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## THURSDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

### CALENDAR

**Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**P&F Prep Parents Morning Tea-staff room from 9:00am – 10:30am**

Life Skills program commences – note change in date  
Second hand uniform shop open from 3:00pm – 3:30pm

**Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**First Steps Parent Information Night 5:30pm**

**Junior Unit Parent Information Night 6:30pm**

School Council Meeting 7:00pm, Finance Meeting at 6:30pm

**Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**Middle Unit Parent Information Night 5:30pm**

**Senior Unit Parent Information Night 6:30pm**

Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February

Second hand uniform shop open from 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February

Prep Parent Teacher Interviews – Jen and Nicole-booking sheet on classroom door

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February

Prep Parent Teacher Interviews – Pauline-booking sheet on classroom door

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February

Hot Cross Bun order forms and Easter Raffle tickets being sent home

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February

Second hand uniform shop open from 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Year 6 Leadership booklets due back to Matt

CSEF applications due at the Office

**Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Senior Unit Swimming Program payment due**

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Guess the Easter Egg Competition starts at Office

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

Second hand uniform shop open from 3:00pm – 3:30pm

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March

Second hand uniform shop open from 3:00pm – 3:30pm

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Smile Squad dental checks**

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March

School Council AGM

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March

Hot Cross Bun order forms/payment due at the Office by 3:15pm

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March

Second hand uniform shop open from 3:00pm – 3:30pm

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Senior Unit Swimming Program commences**

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March

Senior Unit Swimming Program continues

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

Senior Unit Swimming Program continues

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March

Senior Unit Swimming Program concludes

Guess the Easter Egg Competition & Easter Raffle drawn

**Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**LAST DAY FOR TERM 1 – early dismissal of 2:15pm** (no second hand uniform shop)

### School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians, week 3 has been a very busy one indeed, with 5 days generally uninterrupted.

#### PREPS

Preps will continue to have Wednesdays off in February. On Wednesdays, Jen, Nicole and Pauline will complete Prep Entry Assessments 1:1 with students. Please make sure you have your allocated time booked.

#### SCHOOL VALUES, BIG REWARDS & MANTRAS

Our three school values are BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL and BE RESPONSIBLE. Every day, we work with students to remind them how to show each Value in the yard and in the classroom. Feel free to remind your child/ren of our Values and encourage them to follow them at school. When students are seen showing a Value, they might be awarded a BIG REWARD, which is a certificate outlining where the child was spotted doing the right thing and what Value they were showing. Big Rewards are put into a tub at the Office and 4 winners are drawn each Monday at assembly. Lucky winners then choose an item from our BIG REWARDS menu – which might be and indoor lunch with a friend, an iced treat from the canteen, choosing a sport activity for the class etc. Each week we also focus on MANTRAS. MANTRAS are simple messages to remind us what to do. This week, we have focused on the mantra of WALKING FEET – encouraging children to slow down in the yard and avoid a collision or a fall. Perhaps you could talk to them about WALKING FEET at home as a way to reinforce?

#### BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT FLOWCHART

Each year, we send home our BIG HILL BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT FLOWCHART. I have attached a new copy for you to our newsletter. Please look through the flow chart and become familiar with how we manage minor and major behaviours...The flowchart comes into action when a student does not display our School Values in the yard or school. Where there are serious breaches, there are consequences. Throughout the year, students who have MAJOR behaviours (or repeated MINOR) will be placed on the TIME OUT roster. When this occurs, a child attends a 20 minute reflection time with a duty teacher. Time is spent reflecting on the behaviour and how to avoid a similar situation in the future. This is a RESTORATIVE PRACTICE. TIME OUT is not punitive/negative punishment, rather...correctional time to enable a child to build positive approaches over negatives. In extreme situations, poor behaviour will result in suspensions (in school and out). We have a safe school and expect our children to do the right thing. When someone doesn't, we follow through fairly. If you ever think we have unfairly judged your child, have faith that we investigate all sides and take into account multiple sources of information, not just one. If you do feel upset, best to talk to me calmly to find out more. Always happy to assist.

