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THURSDAY, 28TH MAY 2020

CALENDAR

Friday, 29th May

Monday, 8th June

Tuesday, 9th June

Friday, 12th June

Wednesday, 24th June

Friday, 26th June

Monday, 13th July

Wednesday, 22nd July

Wednesday, 12th August

Wednesday, 2nd September

Year 6-7 application forms due to Janet

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

On site schooling resumes for Years 3-6

Pie Drive Orders due to be emailed to bhpspf@gmail.com and

payment by direct deposit ONLY to Elmore Bakery – see attached form for details

Canteen reopens (to be confirmed)

Scholastic Book Club orders due – online only – apologies

Year 5/6 Camp Second Instalment of \$80 due

Last day for Term 2

First day for Term 3

Year 5/6 Camp Third Instalment of \$80 due

Year 5/6 Camp Final Instalment of \$60 due

Year 5/6 Camp departs – proposed date, subject to restrictions

School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Week 7 has certainly been a busy and very different one, with a Statewide Curriculum Day on Monday, followed by the return of our Prep & Year 1/2's on Tuesday, the resumption of our OSHC service and continuation of remote teaching and learning for Year 3 – 6 at home (and around 30 on site). This has certainly made for interesting times that have tested all of our flexibility, but overall, I think as a team (ie: our community), we have done really well!

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN ATTENDING ON SITE – PREP & YEAR 1/2'S AND SUPERVISION

- Only staff and students are to be on the school grounds if possible. Thanks to the great majority of parents who have done an amazing job of waiting outside the gates for your child/ren each day. It's made the running of the school so much easier. The signage at the gates is purely there to remind any adult arriving at the school of the safety restrictions in place. If organising someone else to pick up your child, please make sure they are aware of the new arrangements.
- If your child is very upset, you may choose to walk them to classrooms, but please note, no adults other than staff are allowed indoors... unless invited. Do try and encourage your child to enter the grounds alone where possible.
- Generally, staff will have doors locked to monitor entry to and from learning areas.
- All children are required to wash hands regularly at school – before and after eating and toileting, at the start and ends of play breaks and after coughing, sneezing or using a tissue / handkerchief.
- Sanitiser is available at school, but to make it easier for your child, perhaps send them to school with their own. The lunchbox is a great spot for it!
- Bubble taps are not to be used for drinking – so please ensure your child is sent to school each day with a named drink bottle that can be filled up. Where a child does not have a drink bottle, a disposable water bottle will be offered.
- There is no designated time to drop students off in the morning – please just drop off at school as normal between 8:45am and 9:00am. If we don't have adults congregating around exit points, drop-offs and pick-ups will be much easier. Remember there are 5 entry points into the school – Calder Highway gate off path, McInnes Street, rotunda/Office, between the administration building and Senior Unit and Multipurpose / art room. Spread out where you can.
- Whilst we only have Prep & Year 1/2's on site (and the on site supervision), pick-ups will work in a similar way as normal...with a 3:15pm dismissal. Please let your child know where you will meet them – ie: what exit point of the school, and ensure you are nearby to meet them when dismissed. First Steps and Junior Catherine will dismiss from external doors, in fact, all entry to and from these classrooms will be from the external door. Access to Nicole and Jen's room will not be available from the foyer, nor will entry to Pauline and Catherine's class through the end double-doors. The majority of our Year 1 and 2 students should be more than capable of leaving the classroom and walking to their parent without adults having to come on site.
- Staff will continue to provide end of day supervision as students exit the yard from McInnes Street / rotunda, Ravenswood bus and Kangaroo Flat bus duties – at 3:30pm all children should have been collected by their parents. Children are not to be playing in the yard at the end of the day.

