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THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH 2020

CALENDAR

Friday, 13th March

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

Monday, 16th March

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

Tuesday, 17th March

Smile Squad dental checks

Thursday, 19th March

School Council AGM

Friday, 20th March

Hot Cross Bun order forms/payment due at the Office by 3:15pm (please bring named 'green' bags)

Big Hill PS Cross Country ~~Years 3-6~~ *apologies, WHOLE SCHOOL participating and then*

Year 3-6 students who qualify will move onto the next stage in Term 2

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

Monday, 23rd March

Senior Unit Swimming Program commences

SRC Fundraiser Free Dress Day (Animal themed if you like)

Please bring a gold coin donation for BARC

Tuesday, 24th March

Senior Unit Swimming Program continues

Wednesday, 25th March

Senior Unit Swimming Program continues

Thursday, 26th March

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

Hot Cross Bun collection day - TBC

Friday, 27th March

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

Tuesday, 14th April

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

Friday, 17th April

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,

Whilst Week 7 has been a shorter one, it was nonetheless busy, with lots happening around the school.

CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 UPDATE

Firstly, the biggest danger with COVID-19 is the panic and behaviour associated. If we all know the advice and follow it, we can keep our loved ones safe and healthy by working together. Here's the latest advice from The Department Of Education and Training (DET), which is guided by The Department of Health and Medical Experts. *Parents/guardians/carers of students should make sure that any student returning from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) from 1 February 2020, Iran from 1 March 2020 or South Korea from 5 March, is isolated at home and should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China, Iran or South Korea. This recommendation does not apply retrospectively. It applies only to students who were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020, Iran on or after 1 March 2020 or South Korea on or after 5 March 2020. The existing advice remains that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days: 1. following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case; or 2. after leaving Hubei Province. This same advice applies to any impacted staff.* Pure and simple, your child is quarantined at home if they are a confirmed case of COVID-19 or your child is a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days. "Close contact" is defined by DHHS as someone who has had a least 15 minutes of face-to-face contact with a confirmed case, or shared a closed space with someone for more than two hours with a confirmed case.

HYGIENE / STAY AT HOME WHEN UNWELL

Good hygiene practices are the most effective means of minimising the spread of COVID-19, the flu, gastro etc and we constantly encourage good hygiene at school. To make the message stick, families can revise with children the importance of coughing into the crook of your arm / covering coughs and washing hands regularly (especially after going to the toilet and before eating) to avoid getting sick. Talk to your child about singing HAPPY BIRTHDAY or MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB twice whilst washing hands. In the build up to the flu season and the chance of COVID-19 doing the rounds, I urge families to keep children home from school when they are sick and not to return them until they are better. Like all work places, we have staff with compromised immune systems and don't want them becoming unwell...as ultimately, they teach your child. Some of our children are also susceptible, so please think of others before rushing your child back to school. If your child is sick, please keep them home...and avoid sending them to school until they are better. **For Term 2, WE ARE NOT HAVING AN ATTENDANCE GOAL – as this might send the message to come to school when sick...something we definitely don't want, especially if COVID-19 was circulating in the area. Whilst it isn't now...it could be, so to encourage people to quarantine should this occur, there will be no attendance goals or certificates for Term 2.**

MANTRA FOR THIS WEEK

"QUICK QUIET CLEAN" – we've focused on this already this term, but with the heightened information circulating in the media to educate the need for good hygiene – we will revisit next week. QUICK QUIET CLEAN – reminds students when going to the toilet to be quick (don't play in the toilets), to be quiet (no shouting or yelling) and most importantly clean. Soap dispensers are located in the toilets...and are there to encourage children to wash hands properly before returning to class. Some families have hand sanitiser in lunch boxes to remind children to clean hands before eating too – this is a great idea! Classes also have hand sanitiser pumps to ensure children have access. To help us enforce QUICK QUIET CLEAN at home, please ensure you talk to your child/ren about how we use the toilet and the need to be clean. Thanks for your assistance with this.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next week our new School Council will meet on Tuesday, 17th March at 6:30pm in the new multipurpose room – this will be our Annual General Meeting, which we will follow up with the March meeting at 7:00pm. Finance members meet at 6:00pm in the staff room. *School Councillors please note this small change to meeting times due to the AGM.* Parent School Councillors for 2020 include Melissa Miller, Jono Westcott, Toby Sullivan, Naomi Pietzsch, Wayne Murphy, Shane Chapman and Bridget Chambers. Should you ever need to discuss school council matters, feel free to contact one of our parent reps, or Sharyn, Renae, Kate, Pauline or myself at school.

