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THURSDAY, 23RD MAY, 2019

CALENDAR

Friday, 24th May

Active Travel to School Day – meet at Phillis Street at 8:30am

School Tour at 9:30am for prospective 2020 families

Senior Unit Gym program concludes

First Steps/Junior Unit Insectarium Incursion

Elmore Pie Drive Forms due at Office-NOTE CHANGE OF DATE-apologies

Thursday, 6th June

FRIDAY, 7TH JUNE

CURRICULUM DAY – WRITING

MONDAY, 10TH JUNE

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Thursday, 13th June

Middle Unit Scienceworks Excursion-please be at school by 8:15am, approximate return 4pm

Wednesday, 19th June

Senior Production – Years 3-6 Robin of Sherwood – Matinee & Evening performances

Thursday, 20th June

Elmore Pie Drive Collection Day

Friday, 28th June

LAST DAY FOR TERM 2 – Early dismissal of 2:15pm

Monday, 15th July

First day for Term 3

Friday, 26th July

Trivia Night- Adults ONLY – tickets on sale NOW at the Office

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

EDUCATION WEEK

We have been thoroughly enjoying Education Week. A fantastic performance yesterday at Grandparents/Special Friends Day. Thank you to everyone for coming along. Great parade today with our children dressing up in their future careers. Tomorrow will be our Active Travel to School morning meeting at Phillis Street at 8:30am and a school tour for 2020 prospective families at 9:30am.

ABSENCE LINE – TEMPORARY CHANGE OF MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

Whilst Matt is in China – he will return to Big Hill PS on Wednesday, 5th June – please **DO NOT** text 0438 738 788, and **INSTEAD USE 0416 071 247** to advise the school of any absences. Alternatively, you can submit an absence via our Flexibuzz app, or call the school directly on 5447 7022. Apologies for any inconvenience.

CAPITAL WORKS – REPEAT

Lots happening this week, with the slab for the multipurpose almost complete and a meeting occurring to signal future implications for the school. At this stage, our current multipurpose will be out of action during Weeks 9 and 10 of this term and during the June/July school holidays. We should return from holidays with the art room ready to operate in the multipurpose room in Term 3 – fingers crossed. The Canteen should still be able to operate during weeks 9 and 10, however works in the multipurpose storeroom may mean disruption to the second hand uniform shop and a few other programs. Exciting times though! Watch this space!

TEAM CHINA NEWS – AND THEY'RE OFF!

Carlos, Mia, Ethan, Bailey and Matt have landed in China! They will head to Beijing first and tour Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City and explore The Great Wall of China, before flying to Shanghai to visit the Pearl Tower, Shanghai Circus and markets, before busing to Suzhou where they will visit our sister school DONG SHA LAKE SCHOOL. The four children will have overnight stays with a Chinese family (Bailey and Mia catch up with Grace who came to Big Hill PS last year) and see such sights as Tongli Watertown (referred to as the Venice of the East), Tiger Hill Pagoda, The Humble Administrators Garden and more. In the final leg, they bus back to Shanghai, have a river cruise and visit some beautiful old temples, before flying back to Beijing to catch an international flight home. If you want to see what all of the schools are up to, why not follow the Team China blog at <http://teamchina.global2.vic.edu.au>

FAMILY STATEMENTS / RECEIPTS

These are being sent home today. They will show if you have any monies outstanding and/or what your CSEF balance is. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Office. In line with Department of Education and Training regulations, no receipt will be issued for amounts under \$10 unless specifically requested. There are a lot of receipts going home today, apologies for the delay in sending these home. If you need to know if you have paid for an excursion, we can send home a statement that shows all charges including paid ones, if required.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Brodie H, Lacey J, Ethan J, James G, Eli H, Cayden H, Billie H & Adalia C.

Sharyn Burnett, Acting Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

EDUCATION WEEK

This week we have enjoyed participating in many great activities to celebrate Education Week. A big thank you to all the Grandparents and Special Friends that visited our classrooms yesterday. We had a wonderful turnout and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about different careers and making their big red-back spiders with you. In the afternoon, our students did a fantastic job singing, dancing and playing instruments in the performance.

Today we had a very busy and exciting morning. Many children arrived early at school to participate in the yummy Healthy Fruit morning that was provided by Woolworths. Children enjoyed a range of fresh fruit, cereal, toast and juice. After breakfast students participated in a whole school dress-up parade. It was wonderful to see children dressed up in the theme 'What I would like to be when I grow up'. We had many football players,

To end our Education Week celebrations, don't forget to meet us at Phillis Street at 8:30am to participate in our Active Travel to School day tomorrow.

INCURSION- INSECTARIUM OF VICTORIA

As part of our Invertebrates Science Unit this term, Insectarium of Victoria will be visiting our classes tomorrow to introduce students to a range of invertebrates. Permission note and payment of \$8 was due to the office on Monday. If you have yet to return your child's permission note along with the payment, please do so tomorrow morning. Thank you.

