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THURSDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY 2020

CALENDAR

Thursday, 27th February
Friday, 28th February

Monday, 2nd March
Thursday, 5th March

Friday, 6th March

Friday, 13th March

Monday, 16th March
Tuesday, 17th March

Thursday, 19th March

Friday, 20th March

Monday, 23rd March

Tuesday, 24th March

Wednesday, 25th March

Thursday, 26th March

Friday, 27th March

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

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

Year 6 Leadership booklets due back to Matt

CSEF applications due at the Office

Senior Unit Swimming Program payment due

Guess the Easter Egg Competition starts at Office

Wide Open Road Optometry Visit for Prep students

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

P&F AGM 2:00pm in the Art Room

National Ride 2 School Day

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

Smile Squad dental checks

School Council AGM

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

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

Senior Unit Swimming Program commences

Senior Unit Swimming Program continues

Senior Unit Swimming Program continues

Senior Unit Swimming Program concludes

Guess the Easter Egg Competition & Easter Raffle drawn

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

School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It's been action stations this week, with few interruptions and students working hard in their classes with their teacher/s. Whilst the term is short, it's been straight to business for us all... and now only 4 weeks to go!

PREPS

Preps begin full time enrolment next week...5 days a week! Some will take time to adjust, so don't be surprised if you have tired little ones next week! If you feel they are overtired, you can intervene over the next few weeks and pick up early etc... but generally... the majority will cope quickly!

MANTRA FOR THIS WEEK

"Manners Matter" is our focus for next week. We will be encouraging children to use manners when speaking to each other and all adults. Perhaps focus on this at home with your children. Lots of PLEASE, THANK YOU, YOU'RE WELCOME and actions like holding open doors for each other etc.

AN ELECTION IS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL OF BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL – NOMINATIONS CLOSE TOMORROW!

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school office and must be lodged by 3:15pm on Friday, 28th February, 2020. If a ballot is required (depending on the number of nominations), this will close at 3:15pm on Friday, 6th 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"> • Renae Westley • Sharyn Burnett <i>(Both will need to renominate if they wish to continue)</i>	2
Parent	March 2020 – March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VACANCY • VACANCY • Melissa Miller • Jonothan Westcott <i>(Melissa and Jonothan 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, 7th February
Friday, 28th February

Call for nominations (forms available from the Office)
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)
Close of Ballot (if required)
Counting of Ballot (if required)
Declaration of Ballot
New School Council announced and will meet shortly after this date

Friday, 7th March
Tuesday, 11th March

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 annual CSEF amount per student is: \$125 for primary school students and \$225 for secondary school students. Contact the Office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. 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 with the Office staff. Application forms are due at the Office by Friday, 28th February.

STAFFING UPDATE

Dean White returns next week to his class. I'm sure Dean's students will be glad to see him, though they have enjoyed their time with Leisha. Roberta Mathers returned today from Long Service Leave. The girls and boys in SB and SL will certainly be happy to have Roberta take up her formal duties in Year 5/6 Thursday and Year 4/5 Friday for the year this week.

P&F AGM MEETING

The P&F will elect new officer bearers next Friday, 6th March at 2:00pm in the Art Room. Current P&F members can vote...and new members are encouraged to join in the fun. P&F have a major role raising much needed funds for our school...so why not help out if you can?

CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19 UPDATE

(Last updated 13 February 2020) - An outbreak of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in mainland China, as well as some other countries, including confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia. What is this virus? Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). The virus seen in mainland China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, mainland China. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person. What are the symptoms? Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop. What if I have a student or staff member who has been to mainland China in the past 14 days? The following staff, students and children should self-isolate and are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early childhood education services: 1. People who were in Hubei Province until 14 days after they were last in Hubei Province; 2. People who were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020 until 14 days after they were last in mainland China; 3. Close contacts of confirmed cases until 14 days after last close contact with the confirmed case. Children and staff who are well and have travelled to any other countries where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and early childhood education services unless the following applies: 1. The person is a confirmed case of COVID-19. 2. The person is in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days. If you think a child, student or staff member may meet one of the above criteria, please call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to discuss further actions on 1300 651 160. How can we help prevent the spread of COVID-19? Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. Encourage all children, students and staff to wash hands often with soap and water and cough and sneeze into your elbow.

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For Department of Education and Training updates:

<https://education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

CHAPLAIN

Megan Haddon our Chaplain has changed her days for 2020. She is now at the school on Mondays and Thursdays.

