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THURSDAY, 21ST MARCH, 2019

CALENDAR

Thursday, 21st March

Friday, 22nd March

Tuesday, 26th March

Thursday, 28th March

Friday, 29th March

Monday, 1st April

Tuesday, 2nd April

Wednesday, 3rd April

Thursday, 4th April

Friday, 5th April

Monday, 22nd April

Tuesday, 23rd April

Wednesday, 24th April

Thursday, 25th April

Friday, 3rd May

Tuesday, 7th May

Friday, 10th May

Tuesday, 14th May

Friday, 17th May

Monday, 20th May

Friday, 24th May

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

Footy Tipping Competition registration and payments due by 3:15pm

National Ride Safely to School Day – meet at Phillis Street at 8:30am

First General Meeting for 2019 at 2:00pm in the Library

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

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

Hot Cross bun order forms to be handed in to the Office by 9:00am

Rubbish Free Lunch Day – more information to follow

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

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

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY – Please wear full uniform

Order forms have been sent home – spares and Family order forms available at the Office

Pizza Day orders due at the Office and on Qkr by 9:00am

Hot Cross Bun Drive collection day

Easter Raffle and Guess the Easter Eggs competition drawn-raffle tickets (sold/unsold) due at Office by 9am

Team China Fundraising Dinner at the Bendigo Stadium – book at the venue or at the Office

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

PIZZA DAY – normal menu not available – iced treats will be available

Easter Monday Public Holiday

First Day for Term 2

Middle Unit Camp Departs

Middle Unit Camp Returns

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

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

2020 Prep Information Evening 7:00pm – 8:00pm – information packs will be available on this day

Senior Unit Gym program continues

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

Senior Unit Gym program continues

Education Week commences – more information to follow

Senior Unit Gym program concludes

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been nice to spend most of the days at school during Week 8...after having all days out of the school last week due to training and the Year 5/6 Camp.

5 MINUTE PARKING SPACES

Just a reminder that the parks at the top of the school are **5 minute parks ONLY** and should be used for quick drop offs, not for when you need to leave your car. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

What a pleasure it was to spend last Wednesday to Friday with the majority of our Senior Unit in Melbourne as part of our Year 5/6 Camp. We enjoyed a tour of Marvel Stadium, viewed the city from the Melbourne Star, explored the Melbourne Museum, shopped at the Victoria Market, got entertained at KingPin Crown Promenade and payed our respects at the Shrine Of Remembrance. The children enjoyed travelling on trams and trains and are now quite familiar with urban areas of the city. A huge thank you to the Senior Unit Staff for their organisation and to Ainsley, Lauren, Kate, Toby, George, Courtney and Susie for giving up two nights at home to supervise and run the camp. Much appreciated.

CAPITAL WORKS

We're almost at the slab pouring stage, which should be pretty exciting to see – I know the girls and boys are enjoying seeing everything unfolding on site. It's going to continue to be busy times, with trucks coming in and out early next week to get this work complete. Please take caution and park away from the entry to the building site. Completion of our multipurpose is scheduled for mid-October 2019 – how exciting!

TEAM CHINA FUNDRAISING DINNER – BENDIGO STADIUM

Why not book at table at the Bendigo Stadium on Thursday, 4th April for a meal. Just by having a meal out with family and friends, you will be supporting our children travelling to China. Register your numbers at the Office, or book directly at the Bendigo Stadium. Great prizes available on the night, including raffles etc. Hope to see you there!

SCHOOL COUNCIL – AGM AND OFFICE BEARERS

On Tuesday night we had our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and March meeting. As part of the AGM, we farewelled Jono Westcott as our School Council President and welcomed Melissa Miller into the role. Kate Lamprell will continue as Treasurer, Pauline Mulcair as Secretary and David Fear as Vice President. Congratulations to all Office bearers. Our next meeting of School Council is scheduled for Tuesday, 14th May, with Finance at 6:30pm and the General Meeting at 7:00pm.