READING

Our reading goal this year is for each student to read for 225 nights. It's wonderful to see many children are starting to reach their 100th night certificate in their Reading Journal. Please remember to record the number of nights read in the space provided in your child's yellow Reading Journal, so that a total can be collated at the end of the year.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For enthusiastically participating in all our Education Week activities:

FSN: *Benji S*

FSP: *Nathaniel S*

Nicole & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

SCIENCE INCURSION

Tomorrow we will be visited by the Insectarium of Victoria. This visit is part of our science unit on Invertebrates and we are looking forward to seeing some of the creatures we have been learning and writing about over the last few weeks.

GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Thank you to all our visitors yesterday who came along to our Grandparents and Special Friends day celebration. Our students felt so lucky to share their classrooms and have you meet their teachers. We hope that you enjoyed their performance as much as we did.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For their enthusiastic performance during our Grandparents and Special Friends Day:

JC *Isla G*

JJ *Zoe W*

JR *Alaena H*

Catherine, Jen & Rhys

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

TERM 2

This week Year 3 students have completed NAPLAN assessments. We have also completed some whole class assessments (On Demand, Pat Reading, Pat Maths) this week. Middle Unit staff will now use the data collected throughout the year so far to write mid-year reports.

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 was sent home and permission slips and payments for this excursion are due back by Thursday, 6th June.

HOMEWORK

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 'Safety':

MR *Ruby H*

MW *Harry S*

MD *James G*

Rena, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

GYM

This week is the students final gym session at Palmers Gym. Congratulations to all students on their participation and for displaying our School Values.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all the students that completed the NAPLAN assessment over the past 2 week period. You all should be very proud of your efforts.

GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIENDS

What a wonderful day we had celebrating our Grandparent or special friend. The students enjoyed having you share this day with them.

SOMERS CAMP

Thank you to all the students who submitted an expression of interest letter for Somers Camp. The following students were selected at random:

- Shayla P,
- Isabelle H,
- Tanner F,
- Will S and
- Bob J

They are all looking forward to attending this camp.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Tanner F for qualifying for Regional Cross Country! He will have an opportunity to compete against a range of his peers across the region in June.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For safe participation in the Senior Unit Gym Program:

SA Riley N
SB Indi N
SK Milena J
SL Shelby S

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

SCHOOL PHOTOS NEWS

These were distributed yesterday. If you are missing any photos or didn't order any but would now like to, please contact MSP Photography directly on 5333 5577.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND SRC PHOTOS

We have proofs available for viewing and orders can be taken until Thursday, 30th May. The size of these photos is 25cm x 20cm and the cost is \$20.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Yesterday we had a Grandparents / Special Friends day. A great day had by everyone! We also ran our cake stall again, which was very successful, with everyone enjoying their goodies they purchased.

A BIG thank you to everyone who donated generously towards our stall, we had a big range of sweet treats which was fantastic. We look forward to running it again next year.

ELMORE PIE DRIVE

Order forms were sent home last week, we hope you all got them. There are spare order forms at the Office if you did not receive one.

SORRY FOR THE CHANGE OF RETURN DATE ORDER FORMS ARE NOW DUE BACK ON THURSDAY, 6TH JUNE

Thank you again for your support with our pie drive and happy ordering.

TRIVIA NIGHT (ADULTS ONLY)

It's time! We now have tickets for sale at the Office for the trivia night on Friday, 26th July. Doors open at 6:30pm with a 7:00pm start! The cost is \$20 per person with 10 people per table. We have a team sheet at the Office to fill out with all your details e.g. team name and names of people who will be attending on your table.

We have booked the Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club as our venue again as they were fantastic to work with. Trivia With A Twist will again be running the night as they were also great to work with. Raffle Prizes/Auctions and great prizes to be won! We look forward to seeing you all there, a great night to be had by everyone!!

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? It's 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

SENIOR PRODUCTION NEWS YEARS 3 – 6

The Senior Production for Years 3 – 6 of 'Robin Of Sherwood' will be held at the Bendigo Baptist Church, Junortoun on Wednesday, 19th June. There will be a matinee and evening performance.

Robin Hood and his band of Merry People wage their infamous tussle against the nasty Sheriff of Nottingham and his 'helpful' sidekick, Igor. After forming his band, including 'Little John' and the rapping Friar Tuck, Robin organizes the details of his intended ambush at the Sherwood Forest BBQ. Maid Marion, along with her friends are captured and hidden away. What will be their fate? All will be revealed.

Information will be sent out next week regarding costumes.

Phil Seaton

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 two weeks of this term due to the Capital Works project. Thank you.

SALE – LONG PANTS \$1 EACH!!

CANTEEN NEWS

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:

✚ Riley F
✚ Addison H

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

GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY PHOTOS