P&F AGM

Congratulations to Mel Guthrie, who will continue for a second year as our Parents and Friends President. Well done also to Claire Arscott, who maintains the role of P&F Treasurer.

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Our First Steps, Junior and Middle Unit students have been loving their weekly Life Skills lessons with Marisa each week. During sessions in the multipurpose room, the girls and boys have been completing yoga, relaxation exercises and more. Ask your child and I bet you hear they have loved the program. Only three lessons to go, with the final one occurring on Tuesday, 24th March.

GRIP LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Our school leaders and selected Year 6 students will travel to the Bendigo Stadium next Thursday, 19th March to participate in the GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. Our leaders will enjoy this high level, interactive workshop...hopefully leaving the day feeling energised to take on their roles successfully throughout the year. Permission forms went home last week – please return ASAP...and indicate if you can drop off and pick your child up at the Stadium.

END OF TERM AWARDS

Each year, we have End of Term Awards, presented on the last day of the term at 9:00am in the multipurpose room. From each class, we award 8 awards per term. For Term 1, we will present certificates to children on Friday, 27th March. Awards are presented to children in the following categories: *Excellence in English, Mathematics, Visual Arts and Performing Arts; Endeavour in English and Mathematics; Principals Award AND Outstanding Demonstration of School Values.* Being awarded a certificate is a real honour for the child and should be celebrated, so look out for the announcement of our Term 1 winners in the final newsletter of the term on Thursday, 26th March. This will help you make the decision to come to the assembly or not.

RIDE SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – TOMORROW

Your child is encouraged to ride, scoot or walk to school to encourage an active lifestyle. All travellers will be given a special sticker to commemorate the day...and we encourage families to get involved too! We will meet at Phillis Street by 8:30am, travelling to school together soon after this time. Hope to see you there!

SMILE SQUAD / DENTIST

Next week, we will be visited by the SMILE SQUAD Dental Van. Forms have been sent home and our visiting dentists will begin working through selected students on Monday, finishing up on Friday. During their visit, one of the rooms in the multipurpose will be used for examinations.

CAPITAL WORKS

Our Capital Works project is fast approaching completion, with carpet going into new areas this week, final electrical work underway and connection of services. Before we know it, we'll be moving the library back, setting up offices and thinking about the use of the two classrooms in the new multipurpose space for the rest of the year. You can expect to see security fencing coming down soon, staff parking to revert back to the area behind the multipurpose...and front carparks becoming a little easier to get in and out of.

SPEED ZONES / CALDER HIGHWAY

Thanks to the pressure applied by some of our parents and staff, we have had success on the Calder Highway and the speed restriction sign coming out of Bendigo towards the school has been replaced. It's a bit of a relief to have the signs back in action, after being faulty for a period of time. Can I still remind you not to part on the edge of the Calder...by doing so you put you and your child at risk. If you continue to park in this area, please ensure you are extremely careful and only have children exiting cars on the school side / curb.

FALLEN TREE

Over the weekend, we had a large bough / branch fall in the school grounds. Whilst we have trees checked regularly by arborists, I have scheduled another visit to check all of our native trees to ensure the highest level of safety is maintained. We can never guarantee branches will drop, so instead, have them checked regularly and on windy days...have plans in place to ensure children do not play under trees.

BIG HILL CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday, 20th March, not this Friday...next...all students have the opportunity to take part in our Big Hill PS Cross Country. Brett Strange is preparing short courses for our runners to participate in...with students Years 3 and up potentially selected to qualify for the Regional Event early next term. Please ensure your child comes to school with suitable clothing / footwear for this event next week.

HEAD LICE

There have been confirmed cases of head lice in some of our classrooms. If you have found head lice in your child's hair, please ensure that you treat each night for the next week and then once a week thereafter. Please let the school know if your child has head lice so that we can reduce the spread within our classes in the future. Thank you.

2020 ESSENTIAL ITEMS / IPADS PAYMENTS

If you have not paid for your Part C from the booklist (ie iPad etc), please do so before the end of Term 1. If you need and extension, please contact the Office to arrange a payment plan. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Joshua VS, Max W, Isla G & Sebastian S.

Only two weeks to go until the Term 1 holidays! The school is a busy place over the next two weeks, so no doubt, this time will fly by! With the weekend approaching, here's hoping you have a restful one spent with your child/ren.

