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THURSDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 7th December
Tuesday, 11th December

Wednesday, 12th December

Thursday, 13th December
Friday, 14th December

Monday, 17th December
Tuesday, 18th December

Wednesday, 19th December

Thursday, 20th December

Friday, 21st December

Second Hand Uniform Shop 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the multipurpose room – all items \$2
Whole School Transition Day (Preps 10:00am – 12:15pm, with a school/OSHC tour at 10:00am)

First Steps Fish & Chips orders and correct money due back

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

MANGO DRIVE COLLECTION FROM THE ASSEMBLY AREA 2:30PM – 3:30PM

Middle Unit Fish & Chips orders and correct money due back

Junior Unit Fish & Chips orders and correct money due back

PIZZA DAY and last canteen day for 2018

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

Year 6 Graduation – ceremony & disco

Christmas raffle tickets (sold and unsold) due back to the Office by 9:00am

Student Voice End of Year Celebration @ JUMPZ-please bring your \$5 on this day

First Steps End of Year Celebration and Fish & Chips Day

End of Year Celebration Concert with Christmas Carols finale from 5:30pm

BBQ available for purchase or BYO picnic tea and BYO chairs

Middle Unit Breakup

Senior Unit Breakup

Junior Unit End of Year Celebration and Fish & Chips Day

LAST DAY FOR 2018 – EARLY DISMISSAL 1:30PM

Awards Assembly 9:00am

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

With Week 9 almost done and dusted, we only have two weeks to go! Crazy times ahead though with much still to occur.

SAFETY CONCERNS WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL (Repeat)

Generally this week has been a bit quieter...regardless...last week's message is contained again as a precaution. *You will be aware by now that we have had some concerns with children walking to and from school on a few occasions. A middle aged man who appears to have some mental health issues has scared some children on the bike path by either cursing, chasing or waving a stick at them. This has also happened to one of our staff on the way home from OHSC. At no point in time has this person come onto the school grounds however – and if they were to, the Police would immediately be called and we would go into lockdown (a process we have drill practised with the children) to ensure safety. Rest assured, your children are very safe at school. We have issued safety advice to ensure everyone travelling to and from school is prepped if passing by this individual. Children are advised to travel in groups (preferably with an adult) and move quickly past the individual without making eye contact or showing interest in them. If a child or individual feels their path is blocked and they are concerned, they are to double-back to their home or the school. We have been patrolling paths etc. this week, keeping a close eye on the situation. The person of concern is in their 50s or 60s, wears a large overcoat, often carries a stick, has long brown hair, a bushy grey beard and has an unkept appearance. Whilst the path is a shared area for all community members, if you feel this person is breaching expected behaviours, please call 000 to report the incident. At Big Hill PS, we will continue to monitor the situation and will control what we can control: ie. Educating the children and our community of potential risks, how to approach these to stay safe and what to do if a situation is unsafe. Again, in the event that any unwanted person came onto our grounds, this would be handled swiftly and efficiently and you would be notified of such an incident via newsletter, Facebook or Flexibuzz.*

TEAM CHINA – IMMERSION PROGRAM

Our Chinese friends only have one week to go after this week, departing from Bendigo on Saturday, 15th December....drop off arrangements etc. shared with families soon. Immersion support meetings will continue to operate each Thursday morning from 8:15am in the library for families currently hosting Chinese students. Only come if you need to or have any questions.

TEAM CHINA – 2019 OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

ZOOPER DOOPERS ARE BACK ON SALE....\$1 immediately after school. Why not cool down in the hot weather, whilst raising money for our travelling students? At our End of Year Celebration Concert (Wednesday, 19th December), we will also be selling sausages in bread, cold water, soft drink etc to raise funds for our trip....why not buy something to nibble on whilst seeing out the end of the school year to support our travelling 2019 crew?

STAFFING

Both Catherine Kelley and Kate Dole return on Monday, 10th December. Catherine has had to extend her time abroad by another day, so won't be back this Friday as previously announced. Susie Marsh will see out the week with Catherine's class. A big thankyou to Susie and Zoe Wright for covering the classes so late in the year...they both did an amazing job.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next Tuesday, 11th December, School Council members are invited to attend a dinner at THE FOUNDRY HOTEL. Can I remind council members to please let Sharyn know if you are able to make it by calling the Office, or emailing Sharyn direct: burnett.sharyn.a@edumail.vic.gov.au by tomorrow, Friday, 7th December. All meals and drinks have to be paid for by individuals on the night.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

The portable is still hanging on....perhaps it will disappear in the coming week! Apart from this, trees have been felled and the area cleaned up ready for stage one when the portable is removed.