- The Canteen will remain closed until further notice. We anticipate it will most likely resume on Friday, 12th June. Stay tuned for more information.
- Our *Out of School Hours Care* (OSHC) program resumed on Tuesday, 26th May for those children in Years Prep & Year 1/2's who required it. Students using the on site supervision may also book into the OSHC service if required next week also. Please contact dean.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov to make a booking. Our OSHC service will have altered approaches to keep children and staff safe also, including a sign-in / out table at the back porch. No adults are to enter the OSHC building please.
- If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school. All children who are unwell, must stay home as directed by DET and DHHS. If your child becomes unwell at school, you will be contacted to collect your child. Please ensure this is done as swiftly as possible.
- Again – maintain social distancing when waiting outside the school grounds. It's important that we remain infection free... whilst modelling to our students correct and safe behaviours during such trying times. As adults, we play an important role in showing our students what is required.
- If you need to attend the Office, please take note of the signage as you enter. Ideally, no more than two families in the foyer at one time... retain social distancing etc. If the foyer is full, please line up – distanced – and enter as the foyer becomes quieter. Hand sanitiser will be made available on entry. Please note also that visitors will not be able to approach the usual counter, rather a table in the foyer with a bell to get the attention of those in the office. This keeps adult visitors away from children and staff in the first aid area.

ONLINE PLATFORMS

Next week, Years 3 – 6 will work remotely for the last time. Online platforms continue to operate for these year levels therefore.

<https://34bighill.edublogs.org/sample-page/>

For children in Dean, Wendy and Renae/Sandra's classes – Year 3 & 4.

<https://sites.google.com/view/learnchinesebendigo/home>

For children Prep – Year 6 to access their Chinese lesson each week.

Our Senior Unit Students are working through Showbie – instructions for children and families from Lauren / Roberta, Brett, Zoe and Kate's classes have been shared. If you have access issues, please contact your child's teacher via email.

MONDAY, 8TH JUNE (WEEK 9)

Monday, 8th June (the beginning of Week 9) is a Public Holiday in Victoria in observance of the Queen's birthday. Due to this, there will be no students or staff on site on Monday, 8th June. Enjoy a bit of a break!

TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE (WEEK 9)

We welcome back our Year 3 – 6's on Tuesday, 9th June. Please see next week's newsletter for changes relating to drop-offs and pick-ups when the whole school is in attendance.

WEEK 9, 10 & 11 – TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE – FRIDAY, 26TH JUNE

For the remaining three weeks of Term 2, we will run normal classroom programs, however, no formal excursions, gym programs, incursions etc will occur. We are also unable to run whole school assemblies and large Unit meetings until further notice.

UNWELL?

If your child is unwell, you are unwell etc, please act accordingly and get tested. Please do not come on site until you have clearance – and your child is cleared as well. We want our school and OSHC program to continue servicing our community. This means we all need to be vigilant. If your child becomes unwell, we will call you to arrange pick up as soon as possible. On site attendance is made as safe as possible, but will outbreaks still occurring in Victoria (eg: Kyabram Health, McDonalds Melbourne), you can understand why we want children picked up straight away if they are feeling unwell. Whilst numbers of unwell are lowering across the country, there are still cases and outbreaks... and where outbreaks occur, many exposures occur... so to keep our children on site and staff on site safe... stay home if you are sick and be available to come on site if your child falls ill whilst being supervised on site.

VISITS TO THE SCHOOL

If you have to come on site, please follow social distancing rules to keep our staff safe. Parents, as outlined above, are not to be on site unless it's absolutely unavoidable. Visits to the Office need to be distanced and safe. Adults that need to escort a child into the school must not enter learning spaces.

AUGUST CENSUS

As the August Census is fast approaching, please remember to update the school with any occupation changes, or any work / mobile phone number changes so that we have the correct information on our system. Thank you.

CAMPS

Whilst we have not been given advice that camps can't go ahead in Term 3, I suspect that they may not. At the present time, we are watching and waiting for more clarification... however, we have been told the last thing to return to normal schooling will be camps and excursions. We will make a decision by our June School Council meeting as to whether camps for Years 3/4 and 5/6 will go ahead.

