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THURSDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 14th December

Monday, 17th December
Tuesday, 18th December

Wednesday, 19th December

Thursday, 20th December

Friday, 21st 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
Year 6 Graduation – Please pay for tickets via Qkr or at the Office ASAP
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

2019

Saturday, 12th January
Tuesday, 22nd January
Tuesday, 29th January
Wednesday, 30th January

Thursday, 31st January

Friday, 1st February

Monday, 4th February
Monday, 11th February
Monday, 18th February
Wednesday, 13th March
Friday, 15th March
Friday, 5th April

Booklists paying by credit cards will be processed
BOOKLIST COLLECTION DAY from 10:00am – 2:00pm in the multipurpose room
Teachers officially start back
PD Day for Teachers/staff

FIRST DAY of school for Years 1 – 6

FIRST DAY of school for Prep children

Third instalment of \$70 due for Year 5/6 Camp
Senior Unit Swimming Program commences-note going out next year – cost \$32
Final instalment of \$70 due for Year 5/6 Camp
Year 5/6 Camp departs
Year 5/6 Camp returns
LAST DAY FOR TERM 1

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the second last newsletter for the 2018! Only 1 week to go!

SAFETY CONCERNS WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Whilst it's good to remain vigilant, there have been no issues on the path to and from school in the last week. Here's hoping our pedestrian pest has found somewhere nice to move to...and we don't see him again in the future. Keep your eyes out still though!

TEAM CHINA – IMMERSION PROGRAM

Our Chinese friends depart from Bendigo this Saturday, 15th December....host families are reminded to drop off students at 4:20am, for a 4:30am departure at the Tom Flood Sport Centre carpark. We wish Grace, Helena and teacher Olivia all the best as they head home to Suzhou China. Those travelling to China next year will get to see our friends again. I'd like to again thank the generosity of the Blake, Sullivan, Alexander and Zhao families for hosting our Chinese visitors during the last 8 weeks – we couldn't have done it without you!

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

It's been lovely to have Kate Dole and Catherine Kelley back on staff this week. Their classes have been pleased to see them back in action. Next week Sandra Willis begins holidays a little earlier, taking some Long Service Leave. During Sandra's absence, Susie Marsh will return to Big Hill PS to work with our girls and boys in the art room.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Tuesday's end of year School Council Dinner was a great opportunity to round off School Council business for 2018. A huge thank you to the members of School Council for their work this year. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 19th February, 2019.

CAPITAL WORKS UPDATE

I don't think our old portable wants to leave us...

BIKE EDUCATION

Our Senior Unit have enjoyed Bike Education sessions with Brett over the last two weeks, whilst the Middle Unit are currently spending time doing Bike Education with Dean. It's great to see our students getting exposure to a quality Bike Education program – a valuable experience to help keep our children safer on the footpaths and roads around town.

TRANSITION COMPLETE

We have completed our final transition experience for 2018, with our Year 6's visiting their secondary school for next year, our new Preps visiting for the last time prior to commencement in 2019 and all other students (current Prep – Year 5) moving into their 2019 class on Tuesday morning...and spending time with their 2019 teacher. Next year's classes look like the perfect mix...and a lot of time and effort has gone into placement of children. When placing children, we group students around academic and social needs and unfortunately, this can sometimes mean separating friendships that just don't work well within a classroom. Friendships in the yard and at home don't work the same in a classroom...and it can be hard to help children see this. For those parents who took the time to follow our class placement policy...I believe we have been able to accommodate all requests. For those that didn't get a request in on time, remember that we always have a window of time at the start of Term 4 to make requests in line with our policy. Keep an eye out for this in 2019.

CANTEEN IN 2019

We have been blessed with some amazing canteen helpers in 2018. Sadly, as children move on to secondary, so do many wonderful volunteers. Next year our canteen will need some new volunteers. Can you help? If so, please let the Office know or drop in and see Tammy Fear (our canteen manager) on Wednesdays and Fridays to register your interest. By having volunteers, we can keep our costs down, rather than having to pay for additional staff – raising menu costs to cover staffing. Our canteen is amazing...so with your help as a volunteer in 2019...it can continue to be!

YEAR 6 PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to Todd R, Charli S, Skye DG, Jayden G, Zoe C, Jayden F, Mitchell P, Chanelle K, Alex F and Jaci R for returning their Young Leaders Year 6 PUBLIC LEADERSHIP booklet with all tasks complete. Due to this, these 10 students will be presented with a special certificate at Monday's assembly.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Don't forget our wonderful Year 6 Graduation on site Monday night. From 5:00pm, Andy Banks will be taking portrait photos for those students wishing to have a snap taken. Finger food and drinks will also commence just after 5:00pm...with presentations and the graduation ceremony occurring from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. From 6:30pm – 7:30pm, our Year 6's only will remain at school for a special disco! If you have your tickets organised, please remember you can pay for them using our Qkr app, or at the Office. Remember to bring a chair and a hat in case it's warm. The weather forecast is looking okay!

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION CONCERT, WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS FINALE

NEXT 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, drinks etc for a small fee, 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.

MELBOURNE CUP "LONG DISTANCE" EVENTS ONLY

Next Monday, 17th December, our MELBOURNE CUP LONG DISTANCE RACES for all classes will occur straight after our assembly. Please feel free to come along to assembly and stay on for an hour as we run the class 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). If you are staying on, perhaps bring a chair and a hat if warm.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS NEXT WEEK

Next week, being the final week, will see each Unit celebrating the end of the year with a bit of fun. Fish & chips lunches have been organised for First Steps Tuesday, Middle Unit Wednesday and Junior Unit on Thursday. The Middle Unit are also doing an outing to Lansell Square on Wednesday morning, whilst the Senior Unit have all day Thursday at the movies and the pool in the afternoon. The girls and boys have worked very hard and are extremely tired heading towards the holidays...so having a few fun items on the timetable next week will help them through.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Seth S & Olivia S.

