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THURSDAY, 15TH NOVEMBER, 2018

CALENDAR

Thursday, 15th November Year 2 Sleepover at the Discovery Centre – please arrive at 5:30pm

Collect students tomorrow between 7:30am – 8:00am

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

Friday, 16th November

Scholastic Book Club orders and money due at the Office

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

Monday, 19th November

Rescheduled Year 5/6 T20 Carnival – selected students only

Tuesday, 20th November

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

Thursday, 22nd November

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

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

Year 6 Graduation – return expression of interest & numbers attending form due at office

Friday, 23rd November

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

Senior Unit Bricks for Kids Incursion

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

Monday, 26th November

Payment of \$55 due for Middle Unit Swimming

Tuesday, 27th November

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

Friday, 30th November

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

Monday, 3rd December

Middle Unit Swimming Program commences

Tuesday, 4th December

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

Thursday 6th December

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

Friday, 7th December

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

Tuesday, 11th December

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

Wednesday, 12th December

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

Friday, 14th December

PIZZA DAY and last canteen day for 2018

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

Monday, 17th December

Year 6 Graduation – ceremony & disco – expression of interest & numbers attending form enclosed

Thursday, 20th December

Senior Unit Breakup – more information to follow

Friday, 21st December

LAST DAY FOR 2018 – early dismissal 1:30pm

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We've officially passed the halfway mark of Term 4, and are on the downward count to the end of the year! What a scary thought...before we know it we will be bringing in the New Year! With 5 weeks to go, things are going to be action packed with assessment, reporting and end of year celebrations all in the near future.

RESCHEDULE OF LONG DISTANCE EVENTS – MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY

Last night, at our Staff Meeting, we discussed rescheduling at the very least, the long-distance Melbourne Cup races for all age groups. We anticipate announcing a date in the coming weeks where the long distance events will be held to enable children to participate and winners receive the medallions (that are already engraved for 2018). The Fun Day Races (eg: egg and spoon) may also be rescheduled. Watch this space for more information.

TEAM CHINA

Our Chinese visitors enjoyed a day trip to Sovereign Hill last weekend – a big thank you to host families for the drop off and pick up on Saturday. This weekend marks the middle of our Chinese visitors stay...with Helena continuing on with the Alexander family for a further 4 weeks and Grace changing this weekend from the Blake to the Sullivan families. A big thank you to the Blake family for making Grace's first 4 weeks so enjoyable! 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 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. At this stage, despite asking last week for contact, I am yet to hear from anyone regarding setting up fundraising. I suggest in the short-term that fundraising could be discussed at 8:15am on Thursday mornings, as part of our homestay meeting. Feel free to come along then to share ideas for fundraisers.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our November meeting of School Council is set to occur next Tuesday, 20th November, at 7:00pm in the library. Finance will meet prior at 6:30pm. Information for this meeting has commenced being emailed home, with remaining reports due home by Friday afternoon. If you can't make the meeting, please put your apology in early. I'm really hoping that we have the majority of members present on the night to pass some important motions etc for 2019.

STAFFING

It's been lovely to welcome Ainsley and Wendy back to Big Hill PS from Long Service Leave this week. I know the girls and boys were glad to see their teacher back on deck! Brett Strange remains on sick leave until Wednesday of next week...during Brett's absence Kristie Lacy will continue to run the class effectively. All the best to Brett for a speedy recovery. Kate Dole departs on some Long Service Leave next Monday, with Zoe Wright taking the reins for the next three weeks. Catherine Kelly also begins Long Service Leave next Thursday, 22nd November for a couple of weeks and is being covered by Susie Marsh during this time.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

Works were supposed to commence early this term, however, the holdup has been the removal of the old brown mod5 portable in the rear carpark. Until it is taken from our school site, the new building cannot commence. At this stage, we are hoping it will be taken away in the next two weeks. As this will take us even closer to the Christmas break...I highly doubt any work will start on site (construction wise) until early 2019.

CLASS STRUCTURES & TEACHERS

FIRST STEPS UNIT (Prep and Year One) – Nicole Peach and Pauline Mulcair, JUNIOR UNIT (Year One and Two) – Jen Nicholls, Catherine Kelly and Rhys Bull, MIDDLE UNIT (Year Three and Four) – Renae Westley/Sandra Willis, Dean White and Wendy Hicks, SENIOR UNIT (Year Four, Five and Six) – Ainsley Stanley, Lauren Adcock/Roberta Mathers, Brett Strange and Kate Dole. SPECIALISTS: Phil Seaton (Performing Arts), Deb Sammons (Reading Recovery/Intervention), Sandra Willis (Visual Arts) and Sharyn Burnett (Library). Sadly Chen Zhao will not return in 2019 – I am awaiting clarification about how we provide a Chinese program to our students in 2019. I am hopeful that this won't be an issue.

