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THURSDAY, 18TH JULY, 2019

CALENDAR

Friday, 19th July

Parent Opinion Survey invitations sent home (selected families only)

Monday, 22nd July

Middle Unit Gym notes/payment due

Tuesday, 23rd July

Parent Opinion Survey opens

WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY

Payment due for Trivia Night tickets

Friday, 26th July

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS – STUDENT FREE DAY

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

Doors open 6:30pm with a 7:00pm start

Monday, 29th July

Middle Unit Gym commences

Thursday, 1st August

First Steps/Junior Unit Gym notes/payment due

Friday, 2nd August

Father's Day Raffle Tickets will be sent home

Monday, 5th August

Middle Unit Gym continues

Friday, 9th August

First Steps & Junior Unit Gym commences

Sunday, 11th August

Middle Unit Gym continues

Monday, 12th August

Parent Opinion Survey closes

Friday, 16th August

First Steps/Junior Unit Gym continues

Year 5/6 Selected Students only Crusoe College visit

Wednesday, 21st August

Middle Unit Gym concludes

Thursday, 22nd August

First Steps/Junior Unit Production

Friday, 23rd August

First Steps/Junior Unit Gym continues

Thursday, 29th August

CURRICULUM DAY-last one for 2019

Father's Day Stall, and Raffle tickets due back at the Office by 9am.

Raffle will be drawn after Father's Day Stall

Footy Tipping Winners to be announced

First Steps/Junior Unit Gym concludes

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Term 3! 10 weeks long and days getting progressively longer and warmer as we advance through the weeks. I do hope you managed at least a little time in the recent holidays to enjoy some time with your child/ren...opportunities like that pass by quickly, so make the most of time with your children while you can as they grow up so quickly!

ATTENDANCE

This term, we have an attendance goal of 2 days or less absence. This allows you to keep your child home if they are unwell...and let's face it...for most families this is a reality. If your child is sick, you must do the only thing sensible and keep them home until they are well. With the 2 days buffer, your child should still be able to aim for getting an award at the end of term.

READING

Irrespective of age or year level, your child should be reading each night for 20 minutes. Please ensure this is occurring and record their progress in either the reading log or diary (whatever is used in your child's Unit). Our goal is 225 nights reading for the year. At the recent Victorian Principals Conference in Melbourne, nightly reading was pushed as the MOST IMPORTANT homework your child should be doing...the benefits to your child and their future success can't be stressed enough. Due to this, why wouldn't you want to start pushing this with your child each night? Happy reading...

TERM AWARDS

We had a great End of Term presentation for our winners in June. Perhaps spend some time this week talking to your child about striving for one of the awards on offer this term – Endeavour (in English and Maths), Excellence (in English, Maths, Music and Visual Art), outstanding demonstration of our School Values (Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible) and the Principals Award. If you set a goal for your child, they might just strive to reach the target. It's good to set aspirational goals and also part of learning if one falls short.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR VS BAD BEHAVIOUR (INCLUDING BULLYING)

It was great to see that in Term 2 there was a reduction in the occurrence of serious behaviours in the yard and classes. In any school, you can expect, with almost 300 students, there will be times where different children won't get along. They are, after all, children and not adults and are learning about how to socialise and treat others – so to see the majority of our students doing the right thing is very pleasing. Big Hill PS continually focuses on the positives through our Values BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL and BE RESPONSIBLE by discussing them on a daily basis and by rewarding children with BIG REWARDS.

In addition to this, we manage poor behaviour through our Discipline policy, resulting in children having Time Outs and in-school suspensions...all of which occur with privacy and respect for the individual concerned. Sometimes you might wonder what is being done – well, don't be concerned...we respectfully deal with all issues privately to ensure the child learns without excessive shaming. Our students are better equipped in the yard also by being aware of bullying too – with most of our Senior students very aware of what bullying is and what bullying isn't. Bullying is overused in modern society for any issue between two people. It is in fact where there is a *repeated behaviour* between the same two individuals (or group). When we are aware of bullying, we put in place strict steps to manage the likelihood of it reoccurring...this has been reinforced and supported by our children's surveys who state we do a great job of following up issues and dealing with them. At any time, dealing with a problem is best done between the child, parent and teacher – so if ever there is a problem...speak to your child's teacher. My door is always open too! When there is a problem you need the voices of all three (parent, child, teacher) to ensure the problem is clearly defined and dealt with together.