ATTENDANCE

We mark the roll each day... however, if a teacher feels a child is not engaging in their work, they may have to mark the roll as an absence. To ensure your child is marked present each day, ensure you are responding to teacher emails, answering phone calls, webex meetings OR return completed work to teachers when requested. The Middle Unit are using Class Dojo to communicate –whereas the Senior Unit have the children working on Showbie and submitting work there. Should your child be unwell, please email your child's teacher, myself (pearce.matthew.d@edumail.vic.gov.au) or Janet (dean.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au) so the roll can be marked accordingly. When your child is unwell, there is no expectation that they would be working remotely... we just need to mark the roll to reflect this. If your child is in Prep & Year 1/2's, the advice is that they should be at school because it is safe. If you are not returning your child to school because of COVID-19 concerns, please advise the office or email Janet (dean.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au). The school does not have to provide work for home schooling, unless medical advice suggests that the child is at risk attending school. Parents choosing to keep a child home would need to prepare work, however, your child's teacher may be able to guide you with some tasks to complete.

APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 PLACEMENT

These are due back **TOMORROW** – if you cannot locate yours, please request it to be re-sent ASAP by emailing Janet at dean.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

DIGITAL REPORTS – SEMESTER 1

Yes - you will receive a digital report at the end of Term 2. They will be largely modified in the comments to reflect the remote learning period and difficulty of assessing progress due to not having children on site for such a long period of time. We anticipate sending home reports on the final day of Term 2. Parent Teacher Interviews will occur next Term – more than likely, remotely through Webex etc.

IPADS, SCHOOL RESOURCES ETC

With the return of on site learning for Prep & Year 1/2's, could all iPads loaned to these students be returned to the Office if they haven't been already? Your child might even be able to do this for you to save coming to the foyer. Children with borrowed iPads from Years 3 – 6 can continue to use the iPad at home until the return on the Tuesday, 9th June. During the remote and flexible learning period, children may have also taken home work books (examples like Sound Waves, Handwriting, Mental Maths), readers, pencil cases etc. These also need to be returned if they have not already.

NEWSLETTER – GOING PERMANENTLY DIGITAL

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we are reducing contact in many ways, including providing our newsletter in digital format. From now on, newsletters will be uploaded to our school website, Facebook and Flexibuzz. Limited printed copies will still be available at the Office – just ask your child to pick one up to take home. Alternatively, email Janet to be added to her distribution list. Whilst this is a safe approach, it's also a green choice, so we anticipate remaining with the current arrangements into the future.

SANITARY ITEMS

Your daughter might notice a strange dispenser in the toilets. This week, DET installed a dispenser providing free sanitary items for all girls who need them. This will be topped up each week for our students – and is part of a state-wide service provided by our Education State Government. If your daughter is needing sanitary items, please discuss with them the new dispenser and encourage them to use it when required. It might also be a good idea to ensure your daughter knows not to play with the machine if they don't need to.

THANK YOU / WELCOME BACK

A big thank you to Zoe Wright, who finishes in the Senior Unit tomorrow after covering Ainsley's maternity leave. Zoe has done a terrific job during difficult times – well done Zoe! It won't be goodbye, with Zoe working across classes in her usual role as a CRT in the coming weeks. Ainsley Stanley returns Monday to her class and will resume with remote teaching for the final week. We welcome Ainsley back on deck – and know the children will be excited to be working with her again.

END OF DAY & RAVENSWOOD BUS

As part of our staggered dismissal – which will be more pronounced when we have all classes on deck, the Ravenswood bus will be endeavouring to leave between 3:00pm and 3:15pm to avoid being caught up in traffic. Due to this, students may arrive at their bus stop 5 minutes earlier... however, will not be dropped off before the usual time if there is no adult present. In next week's newsletter, I will outline a few small changes to the end of the day arrangements – but for next week... business as usual. The Kangaroo Flat bus will continue to operate as normal.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

As we have students at school with peanut allergies, it would be appreciated if no nuts or nut products be brought to school. Why not save them for that after school snack instead? Thanks for your understanding.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Cayden H, Billie H & Adalia C.