## **TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

From the moment your child walks out the door, until the time they walk back in the door...they are expected to do the right thing. Due to this, when walking/riding to school and home, children should be SAFE, RESPECTFUL and RESPONSIBLE. When we feel there has been a breach of our Values, we will speak to your child. To help us have a happy year, remind your child to live our Values all the way to school and back home again.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (DET)**

What is a school council and what does it do? All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad directions of a school in accordance with their constituting Order and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students. Who is on the school council? For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership: 1. A mandated elected Parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. DET employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school. 2. A mandated elected DET employee member category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members. 3. An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections. Why is parent membership so important? Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. Do I need special experience to be on school council? Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors - School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*. School councillors must abide by the *Code of Conduct – Employees* issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to: act with honesty and integrity (be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty), act in good faith in the best interests of the school (work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds), act fairly and impartially (consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self interest), **use information appropriately** (respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available), **exercise due care, diligence and skill** (accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school), **use the position appropriately** (not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage), **act in a financially responsible manner** (observe all the above principles when making financial decisions), **comply with relevant legislation and policies** (know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law) AND **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** (set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable). Indemnity for school council members: School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in: the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council. In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved? The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might consider: standing for election as a member of the school council OR encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election? The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year (*It's included in today's newsletter as part of School Council Elections information*). All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent member category (*forms available from the Office*). DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for Parent membership of the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed. Remember: Consider standing for election to school council this year. Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do. Be sure to vote in the elections – if we have more nominations than positions. Contact the Principal (Matt Pearce) for further information.

AN ELECTION IS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL OF BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school Office and must be lodged by 3:15pm on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. If a ballot is required (depending on the number of nominations), this will close at 3:15pm on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of Office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership Category	Terms of Office	Currently Held by	Number of Positions
Department of Education and Training	March 2020 – March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renae Westley</li> <li>• Sharyn Burnett</li> </ul> <i>(Both will need to renominate if they wish to continue)</i>	2
Parent	March 2020 – March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VACANCY</li> <li>• VACANCY</li> <li>• Melissa Miller</li> <li>• Jonothan Westcott</li> </ul> <i>(Melissa and Jonathan will need to renominate if they wish to continue)</i>	3

Please feel free to contact me for further information. Nomination forms are available from the Office or can be organised to be sent home for signing. We are genuinely looking for new members – the commitment is 8 meetings a year, always on a Tuesday night at 7:00pm.

**ELECTION TIMELINE**

- Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> February** Call for nominations (forms available from the Office)
- Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February** Closing date for nominations (forms must be returned to the Office by 3:15pm on this date).  
Nominations assessed and the need for a ballot decided.  
If ballot is not required, new School Council announced and meet soon after this date.  
OR Ballot set up (if required)
- Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March** Close of Ballot (if required)
- Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March** Counting of Ballot (if required)  
Declaration of Ballot  
New School Council announced and will meet shortly after this date

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – PREP TO YEAR 6**

This year, we will again run our beginning of the year meetings as a group. The format, like the last few years, will see parents and their child/ren attending a session, where all staff in the Unit introduce themselves, outline important curriculum information (literacy, numeracy etc), discuss expectations (such as homework, behaviour, use of ICT etc) and organise follow-up interviews (where required) or telephone/email communication alternatives. This short session (30 minutes) will conclude and then students will escort parents to their classrooms where they will share their learning to date, as well as allowing students to share different elements of their classrooms with their families. While this is occurring, classroom teachers will be available to meet and greet and answer any questions. As stated, for parents who feel they need a more private form of exchanging information after this meeting, an additional catch up can be organised at this time, or alternatively phone or email contact can be established. I do encourage all families to attend, particularly to allow your child to show you where they learn, what they have been doing in class and to ensure you and your child's teacher have met and have communication set up for the year. To be fair to working families, our sessions begin at either 5:30pm or 6:30pm and will go no longer than 45-60 minutes. Dates and times for particular units are listed below.

<b>FIRST STEPS UNIT – PREP &amp; YEAR 1</b> Pauline Mulcair, Jen Nicholls and Nicole Peach/Sharyn Burnett Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 5:30pm Nicole & Pauline's rooms	<b>MIDDLE UNIT – YEAR 3/4</b> Renae Westley/Sandra Willis, Dean White and Wendy Hicks Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 5:30pm Renae's & Dean's room
<b>JUNIOR UNIT – YEAR 1/2</b> Rhys Bull and Catherine Kelley Tuesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> February, 6:30pm Catherine's room	<b>SENIOR UNIT – YEAR 4/5/6</b> Brett Strange/Roberta Mathers, Ainsley Stanley, Lauren Adcock/Roberta Mathers and Kate Dole Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 6:30pm Multipurpose Room

More information about these important nights for families will be shared next week, but for now, you can save the date to ensure attendance is possible. Please also check information from each Unit each week in the newsletter.