ANNUAL REPORT

The *2018 Annual Report to the School Community* has been finalised and shared with School Council as part of our AGM. In the coming weeks, I will share sections of the Annual Report with you in our newsletter, as well as make copies available in our Office foyer.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS – OFFICE BEARERS

Congratulations to Melissa Guthrie who will lead the P&F this year as President. Past President, Sharon Jones, will support Melissa as Vice President during 2019. Claire Arscott will continue as Treasurer, whilst P&F welcome Janelle Burdett into the Secretary role. Congratulations to all office bearers. If you would like to come along to a P&F meeting, they are always looking for new members. The next meeting is tomorrow, Friday, 22nd March at 2:00pm in the library.

RIDE SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – TOMORROW!

It's *National Ride Safely To School Day* tomorrow. We're meeting at Phillis Street at 8:30am where we will ride, scooter or walk together. Parents are encouraged to join in and encourage active travel to school. It's going to be great fun!!!

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.

STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY – FAST APPROACHING

Just making you aware of our end of term awards ceremony, held at 9:00am on the final day of school – Friday, 5th April. During this ceremony, children from each class will have the chance to be presented with awards for EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS, VISUAL ARTS and ENGLISH, ENDEAVOUR IN ENGLISH and MATHEMATICS, OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOOL VALUES and PRINCIPAL'S CHOICE. Attendance awards will also be presented at this ceremony. All parents welcome! Please note – winners will be announced in the newsletter on Thursday, 4th April to enable parents to come along should their child get awarded.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Lily D, Will S & Harley N.

PLC TRAINING

Training continued today for Ainsley and I, travelling to Moama and next week our PLC Leaders (Renae, Nicole, Catherine and Ainsley) will undertake further training on Monday. Busy times...

Two weeks to go – how time flies when we're all working extremely hard to get the best outcomes for our students - that includes many of you at home by hearing reading, ensuring homework is done and that children get to sleep early and to school on time...

Regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

MORNING ROUTINE

All students have been working on their morning reading routine when they arrive at school. It's great to see so many students being responsible by remembering to change their own reader independently.

Each morning our Prep students have been practising writing their own name with a capital letter at the beginning and then lowercase letters. They have also been practicing forming lowercase letters and numbers to 10 correctly.

Our Year 1 students have been practising their spelling words by filling out their individual Look, Cover, Write,

Check, books and they have also been practising writing numbers to 100 as well as writing out the 10's counting pattern.

HOME READING

Congratulations to all the students who have received their 25 nights of home reading awards so far this term. It's wonderful to see so many students are already on their way to achieving their 50 nights award.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' by following instructions during specialist programs:

FSN: *Thalia M*

FSP: *Abbi D*

Nicole & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

RESPONSIBILITY

We have spent a lot of time this term talking about our School Values of 'Respect', 'Responsibility' and 'Safety'. As the term progresses, we are encouraging the children to take responsibility for their home reading and spelling. Bringing their reader bags to and from school each day, changing their readers, writing their individual spelling words into their Home Spelling books, and completing both reading and spelling at home each day. We would appreciate your support and encouragement with this.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please feel free to contact us by calling the Office or via our email addresses with any queries or concerns you may have.

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Rhys Bull:

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by working diligently in the classroom:

JC **Sam H**

JJ **Emily A**

JR **Tristion D**

Catherine, Jen & Rhys

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

TERM 1

This week in our classrooms we have been working on Vertical Subtraction with renaming, along with our New Wave Mental Maths program week 8 in Mathematics. We have been studying how good readers think of the '5 W's' when reading. We have also continued our Soundwaves spelling program Unit 8 looking at the 'f, ff, ph, gh' sound. Students have enjoyed the opportunity to get back into our normal routines.

CAMP

Organisation for our camp to Sovereign Hill Ballarat is nearly complete. A note with further details and information has been sent home along with a medical form to be completed and returned to school **ASAP**. Should your child have any particular dietary requirements, please indicate this on the medical form. Please discuss with your child's teacher or at the Office should you require any further information.

HOMEWORK

It is really important for student development for **ALL** 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 growth in all areas of English greatly. Students could also try and consolidate their learning each night by revising what they have learnt at school during the day.

MAKE A WISH

The Make a Wish foundation helps to raise money for people with life threatening conditions and diseases. Recently myself and my mum along with 26 bike riders did a ride for kids. In 5 days they rode 500km!! WOW! We raised over \$4,000 dollars.

If you would like to donate today, we can make a wish to change lives like a girl called Annabelle who has liver failure. We made her wish come true, now she is happier. I will have a collection container for Make a Wish donations at the Office. If you would like to help out and donate some coins, please do so over the next week. I will also bring the container to classrooms to see if anyone would like to donate to this worthy cause.

From Addison M-L, MD

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Safety':

MR **Mia L**

MW **Rylan S**

MD **Leila D**

Renae, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

YEAR 6 GRADUATION SHIRTS

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

GYM DATES

Friday 4th, 10th, 17th, 24th May - cost \$28. Notes will be handed out next week.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Students in Year 5/6 participated in the Melbourne City camp last week. We travelled to Melbourne via the V/Line Train and we were able to catch a variety of Trams to some of the places we visited. We were so impressed with the behaviour and the demonstration of our School Values by our students, it was an absolute pleasure to take them and we hope they enjoyed it as much as we did! A massive THANK YOU to George, Courtney and Toby for volunteering and coming with us on our camp experience, the students loved having you along!



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For safe participation in the Year 5/6 Camp:

SA *Noah H*
SB *Kayla G*
SK *Ethan M*
SL *Mackenzie N*

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Our footy season is about to start we can take registrations up until 3:15pm today at the Office. Good luck to everyone who has joined our footy competition and we hope you all have FUN!!

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE

Order forms were sent out last week to everyone. Senior unit received their order forms Monday, 18th March as they have been on camp. There are a number of options, and you can order via Qkr app, but please still bring the order form back to Office so that we have your details. Orders are due back in on Thursday, 28th March at 9:00am at the Office with collection day being Thursday, 4th April. Spare order forms are available from the Office.

EASTER RAFFLE & GUESS THE EGGS COMPETITION

Raffle ticket books for our annual raffle have been sent home. Each raffle book contains 20 tickets per book at 50 cents each. We would appreciate your support in selling a book. Please write your name and class/contact number on each ticket and return all raffle money / tickets (sold or unsold) to the Office by 9:00am Thursday, 4th 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 appreciate your support with this. Any donations can be left at the Office. Thank you.

Our Guess the Easter Egg 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.

P&F FACEBOOK PAGE

Keep up to date with P&F activities by joining our Facebook community (<https://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 the house. 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 for all your support with P&F activities it's really appreciated

PARENT RUN HEAD LICE PROGRAM: VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY 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.

CANTEEN NEWS

WEDNESDAY WINNERS

Congratulations to this week's winners:

 *Grace V*
 *Ava A*

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

STIKEEZ SWAP DAYS

Every Wednesday and Friday until the end of term at the canteen after school we will do a swap to help everyone who needs help to complete their collection.

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 were handed out 2 weeks ago. 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.

ACCOUNTS

Just a reminder that accounts should be kept under control by making fortnightly payments. Thank you.

Janet Dean, OSHC Admin

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

The Middle Unit have been learning about Sustainability as part of their Geography lessons and as a result, they have organised a whole school event on Thursday, 28th March.

On this day we would love ALL students to bring along a package free lunch. We thank those families who already send in package free lunches and we are hoping to have the ENTIRE school bringing in package free lunches for this special day.

We will also be raising awareness of Earth Hour by turning off as many lights as possible. The students have been making posters and will be visiting classrooms to raise awareness of these two important events throughout the week.

Here is some work by Cameron K, Ruby H and Eliza K.



EARTH HOUR!! THURSDAY, 28TH MARCH

We are helping the earth by turning lights off for an hour or more. Please don't waste power. Do it for the best!!

Try to keep the lights off.

This could actually change your life if you do this for us!! Keep it nice and clean for the school as well. This is an opportunity for our world to become a better place. So we never ever waste power.

This is a good idea to help our life and other things and to not waste any power. Our planet is getting worse the more we use electricity. At night you should turn off the lights before you go to bed so you don't waste power!!

Also, help by eating nude food. That will make us so happy!! In fifty years time the world will be full of plastic!!!

When you eat, you need to put your rubbish in the right bin!! Never keep lights on when you are not at home. This a good reason to talk about because our world is a bad place right now because of how much power we are using!!

By Cameron K, Mia P, Leila D, Isabella B & Peyton C, MD

COMMUNITY NEWS



All Welcome to Coder Dojo For 2019

There are plenty of fun activities on show and special challenges for code ninjas! This year we'll make some wearables, program some new robots, solve some wicked problems and share all our work! Bring your device and get ready to select a challenge. If you don't have a device that's ok too!

There will be plenty of activities for everyone. Even Mums and Dads learn a few new cool things! 😊

Coder Dojo is up and running for Term 1
Bendigo Science & Discovery Centre
Saturdays 10am -12pm

Register here:

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

Look forward to
seeing you there!



Bendigo Community Health Services
#5 Ways to Wellbeing event is on for 2019.

Click the link below to see the flyer:

<https://www.bchs.com.au/docman/general-downloads/382-5ways-to-wellbeing-2019-activities-at-a-glance/file>



Come and try out our
Swimming Club!

3 free training sessions in 1 week*

Contact the club on KFSCCoach@outlook.com

Nationally Qualified Coach

www.kfsc.org.au



KANGAROO FLAT SWIMMING CLUB



say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.
*Have your child's school memories captured forever
on Tuesday, 2nd April 2019*

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly.
Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method. **All payments are due on photo day.**
- You may pay **online** using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided. **Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.**
- *Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school Office upon request. **THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS***
 - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their **correct school uniform.**

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

MSP Photography

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Boys Brains

Big Hill



This workshop will give insight in to the workings of a boy's brain and how their needs are different to girls. It will provide practical strategies to help parents and carers understand boy's needs and how to meet them.

Term 2, 2019

When: Wednesday 12th June 2019

Time: Arrival and registration 6.15pm
Session 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Where: Big Hill Primary School, 5644 Calder Highway, Big Hill

Cost: Free

Facilitators: CCS Family and Relationship Services

Childcare: Sorry, childcare is not provided

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged



For bookings and enquiries contact School Reception on Ph: 5447 7022
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FRIDAY, 5TH APRIL

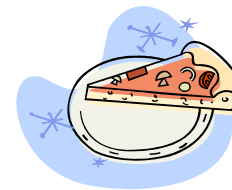
PIZZA DAY MEAL

\$5.00

MEATLOVERS

OR

VEGETARIAN



WITH PRIMA OR MILK

(No choice in flavours, sorry, can only choose between prima or milk)

- ✚ If you wish to order an extra slice, the cost is \$2.00 per slice
- ✚ Orders can be put in an envelope, or ordered on our Qkr app
- ✚ Orders are to be placed in the classroom or ordered using the Qkr app by 9:00am Wednesday, 3rd April. Late orders cannot be accepted.
- ✚ Ice creams will be available as normal

THE CANTEEN'S NORMAL FOOD MENU IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY



TEAM CHINA
**FUND-RAISING
DINNER**



THURSDAY APRIL 4, 6PM
BENDIGO STADIUM BISTRO

Celebrate the end of term 1 with us and help to raise money for our Team China members. Bring a friend, bring your whole family! There will be raffle tickets available to buy on the night and the raffle will be drawn at the end of the night, with many chances to win (see below)



- 1st Prize – Handmade Quilt
- 2nd Prize – Long Block Estate Taster Pack
- 3rd and more – Mystery Prizes

TO CONFIRM NUMBERS PLEASE RSVP TO BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL @ 5447 7022 OR
TO YOUR FRIENDLY TEAM CHINA REPRESENTATIVE