



# Calder Chronicle

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## THURSDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2019

### CALENDAR

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March

P&F AGM at 9:15am in the multipurpose room-all welcome  
Second Hand Uniform Shop – multipurpose room – all items \$2

### MONDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH-LABOR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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

Year 5/6 Camp departs – 9:00am

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3/4 Camp 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of \$40 due

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5/6 Camp returns – 3:00pm

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March

Second Hand Uniform Shop – multipurpose room – all items \$2

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Year 3/4 Camp 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of \$40 due

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

Footy Tipping Competition registration and payments due

Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

Second Hand Uniform Shop – multipurpose room – all items \$2

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April

Free Dress Day to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal – please bring a gold coin donation

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Second Hand Uniform Shop – multipurpose room – all items \$2

### Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April

Year 3/4 Camp FINAL INSTALMENT DUE \$35-CAMP MUST BE PAID IN FULL BY THIS DATE

Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – Please wear full uniform

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April

### LAST DAY FOR TERM 1-early dismissal 2:15pm

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

### Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April

First Day for Term 2

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Middle Unit Camp Departs

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May

Middle Unit Camp Returns

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May

Senior Unit Gym program commences – cost \$28, note going home shortly

Senior Unit Gym program continues

Senior Unit Gym program continues

Senior Unit Gym program concludes

## School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Week 6! It's hard to believe that we have now passed the halfway point of Term 1 and now only have 4 weeks to go until the Easter school holidays. Luckily it's heads down and working here, making the most of each and every day.

### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Tomorrow is INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY – an important date on the calendar to acknowledge the important roles women play in all of our lives...whether it be mother, aunt, grandmother, lawyer, police officer, rocket scientist, marine biologist, friend, whatever... As a Respectful Relationships School, we teach our children that genders are equal and that regardless of one's gender...anything is possible. Help raise awareness at home by talking about the strong roles women play in our lives and the types of occupations women can do – including mechanic, army, President as well as nurse, hairdresser etc.

### CAPITAL WORKS

Plumbing of the new toilets is in the ground and the holes for the footings of the new building have been dug....they are over 3m deep! There's been plenty of action for the girls and boys to enjoy throughout the week...and I have included some more photos for your enjoyment.



### PREPS – FULL TIME

Boy oh boy are there some tired little people at Big Hill PS and it's only Thursday! Getting used to 5 full days is tough work for our Preps, so early to bed with lots of rest is in order. Overall, the students have done an exceptional job considering some heat at the start of the week.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS –

### INFORMATION FOR PARENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (DET)

Our School Council did not have to have an election this year, due to the number of nominations being less than the number of places available. Congratulations to Kate Lamprell and Shane Chapman, who return in parent positions and to Kate Dole and Pauline Mulcair who remain in their respective Department of Education and Training positions. Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm...information regarding this meeting will be sent home next week.

## **SENIOR UNIT CAMP**

Next week our Year 5/6's will head off to Melbourne from Wednesday to Friday. Parents are reminded to have everything organised for a swift departure on Wednesday and be prepared for the agreed pick up time. All information for the camp has been shared with families, however, if you are still unsure, check with your child's teacher tomorrow, Monday or Tuesday. As I will also be attending camp, I will not be writing next week's newsletter... Sharyn Burnett (our Assistant Principal) will take care of this job for next week's edition of THE CALDER CHRONICLE.

## **TEAM CHINA – OVERSEAS LEARNING EXPERIENCE**

Families of students travelling have been reminded to bring their passports in as soon as possible. I also need a spare passport photo (nb. This must be a proper passport photo with a plain background) sent in for each child also. Last week I sent home information about the first Parent Information Evening, to be held at Specimen Hill Primary School on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm. Please ensure you got this information (one sheet). Very soon, I will send home permission forms and official documents for the trip. Families are also asked to let me know, if they haven't already, the overnight stay arrangements for your child.