SENIOR UNIT BIKE EDUCATION & MIDDLE UNIT SWIMMING & BIKE EDUCATION

Swimming for Middle Unit will conclude tomorrow. With the hot weather, children are advised to drink lots and take regular rests in such warm weather. Next week, the Middle Unit will enjoy their chance to do Bike Education at school, whilst the Senior Unit have their last sessions on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Hopefully the weather is warm, but not so hot!

KINDER / PREP TRANSITION, YEAR 6 / 7 TRANSITION, WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION...NEXT TUESDAY!

The FINAL transition session for 2019 Preps is scheduled for next Tuesday, 11th December from 10:00am – 12:15pm. Children are reminded to bring a drink and a snack. Our Year 6's are looking forward to their full day transition on Tuesday to their chosen State Secondary (a reminder that parents will need to arrange their own transport)...with the rest of our school doing a step up transition morning also on this date. This will see children working in their 2019 classes and with their teachers. For Year 6's requiring extra transition, parents are encouraged to speak to their child's Year 6 teacher to look at the possibilities. Some additional transition has been organised for students with particular needs and backgrounds – including those children currently in Years Prep – 5.

BOOKLISTS

Families are reminded to complete online or return booklists to the Office by TOMORROW...Friday, 7th December.

PLANNING WEEK

Next week, all classes will run on a different timetable to enable new teacher teams to plan for 2019. On Monday...Dean, Renae and Wendy will plan....Tuesday will see Phil and Sandra planning...Wednesday will keep Nicole, Pauline, Rhys, Jen and Catherine busy with planning....whilst Thursday will see Ainsley, Lauren/Roberta, Brett and Kate planning for 2019. On days where your child's teacher isn't planning, they will have a full day with their normal teacher...rather than having specialists across the week, this will happen all in one day!

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We're looking forward to a great Year 6 Graduation evening on Monday, 17th December, from 5:30pm (Andy Banks Photography from 5:00pm in Brett's room). Tickets are now available to purchase via our Qkr app or directly from the Office. **If you require additional tickets than originally requested, please contact the Office by 2:00pm TOMORROW for catering numbers.** A reminder that if you could please BYO chairs. Please note that the disco is for Year 6 students ONLY. A great night is planned, with presentations, food to share and some disco fun for the Year 6's to conclude.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION CONCERT, WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS FINALE

On Wednesday, 19th December, our annual END OF YEAR CELEBRATION CONCERT will occur. Beginning at 5:30pm and concluding by 7:00pm...our children will take you through some song and dance numbers with the expert guidance of Phil Seaton. For those that don't believe in Christmas, an opportunity to pause and depart will occur...before the children will lead the group through some Christmas favourites.

A BBQ (courtesy of Team China) will offer some sausages etc however, families are also encouraged to bring a picnic dinner. Please BYO seat and hat (if hot). In the event that the weather is looking unkind, we will cancel in advance...rather than have a repeat of last year.

END OF YEAR AWARDS & DISMISSAL

Don't forget that at 9:00am on Friday, 21st December (the final day of the school year), we will present our awards for EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH, VISUAL ARTS and MATHEMATICS, ENDEAVOUR IN ENGLISH and MATHEMATICS, OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOOL VALUES and PRINCIPALS AWARD for each classroom. We will also recognise 200 NIGHTS OF READING and ATTENDANCE FOR TERM 4 and ATTENDANCE FOR 2018. It's an exciting way to recognise excellent contributions, whilst saying farewell to our Year 6's on conclusion, with the AVENUE OF HONOUR.

This will be the only assembly on the final day...with **dismissal occurring from classes at 1:30pm.**

Please ensure you have plans to pick your child up at this earlier time. The Ravenswood bus will run as planned, however, at this stage, it is unclear whether or not the Kangaroo Flat bus can do an earlier pick up....probably best to assume that it can't and to make alternative arrangements.