## **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – PREP**

This year Nicole, Pauline and Jen will be doing interviews throughout the day for all prep parents. Jen and Nicole will meet with families on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February and Pauline will meet with her families on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February. Your child's class teacher will communicate with you how to make an appointment on the day.

## **CAMPS, SPORT AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

### **DO YOU HAVE A CONCESSION CARD? WOULD YOU LIKE \$125 TO PAY FOR SCHOOL COSTS? MAKE SURE YOU READ THIS SECTION!**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their achievements. CSEF will be provided to eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: \$125 for primary school students and \$225 for secondary school students. Contact the school Office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Parents/carers are reminded that all CSEF applications are due as soon as possible to enable funds to be used for excursions and camps. We can't apply for this on your behalf – so please make sure you put in an application if eligible. If you received CSEF funding in 2019 at Big Hill Primary School, you do not need to reapply. If you are unsure, please check. Application forms are due at the Office by Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Current School Councillors are reminded of our final School Council meeting (before the March Annual General Meeting) on Tuesday night, at 7:00pm in the staffroom (new building at the moment). Finance meets at 6:30pm. Please try and make the meeting for quorum purposes. Reports will be emailed home before Friday.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

Kate Dole returns on Monday from sick leave. Zoe Wright has done a wonderful job looking after Kate's children over the last two weeks. Catherine Kelley returns from Long Service Leave next week and Leisha Morrison will move from Catherine's room to Dean's as he spends the next two weeks on Long Service Leave.

## **CANTEEN – HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED**

We were blessed with some amazing canteen helpers in 2019. Sadly, as children have moved on to secondary, so have many wonderful volunteers. This year our canteen needs some new volunteers. Can you help? If so, please complete the enclosed form, or drop in and see Tammy Fear (our canteen manager) on Wednesdays and Fridays to register your interest. Help is needed once or maybe twice per term on Fridays. You can be a mum, dad, aunt, uncle, grandma, really any family member able and willing to help. 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 2020...it can continue to be!

## **HEAD LICE**

There have been confirmed cases of head lice in some of our classrooms. If you have found head lice in your child's hair, please ensure that you treat each night for the next week and then once a week thereafter. Please let the school know if your child has head lice so that we can reduce the spread within our classes in the future. Thank you.



Parking Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 5 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Mia T, Lochie C, Jaxson S, Cooper S & Matilda C.

We are moving full speed ahead now. Great to see the children working well and settling into routines. Have a great Friday, a super weekend and hopefully I will see you next week at the PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGES/EVENINGS.

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## FIRST STEPS NEWS

### PREP PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held for all Prep parents. The Parent-Teacher Interview gives you the chance to meet your child's teacher, share any necessary information about your child with your child's teacher and ask any questions that you might have. Nicole and Jen will be available for interviews on **Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February** and Pauline is available on **Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February**. Each interview will be for 15 minutes. Please find the booking sheet on your child's classroom door outlining available times.

### FIRST STEPS INFORMATION EVENING

Prep and Year 1 parents are invited to our information session on **Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm**. During this session staff will outline important curriculum information, learning programs and discuss expectations.

### BRAIN FOOD

We would like to remind parents Brain Food is a quick snack during classroom therefore it would be great if parents could cut up the fruit and vegetables, especially apples and oranges at home to make it easier for your child to eat.

### LIFE SKILLS

Tomorrow students will be taking part in the Life Skills Program. This program equip students with the tools to develop the social, emotional and physical capabilities needed to thrive today and in the future. The first session focusses on breathing exercises which help calm the mind, build resilience and develop self-regulation.

### STARS OF THE WEEK

*For coming to school happy and ready to learn:*

**FSN Sienna B**

**FSP Avery F**

**FSJ Jacob S**

*Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline & Jen*

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

### HOME READING

It has been fantastic to see so many students start the year off in fantastic fashion in regards to their home reading. Starting the routine early sets students up for success for the entire year. We hope to be giving out our first reading awards for 25 nights very soon.

### BRAIN FOOD

Just a reminder about students bringing Brain Food to school for their mid-morning snack. This snack needs to be unpackaged fruit or vegetables only. Items such as fruit cups and yoghurts are great for recess and lunch breaks but are not appropriate for brain food.

