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THURSDAY, 9TH MAY, 2019

CALENDAR

Friday, 10th May

Monday, 13th May

Thursday 16th May

Tuesday, 14th May

Friday, 17th May

Saturday 18th May

Monday, 20th May

Wednesday, 22nd May

Thursday, 23rd May

Friday, 24th May

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Thursday, 13th June

Wednesday, 19th June

Senior Unit Gym program continues

Expressions of Interest for Year 5/6 Somers Camp due in

Elmore Pie Drive forms to be sent home

School Council – Finance Meeting 6:30pm and General Meeting at 7:00pm

Senior Unit Gym program continues

Election Day BBQ - P&F BBQ and cake stall

Education Week commences – see back page

Grandparents / Special Friend Visit – more information to follow

P&F Cake Stall

Dress Up Day – more information to follow

Senior Unit Gym program concludes

First Steps/Junior Unit Incursion

Somers Camp letters of interest for Year 5/6 students due

Middle Unit Scienceworks Excursion

Senior Production – Years 3-6 Robin of Sherwood

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Week 3 has been very busy with Cross Country and the lead up to Mother's Day...resulting in lots of excitement around the school.

ANNUAL REPORT

Continuing on from last week, two more sections of the Annual Report are shared for your information – this it's our performance in the IMPROVEMENT and ACHIEVEMENT sections. If you would like a copy of the Annual Report, please grab one from the foyer at school.

FRAMEWORK FOR IMPROVING STUDENT OUTCOMES (FISO): In 2017, our focus at Big Hill PS was on EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING – both Building Practice Excellence and Curriculum Planning and Assessment. Whilst our improvement areas for that calendar year were generally achieved, this work was not small by nature and therefore completed thoroughly in one calendar year. It is due to this that our school continued to focus once again in 2018 on the two EXCELLENCE areas....enabling us to delve deeper. In 2018, there was a focus on writing (whilst maintaining the momentum achieved in reading) and speaking and listening. 2018 was also a year of major focus on mathematics. In 2018, the staff focused on computation in mathematics, with George Booker and his texts the stimulus to lead teaching and learning programs. In the area of literacy, VOICES/6 Traits Writing was the bulk of work done by staff, with individual classes introducing the VOICES menu to students and the formation of Student Writing Goals beginning. In addition to this, staff began planning writing in teams using the 6 TRAITS approach. The 2018 data analysis of NAPLAN indicated growth in curriculum areas, however, there are still areas to address, such as cohort growth in reading and grammar/punctuation. Whilst some of data indicated growth, other sets suggest continued work in the improvement initiatives chosen. Growth takes time, so at Big Hill PS, we continued to focus on moving all of our data sets in a positive direction. We are hopeful that our 2019 NAPLAN data will be reflective of our focus on EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING - particularly in the areas of writing and numeracy.

ACHIEVEMENT: Teacher Judgment against the Victorian Curriculum was above similar schools for English and Mathematics. With regard to NAPLAN, Year 3 ratings for Reading are alike to similar schools, although 2018 Year 3 Numeracy was lower than the median of all Victorian Schools. Overall, the 2018 Year 3 cohort will require extra support in future years to achieve their full potential. Year 5 NAPLAN results were also in-line with similar schools in Reading and Numeracy during 2018, although the 2018 Year 5 cohort was well-above the median of all Victorian Schools in both Reading and Numeracy - a strong cohort. Cohort growth between Year 3 (2016) and Year 5 (2018) showed positive medium and high growth for students in the following areas: Numeracy 89%, Writing 84%, Spelling 84% and Grammar/Punctuation 79%...something we were very pleased to see. Reading 76% dropped slightly from 2017 - but will remain a focus across the school through the delivery of CAFE. All children on the Program for Students with Disabilities and Impairments program and those in Out of Home Care were supported with Individual Learning Improvement Plans and Student Support Groups to ensure they were working to their full potential. Students with an Aboriginal background were also supported with Individual Learning Plans and had their attendance closely monitored.