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. I have about ten returned...so am hoping to get a few more before organising certificates.

CULTURAL DAY, BENDIGO SENIOR SECONDARY COLLEGE

Next Thursday, 22nd November, our two Chinese students, along with Bailey S, Charli S, Mia B and Abi A are invited to spend the day at BSSC as part of the annual Team China Cultural Day. The 6 students are to be dropped off at BSSC – Chinese Languages classroom by 9:00am and picked up by 3:00pm. Chen Zhao will be supervising the students throughout the day. If you will have difficulty dropping off your child, or picking them up, please let me know. A note with more information will be sent home soon.

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

Tonight is the Year 2 Sleepover at the Bendigo Science Discovery Centre – the girls and boys in Year 2 are super excited to spend the night with their teachers / aides (Catherine, Wendy, Jen, Rhys, George) for their first official camp. This Sleepover is our preparation for staying away overnight in Year 3 – so I'm looking forward to visiting tomorrow night to check how it's all going. I do hope the girls and boys settle early and let our staff get enough sleep. A huge thank you to Catherine, Jen and Wendy for their organisation!

YEAR 5/6 T20 BLAST

Ainsley, George and selected Year 5/6's will have their second attempt at participating in the T20 Blast Cricket tournament, rescheduled for Monday, 19th November at Beischer Park, Strathdale. After thunderstorms postponed the last date, we are hoping Monday is clear and the girls and boys are able to do us proud. Fingers and toes!

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Mackenzie N, Isabelle O, Liam W, Sierra S & RJ T.

With 5 weeks to go and lots still to occur, monitor your child...if they are tired, ensure they are in bed early with TV and devices off and make weekends a chance to rest. You are the best judge of when they are tired, so when you notice they are, take steps to ensure they are settled and quiet....a well-rested child is one who will cope better at school in the final weeks. Thanks for your support!

Kind regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

THANK YOU

Thank you to the parents that volunteered their time to contact our new student readers. Your help and support is much appreciated.

INQUIRY

This term, as part of our Science Unit we have been investigating 'Earth Science'. The big question we are exploring is 'How are Earth Resources Used in a Variety of Ways?' Over the last few weeks we have looked at how we use water and trees in our everyday lives. In the upcoming weeks, we will explore how we use minerals such as rocks, soil, gold and silver.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For working cooperatively with others during group activities:

FSN Nathan A
FSP Keenan S

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

Tonight is our Year 2 Sleepover at the Discovery Centre. Students should arrive at 5:30pm for a night of pizza and fun activities.

Please be aware that students need to be picked up between 7:30am and 8:00am (at the latest) tomorrow morning.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' by being an active participant in our Junior Unit rotations:

JC Mia L
JJ Mia P
JW Wilkie H

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

THIS WEEK

The Middle Unit students have been quite busy completing several end of year assessments. Students have been able to display excellent growth in many academic areas and results so far have been very pleasing. We will now knuckle down and get back into our normal routine heading towards the end of the year. Homework for next week will return to our normal routine.

END OF YEAR BREAKUP

As a reward for an excellent year in our Middle Unit, we will once again be having an End of Year Breakup. Plans are underway to organise this event, and more detailed information will be forwarded soon. There will be a small cost to students and we try to keep this to a minimal amount as we know Christmas is coming.

YEAR 3/4 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 during week 9 – December 3rd – 7th.

BIKE ED

During week 10 this year we are organising some Bike Ed / Road Safety sessions. Students will participate in some active riding sessions along with some practical road safety sessions to assist development of skills and strategies when riding a bike on or near roadways.

Students can bring their own bike to school or we will have some available for students to utilise. An Australian standard approved helmet will be required for students wanting to ride a bike during the sessions.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR Sophie W
MD Ella G
MB Adalia C

Renaë, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

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 to those families who have already brought in photos.

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

Please ensure that all camp deposits are finalised and notes are handed in. We will be closing off the camp entry and confirming final numbers in the coming weeks.