### TOYS AT SCHOOL

Quite a few students have reported their toys from home being damaged and/or lost recently. Due to the busy nature of schools this is bound to happen. A reminder for students that if they have a toy or item that is very special to them that would cause lots of distress if lost or broken, then the safest place for it is at home.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For demonstrating the School Value of 'Respect' by always following instructions in the classroom:*

**JC Braxton L**

**JR Layla F**

*Catherine & Rhys*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### VALUES PROGRAM

Last Thursday, as part of our Middle Unit Values Program, all the students competed in a fun Mintie Challenge. It involved carefully tearing a Mintie wrapper into a long strip. Congratulations to Snow for displaying patience, concentration and fine motor skills to produce the longest strip!

### HOMEWORK AND SPELLING

It was pleasing to note that nearly 100% of all students completed and returned their homework booklets. However, we do encourage students to revise their 10 spelling words on a nightly basis in preparation for Friday's weekly spelling test.

### DIARIES

The purpose of the student diaries is to record weekly events, class specialist programs, book titles and pages/chapters of books read. Remember to also record the progressive number of nights read to assist in reaching the 225 nights of reading goal.

### ROTATIONS

The Middle Unit rotations commenced yesterday. During the year, students will participate in weekly History, Science and PE sessions with each class teacher.

### LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

The Life Skills Program starts tomorrow morning with a 40 minute lesson allocated to each class. Last year's program was very beneficial and we look forward to the students participating in a variety of activities over the next few weeks.

### INFORMATION NIGHT

Just a reminder that the Middle Unit Information Night will be held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm. We look forward to meeting with parents and sharing information about our programs and upcoming events.

### NOTES

ICT notes and Instrumental forms are now due and should be returned to the Office ASAP. Thank you.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For showing the School Value of 'Responsibility':*

**MR Harry L**

**MW Isobel Y**

**MD Peyton C**

*Rena, Sandra, Wendy & Dean*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### CONTACT DETAILS

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## **HOMEWORK**

Homework went home on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February and each class has used their own *student voice* to vote for the due date for homework.

Homework in the Senior Unit consists of at least 4 nights of reading recorded in diaries, 4 spelling activities and completion of a maths sheet. The homework cycle will be the following for our classes:

**SA: Monday - Monday**

**SB: Monday - Friday**

**SK: Monday - Friday**

**SL: Monday - Friday**

## **YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY**

Our Year 6 students did a great job with Matt and Brett last Friday. Students have until Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February to hand in their completed booklets to Matt.

## **SENIOR UNIT DIARIES**

You may have noticed our fabulous new diaries that are aligned with The Resilience Project Program that is beginning at BHPS this year.

Our students have really responded well to the daily **GEM** (Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness) tasks and will use these every day in class. There is a section to tick that you have received important notes and for you to sign.

## **SWIMMING**

Swimming Notes were handed out last week to be signed and returned with payment by Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Thank you to those families who have already returned their form and payment.

## **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For demonstrating 'Resilience':*

**SA** Taleisha W  
**SB** Miller D  
**SK** Naing Oo T  
**SL** Bailey P

*Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

### **EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS**

Today we sent home a donation note with your child for the Easter Raffle. We would greatly appreciate anything anyone would be able to donate towards the raffle.

If you need some ideas, here are a few things you might like to donate:

- Easter eggs
- Easter craft activities
- Blocks of chocolate
- Easter baskets
- Cellophane or wrapping paper

We would really appreciate anything you might be able to donate, and would like to thank you all again so much for your support with our fundraisers.

## **PREP PARENTS MORNING TEA**

P&F would like to welcome all our Prep Parents to come along and join us for some morning tea. It is a great way to meet other prep parents in your child's class and join the school community. It will be held TOMORROW Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, in our staff room between 9:00am and 10:30am. If you would like to come along and join us, there is a list in the classrooms for you to please put your name and how many guests would like to attend for catering purposes. Thank you, and we look forward to see you all there!

## **HOT CROSS BUN & EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS**

We are running our annual Hot Cross Bun Drive again this year and Easter Raffle. It has been such a great success the last few years and we enjoy running this drive. Order forms will be sent home on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> February with your child and will need to be returned with payment to the Office by Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March. Collection day is to be confirmed. We are also running our Easter Raffle and Guess the Easter Egg competition again. Raffle tickets will be sent home on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> February and there will be extra raffle ticket books available from the Office if you need any more. The Guess the Easter Egg Competition will be at the Office from Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March. It will be 50 cents per guess. Good luck to everyone, and we hope you all enjoy guessing.

