make sure this happened and to everyone who offered their time to help.

Due to the rain and the reduced crowd size on the day, we made the decision to keep our Raffle and Guess the Lollies competition open until the end of the day tomorrow, Friday 9th November to ensure everyone has a chance to buy some tickets or enter their guesses. Raffle tickets and the Guess the Lollies competition are now at the Office. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 each and Guess the Lollies competition entry is 50c per guess. We are excited to be able to give away a \$100 gift card from Woolworths as 1st prize, a picnic hamper as 2nd prize and a Chocolate & Lolly "Cake" as 3rd prize. Make sure you get your tickets now to avoid missing out!



Thanks again goes to Woolworths Golden Square for the \$300 donation they have made towards our Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day BBQ.

MANGO DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who placed an order in our mango drive fundraiser. A reminder that we are expecting delivery of our order mid December and will confirm the date in the newsletter once we have been informed by the supplier.

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.

Your support of P&F activities is appreciated

CANTEEN NEWS

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

This week's winners are:

- ✚ Tiffany H
- ✚ Emily T

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

HELP NEEDED

The canteen is in need of new volunteers. 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

*Tammy Fear,
Canteen Manager*

DONATIONS NEEDED

The first aid room is in need of empty, clean ice cream containers and plastic bags. If you have any you could donate, please drop them at the Office.

Thank you very much.

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

DAY FOR DANIEL AT BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Over the last three years, Big Hill PS has joined Australia's biggest child safety Day, Day for Daniel. Day for Daniel is a national day of action for child safety education and awareness. This year, Day for Daniel was held on Friday, 26th October. It was a day to wear red and donate to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. This foundation supports schools, early childhood centres, businesses, and communities across Australia to take action and conduct child safety activities in their local communities to help with 'keeping kids safe'. In the week leading up to the Day and the week after, students participated in lessons focused on personal safety education and Recognising, Reacting and Reporting – the 3 R's.

In conjunction with the Day, we had a walk to school and children could organise sponsorship to support the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, with funds helping them achieve their mission of keeping kids safe in Australia! Parents and families were encouraged to be involved by assisting with donations, wearing red, joining in the walk to school and learning more about the Daniel Morcombe Foundation by logging on to the Foundation's website www.danielmorcombe.com.au.

As well as donations made sponsoring children walking to school, children and families also made a gold coin donation for wearing red. In total we raised \$1,990 for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Our school would like to thank our school community for getting behind this very worthwhile cause and all those who wore red, sponsored and donated. We stand for Child Safety and do not tolerate Child Abuse or Neglect.



It was a most enjoyable morning to walk to school along the bike path. The sun was shining and children could enjoy the company of family and friends. This the Salau family entering the school grounds.