TEAM CHINA – OSLE TRIP 2020 & KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER

Sadly, due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in China, we have had to cancel our trip to Suzhou, Shanghai and Beijing in May this year. Options to postpone weren't available either. Due to this, all Team China fundraising for 2020 has ceased...meaning sales of Zooper Doopers have stopped etc. Our successful Krispy Kreme orders were placed and will be arriving on Thursday, 5th or Friday, 6th March at the latest. Thank you for supporting the trip. The majority of fundraising monies will be held over for future travel...although some cancellation costs will also be taken care of.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Harper O, Mason L, Thalia M, Khye H, Evie S & Neriya T.

With only 4 weeks to go...we are fast approaching the completion of one term. How time flies!

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

PREP PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We would like to thank our prep parents that came along to our Parent Teacher Interviews this week. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to discuss how your child is settling in school and the progress they are making.

HOME READING

Congratulations to all the students who have completed 25 nights of home reading. Reading awards will be handed out at our whole school assembly on Monday.

ALPHABET



Every week prep students have been learning a different letter and sound of the alphabet. We

frequency listen to catchy alphabet songs to help practice these sounds. It's great to hear that many students have been singing these songs at home. If you would like to listen to these songs at home, please follow the below links:

Phonics Song:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=saF3-f0XWAY>

Phonics Song 2:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BELIZKpi1Zs>

LIFE SKILLS

Please note there will be no Life Skills program tomorrow. Our next session will be on Friday, 6th March.

MATHEMATICS

During our Maths lessons, we have been focusing on number concepts including:

- Counting collections of objects,
- Knowing numbers that come before and after a given number,
- Counting on from different starting points other than zero.

A simple and fun way to practise some of these skills is to play board games. Board games allow children to work on: automatic recall of the amount of dots on a dice, adding numbers together, recognising numerals, counting a set of objects, counting on from the number you are on and moving the correct number of spaces.

Our Year 1 students have also been focussing on Place Value. Students have been participating in activities related to numbers up to 100 and using icy pole sticks and Base 10 material to model numbers.

INQUIRY

This term for our Inquiry, we are focusing on 'Learning to Learn'. The children have been looking at what makes a good classroom, our classroom routines and how to get along with others. This week we have been working on one of our School Values 'Be Responsible'. We have been discussing how we can be responsible at school by: looking after your belongings, making good choices, being on time to class, following school rules and listening to others, just to name a few.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by staying focused during learning time:

FSN *Ryan W*

FSP *Riya S*

FSJ *Nathaniel S*

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline & Jen

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

SPELLING HOMEWORK

We are pleased to see that many of our children have made a good start to completing their spelling homework each week. Your child has 6 spelling words which are chosen for them based on their Oxford spelling tests. Please ensure that your child practises these words at home throughout the week using the spelling practise grid in their book. Your child's take home book should be kept in their reader bag so that it can be used in class throughout the week and practised at home in the lead up to their weekly spelling test.

HOME READING

Congratulations to our Junior Unit children who received their 25 nights of home reading award at Monday's assembly. We look forward to celebrating reading milestones with your child each week at assembly as they practise and progress in their home reading. Keep up the great home reading!

WHY CAN'T WE SKIP READING TONIGHT?

Student	Reading Time	Words Read
Student A	20 minutes each day	1,800,000 words
Student B	5 minutes each day	282,000 words
Student C	1 minute each day	180,000 words

By the end of the school year, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days. Student B will have read only 12 school days. Which student do you expect to be the better reader? (Nagy & Herman, 1987)

HOW DO I GET MY 20 MINUTES?

- ✚ Read during snack time,
- ✚ Keep a few books in the car,
- ✚ Make a set time to read aloud to your child and to have them read to you,
- ✚ Add reading into transitions - reading while you cook dinner or finish getting ready to leave,
- ✚ Read everything! Signs, food boxes, magazines, etc,
- ✚ Keep books by the bed,
- ✚ Have a set time for your child to read quietly to themselves,
- ✚ Play reading games like hangman or word card memory,
- ✚ Read while you wait at a restaurant or doctor's office,
- ✚ Listen to stories online,
- ✚ Use Reading Eggs at home.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by quickly getting organised at the beginning and end of lessons:

JC **Maeson D**
JR **Jack E**

Catherine & Rhys

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

LIFE SKILLS

Last Friday, students participated in their second Life Skills session. The learning activities and games focused on the value of 'Honesty'. Students also practised their listening skills, mindfulness and body movements. Our next session will be Friday, 6th March.

