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THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2018

CALENDAR

Friday, 21st December LAST DAY FOR 2018 – EARLY DISMISSAL 1:30PM

Office Closes at 3:00pm

Awards Assembly 9:00am

2019

Saturday, 12th January

Tuesday, 22nd January

Tuesday, 29th January

Wednesday, 30th January

Thursday, 31st January FIRST DAY of school for Years 1 – 6

Friday, 1st February FIRST DAY of school for Prep children

Monday, 4th February

Wednesday, 6th February

Friday, 8th 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

Third instalment of \$70 due for Year 5/6 Camp

FIRST CANTEEN DAY for 2019

Second Hand Uniform Shop – multipurpose room – all items \$2

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 last newsletter of the year!

TEAM CHINA – IMMERSION PROGRAM

Grace, Helena and teacher Olivia have arrived safely back in Suzhou, China. The three visitors had a wonderful time during their 8 weeks in Bendigo and I again thank all involved for their assistance during this time.

TEAM CHINA – 2019 OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Our fundraising crew worked hard at last night's Concert BBQ, raising valued dollars for our trip next year. Our next fundraising activity is on Saturday, 2nd February where the Jackson, Murphy, Sullivan and Blake families will run the Kangaroo Flat Bunnings BBQ for the day. I look forward to working with them in early February to raise funds for our trip in May/June 2019.

REPORTS HOME / CLASS PLACEMENT

Reports should have arrived home by now, along with class placement information. Obviously, children already know their class and teacher from our recent transition morning anyway, so there won't be any surprises. Here's hoping you find the reports informative and are pleased with your child's progress. If you have worked hard at home with your child, have had them at school as regularly as possible and have supported your child's teacher – I'm sure they have done very well. The triangle of power – parent, teacher and child.

CANTEEN IN 2019

We have been blessed with some amazing canteen helpers in 2018. Sadly, as children move on to secondary school, so do many wonderful volunteers. Next year our canteen will need some new volunteers. Can you help? If so, please complete the enclosed form and return to the Office 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!

MELBOURNE CUP "LONG DISTANCE" EVENTS

The week started off with a bang...as we held the long distance Melbourne Cup Events for each Year Level in the school. We were able to present trophies to the fastest boy and girl in each year level, as well as second and third medallions. Well done to our winners, and to all who did their best on the day. See photos within this newsletter.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION CONCERT, WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS FINALE

Last night we enjoyed a wonderful end of year celebration concert – with song and dance entertaining us, as well as some Christmas favourites to round out the year. Thanks to Phil Seaton for coordinating the event – it was a lovely evening to bookmark the end of the school year.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We formally farewelled our Year 6's at Monday night's Graduation Evening. It was a fantastic night, with speeches, awards, songs, plenty of food and refreshments, as well as a Year 6 disco. A huge thank you to the Senior Unit Staff and Parents & Friends for their organisation and attention to detail. Whilst it's sad to farewell our students...we have to look forward in order to grow...so a fond goodbye and all the best to our Year 6's. A sad farewell to many wonderful families who have supported us at Big Hill PS and now depart with their youngest child leaving in Year 6. All the very best to you and your families too!

Congratulations to the following students for selection as recipient/s of the following awards/scholarships –

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| ❖ Achievement (Crusoe) Award: | Riley K & Ciana M |
| ❖ Citizenship Award (Kangaroo Flat Y's Men Club): | Deklyn M & Charli S |
| ❖ School Values Award (Access Ministries/Chaplaincy): | Abi A & Mitchell P |
| ❖ Excellence Award (Big Hill PS P & F): | Todd R & Koni O |
| ❖ Sports Award (Kangaroo Flat Sports Club): | Kalisha M & Connor B |
| ❖ Bendigo Masonic Lodge Scholarship: | Eligh G |

Please note, if you ordered Graduation photos, these will come home with the newsletter today. Please check your child's bag.