RESCHEDULE OF MELBOURNE CUP "LONG DISTANCE" EVENTS ONLY

On Monday, 17th December, our MELBOURNE CUP LONG DISTANCE RACES for all classes, Prep – Year 6 will occur straight after our assembly. Please feel free to come along to assembly and stay on for an hour as we run the long distance events. Due to time, we are only rescheduling the long-distance races and are unable to hold the picnic races (ie. egg and spoon, sack race etc) apologies. If you are staying on, perhaps bring a chair.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Addisyn J & Jadah L.

2 weeks to go! It's hard to believe that we are at the business end of the year...with much happening over the final two weeks to see out 2018. Keep supporting your child with rest, lots of sleep and quiet times on weekends if required. With hot weather upon us, please ensure they have an adequate drink bottle at their disposal, sunscreen to reapply and their broad-brimmed hat. In the event of extremely hot weather, we may even have to run an alternate lunch time...with children staying inside when the UV levels are too high.

Stay cool and see you in the coming weeks hopefully,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

To help celebrate a wonderful year in First Steps, we will be having a special Fish and Chips lunch on Tuesday, 18th December.

Last Thursday a yellow form was sent home with each student outlining the cost of each item. If your child would like to purchase Fish and Chips for lunch please fill out the order form and return it along with the correct money to the Office or your child's classroom teacher by Tuesday, 11th December. Thank you to those parents who have already sent back their order.

Please note: If your child does not want Fish and Chips, they will need to bring their lunch from home.

200 NIGHTS OF READING

Our goal this year is for students to have read 200 nights. It's fantastic to see that so many children have already achieved this goal. Remember it's not too late! We still have about 2 weeks to go, so please keep on encouraging your child to read at home each night so they can receive a special award at our whole school assembly on the last day of school.

LIBRARY BOOKS

This week was the last week to borrow books from our school library. It would be greatly appreciated if all library books could be returned to the library next week.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' during rotations:

FSN *Sierra S*
FSP *Chase L*

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

FISH AND CHIP LUNCH ORDERS

Just a reminder that our end of year celebration will be on Thursday 20th December. We will be having a Fish and Chip Lunch and a movie. Fish and Chip orders are now due at the Office. Please contact your child's teacher if a new order form is required.

200 NIGHTS OF READING

Keep up the nightly reading and remember to record the nights read in your child's Yellow Reading Diary. The special 200 Night Reading certificates will be awarded at the end of term.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by already achieving 200 nights of reading:

JC *Isabella B*
JJ *RJT*
JW *Jack E*

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

THIS WEEK

Students have really enjoyed our swimming program!! During the week, students have also had the opportunity to work on our regular reading, writing, maths, passion projects and much more as we have had a fantastic week.

END OF YEAR BREAKUP

Our End of Year Breakup will take place on Wednesday, 19th December. At approximately 9:30am we will walk to Lansell Plaza where we will break into smaller groups. Students will be supervised to look around the shopping centre and will be able to purchase small items such as ice-creams, drinks etc. A limit of between \$5 and \$10 has been set for students to bring. We will then walk back to school where we will have a 'Fish and Chip' lunch delivered. Order forms for lunch have been sent home earlier this week. Following lunch, we will be watching a movie all together. We would like to invite any parents who may like to come and assist on the day, you are more than welcome. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to come.

SWIMMING

Our Swimming program this week has run like clockwork. All students have been fantastic during the lessons and have shown excellent development of swimming skills. The new pool certainly is an excellent facility for us to utilise.

BIKE ED

For the next 2 weeks 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. Student will need to check with their classroom teacher to see which days their class will be riding.

KRIS KRINGLE

This year all Middle Unit classes will be conducting a Kris Kringle gift sharing. Further information will be forwarded to students tomorrow regarding whether they need to purchase a present for a boy or a girl to be distributed during our end of year breakup. Gifts can be purchased for a cost of between \$5 and \$10. If you do not want your child to be involved, please let their teacher know.

HOMEWORK

Students will be happy to know that we will not be having homework books for the final 2 weeks. We do expect students to continue their home reading program and to record reading in their diary, however we will not be doing homework books or spelling words.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR **Atila M**
MD **Cooper S**
MB **Matilda R**

Rena, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

BIKE EDUCATION

It commenced this week, with congratulations to those students who have come ready and prepared. Enjoy the remainder of the program, which will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday of next week.