HOME READING

Just a reminder that all Student Diaries are checked on a weekly basis. Please ensure the diaries are returned to school every Friday, with entries that include book titles, pages/chapters read and a running total of the nights read.

PALMER'S GYM PROGRAM

In Term 2, students from the Middle Unit will be participating in the Palmer's Gym Program. The dates are: Friday 17th April, 24th April, 1st May and 8th May. A note regarding this program, including times and cost, will be sent home next week.

WEATHER

As the mornings are becoming slightly cooler, could parents please ensure that school jackets and hats are clearly named so they can be returned to their owners? Thank you.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Respect':

MR **Dustan H**
MW **Kaylie A**
MD **Nate S**

Rena, Sandra, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

HOMWORK

Students need to ensure that they have completed their weekly homework tasks. This will include a Math homework sheet, spelling words and nightly reading.

SCHOOL LEADERS

Just a reminder that Leadership Booklets are due **THIS FRIDAY**.

SWIMMING

Notes and payment are due Monday, 2nd March.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thank you to all those families who attended the parent information session. If you have any questions regarding the night, please feel free to talk with your classroom teacher.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For being safe in the yard:

SA **Sophie W**
SB **Sam P**
SK **Tom S**
SL **Zane L**

Brett, Kate, Lauren, Roberta & Zoe

SRC NEWS

Congratulations to our new SRC for 2020! Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate themselves – we had over 50 applications, well done everyone!

- ❖ Willow W
- ❖ Isla G
- ❖ Tom C
- ❖ Skylah D
- ❖ Mia P
- ❖ Cameron K
- ❖ Phoebe C
- ❖ Harry L
- ❖ Emily A
- ❖ Jett G
- ❖ Jordan M
- ❖ Zane L
- ❖ Indi N
- ❖ Hugo G
- ❖ Samantha C
- ❖ Marley K
- ❖ Mia S
- ❖ Nate P
- ❖ Tait R

Badge presentation will be at assembly on Monday.

Megan
Chaplain / Wellbeing

OSHC NEWS

Just a friendly reminder to keep making fortnightly payments to ensure your place is secure in our OSHC program. Thank you to those families who have been making regular payments, much appreciated.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are running our annual Easter Raffle again this year and would greatly appreciate anything anyone might 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 like to thank you all again so much for your support with our fundraisers, we couldn't do it without your support.

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE & EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

Hot Cross Bun order forms and raffle tickets have been sent home with your child today. If you haven't received your order form or raffle tickets, there are spares at the Office. Also if you would like any extra raffle ticket books they will also be at the Office.

Order forms will need to be returned and paid for by Thursday, 19th March to the Office. Collection Day for the Hot Cross Buns will be Thursday, 26th March. We will keep you updated, so keep an eye out for the date.

We are also running our Easter Raffle and Guess The Easter Egg Competition again. Guess the Easter Egg Competition will be at the Office on display from Thursday, 5th March, it will be 50 cents per guess of the jar! Good luck to everyone and 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.

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!

COMMUNITY NEWS



End of Summer Kangaroo Flat MARKET

MARKET STALLS CAR-BOAT SALES SHIRT GARAGE SALE TRASH & TREASURE SAUSAGE SIZZLE DEVONSHIRE TEAS LIVE MUSIC

at Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church, High St, (opposite ALD)

on Saturday 29TH FEBRUARY from 8am – 1pm

Enquiries & Site bookings: Max 54431809 / blume_m@bigpond.com



Kangaroo Flat Junior Football Club are seeking players for under 12 girls and boys, under 14 girls and under 16 girls.

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

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO TALK ABOUT THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



01
Help to reduce the stigma attached to mental health



02
Educate yourself about mental health



03
Be aware of the language you use when talking about mental health



04
Show care and compassion towards people



05
Be a positive mental health role model



06
Encourage your child to talk about their feelings/thoughts



07
Set aside time each week to talk about mental health



08
Help them to realise that it shows great strength to talk about our mental health



09
Don't just focus on negative experiences. Identify strengths and good aspects



10
Ask the right questions. Don't be too pushy



11
Get the facts right about mental health problems



12
Be there for your child. Support them through difficult times



@BELIEVEPHQ



13
Respond in the right way when your child talks about feelings and thoughts