CAPITAL WORKS

Not a lot of change this week, although, the foundations are taking shape and the site continues to be of interest to many of our students who enjoy seeing the machinery at work.

TEAM CHINA NEWS – 2 WEEKS TILL WE FLY!

Less than two weeks to be exact, with departure set for Wednesday, 22nd May. Mia, Carlos, Ethan, Bailey and I are eagerly awaiting the trip and are busy organising last minute things. I will send home information today with each child regarding the trip – please look out for this if it concerns your child.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Our P&F have once again wowed the children with a marvellous Mother's Day stall. Our children enjoyed visiting the stall today to buy any number of wonderful gifts for their mother or special person. A huge thank you to the P&F for their hard work and dedication – you should all be very proud. Thanks to all supported the stall with donations and by sending money along to purchase gifts also. Happy Mother's Day to all of our special people on Sunday!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Just a reminder that School Council is set to occur next Tuesday night, with Finance at 6:30pm and the May meeting beginning at 7:00pm in the library. Information for the meeting has started to be sent home, with further emails of information due today and tomorrow. Keep a look out if this concerns you!

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM, LITERACY AND NUMERACY

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will be undertaking NAPLAN testing throughout the week. This year, we have to do the tests online, so all children will use iPads to access the tests. We also have two weeks to complete the testing, so expect to see tests occurring most days next week and into the following week. Please endeavour to have your child at school each day, unless they are unwell. Rather than avoid the tests by staying home, please drop in and see me to exempt your child from the tests should you prefer this to occur.

STAFFING UPDATE

Next week, Brett Strange will work Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, supporting Susie Marsh. Ideally, we hope to then have Brett taking over the class on these mornings, with Susie stepping back. Each week, we will look at the gradual return of Brett to full teaching duties. Jono Guy will continue to deliver PE each Thursday – probably until the end of term.

PREP 2020 INFORMATION EVENING

We had a very well-attended session on Tuesday night, with lots of mums and dads coming along to hear about Big Hill PS and Prep enrolment for 2020. A big thank you to Nicole, Pauline, Sharyn and Deb for running such a great, informative evening. I look forward to touring some of the interested families around during Education Week (20 – 24 May).

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all children who took part in Wednesday's Cross Country at the Bendigo Racecourse. It's always wonderful to hear about children who did their best and role modelled positive behaviours to all. Congratulations to all who competed – personal best is all we can expect and that's what the majority of children achieved. A huge thank you to the staff who assisted on the day, families who visited to support and to Ainsley Stanley for taking on the organisation for Big Hill PS. Much appreciated.

YEAR 6-7 TRANSITION

Many parents of Year 6 children would have attended a transition evening this week at their local State Secondary School. These meetings help give our parents information about the processes to follow in the lead up to starting in Year 7, as well as sharing the wonderful strengths of the school. Today, the Year 7 enrolment forms have been sent home with the newsletter. You will notice that the designated school for your child has been prepopulated based on your residential address. Please don't change your address, unless you have actually moved. In this case, our records on CASES have to be updated. Work addresses, or those of family members can't be used. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Forms are due back to us at Big Hill PS next Friday, 17th May.

EDUCATION WEEK

Information regarding EDUCATION WEEK has been posted around the school this week. The focus of EDUCATION WEEK for 2019 is "CELEBRATING CAREERS" Highlights of the week include school tours for Prep 2020 parents on Monday, 20th 9:30am and Friday, 24th 9:30am, GRANDPARENTS/SPECIAL FRIENDS VISIT on Wednesday, 22nd May, a major musical performance on the Wednesday also (and the departure of the Team China travellers), a healthy fresh fruit morning on Thursday, 23rd thanks to Woolworths and a CAREERS DRESS UP DAY "What would I like to be when I grow up?" on Thursday also. Lots on offer, so plan ahead so you don't miss out!