## **TEAM CHINA – FUNDRAISING**

Zooper Doopers are available from the canteen, every day after school for \$1. Why not cool off and support Team China at the same time? Our Big Hill PS wrist bands are also on sale at the Office - \$2 for a gold with black writing, or black with gold writing edition. The kids love them! We also have a terrific handmade quilt raffle running in the Office at the moment...\$2 a ticket. Why not check it out when you visit next? All proceeds to the trip.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

At this stage, Brett Strange will continue to remain on sick leave until further notice. Whilst Brett is improving every day and is expected to make a full recovery and return to school in the near future, we are lucky to have Susie Marsh continuing to teach Brett's class on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday...whilst Roberta Mathers covers the class on Thursday. Jono Guy will continue to provide Brett's PE program until Brett's return.

## **HOLIDAY MONDAY**

The girls and boys have been working so hard they can have Monday off...or at least enjoy the Labour Day Holiday! Enjoy the extra day's rest and remember...no one will be at school Monday due to this!

## **PLC TRAINING**

This year, our school will undertake Professional Learning Communities (PLC) training. This will see Nicole, Renae, Catherine, Ainsley and myself trained in the PLC approach to school improvement. It's an 8 day commitment and the cost is covered by the Department of Education and Training (DET). PLCs are eventually being rolled out to all schools – starting with schools that are ready to take the next important step to improve student learning outcomes. We have been invited to train this year and look forward to using this approach to further improve our delivery of curriculum such as Literacy and Numeracy. Due to the training, occurring on Tuesday and Wednesday...the staff named will be absent from school and will be covered by a Casual Relief Teacher. I actually won't be at school at all next week due to one of the PLC days and the Year 5/6 camp.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Harry S, Addison ML, Samuel S, Ella G, Xavier D, Ty R, Zoe W, Josh VS & Allegra M.

There's certainly lots happening, so rest up over the long weekend!

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **PREPS**

Congratulations to our Prep students who have made it through their first full week at school. We are sure there will be some very tired children tomorrow.

### **HOME READING AWARDS**

Our whole school goal this year is for each student from Prep – Year 6 to read for 225 nights. Many students have made a great start already and have reached their 25 night's certificate. Certificates are presented each Monday at assembly.

As your child achieves each reading goal, we encourage you to help them celebrate by sticking on the stickers provided inside their Journal. Please remember to record the number of nights read in the space provided so that a total can be collated at the end of the year. Thank you.

### **JUMPERS**

The mornings are getting colder and children are beginning to wear their jumpers to school.

Please ensure that your child's jumper is clearly labelled.

### **CHINESE**

Yesterday our Prep students were very excited to have their first Chinese lesson with Wen our new Chinese teacher.

### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

*For demonstrating the School Value of 'Safety' by playing safely in the yard:*

**FSN: Liam W**

**FSP: Cooper S**

**Nicole & Pauline**

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **JUMPERS**

With the mornings a little chilly now, the children have started bringing their jumpers to school to help keep them warm before school. Please ensure that your child's jumper is clearly named and easily identifiable so that it can be returned to them if left in the yard or around the school.

### **MATHEMATICS**

The children have been working on addition in Mathematics over the past 3 weeks. They have been using strategies such as counting on, ten frames, counters, friends of ten and doubles to solve simple addition equations. Similar strategies will be used as we move on to subtraction for the next 3 weeks. Why not work with your child to solve some simple addition and subtraction equations.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For demonstrating the School Value of 'Respect' by keeping their spaces within the classroom neat and tidy:*

JC **India H**  
JJ **Mileah G**  
JR **Oscar G**

*Catherine, Jen & Rhys*

## **MIDDLE UNIT NEWS**

### **TERM 1**

This week in our classrooms we have focused on developing CAFÉ reading and VOICES writing routines. We continue our Soundwaves spelling program along with our New Wave Mental Maths programs. We are continuing to develop Place Value understanding in Mathematics and moving into vertical addition strategies. All students have continued to display enthusiasm for our classroom programs!

### **HOMEWORK**

All students and parents are reminded that it is an expectation for students to read a 'Just Right' text for at least 20-30 minutes at home each day and record their reading in their diary. Home reading is an integral part of a student reading development and will assist development in all areas of English greatly.

### **LIFE SKILLS**

Yesterday we continued our Life Skills program. All students and staff participated and again enjoyed the activities provided by Marissa. The program involves a series of interactive and progressive lessons where students develop their self-awareness and increase impulse control, focus and empathy.