Week 8 will be our final week of remote learning for Years 3 – 6. For our Prep & Year 1/2's, it will be school as normal. Not long now before we have everyone (or almost everyone) back on site, learning in their classrooms.

Kind regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

WELCOME BACK

What a wonderful start back to school our First Steps Students have had this week. It's been great to see children so excited to see their teachers and friends again. All children have settled back into their classroom routines and are coping well with some of the changes that are in place.

Last week we emailed out a social story to all First Steps families. This story was to help ease our students' anxieties about returning to school. Many parents found this story very helpful to explain to their child some of the changes that are in place at school at the moment. Over the weekend you might like to revisit this story with your child.



RETURNING OF SCHOOL ITEMS

Thank you to our families who have returned their child's books and worksheets. If you have not yet sent in your child's school items please do so ASAP. These items include:

- Handwriting Books,
- Take home readers,
- Exercise books that your child completed work in whilst Remote Learning.

DRINK BOTTLES

Just a reminder that at the moment children are unable to use bubble taps for drinking, so please make sure your child is sent to school each day with a named drink bottle that can be refilled. Thank you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

After many discussions, we have decided to postpone stars of the week awards for the remainder of Term 3, in order to keep our students safe.

We understand this is a very special experience for students to be awarded their certificate at assembly and take home Milly the monkey for the weekend, however this not possible at the moment due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Nicole, Jen, Pauline & Sharyn

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all Junior Unit families, it has been great to see everyone on site and our students have done a magnificent job adjusting back to their normal routines at school.

WATER BOTTLES

Please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle, as they are unable to use the bubble taps at the moment due to COVID-19 restrictions.

STUDENT ILLNESS

Just a reminder to all families to keep students at home if they show any signs of illness. Normally, sending students to school with a slight runny nose or sore throat is not a major problem, however we have to be extra careful in the current climate. We urge families to keep students home at the sight of any sickness until it clears. Thank you.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For being an active participant in all learning on their return to school:

JR *Vienna F*
JC *Sophie B*

Catherine & Rhys

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

REMOTE LEARNING

Next week will be our final week of remote learning. All students will resume face-to-face classroom learning on Tuesday, 9th June. We very much look forward to seeing all the students again on this date.

WEEK 8

During Literacy lessons, students will continue reading and writing a range of different poems. They will focus on writing couplets and limerick poems. In the area of Mathematics, students will be required to complete any unfinished activities from this term including: New Wave Mentals, Mathletics and work on multiplication, time and angles.

The Week 8 schedule will be sent via email and Dojo tomorrow. All the daily lessons can also be accessed on the 3/4 blog: 34bighill.edublogs.org.

RETURN OF WORKBOOKS

Just a reminder that pencil cases and student workbooks including New Wave Mental Maths, Sound Waves and Handwriting will need to be returned to school when students resume in Week 9. These workbooks are an important resource in our Mathematics, Spelling and Handwriting Programs and are required daily. Students may also bring a small hand sanitiser to school for their own personal use.

Thanks for your ongoing support and enjoy the last week of remote learning.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For effort and achievement during remote learning:

MD *Cameron K*
MR *Blaik Y*
MW *Chloe V*

Renae, Sandra, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

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BENDIGO ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ADP) 2021 – CURRENT YEAR 6 STUDENTS

An email with all the information needed was sent out yesterday. If you didn't receive it, please contact Janet at the Office to have it re-sent. Thank you.

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK

Well done to all those students who have continued to keep up with their work. We know it may be difficult for some students to remain positive and motivated, but you only have 1 more week to go. You can do it!!

REPORTS

We are currently in the process of completing reports, so it is super important that all students continue to submit their work from home. That way we can record and provide feedback for your work, as well as marking attendance.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

We cannot wait to see all of the Senior Unit students back at school on Tuesday, 9th June. Please ensure you bring with you all your school books as well as your borrowed reading books.