BRICKS 4 KIDZ INCURSION

PERMISSION SLIPS DUE NOW, Please hand in ASAP so that students can attend this fabulous program! We apologise for the confusion with the cost and can confirm that the cost is \$7.00 per student.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Year 6 Human Relations Session will be taking place Friday, 7th December, 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.

SENIOR UNIT BREAKUP

The Senior Unit will be attending an End of Year Break Up on Thursday, 20th December. We will be attending the Cinema to watch Wreck It Ralph 2, enjoy a Subway lunch at Rosalind Park and will have an afternoon at the Bendigo Pool. We are very much looking forward to attending this with the students! As we have previously stated for past events in the Senior Unit, we will be enforcing our 3 *Strike* policy by monitoring negative choices and supporting students to make positive decisions in the lead up to the excursion. If your child is close to not attending the break up, we will contact you to discuss this and will work with both you and the student to support them to be able to attend. You child will be taking home tomorrow the Senior Unit Behaviour Policy for you to read.

REMEMBRANCE DAY STUDENT POEMS

The people that went to war
wanted to come back but they fell to the floor
These people deserve a life
War makes people sad inside
We should encourage people going around and around
Hoping they don't get shot to the ground
These soldiers are very tough
And war is making it very rough
Seth CK

People came and people died
The war changed us all
Millions went and thousands died
But all were remembered
On the eleventh hour
Of the eleventh day
Of the eleventh month
The fighting stopped
The deed was done
The paper signed
The war was finally over
All that came
All that left
And all who lied
They served for our freedom
Reuben S

Flanders Field where poppies grow
Buried deep down below
Round by round many people hit the ground.
So now on Remembrance day
We wear a poppy and
A minute of silence, a minute of sadness
Lest, we forget
Demi L

People who served in war
In Flanders Fields
More and more people die
Saving our country
They deserve to live
To see our country grow
Thank you soldiers
Marcus G

As I stand, there I look for my dad.
But as the last man comes off,
He is nowhere to be seen,
I talk to his friends, they say
He was brave.
I love to listen to all the stories,
But I still wish he made it back
Cody N

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AT THE KANGAROO FLAT CENOTAPH, SUNDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating respect during specialist programs:

SA *Addison R*
SB *Charli S*
SK *Gabby K*
SL *Milena J*

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

CANTEEN NEWS

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

This week's winners are:

✚ Zachary L
✚ Mikayla G

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

ENVIRONMENT CLUB NEWS

The Environment Club are selling icy poles at lunchtime – from 1:50pm at the canteen on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting next week. All profits will go towards environment initiatives including materials or equipment for the school. Coles water icy poles will be 50c and Bulla frozen yoghurt ice creams \$1.

Thank you,

The Environment Club

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our annual Christmas raffle is our final fundraiser for the year and is only possible through the generous support of our families. We ask that each family consider donating something small, perhaps with a bit of a Christmas theme, towards the raffle so that these items can then be put together with others to create hampers. If you are able to help you can leave items at the office. Raffle tickets will be sent out to families very soon. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2018

The Year 6 Graduation will be held on Monday, 17th December at school. Parents and Friends are proudly supporting the evening and we are currently working with the Senior Unit to help plan and coordinate the ceremony and disco.

A variety of finger foods and light refreshments will be available to guests during the evening, and following the ceremony, the graduating students are invited to enjoy a disco in the multipurpose room to finish off the night.

To help us with planning, we are asking families to complete the form below to indicate whether you will be attending, and for catering purposes, how many people will be attending. Please also indicate any dietary requirements our caterer will need to be aware of. Tickets will be \$15 each and we ask that families keep to a limit of 4 guests per student (5 tickets maximum in total, including the Year 6 student). Please return the form to the office by Thursday, 22nd November.

Andy Banks will again be available for photos from 5:00pm. More information to follow.

Year 6 Graduation Expression of Interest & Numbers Attending

Yes, I / we will be attending the Year 6 Graduation ceremony on Monday, 17th December at Big Hill Primary School from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

There will be _____ people attending (including the Year 6 student).

Any dietary considerations for catering:

Year 6 student name: _____

Parent signature: _____

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

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

DVD's of both school productions have arrived at school and most have been sent home today. Apologies, but we are still waiting on some to be produced. If you have ordered one and not received it, please contact the Office. Thank you.

FOUND

A part of brown sunglasses has been handed in at the Office. They were left here during our Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day. If you believe they are yours, please contact the Office. Thank you.

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.

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