### **CAMP**

Organisation for our camp to Sovereign Hill Ballarat is well under way. Further details and information will be forwarded soon. If your child is coming, we should know by now! If not could you please fill out the form sent home to indicate if your child will be attending the camp so final organisations can be made? A payment plan is available also. Please discuss with your child's teacher or at the Office should you require any further information.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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

MR **Remy W**  
MW **Taj A**  
MD **Piper H**

*Renaë, Wendy & Dean*

## **SENIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **YEAR 6 GRADUATION SHIRTS**

Year 6 Graduation shirts are in the process of being ordered. Once they arrive we will hand out to students.

### **SENIOR UNIT CAMP**

Please note that there is a \$20.00 spending limit for students at Queen Victoria Market during camp. Please be aware that students will need a packed lunch, snack and water for the first day, please refrain from sending lollies and sweets as we will be looking after these and handing back after camp.

All students are required to be at Kangaroo Flat Train Station by 9:00am on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March and will be ready for pick up on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March at approximately 3:00pm.

Can all medication be labelled and in original packaging and handed to your child's classroom teacher? If there are any students who have been noted on the medical forms as suffering from hayfever and require medication such as Telfast, Zyrtec etc, these are to be given to their teacher labelled with instructions and in the original packaging.

Please refer to last week's attached luggage information for the CYC guidelines as to how much to pack. **NO BEDDING IS REQUIRED.**

Any students not attending camp will participate in a modified program from Wednesday to Friday in Lauren's classroom.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For demonstrating 'Resilience' during class:*

SA **Mia S**  
SB **Declan C**  
SK **Elly V**  
SL **Connor B**

*Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*

## **PARENT RUN HEAD LICE PROGRAM: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

In previous years we have had a small group of dedicated parents who ran our Head Lice Program. Those parents have now moved on with their child/ren attending secondary school, so we are needing some new volunteers to continue this valuable service.

If you have a Working With Children Check card, and can spare some time to help, please contact the Office. Thank you.

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

This will be open every Friday from 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the multipurpose room EXCEPT for the last Friday of each term. All items are \$2.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### P&F AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held tomorrow. Please feel free to come along if you are interested in learning more about what we do or perhaps you'd like to join up as a member. The meeting will begin at 9:15am in the multipurpose room.

### EASTER RAFFLE & GUESS THE EGGS COMPETITION

Raffle tickets for our annual Easter raffle have gone home today. Each raffle book contains 20 tickets and tickets are 50 cents each. We would really appreciate your support in selling a book.

Please write your name and class/contact number on each ticket and return all raffle money and tickets (sold and unsold) to the school Office by **9:00am Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April**. Extra ticket books can be collected from the Office if needed.

AND.....If you are able to help us fill up our Easter prize hampers we would also really appreciate your support with this. Any donations of Easter eggs, Easter items or baskets can be left at the Office. Thank you.

Our Guess How Many Easter Eggs Competition is also on display at the Office now. Guesses are 50 cents each with the winner taking home the delicious jar of Easter eggs!

### FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Don't forget to register for our 2019 Footy Tipping Competition before the first game of the year. Details on how to register can be found within this newsletter and on our Facebook page. Entry is \$15, payable at the Office or on our Qkr app (\$10 of each entry fee will go towards the prize pool and the remaining \$5 to P&F fundraising).

### P&F FACEBOOK PAGE

Keep up to date with P&F activities by joining our Facebook community

[\(https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/\)](https://www.facebook.com/groups/bhpspf/)

Our page provides reminders and updates on our activities as well as connecting you with other families at our school.

### CASH REWARDS PROGRAM – EARN REAL CASH FOR YOURSELF AND 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 make a contribution towards the school without even leaving the house. Better still, you'll earn cash rewards for yourself at the same time. You really can't lose! Signing up is really easy just head to our unique landing page and follow the prompts.

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

Make sure you tell your family and friends to join through our landing page as well – the more members we have the more money we raise for the school!

*Your support of P&F activities is appreciated*

## CANTEEN NEWS

### WEDNESDAY WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's winners:

✚ Indigo B  
✚ Ella G

*Tammy Fear  
Canteen Manager*

## NOTES

If you still have any of Student Enrolment Information Forms, Computer Access Notes, and Privacy/Local Excursion forms at home, please complete and return to the Office ASAP. Thank you.