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

LOST PROPERTY

As the weather begins to cool down, students will need to have their jumpers clearly labelled in order for us to return them efficiently. If you are missing a jumper, lost property can be found next to the Office. We would also like to remind our students to not bring their toys to school. They are very distracting in the classroom and can be broken, lost or stolen out in the yard. Items bought for Show and Tell should remain in their bags. Thank you for your cooperation.

LIFE SKILLS

Our Life Skills program continues this week. Students have learned about the importance of being honest and a great team player through simple yoga moves and meditation. Just a reminder that students should be dressed appropriately and if wearing our school dress, please wear some shorts underneath. Thank you.

TAKE HOME BOOKS

The First Steps students have started using their Take Home Books. These books contain a letter which outlines the expectations for the tasks within and should be returned to school in their reader bags each day. Year 1's have spelling words to be tested each week, Preps have sight words and letter sounds to practice.

STARS OF THE WEEK

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

FSN Lily J
FSP Poppy S
FSJ Otis M

Nicole, Sharyn & Pauline & Jen

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. Thank you.

LIFE SKILLS

The children have been attending Life Skills for 3 weeks now and have enjoyed the opportunity to be mindful and learn some yoga movements with the classmates.

With 3 weeks to go, why not have a chat to your child and ask them to share some of their learning with you.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by sitting attentively during mat time and listening carefully while others are speaking:

JC Clare P
JR Keenan S

Catherine & Rhys

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY

The annual Big Hill PS Cross Country will be held on Friday, 20th March. Students have commenced training for this event during their weekly PE sessions.

PALMER'S GYM PROGRAM

A note regarding our Term 2, Palmer's Gym Program was sent home last Thursday. There will be **four** one hour sessions commencing on Friday, 17th April (the first Friday in Term 2).

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 the Office if you require a new note. Payment is due by Tuesday, 14th April.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Safety':

MR **Owen G**
MW **Shanay O**
MD **Beau B**

Rena, 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.

SENIOR UNIT SWIMMING PROGRAM

Commences Monday 23rd March and goes through to Thursday, 26th March. What to bring: swimmers, towel, change of clothes, rashies, and goggles (optional). Please ensure all clothing is labelled with your child's name.

NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY – TOMORROW

Students are encouraged to meet at Phillis Street at 8:30am where they can walk, scoot or ride to school.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This will be taking place on Friday, 20th March for all students.

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

This is on next Thursday, 19th March. Students involved have received a permission note, please return it as soon as possible, along with payment.

REMINDER

As we enter the cough and cold season, some children have been coming to school with sniffles and coughs, we are asking parents to be vigilant with **any illnesses** that their child/children may have, as we have staff with compromised immune systems. Please also adhere to the 48 hour seclusion if your child has had gastro.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating respect during specialist programs:

SA **Remi CK**
SB **Piper H**
SK **Mackenzie N**
SL **Taj A**

Brett, Kate, Lauren, Roberta & Zoe

ART NEWS

Having inspired fun studying Hokusai, Dali, Monet, Munch, and more in the art room this term.



*Sandra Willis
Visual Arts Coordinator*

SRC FUNDRAISER NEWS



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

It will be held on Monday, 23rd 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

Our Guess the Easter Egg competition has started at the Office, so good luck to everyone who has already had a guess! If you haven't already had a turn at guessing how many Easter Eggs are in the jar it's only 50 cents per guess so come up to the Office and have a go! Good luck to everyone and hope you all enjoy this competition.

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, 19th March to the Office. Collection Day for the Hot Cross Buns will be Thursday, 26th March with more information to come closer to the pick up date. Thanks to Woolworths Golden Square for donating the hot cross buns!

IF YOU ORDER USING THE QKR APP, PLEASE STILL RETURN THE ORDER FORM TO THE OFFICE. Thank you.

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** 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

GIANT Tennis
HOLIDAY CLINIC
MON 30th & TUES 31st MAR
@ South Bendigo TC
THUR 2nd & FRI 3rd APR
@ East Lemnong LTC
9.30-11.30AM EACH DAY
Tennis fun for Juniors of all standards!
\$40 for two days • \$25 for one day
Register Online: www.gianttennis.com.au

FRIDAY, 27TH 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, 25th 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**



say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.
*Have your child's school memories captured forever
on **Friday 17th 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.

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