CRUSOE COLLEGE TRANSITION DAY

All students attending Crusoe College next year, please be advised if you wish to place a lunch order on the day, you can do so. Just take your order someone will collect in the morning and deliver your lunch to you at lunch time. Transition day will take place next Tuesday, 11th December.

WHOLE STATE TRANSITION DAY

This will be taking place next Tuesday, 11th December. Those students progressing into Secondary School will be required to attend their chosen Secondary School for the whole day. Parents will be responsible for taking and collecting their child from their chosen school.

Big Hill Primary School students for 2019 will send part of the day with their teacher and new peers in their new classroom completing activities.

PREP PHOTOS

REMINDER Year 6 Students Only – If you haven't already brought in your Prep photo, please do so as soon as possible, give these to your classroom teacher in preparation for the Year 6 Graduation celebrations.

YEAR 6 HUMAN RELATIONS SESSIONS

TOMORROW, 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. Your child will be taking home tomorrow the Senior Unit Behaviour Policy for you to read.

SENIOR UNIT KRIS KRINGLE

Your child is invited to partake in the Senior Unit Kris Kringle, for those who wish to participate we ask that your child brings a wrapped, non gender specific, age appropriate gift of no more than \$10. Each child wanting to participate was given a note to take home earlier this week. The exchanging of gifts will take place on Friday, 21st December.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Tickets are now available for purchase via the Qkr app, or directly at the Office.

If you wanted more than originally requested, please call the Office before 2pm TOMORROW so that we can give accurate numbers to the caterers.

Monday, 17th December:

- ✚ 5:00pm – photographer Andy in Brett's room
- ✚ 5:30pm – 6:30pm Graduation ceremony and presentations.
- ✚ 6:30pm – Year 6 students only disco.

Prices for Andy Banks photographs are 5" x 7" - \$15 and 8" x 10" - \$30 – EFTPOS facilities will be available.

Please BYO chairs on the night.

We look forward to seeing everyone and celebrating the Year 6's achievements.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating a positive attitude:

SA **Gryffin W**
SB **Jayden F**
SK **Cohen K**
SL **Kobe B**

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

CANTEEN NEWS

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

This week's winners are:

- + Demi L
- + Lilielle R

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

*Tammy Fear,
Canteen Manager*

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

MANGO DRIVE COLLECTION DAY – WEDNESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

News is in that the our mangoes will be arriving sometime on Tuesday, 11th December and will be **ready for collection from under the assembly area on Wednesday, 12th December between 2:30pm and 3:30pm.**

Unfortunately, there are no refrigeration facilities available to store mangoes at school so orders will need to be collected on this day please. Please also note that trays may be heavy (around 7kg per tray) and children could find it difficult to carry them. If you have any questions about collection please contact us at bhpspf@gmail.com or on our Facebook page.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Don't forget to get your tickets in for our Christmas raffle! Tickets need to be returned to the Office by **9am on Tuesday 18th December** to be in the running to win one of our hampers.

We are still accepting donations at the Office to go towards the raffle and would like to thank everyone who has already generously donated something.

The raffle will then be drawn at the end of the day on Tuesday, 18th December.

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

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

OSHC 2019 NEWS

Last week enrolment application forms were sent out to families who currently use the service. There are only 2 pages that need completing, as we were able to reuse this year's forms. Please check all other information to ensure it is still correct.

Please let the Office know if you are not continuing with OSHC next year.

There is no rush for the forms to be returned, we just need the registration fee to be paid and forms to be handed in before care commences in 2019.

ACCOUNTS

Please remember to keep making regular payments as all accounts need to be finalised before the end of 2018.

*Janet Dean
Admin, OSHC*

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

There are a number of DVD's at the Office that have not yet been paid for. Once payment is received (you can pay over the phone if more convenient), it will be sent home. Thank you.

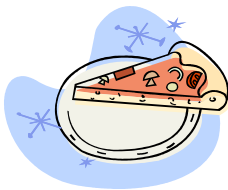
SCHOLASTIC NEWS

If you had an item on backorder, please contact the Office as it has now arrived. Thank you.

FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER

PIZZA DAY MEAL
\$5.00

HAWAIIAN



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, 12th December. Late orders cannot be accepted.
- ✚ Ice creams will be available as normal

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