## **P&F FACEBOOK PAGE**

Keep up to date with our P&F activities by joining our Facebook Community: (<http://www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/>) Our page provides reminders and updates on all the activities as well as connecting you with other families at our school.

## **CASH REWARDS PROGRAM – EARN REAL CASH FOR YOURSELF & THE SCHOOL**

Have you signed up for our cash rewards program yet?? Its FREE to join and by simply doing your usual online shopping through our unique landing page, you will contribute towards the school without even leaving your home. Better still you'll earn cash rewards for yourself at the same time. You really can't lose! Signing up is easy just head to our unique landing page and follow the prompts.

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

*Thank you all for your support with P&F activities, it's really appreciated.*

## **LOST PROPERTY NEWS**

Please name all items of clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes. Lost Property is stored in a black tub near the first aid room. It is the student's responsibility to collect any lost property ASAP. In order to keep our Lost Property under control, a volunteer will sort items into 'labelled' and 'unlabelled' piles on a regular basis. Clearly labelled items are returned to their owners and unlabelled items are donated to the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

At the end of each Term, ALL unclaimed items (named or unnamed) are donated to the Second Hand Uniform Shop. We kindly ask students and family members to please return all items to the black tub when checking for lost property so they are not left on the ground to get wet and dirty. Thank you.

## CANTEEN NEWS

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Due to a lot of families no longer being able to help in the canteen, we are calling for more volunteers. You would only be required once or twice per term and your help is greatly appreciated. Don't forget, you don't have to be a mum or dad to help, aunties, uncles and grandparents are all welcome. Thank you.

## CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PH NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

TIME AVAILABLE  9:00am to 10:00am

12:45pm to 2:00pm

*Tammy Fear  
Canteen Manager*

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### WANTED

Donations of pants/skirts hangers please. If you have any you would be able to donate, please leave them at the Office. Thank you.

The shop will be open every Friday (except the last day of each term) from 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the side entrance to the art room/canteen building, accessible from the second set of stairs at the top of the school.

All items are \$2, so come along and grab a bargain!

## NOTES TO BE RETURNED

If you still have any notes at home, please return them to the Office at your earliest convenience. The notes that have gone home are:

- \* Privacy/Local Excursion (new students only)
- \* PG Movie Permission (new students only)
- \* ICT (whole school)
- \* Smile Squad (whole school)
- \* Wide Open Road Optometrist (Preps only)
- \* Life Skills authority to photograph (whole school)

The Smile Squad, Life Skills and Wide Open Road forms are all optional, but all the rest need to be returned ASAP. Thank you.

## OSHC NEWS

### BENEFITS (CCS) CEASING

For those families who haven't already noticed, you may not be receiving benefits this year. If this is the case, you will need to go online to your myGov or Centrelink account and confirm the new booking pattern and the benefits will start flowing again.

If you find this doesn't reflect on your next statement, please contact me to follow it up. Apologies for not advising you sooner. Thank you.

*Janet Dean, OSHC Admin*

## COMMUNITY NEWS



Kangaroo Flat Junior Football Club, Registration day Sunday the 16th February 2020

11am-2pm Social Rooms Dower Park.

Teams for 2020 are  
Under 16 boys, Under 14 boys,  
Under 12 boys, Under 9 and Under 10 mixed

Under 18 girls, Under 16 girls,  
Under 14 girls, Under 12 Girls  
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN AGE GROUPS  
FOR THE GIRLS.

Please contact Veronica our club secretary if you have any questions on 0437 330 036

## Register now for 2020 junior footy!

Age groups:  
U9 & U10 (mixed)  
U12 (girls)  
\$60.00\*

U12 (mixed), U14 & U16 (boys)  
U14, U16 & U18 (girls)  
\$155.00\*



If you played with the Square in 2019,  
you need to register and pay  
by 28th Feb 2020 to secure a position

New players are welcome and will be considered  
in line with our Player & Team Selection Policy

\*Reduced registration price due to AFL lowering their fees to clubs for 2020  
Normally \$120.00 for non-competitive teams and \$170.00 for competitive teams

## Walking & Wellbeing Group

### ARE YOU A CARER?

(Caring for a school aged child with a disability, learning disability, mental illness or chronic illness)

Would you like to take some time out to care for yourself?

Be part of a social support group with others experiencing similar situations?