THE WELCOME PROJECT

As mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we have Troy and Daikota (indigenous artists) working at Big Hill PS each Friday afternoon...leading our Koori students through the process of creating a beautiful welcome mural at the entrance to our school. If you would like to keep up to date with the progress, visit the following site: <https://laurensadcock.wixsite.com/thewelcomeproject>

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Chloe V, Dexter L, Henry P, Milla P, Grace VS, Vienna F & Kobe B.

Next week will be particularly busy with NAPLAN testing occurring throughout the week for our Year 3's and 5's. Please rest your child in preparation for testing next week.

HAVE AN AWESOME FRIDAY and a SUPER WEEKEND!

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

SPELLING

Well done to all the students who have been busy at home learning to read and write their individual spelling words located in their 'Take Homebook'. Keep up the great work!

INCURSION – INSECTARIUM OF VICTORIA

As part of our Invertebrates Science Unit this term, Insectarium of Victoria will be visiting our classes on Friday, 24th May. They will be bringing along different samples of invertebrates for students to observe and hold. Thank you to those students who have returned their note and payment of \$8. If you have misplaced or did not receive a form please speak to your child's classroom teacher as these are due back on Monday, 20th May.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to the Parents and Friends for organising a wonderful Mother's Day Stall. We hope you enjoy your presents and have a happy Sunday!

READING HELPERS

Our daily reading program is the start of your child's journey of becoming a proficient reader. To increase the success of our reading program, we are asking for volunteers to listen to children read in the morning during our reading program. It can be as little as 10 minutes or up to 30 minutes of your time. Please speak to your child's classroom teacher if you are able to help. Thank you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Respect' by getting along with others:

FSN: Amber L

FSP: Isabella G

Nicole & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

SCIENCE

This term as part of our Science unit we will be studying invertebrates. On Friday, 24th May the Insectarium of Victoria will be bringing along samples of invertebrates for us to hold and observe. Thank you to those students who have returned their note and \$8, please note these are required back at school by Monday 20th May.

MATHEMATICS

Recently we have studied clocks and telling the time in 60, 30 (Year One's) and 15 (Year Two's) minute intervals. We thought it would be beneficial to send home some time games to reinforce our learning of these concepts. These have been glued into your child's Homework book.

GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

A personal invitation has been sent home for our upcoming Grandparent's and Special Friends visit on Wednesday, 22nd May. Grandparents and Special Friends have been invited to our classrooms for a lesson related to their student's future careers. Could all visitors please bring along a photo of themselves at work to use in this activity? Thank you.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For their enthusiastic participation in our study of Invertebrates:

JC Olivia K

JJ Hope G

JR Owen B

Catherine, Jen & Rhys

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

TERM 2

This week in the Middle Unit we have continued our weekly routines with our CAFÉ reading, VOICES writing and our Mathematics program. Students completed rotations of Science, Geography and PE and some students were lucky enough to represent our unit at the Division Cross Country.

MAJOR EXCURSION

Our major excursion this term is to Scienceworks, Melbourne. The excursion will be in week 8, Thursday, 13th June. A note with further details and costs has been sent home today with the newsletter.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all of our Middle Unit students who competed yesterday at the Division Cross Country event. We were proud of all of the Middle Unit students who did their best and participated fully yesterday. Well done to all. It was also great to see many parents and grandparents attend to cheer us on!!

HOMEWORK

Our homework program begins this week. There will be a spelling test and maths test tomorrow!! In the Middle Unit we have very clear expectations for students and their homework. Students have all received their Term 2 homework books and diaries and have weekly homework tasks to complete. Learning spelling words, basic number and multiplication facts as well as recording reading in their diaries are an important part of weekly learning tasks for each student. ALL students are expected to read a 'Just Right' text for at least 20-30 minutes each night and record their reading in their diary.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Responsibility':

MR Zane L

MW Noah P

MD Cameron K

Rena, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students who participated in yesterday's Division Cross Country! Everyone did a wonderful job of the course and demonstrated our BHPS School Values in a positive way!

SOMERS CAMP

Please note that the date for students to submit their EOI for Somers Camp **has moved up to Monday, 13th May**. Every two years our school is offered a limited number of places at the Department of Education and Training's Somers School Camp.