MID YEAR "PARENT TEACHER STUDENT" INTERVIEWS

Next Wednesday, 24th July, our teachers will conduct "Parent Teacher Student" interviews throughout the day. Parents/carers are reminded that on this day, students do not attend school, however, attend the Parent Teacher Student Interview with their parent/s or carer. In essence, this means that there is no school next Wednesday, 24th July. Teaching staff will not be teaching classes therefore, as they will be participating in interviews with children and parents throughout the day. Many families have booked in for an interview already, but if you haven't done so yet...please visit the site: www.schoolinterviews.com.au and choose the option (top right) MAKE A BOOKING. At this stage, enter the EVENT CODE: **z32p4** to access the Big Hill PS interviews. Once logged in, you then choose to book for 1, 2 or more children...allowing you to make multiple bookings at once. Interviews begin at 8:00am, with the final interview scheduled for 5:45pm. Allotments of 15 minutes per child are provided for, ensuring there is plenty of time to exchange information. At this stage, early in the day and late in the afternoon times have been snapped up over the last few weeks – so you may need to look at a time throughout the day. It's important to focus on your child's education, so give yourself the right to take some time to attend. If you cannot make the 24th of July, please communicate directly with your child's teacher to make another time on another day. Please don't choose to not come in at all – we need to work together to get the best outcomes for your child and each of us plays a pivotal part in this process.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY - WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the *Department of Education and Training* that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behavior and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from **Monday, 22nd July to Sunday, 11th August**. The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-15 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. If you have been randomly selected this year, your child will bring home an envelope tomorrow, Friday, 19th July, containing a link to the survey and a special pin for you to log in with. The survey can only be done once. If you get a copy of the link and survey, please complete the survey as your opinion is very important to us.

NETBALL

Week 1 also saw some of our Year 5/6 boys and girls representing Big Hill PS at the District Netball tournament yesterday. From all reports they had a great time. Thanks to Brett Strange for organising the day.



STAFFING

SB will continue to have Brett Strange teaching them each Monday, Wednesday and Friday AND Roberta Mathers on Tuesday and Thursday. For the first three weeks of term, Phil Seaton is absent, so we welcome Alice Adams back to Big Hill PS to run our music program.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Kirra W, Jack E, Kaylie A, Chloe-Isabell W, Tom S, Mileah G & Tom C.

Here's hoping illness has dodged your house and everyone is fighting fit for the weekend ahead. Thanks for your continued support of Big Hill PS and for also reading this newsletter each week – it really is important to stay up-to-date.

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FOUND
Silver necklace –
please claim from the Office if it is yours.

FIRST STEPS NEWS

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our students and families for Term 3! We hope that everyone has returned to school rested and ready to learn. Our students have settled in well this week and we're looking forward to a very productive Term 3.

We have a busy term coming up with Gymnastics, Junior School Production and our Major Excursion.

SCHOOL NURSE FORMS

Just a reminder that school nurse forms were due back this week. If you are yet to return the envelope, please do so ASAP as the nurse will be visiting our school next Monday. Thank you.

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Just a reminder that Parent Teacher Student Interviews will be held on Wednesday, 24th July. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to have a chat with your child's teacher about their progress.

If you have not already made an online booking please visit the following website:

www.schoolinterviews.com.au to book an interview time. Our schools code is: **z32p4**.

If you do not have access to the internet at home, please arrange a time directly with your child's teacher. Just a reminder that students do not come to school that day until their appointment time with their parent/s.

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

Our Gymnastics Program is approaching fast with only 3 weeks to go. Thank you to the families who have already returned permission forms and payment. Please return forms to the Office by Monday, 29th July.

PRODUCTION

This term the First Steps and Junior Unit will be performing in the 'Bee Musical'. All students in FSN and FSP will be dressing up as bees.

Children will need to bring a plain yellow T-shirt (no writing or picture) to school so that they can be painted and decorated.



Please ensure the T-shirt is clearly labelled with your child's name and handed to their classroom teacher.

Thank you to the very organised parents who have already returned their child's T-shirt. Please note that K-Mart and Big W have T-shirts for \$3.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Responsibility' by being helpful in the classroom:

FSN: Sierra S
FSP: Grace VS

Nicole & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all of our students and families to what will be a very busy Term 3 for the Junior Unit. This term we have some exciting activities coming up with the gymnastics program at Jets Gym, First Steps/Junior Unit production and our major excursion.