END OF YEAR AWARDS & DISMISSAL

Don't forget that at 9:00am TOMORROW 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, the

KANGAROO FLAT BUS WILL NOT RUN

Families are asked to make other arrangements for the earlier pick up. Thank you.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATIONS

From fish 'n' chips, to visits to Lansell Square, swimming at the pool and attendance at the cinema...all children have enjoyed an end of year treat in recognition of their hard work. They are certainly ready for their holidays!

DEFIB UNIT FOR BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Kangaroo Flat and District Community Enterprise has provided a Defib Unit valued at \$2,500 to Big Hill Primary School.

This is the 10th Defib presentation made by the Kangaroo Flat and District Community Enterprise and reflects \$25,000 in Defib investment in our region. Thank you KFDCE!



BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Jacob V, Shelby C, Abi A, Daniel B, Bobby S, Harley L, Jarred B, Seth E, Skylah D, Ava A, Keira H, Kayla G, Ebony S, Eliza K, James W, Harry L & Jaxon C.

To conclude, I wanted to thank firstly our students for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Our children are overwhelmingly a delight to work with, and on regular occasions others from outside our school remind us of how lucky we are! Secondly, thank you to our school community – we truly have such supportive families who give so much...including those who volunteer on Parents and Friends and SCHOOL COUNCIL. Lastly, thank you to our staff...a team who dedicate themselves to the students at our school. We're very very lucky to have such great professionals. To everyone... have a well-earned rest... HAPPY NEW YEAR... and if you celebrate CHRISTMAS...Merry Christmas!

Kind regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

READERS

Yesterday was our last day to take home readers. Could you please return any readers tomorrow so they can be sorted and fixed ready for next year? Thank you.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all our First Steps students and families for a wonderful year. A special thank you to the many parents who have assisted us throughout the year.

HOLIDAYS

Over the school holidays, please remember to continue to hear you child read books they enjoy and also read to you child in order to maintain their reading skills.

We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday break and we will see you back in 2019!

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

HOLIDAYS

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year and continue to keep reading! See you next year!

Catherine, Jen & Wendy

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

MIDDLE UNIT 2018

We have certainly had a busy and productive 2018 in the Middle Unit!! Our students and their families should be commended for all the hard work and effort that has been put in throughout the whole year. We have achieved so much and have participated in many fun extra-curricular activities. The highlight for many was the Billabong Ranch Camp!! All of our students have shown development in their personal and social learning and have made friendships within our unit. It has been a fun year of learning.

END OF YEAR BREAKUP

Yesterday we had a fun-filled day to celebrate our year together. All students thoroughly enjoyed the day, in particular the walk to Lansell Square.

We would like to sincerely thank the wonderful parents who came along to help supervise and celebrate together with our students.

The staff and students really appreciated your assistance. Hopefully, you enjoyed the day also.

BIKE ED

Just a friendly reminder for all students to have their bike collected before the end of school.

It would be a shame if you did not have your bike to ride over the holidays!!

CLASS PARTY

All Middle Unit classes will have a class party to celebrate the end of the school year. This will take place next tomorrow, 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. Thank you.

HOLIDAYS

We wish students and their families a fun filled holiday period. Stay safe, enjoy the break and we will see you in 2019 refreshed and ready for another fantastic year of learning.

Rena, Rhys & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

BREAKUP

Thank you to all the students who attended our Senior Unit break up today, the students enjoyed a terrific movie "Ralph Breaks the Internet", a subway lunch followed by some fun at the pool.

STUDENT REPORTS

Reports went home with students this week, please take the time to sit with your child and go through the report. Acknowledge their achievements and areas that they can work on.

HOLIDAYS

We would like to thank all the Senior Unit students for a wonderful year and wish them a safe and happy holiday.

BEST WISHES

Good luck to the Year 6 students as they start their journey into secondary school. We look forward to hearing how you are all going down the track.