This year our allotted time is from 30th July, until 7th August, 2019. It is a nine day commitment and as such I would ask that you **only** fill in the expression of interest form if children can attend without concerns of sports or family commitments.

Sunday is a day when visitors can attend from 12:00pm – 2:30pm and again children **must** be able to return to their camp activities willingly after their family leaves.

Children who gain selection from our school will join with 160 Year 5 and 6 children from our school district in this very special Outdoor Education and Personal Development program. The fee for the camp is \$260 and must be paid in full before children can attend. The fee includes transport, accommodation, meals and pocket money.

This is a great camp and provides children with the opportunity to accept challenges, improve their self esteem, meet and mix with others from our local area, have fun and learn at the same time.

Names will be selected at random, however consideration of behaviour and social skills must be taken into account. Please see Ainsley for any other information.

GYM PROGRAM

Students began their Senior Unit Gym sessions at Palmers Gym last Friday, where they are honing their balancing and coordination skills. It continues tomorrow.

NAPLAN

Will testing will commence next week. Testing schedule is as follows:

- ✚ Year 5 Writing test Wednesday, 14th at 9:00am.
- ✚ Year 5 Reading test Thursday, 15th at 12:00pm.
- ✚ Year 5 Language Conventions test Friday, 16th at 9:00am.
- ✚ Year 5 Numeracy Tuesday, 21st at 9:00am.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating resilience:

SA Destinee B
SB Lily D
SK Claudia F
SL Ebon M

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Our Annual Mother's Day Stall was held today and was a great success. Thank you to our P&F who made it a successful day. The kids had a great time shopping and enjoyed their experience. Thank you to everyone who donated towards our stall and raffle prizes, we appreciate everyone's donations, so thank you so much for your support.

ELMORE PIE DRIVE

We have our annual pie drive running again this year and hope you are looking forward to it! We sure are! We will be sending out order forms on the 16th May, and we will confirm more details closer to the date. Hope you all enjoy ordering your pies!

ELECTION DAY BBQ & CAKE STALL

P&F will be running an Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall this year, on the 18th May and if you would like to help out in any way we would love to hear from you. If you could please let me know via email bhpspf@gmail.com as soon as possible we would really appreciate it. Thanks again for your support.

GRANDPARENTS DAY & P&F CAKE STALL

We are once again running our P&F Cake Stall this year on grandparents day as it was such a success last year. We would love to hear from all you keen bakers/cooks. We ask there is no NUTS or CREAM in any items that are supplied as there are people with allergies, and we can't store the items correctly.

If you are stuck for any ideas here's a few for you...

Cupcakes Cakes Slices
Honey Joys Lamingtons
Non bake items e.g- rum balls, mars bar slice
Gluten Free Items were also very popular.

Plates are up at the Office now to collect for your donated item, and there will be more information to come. Thanks again for supporting P&F with our cake stall.

TRIVIA NIGHT (ADULTS ONLY)

We have our adults only Trivia Night booked again! As it was such a great night had by everyone. We have booked the Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club as our venue again as they were fantastic to work with. It will be held on Friday, 26th July with a 6:30pm doors opening with a 7:00pm start. Trivia With A Twist will be running it again as they were also great to work with. We hope you can all make it and join in the FUN! Such a fantastic night to be had!!

JUST ONE THING LETTER

We have sent home our just one thing letter with your child. This is an invite to all our families to have a chance to be more involved with the school community and events being run, as well as meeting new families. There are so many different things that we have going on in the school and we would love you to be a part of them. The Just One Thing Letter gives everyone a chance to join in with any events/activities you may be interested in. We now have a Just One Thing Letter on our Facebook Page which you can also complete online. Look forward to hearing back from everyone. Thank you to everyone who has already completed and returned their forms.

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, its really appreciated

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The shop will be open every Friday from 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the multi purpose room except for the last day of term. Thank you.