If the answer is yes then join the Walking and Wellbeing Group. There will be two walks each week, you can choose which one to attend.

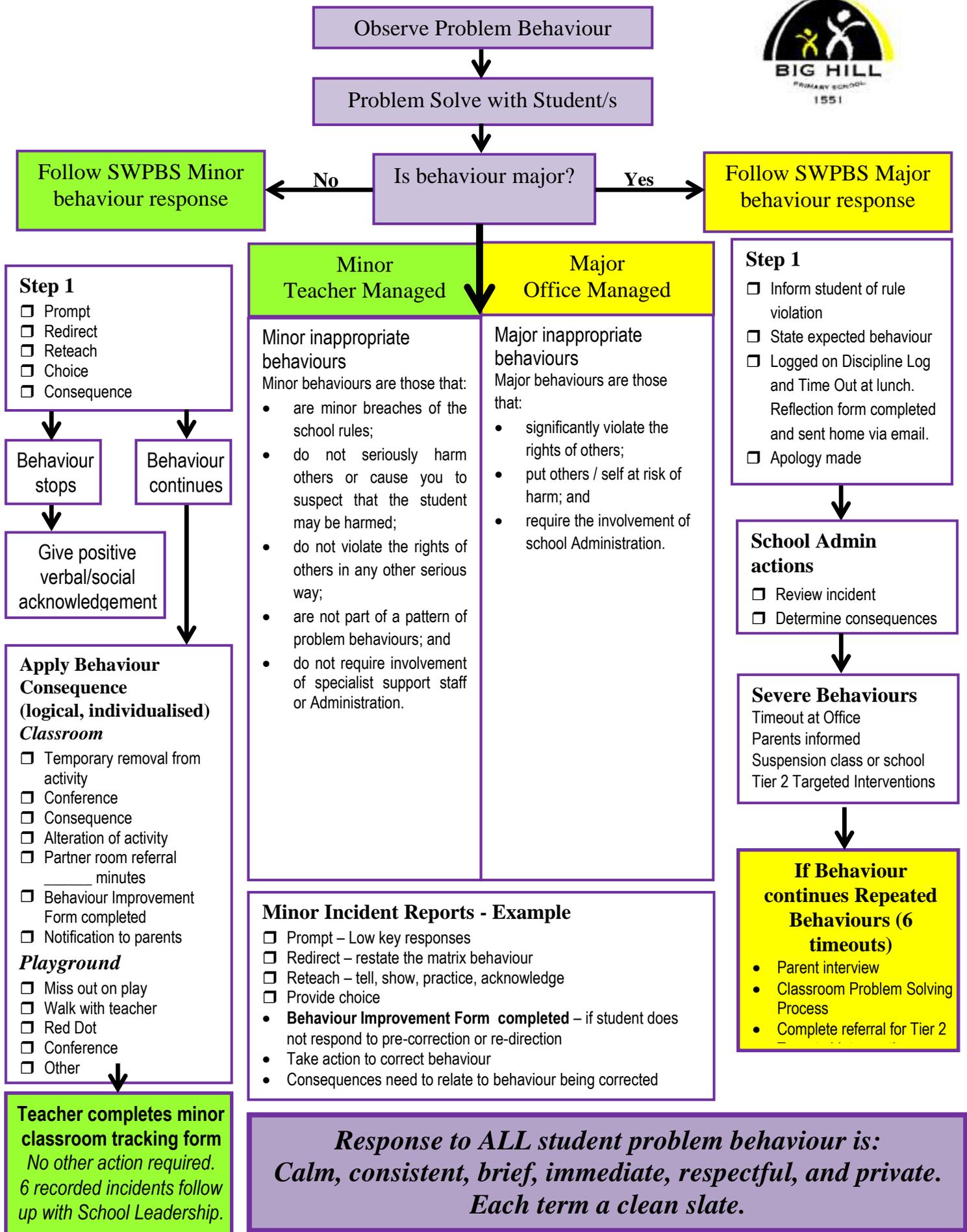
### Lake Weeroona

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
during school terms.  
Meet between 9-9.20am at the Rowing Club end of the lake.

For more information call Tash  
On: 1800-068 978 or email  
nharrick@bendigohealth.org.au



# BHPS Behaviour Management Flowchart



If student requires specialised support from Psych, Speech, Occupational Therapy, Social Worker or other wellbeing needs please refer to wellbeing team (Prin, Chaplin, AP).