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets in our Christmas raffle and a HUGE thank you to families who donated prizes towards our hamper packs, we really appreciate it. Our winners were:

1 st	Izzy O
2 nd	Jayda W
3 rd	Ahearn family
4 th	Bianca W
5 th	Skyla R
6 th	Clare P
7 th	Jordan M
8 th	Blake M
9 th	Roxie N
10 th	Keira H
11 th	Owen B
12 th	Ty R
13 th	Sophie B
14 th	Xavier P
15 th	Sophie W

CASH REWARDS COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

Don't forget about the Cash Rewards program over the holiday period. It really is a great initiative that helps both you and the school to earn cash rewards while you do your usual online shopping. Signing up is really easy just head to our unique landing page and follow the prompts.

<https://www.cashrewards.com.au/community/schools/big-hill-primary-school>

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.

Thank you all for your support of our activities over 2018, it's been amazing. Have a happy and safe holiday, see you in 2019

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 finalise your accounts before the end of 2018 (3:00pm tomorrow). Thank you.

*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*

SCHOLASTIC NEWS

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

QKR NEWS

Please note that Qkr **WILL BE CLOSED** to payments from the 27th December until the 21st January.

Please also note that you will need to change your child's home group on the app to reflect their new 2019 class, at the start of the 2019 school year.

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.

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

MELBOURNE CUP LONG DISTANCE RACE WINNERS



Maeson, Levi & Oscar



Sophie, Vienna & Mia



Chase, Blaik & Josh



Alexis, Mileah & Emily



Peyton, Lexi & Mikayla



Noah, Sebastian & Harry



Shelby, Ava & Latoya



Tellium & Ethan



Matilda, Marley & Abbie



Jaylen, Jett & Seth



Kayla, Allegra & Mia



Carlos, Tanner & Riley



Riley, Connor & Lachie



Skye, Kalisha & Koni

STUDENT AWARDS – TERM 4, 2018

Outstanding Achievement in English:

FSN: Layla F	FSP: Clare P	JW: Mikayla F
JC: Sebastian S	JJ: Oliver S	MR: Ben M
MD: Lily D	MB: Hugo G	SK: Xanthe P
SA: Alex F	SB: Mia M	
SL: Remi CK		

Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics:

FSN: Charlotte S	FSP: Chase L	JW: Owen B
JC: Miller L	JJ: Taya K	MR: Lincoln S
MD: Connor S	MB: Jaxon C	SK: Gryffin W
SA: Reuben S	SB: Connor B	
SL: Ethan M		

Endeavour Award in English:

FSN: Xavier D	FSP: Oscar G	JW: Matilda M
JC: Chelsea H	JJ: Charlie T	MR: Shelby C
MD: Allira L	MB: Mackenzie N	SK: Mikayla G
SA: Tanner J	SB: Claudia F	
SL: Shayla P		

Endeavour Award in Mathematics:

FSN: Rydder G	FSP: Xavier P	JW: Madison L
JC: Noah P	JJ: Emily A	MR: Samantha C
MD: Jett T-Z	MB: Connor B	SK: Zack H
SA: Olivia S	SB: Jarred B	
SL: Eli H		

Outstanding Display of School Values:

FSN: Erica K	FSP: Keenan S	JW: Taj A
JC: Mileah G	JJ: Harry S	MR: Sam P
MD: Jarvis M	MB: Shelby S	SK: Jadah L
SA: Mirarni S	SB: Rylee G	
SL: Declan C		

Principal's Award:

FSN: Jarrod M	FSP: Henry P	JW: Lexi C
JC: Jesse B	JJ: Blaik Y	MR: Mia A
MD: Asha M	MB: Nate F	SK: Chase H
SA: Carlos J	SB: James W	
SL: Will M		

Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts:

FSN: Scarlett N	FSP: Izzy O	JW: Harley N
JC: Miller L	JJ: Jett E	MR: Harley L
MD: Nate P	MB: Ava A	SK: Mia B
SA: Reuben S	SB: Zoe C	
SL: Ethan M		