CANTEEN NEWS

WARM MILO

Yes folks, it's back just in time for this cold weather! Only \$1.50 a cup, so why not order one for tomorrow – it's meant to be even colder then!!

VOLUNTEERS

New volunteers are always welcome. Fridays only between 9:00am – 10:00am OR 12:45pm – 2:00pm.

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's winners:

-  Jarrod M
-  Mia T

All you need to do is place a lunch order on a Wednesday for your chance to win a lunch box. Good luck everyone!

Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS



JUNIORS SQUASH CLUB

First night free
Ages 7-16
Stamps back for new players

Why Juniors Squash?
A chance to try something new, learn new skills and create a new social group. We know squash can be a little less understood than other big mainstream games. Squash is perfect for any young beginner or a junior who loves the sport and wants to play more.

- Building a team environment for friendship growth
- Introduction to a new sport
- All abilities welcome - no racket sports experience required

8 x sessions
+ free t-shirt and if wanted
Starts second week of school term

FIRST TIME PRICE (WITH STARTER PACK) - \$69

ONGOING PRICE (PER SCHOOL TERM) - \$88

No club membership required to register for this program

Mondays 4.30 - 5.45
Or Squash evening and games

Thursdays 4.30 - 5.45
Intriguing games and sports!

Register online www.bendigosquash.com or call Russell on 0417 167 153

SENSOQ SQUASH CLUB



Uncertain Curtain Productions

BUBBLE BUBBLE!

An absurd retelling of the Brothers Grimm's "The Frog Prince"

MAY 2019

FRI 17 TH	7PM	Adult: \$15
SAT 18 TH	2PM	Concession: \$12.50
	7PM	Child: \$10
SUN 19 TH	2PM	

At The Engine Room

Via The Capital Box Office
www.golix.com.au
03 5434 6100

UncertainCurtainProductions

Supporting neurodiversity in the performing arts

END OF AUTUMN KANGAROO FLAT MARKET

Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church
Saturday, 25th May
8:00am – 1:00pm

- Market stalls
- Car boot sales
- Giant garage sale
- Live music
- Trash & treasure
- Sausage sizzle
- Devonshire teas

Enquiries & Site bookings:
Max 5443 1809

blume_m@bigpond.com

Coder Dojo is back!

Come along and see what we have to offer.

WHEN: Saturdays 10am-12pm

WHERE: Discovery Centre, Bendigo

Learn about · Robotics · Coding · Scratch · Arduino · Raspberry Pi · Programming and much more!

No need to reregister if you are already on the list just come along and feel free to bring a friend!

Register online now! Here's the link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/0VQzzAwnbAQ5iUA43>