## OSHC NEWS

### Confirmation Of Childcare Agreement Forms

These have been handed out with today's newsletter.

The purpose of these forms is to comply with the new CCS regulations. They, along with enrolment forms, need to be completed each year.

If there are any errors on the forms, please correct and initial and send back. I will make any amendments needed and send out a new one to be signed.

Apologies for yet another piece of paper to sign, but unfortunately it is a CCS requirement. Please return the forms at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

*Janet Dean, OSHC Admin*

## SRC NEWS



Top right leadership SRC L-R (Indigo as timekeeper, Reuben as Chairperson, Mia as scribe, Katie as assistant Chair, and Josh as roll marker).

At our second meeting on 5th March we voted on the Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital as our fundraiser. We are having a free dress gold coin donation on Tuesday, 26th March. Each class is to line up their coins and the longest line wins!

Please support this day, and below is the online link to donate towards the important work at the hospital looking after sick children.

By Katrina O

<https://goodfridayappeal2019.everydayhero.com/au/big-hill-primary-school>

# Join Big Hill Primary School Parents & Friends



## FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Entry fee to be paid to the  
school office or on the QKR app  
by Thursday 21st March

All welcome to enter, the more tippers  
we have the bigger the prizes!

\$5 from each entry will go towards P&F Fundraising  
The remaining \$10 goes into the prize pool

1st prize 60% 2nd prize 30% 3rd prize 10%  
Last - Wooden Spoon



Sign up details and payment slips  
can be found at the School Office  
or on our Parents & Friends  
Facebook page.





Welcome to Big Hill Primary School  
P&F Footy Tipping 2019

This is a fundraising activity for the school. \$5 of the entry fee will go to P&F and the remaining \$10 will go towards the total prize pool.

To be a part of this fun and interactive competition, here's what to do!

- Go online to the Footy Tips page :- <http://www.footytips.com.au>
- Search the Competitions menu and find "Big Hill PF Footy Tipping".
- Click the "Big Hill PF Footy Tipping" link.
- You will need to type in the password "bighill" in the Password section and select the "Join Now!" button. (The password is case sensitive.)
- You will get a message saying that you are not logged in. Select the "Join" button to take you through to the registration page.
- Just enter your information in the forms until you reach the end.

**You're off and running!**

- A confirmation of your registration will be sent to your email address.
- Fill out the form attached, pay your entry fee of \$15 by cash/EFT at the School Office or via the QKR app and hand your completed form to the office.
- Enter your tips each week, prior to the commencement of the round to ensure your tips are counted. (\*\* Be aware of the Thursday night games!)

NOTE: if you do not get your tips in by the required time, you will not accumulate any points.

- The more people that play, the bigger the prize pool so make sure you invite your friends and family to the competition as well!!
- This competition will commence Round 1 - first game being Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March and **payments MUST be made by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019** to remain in the competition and be eligible to win a prize.
- Late season entries cannot be accepted.
- Prizes as follows –

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 60% of prize pool
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 30% of prize pool
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 10% of prize pool
- Last Place – Wooden Spoon

*(Last Place will be awarded to the tipster who finishes last and has submitted tips for the entire season.)*

If you have any questions prior to or during the comp, please contact the Big Hill Primary School P&F Footy Tipping Administrator at: [bhuhillpffootytipping@gmail.com](mailto:bhuhillpffootytipping@gmail.com)

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING IN OUR COMP AND BEST OF LUCK TO ALL TIPSTERS AND MOST IMPORTANTLY – HAVE FUN!!!

**Big Hill Primary School P&F Footy Tipping 2019**

Registration Name used on footytips.com.au: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname used on Footy Tipping site: \_\_\_\_\_

\$15 paid to the School Office  
or on the QKR app

*This is a fundraising activity for the school. \$5 of the entry fee will go to the P&F and \$10 to the prize pool.*

In case we need to contact you during the season:-

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student/s Name at BHPS: \_\_\_\_\_

*Office Use Only:*

Paid by cash:

Paid by EFT:

Paid via QKR:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration verified online: \_\_\_\_\_ (signed)