Brett, Kate, Lauren, Roberta & Zoe

OSHC NEWS

Due to increased costs and the fact that the OSHC program is running at a major loss, we are forced to increase our fees.

From the start of Term 4, fees will increase by \$2 per session, then we will reassess the situation closer to 2021. Apologies for the incorrect information last week.

We understand that this is a valued service to our community and we always endeavour to keep costs at a minimum. The increase in fees is unfortunate but necessary, if we are to continue the service.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



Only online orders can be accepted until further notice, apologies. Due date for this issue is Friday, 12th June.

CANTEEN NEWS

At this stage, the canteen will reopen from Friday, 12th June (to be confirmed closer to that date).

Due to current circumstances, we do not want to be handling any cash. It is preferred that all orders be placed on the Qkr app, or, if unable to use the app, paid by EFTPOS via the phone to the Office.

The menu remains the same, so students are still able to order their favourite lunches.

Please remember to add a paper bag for each order placed on the app.

Thank you.

*Tammy Fear
Canteen Manager*

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

ELMORE BAKERY PIE DRIVE

We are running our annual pie drive again this year.

It will be run a bit differently this year, as all payments will be made directly to the bakery and NOT to school due to the Coronavirus.

Orders will need to be emailed to bhpspf@gmail.com, and no paper forms will be accepted.

If you have any questions about ordering, you can also send them to the above email address. Order forms will need to be emailed by Tuesday, 9th June, and collection day will be on the Thursday, 18th June. You will be updated with more information closer to the day.

We hope you all enjoying ordering again this year and will look forward to seeing everyone soon.

Thank you all for your support with P&F activities, it's really appreciated.

CCS NEWS

Dear Families,

If you are eligible to receive payments from Centrelink, such as Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and Family Tax Benefit (FTB), you may be asked to provide your family income estimate for the 2020-21 financial year.

You need to do this even though you aren't currently paying child care fees. This is because Centrelink will use this estimate to work out how much CCS and FTB you will get **next financial year**.

There's more information about updating your family income estimate for the 2020-21 financial year on:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/news/update-your-family-income-estimate-2020-21-financial-year>

Big Hill Primary School PIE DRIVE 2020 with



RETURN DATE:

Direct deposit to Elmore Bakery & forms emailed to bhpspf@gmail.com no later than **Tuesday 9th June**

DELIVERY DATE:

Thursday 18th June
3pm Multipurpose room

FAMILY NAME:

PH# _____

FAMILY MEAT PIES													DESSERT				PARTY FOOD										
Plain Steak Pie (mince)	Plain Steak Pie (chunky)	Steak & Potato Pie (mince)	Steak & Onion Pie (mince)	Steak & Curry Pie (mince)	Steak & Mushroom Pie (mince)	Steak Cheese & Bacon Pie (mince)	Bushmans Pie (mince, vegetables, bacon, cheese)	Pizza Pie (mince)	Steak & Kidney Pie (chunky)	Steak Cheese & Caramelised Onion (chunky)	Beef, Beer & Chilli Pie (chunky)	Steak & Pepper Pie (chunky)	Quiche	Chicken, Mushroom & Bacon Pie	Chicken & Leek Pie	Chicken & Vegetable Pie	Family Meat Pastie	Family Pie- Apple	Family Pie- Apple/Blueberry	Family Pie - Apricot	Strudel - Apple	Family Tart - Custard	Family Lemon Tart	Slice Tray	Party Pies – 1 dozen	Party Pasties – 1 dozen	Party Sausage Rolls – 1 dozen

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Big Hill Primary School PIE DRIVE 2020 with



STANDARD PIES, PASTIES & SAUSAGE ROLLS

Payment Method:

DIRECT DEPOSIT ONLY

Name: Elmore Bakery
 BSB 063 506
 Account 10826854
 Put reference as:
 BHPS & Family Name

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