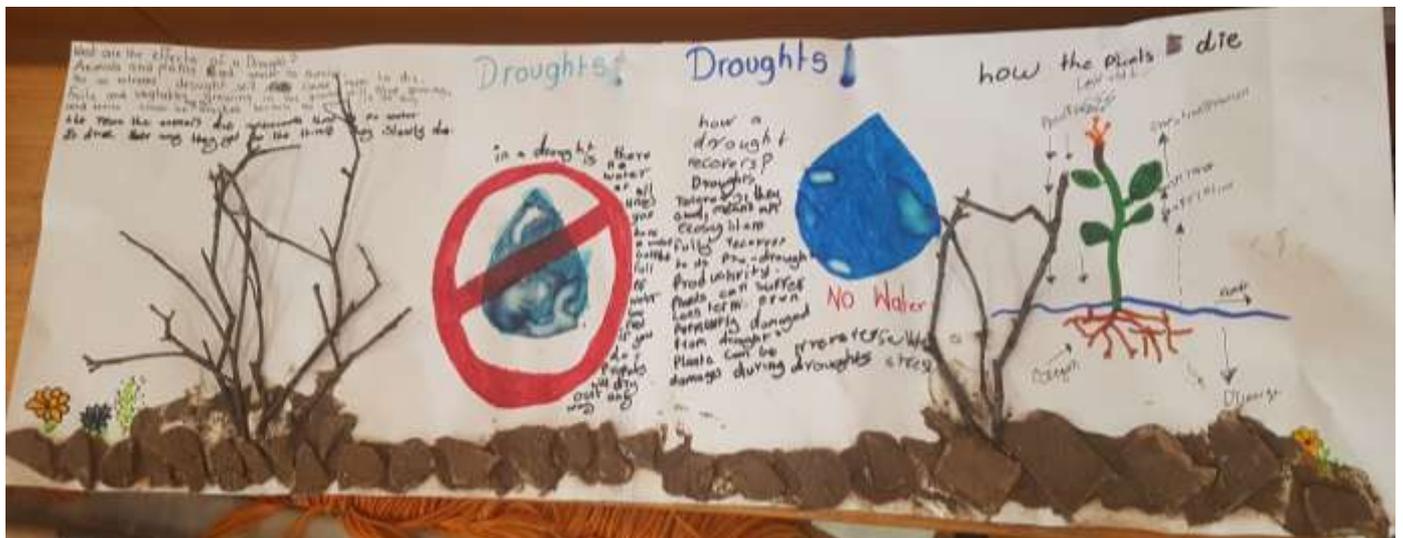
Contact Twitter: @coderbendigo

Email: coderdojobendigo@gmail.com

A free coding club for kids 7 to 17 years.

BRAND NEW EQUIPMENT ON ITS WAY!

SENIOR UNIT SCIENCE PROJECTS-NATURAL DISASTERS PHOTOS



EDUCATION WEEK 20TH - 24TH MAY 2019

Education Week will be celebrated from 20th – 24th May 2019, when schools across Victoria open their doors to parents and their broader communities through Information Nights, Open Days, student displays and other special occasions that showcase the schools programmes and achievements.

The Theme for Education Week 2019 is ‘Celebrating Careers’

Here at Big Hill Primary School, teachers are busy planning and preparing a diverse range of activities that ‘Celebrate Careers’.

From Monday, students will be engaged in activities that look at careers. There will be a school tour for Prospective parents of Big Hill Primary School at 9:30am.

On Tuesday, Years 3 and 5 students will continue with NAPLAN.

On Wednesday it will be Grandparents / Special Friends visit from 10:30am – 1:00pm.

Invitations for this will come home soon.

Our wonderful Parents and Friends will be having a cake stall.

There will be a special musical performance, with students showcasing our performing arts and music.

Thursday will be Safeway Healthy Fresh Fruit Morning.

It is also Dress up Day where students can dress up as, ‘What they would like to be when they grow up’ further ‘Celebrating Careers’.

Friday there will be an Active Travel to School Day, and there will also be another school tour for Prospective parents of Big Hill Primary School.

This is just a peek of some of the activities that will take place during this week, please see the full timetable on the next page.

So, with all these activities going on, it creates an opportunity for your child to shine at Big Hill Primary School.

Debbie Sammons
Education Week Coordinator

TIMETABLE - EDUCATION WEEK

'Celebrating Careers'

Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May 2019

DAY	ACTIVITY
<p>MONDAY 20th May 9:00am</p> <p>9:30am</p>	<p>Assembly Opening of Education Week</p> <p>2020 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SCHOOL TOUR</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY 22nd May</p>	 <p>Grandparents/special friends visit from 10:30am – 1:00pm</p> <p>Special musical performance showcasing work in dance and music (12:00pm – 1:00pm).</p> <p>Cup of tea available in multipurpose room</p> <p>Parents & Friends cake stall</p> <p>Team China depart</p>
<p>THURSDAY 23rd May</p>	<p>Woolworths Healthy fresh fruit morning at 8:00am</p> <p>Dress up parade at 9:15am Dress up day theme 'What I would like to be when I grow up'</p>
<p>FRIDAY 24th May 8:30am</p> <p>9:30am</p>	 <p>Active walk to school – meet at Phillis Street</p> <p>2020 PROSPECTIVE PARENTS SCHOOL TOUR</p>