In the classroom this term we will be learning all about chemical reactions in Science, writing procedural and persuasive texts, and learning about measurement, money, addition and subtraction in Maths.

PRODUCTION

Students are working hard rehearsing during Music lessons this week. Some students with larger roles received a script to take home over the holidays, we encourage these students to continue to practice their lines at home.

Most students are performing as bees who will need a plain yellow top as part of their costumes. Please bring these to school once you have one.

JETS GYM

A reminder to return the blue permission form for Jet's Gymnastics as these are due by the 29th July.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying respect and responsibility by packing up their belongings and keeping the classroom clean and tidy:

JC Scarlett N
JJ Billie H
JR Indigo B

Catherine, Jen & Rhys

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

TERM 2

Welcome back to all our students and families for Term 3, 2019! We have had a great first 2 terms and are looking forward to some fantastic learning opportunities throughout the next two terms!!

It was great to see the smiling and refreshed faces of all of our students on Monday morning. There was much excitement as students caught up with friends and told stories of holiday activities.

GYM

Next week (Friday) we begin our Gym program at Palmers Gym Bendigo. All information has been sent home along with the permission note that needs to be returned along with payment by **TOMORROW**.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Next Wednesday, as I'm sure you are aware, is our student / parent / teacher conference day. All students need to attend on the day only for their interview timeslot. If for any reason you cannot make an appointment that is suitable for the day, please contact your classroom teacher to arrange an alternative time to meet.

HOMWORK

In the Middle Unit we have very clear expectations for students and their homework. Students have all received their Term 3 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 'Respect':

MR **Jacob W**
MW **Brodie H**
MD **Tellium M**

Renaë, Sandra, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our students and their families. We hope you have had an enjoyable break and are ready for a productive and busy Term 3.

NETBALL CARNIVAL

Well done to all the students who participated in the Netball Carnival on Wednesday, although it was a wet and cold day, you represented our school fantastically and should be very proud of your achievements.

COMMBANK VISIT

Next Tuesday students will be visited from a Commbank educator. The workshop is designed to motivate and inspire students and give them the confidence and skills to make **smart** decisions about money.

RED CROSS VISIT

This Friday the Senior Unit students will be participating in a visit from the Red Cross. They will be learning about where refugees come from and how some of them arrive in Australia.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating a positive mindset:

SA **Matt E** SK **Mia A**
SB **Matilda B** SL **Chloe-Isabell W**

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT- ADULTS ONLY

We have just over a week to go before our Trivia Night is here. It will be held on Friday, 26th July at the Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club. Doors will open at 6:30pm with a 7:00pm start. We have quite a few tables booked already, so thank you all who have already booked and paid. If you would still like to book a table we have team sheets at the Office for you to fill out with all your details. Trivia With A Twist will be again running the night as they were fantastic to work with last year. Raffle Prizes/Auctions Prizes and more great prizes to be won! Look forward to seeing you all there a great night is to be had by everyone!!

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE TICKETS & STALL

We will be running our annual Father's Day Stall again this term. It will be held on Thursday, 29th August. The kids will have a chance to go shopping for a special gift from our stall. If you could please send along a bag with your child to take their special items home with them. We would love to hear from anyone that would be interested in helping out on the stall day Thursday, 29th August or our wrapping days on Tuesday, 27th August and Wednesday, 28th August (location for wrapping days will be advised a bit closer to the day). We are also looking for donations towards our Father's Day Stall & Raffle. We would be very appreciative of any item that could be donated.

If you are needing a few ideas, here's a list of a few items that would be very helpful:

- ✚ Chocolates, Wrapped Lollies, Gift Cards, Sporting Items, Gardening Items, Mugs, Fishing/Camping Items

We are also running our Father's Day Raffle again this year. A book of Raffle Tickets will be coming home with your child on the 1st August, and we hope you can help out with selling these tickets. Thank you all again for your support with P&F.

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Our Footy Season is coming close to finishing with only 6 games to be played before finals. We will announce the winners and wooden spoon of the Competition on Thursday, 29th August. Good Luck for the rest of the competition!!!

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/>)

TESTIMONAL - " I've been shopping for the past month and using the links to various online shops I've already earned \$30! It's so easy, just go to the cash rewards page each time you are thinking of shopping online, search for the retailer and, if there, click the link and away you go!

Thank you all for your support with P&F activities, its really appreciated.

CANTEEN NEWS

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

- ✚ **Ella M**
- ✚ **Matilda R**

Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager