



# Calder Chronicle

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## THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

### CALENDAR

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March

#### MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

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

#### Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March

#### Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March

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

#### Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April

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

Guess the Easter Egg Competition starts at 3pm at the Office

Second hand uniform shop open from 3:00pm—3:30pm CANCELLED-apologies for any inconvenience

P&F AGM 2:00pm in the Art Room

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

National Ride 2 School Day-meet at Phillis Street at 8:30am

Second hand uniform shop open from 3:00pm – 3:30pm

#### Smile Squad dental checks

School Council AGM

Hot Cross Bun order forms/payment due at the Office by 3:15pm

Big Hill PS Cross Country Years 3-6

Second hand uniform shop open from 3:00pm – 3:30pm

#### Senior Unit Swimming Program commences

**SRC Fundraiser Free Dress Day (Animal themed if you like) bring a gold coin donation for BARC**

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Pizza Day orders due in by 9:00am in classroom and on Qkr

Senior Unit Swimming Program concludes

Guess the Easter Egg Competition & Easter Raffle drawn

**PIZZA DAY** – no normal food menu but iced treats will be available

**LAST DAY FOR TERM 1 – early dismissal of 2:15pm** (no second hand uniform shop)

First day for Term 2

Middle Unit Gym note and payment of \$32 due

#### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY-full uniform please

Middle Unit Gym commences

### School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Week 6 has been another very busy and productive week, with classes generally uninterrupted...and all teachers and students working very hard indeed.

#### EXCITING NEWS!

I'm pleased to announce that Ainsley has a new little addition to her family, with her son...Theodore arriving on Sunday. Both mother and son are doing really well...and the family are extremely excited. Lovely news to share...and all the best to the Stanley family.

#### MANTRA FOR THIS WEEK

"BIN IT" is our mantra for the coming week...a timely reminder to all students to put rubbish in the bin...and to eat in the right areas during breaks. Our students generally show great initiative with rubbish disposal, however, sometimes individuals forget and some of our students head around with a bucket and tongs to pick up rubbish – which is very responsible of them! Hopefully, with staff and students talking about BIN IT...we might not see students volunteering to pick up rubbish as there won't be any.

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We had the same number of nominations (or less than) for positions available, so we do not have to hold an election. Due to this, I can declare the following parents and staff successful members of the Big Hill PS School Council for the next two years.

Membership Category	Terms of Office	Currently Held by	Number of Positions
Department of Education and Training	March 2020 – March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renae Westley</li> <li>• Sharyn Burnett</li> </ul>	2
Parent	March 2020 – March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VACANCY</li> <li>• Bridget Chambers</li> <li>• Melissa Miller</li> <li>• Jonothan Westcott</li> </ul>	4

Our first meeting of School Council, our Annual General Meeting, is on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00pm in the new multipurpose room. Reports for this meeting will be sent home at the end of next week via email or with your child.

## **STAFFING UPDATE**

Sharyn Burnett is currently on some Long Service Leave and will return on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. During Sharyn's absence, some of our well-known Casual Relief Staff are covering her teaching duties.

## **P&F AGM MEETING**

The P&F will elect new officer bearers tomorrow, Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2:00pm in the Art Room. Current P&F members can vote...and new members are encouraged to join in the fun. P&F have a major role raising much needed funds for our school...so why not help out if you can?

## **CYBERSAFETY**

Thanks to some diligent parents, we have been notified of some concerning behaviours online...potentially through chat applications where students are engaging in inappropriate conversations with one-another. In some cases, children have even shared passwords with friends, who may use them to pose as another. We have instructed students to refrain from chat applications unless under the supervision of parents and to never share passwords. This is in line with our teaching of Cybersafety also. As parents, please ensure your child changes passwords and only uses chat functions when you can supervise. The worry is who they might actually be talking to....do you know who they are talking to? You should.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Harry S, Addison ML, Samuel S, Ella G, Christopher W, Xavier D, Ty R & Zoe W.

## **LONG WEEKEND**

Monday's Public Holiday will provide a bit of a rest for our students mid-term. Don't forget to turn off the alarm Monday and enjoy a sleep-in for Labour Day.

Only 3 weeks to go so keep up the nightly reading and great attendance!

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **FIRST FULL WEEK FOR PREPS**

This week Prep students enjoyed their first full week of school. During the week they got to experience their first Music, Chinese and Library lessons. Well done Preps! You all showed great enthusiasm, stamina and persistence.

### **PREP TAKE HOME BOOKS**

Prep students will now have new sight words in their 'Take Home Book' to practise reading each night. Please tick the words that your child can confidently read independently and automatically.

### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

*For treating others with kindness and making new friends:*

**FSN**    *Nikirra S*  
**FSP**    *Oli M*  
**FSJ**    *Abigail H*

*Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline & Jen*

## **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 2 weeks.

They have been using strategies such as counting on, ten frames, counters, friends of ten, doubles and near doubles to solve addition equations.

Similar strategies will be used as we move on to subtraction for the next 2 weeks. Why not work with your child to solve some simple addition and subtraction equations at home?

### **WRITING**

The children have been working hard on creating autobiographical texts as we get to know each other this term. This has given the children an opportunity to share the things that are near and dear to them, including writing about their favourite party, family, pets and special place.

Over the coming weeks the children will continue with this genre as they write about their favourite celebration and favourite holiday.