With some wet weather forecast today and tomorrow, here's hoping we are all good with sunshine on Monday and Wednesday nights. Hope to see you throughout the week to farewell 2018.

Kind regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

FIRST STEPS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Our Fish & Chips and movie day will be held on Tuesday, 18th December to celebrate a year of learning achievements and friendships. Children won't be required to bring their lunch but please ensure they still have their brain food and snack for the first break.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For always taking pride in all learning tasks and producing their very best work:

FSN *Nate S*
FSP *Clare P*

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

We would like to remind parents and guardians that Fish & Chips orders were due in today. If for some reason you did not get your child's order in today, late orders will be accepted until 3:30pm tomorrow.

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.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Last week was the last week to borrow books from our school library. If your child brought home an 'Overdue Library Book' slip, please take the time to have a look at home and return all books on the list. It would be greatly appreciated if all library books could be returned to the library as soon as possible.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Values of 'Respect' and 'Responsibility' during our whole school transition morning:

JC *Mileah G*
JJ *Harry L*
JW *Ben O*

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

END OF YEAR BREAKUP

Our End of Year Breakup will take place next 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 Chips' lunch delivered.

Order forms for lunch were due back yesterday. If students are not having a Fish & Chips lunch they can bring their own lunch to school. Following lunch we will be watching a movie all together.

We would like some more parents to come along and enjoy the day with us, you are more than welcome. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to come.

KRIS KRINGLE

All Middle Unit classrooms will be having a gift giving celebration for the end of the year. Students will receive the name of another student in their classroom to purchase a gift for.

The cost of the gift should be between \$5 and \$10 dollars. The gift is then to be wrapped with the name of the receiving student on it only. We will then open them on the last day of school as a fun end of year activity. We ask that all of the gifts be at school by Wednesday, 19th December.

BIKE ED

We will continue some Bike Ed lessons next week. On Monday will be a lesson for MD. On Tuesday the lesson will be for MB. On Thursday the lesson will be for MR. All bikes will need to be collected before Friday when we break up for the year.

CLASS PARTY

All Middle Unit classes will have a class party to celebrate the end of the school year. This will take place next Friday, the last day of school for 2018! If students would like to bring something to share that would be great. Please be mindful that we do have some students with food allergies in particular in Dean's room where we have a nut allergy.

HOMWORK

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 'Safety':

MR **Jacob W**
MD **Wesley H**
MB **Jaxon C**

Renae, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

YEAR 6 GRADUATION – NEXT MONDAY!

Tickets are now available for purchase via the Qkr app, or directly at the Office, and must be purchased by 9:00am next Monday morning.

Monday, 17th December:

- ✚ 5:00pm – photographer Andy in **Brett's AINSLEY'S** room (apologies for the change)
- ✚ Food starts to be served shortly after 5:00pm
- ✚ 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.

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.

BIKE EDUCATION

Congratulations to all the Senior Unit students who participated in Bike Ed over the past two weeks, students had an opportunity to learn new skills and rules about Bike Safety. Our last Bike Ed session will be tomorrow.

SENIOR UNIT BREAKUP

The Senior Unit will be attending an End of Year Break Up on Thursday, 20th December. Please ensure the note and payment have been sent to the Office.

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.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For Safe participation in Bike Ed:

SA **Carlos J**
SB **Kaylah D**
SK **Katie M**
SL **Shayla P**

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has been donating items towards our Christmas raffle. We know that it's an expensive time of the year for families so your generosity at this time is hugely appreciated. If you haven't seen our raffle prize display yet be sure to check it out next time you're at the Office, there's lots of great prizes on offer. Raffle tickets (sold and unsold) are due back at the Office by **9:00am on Tuesday, 18th December** with the raffle to be drawn at the end of the day.

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 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

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.

OSHC 2019 NEWS

Enrolment forms are available from the Office for 2019. 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

CANTEEN NEWS

HELP URGENTLY NEEDED IN 2019

The canteen is in desperate 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

STUDENT VOICE NEWS

The Student Voice Fundraiser for Rural Aid raised approximately \$150.00 ... and Pauline's class raised the most (\$21.00) – Well done foundation students!!

Thank you to all the students and staff who donated and dressed up for the day.

This money will go towards helping farmers who have been effected by the drought.

Student Voice Team

SCHOLASTIC NEWS

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



If you love nature, animals and the great outdoors, then Junior Rangers is for you!
Come and join the fun!

All Junior Ranger activities are free, and are suitable for children aged 6-12 years, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please visit www.juniorrangers.com.au to see our school holiday program

Bookings are essential, and open 2 weeks before the school holidays.

Children should bring a hat, drink, sunscreen, closed-in shoes and wear clothing suitable for the activity and weather.



The 4th Annual Bendigo Kids' Christmas Concert is coming soon!

Come and join us for a spectacular afternoon of affordable family friendly entertainment, and all profits raised are donated to the Bendigo Health Foundation! Do your part for the Bendigo Hospital this Christmas by purchasing your tickets today!

When: Sunday 23rd December @ 3pm

Where: NEW Bendigo Stadium

Tickets: bit.ly/BendigoChristmasConcert2018

Ticket Prices: Adults: \$13, Children: \$8