Next time you're in the classroom, ask your child to share some of their writing with you.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' by using good manners in the classroom and playground:*

**JC**        *Thalia M*  
**JR**        *Caleb H*

*Catherine & Rhys*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### LIFE SKILLS

Just a reminder that our next Life Skills session will be conducted tomorrow morning. The students will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of stretching, breathing and mindfulness activities. There is also a focus on values including Respect and Honesty.

### PALMER'S GYM PROGRAM

A note regarding our Term 2 Palmer's Gym Program has been sent home today. There will be **four** one hour sessions each Friday, commencing on the 17<sup>th</sup> April. The session times are:

Year 3 – 10:15am

Year 4 – 11:15am

The cost of the program and other details are outlined on the note. Please contact your child's teacher if you require further information. Please return notes/payment by Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> April.

### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This will be taking place on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March for students in Years 3-6.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MR **Alexis C**

MW **Sam H**

MD **Charlie W**

*Renae, Sandra, Wendy & Dean*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### HOMEWORK

Just a reminder to all Senior Unit students that you are required to complete at least 4 nights of reading at home as well as practise spelling words and completion of a Math homework sheet each week. Homework due dates will vary according to your classroom agreement.

### SCHOOL LEADERS

Time was extended and now Leadership Booklets are due this Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March.

### SWIMMING

Notes are now overdue, so if you are yet to return these with payment, please do so as soon as possible.

**THERE WILL BE NO LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.**

### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This will be taking place on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March for students in Years 3-6.

### GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Selected students have received a permission note, please return with payment as soon as possible. This will be taking place on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For being safe in the yard:*

SA **Bailey S**

SB **Marley T**

SK **Tess H**

SL **Mitchell G**

*Brett, Kate, Lauren, Roberta & Zoe*

## SRC FUNDRAISER NEWS



Our fundraiser for Term 1 will be for BARC (Bendigo Animal Relief Centre).

It will be held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March and please bring a gold coin donation. It is a Free Dress (Animal themed if you like) with a prize for the class with the 'heaviest' coins.

*Megan  
Chaplain / Wellbeing*

## OSHC NEWS

Just a friendly reminder to keep making fortnightly payments to ensure your place is secure in our OSHC program. Thank you to those families who have been making regular payments, much appreciated.

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### GUESS THE EASTER EGG COMPETITION

This will be on display and will start from 3:00pm, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. It will be 50 cents per guess of the jar! Good luck to everyone and hope you all enjoy guessing!

### EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are running our annual Easter Raffle again this year and would greatly appreciate anything anyone might be able to donate towards the raffle.

If you need some ideas here are a few things you might like to donate:

- Easter Eggs
- Easter Craft Activities
- Blocks of Chocolate
- Easter Baskets
- Cellophane or Wrapping Paper

We would like to thank you all again so much for your support with our fundraisers, we couldn't do it without your support.

### HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE & EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

We hope you are enjoying your hot cross bun ordering. If you haven't received your order form or raffle tickets there are spares at the Office for you to collect. Also if you would like any extra raffle ticket books, they will also be at the Office to collect. Order Forms will need to be returned and paid for by Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March to the Office. Collection Day for the Hot Cross Buns will be Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> March with more information to come closer to the pick up date. Thanks to Woolworths Golden Square for donating the hot cross buns!

### 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, it's really appreciated.*

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

### **WANTED**

Donations of pants/skirts hangers please. If you have any you would be able to donate, please leave them at the Office. Thank you.

The shop will be open every Friday (**except TOMORROW-apologies**-and the last day of each term) from 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the side entrance to the art room/canteen building, accessible from the second set of stairs at the top of the school.

All items are \$2, so come along and grab a bargain!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

# **PROPS THEATRE**

*#propstheatre*

Weekly Drama Classes  
For Young Creatives  
High Street - Kangaroo Flat  
[www.propstheatre.com.au](http://www.propstheatre.com.au)

Online Enrolment  
Skill Development for Stage and Life

### **OPENING TERM 2**

Stage One  
Ages 5-8 years  
Thursday 4-5 pm

Stage Two  
Ages 9-12 years  
Thursday 5-6 pm

Stage Three  
Ages 12-16 years  
Thursday 6-7 pm

## **LODDON CAMPASPE MULTICULTURAL SERVICES PRESENTS:**

### **ZINDA FESTIVAL**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020

4pm to 9pm

Rosalind Park, Bendigo

Free family event

COME CELEBRATE, ALL WELCOME  
REGIONAL VICTORIA'S MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Music, Food, Art & Kids Activities

[www.zinda.org.au](http://www.zinda.org.au)

## **Bendigo celebrates Sustainable Living**

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

10am-3pm

Bendigo Town Hall  
& Library gardens

Celebrating local goods & services  
offered in Bendigo and surrounds at the  
Sustainable Living Festival 2020

Live Music,  
Delicious Food,  
e-bikes & electric vehicles,  
Talks & Workshops,  
Kids Activities,  
Community Groups

Think globally, act locally

See our website for more details

[www.bsg.org.au](http://www.bsg.org.au)

# say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.  
*Have your child's school memories captured forever*  
on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

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

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**FRIDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

**PIZZA DAY MEAL**  
**\$5.00**

**HAWAIIAN**

**OR**



**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 9am Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March. Late orders cannot be accepted.
- ✚ Ice creams will be available as normal,
- ✚ **AND YOU CAN NOW ORDER ICED TREATS ON QKR!**

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