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THURSDAY, 4TH JUNE 2020

CALENDAR

Monday, 8th June

Tuesday, 9th June

Friday, 12th June

Wednesday, 24th June

Friday, 26th June

Monday, 13th July

Wednesday, 22nd July

Wednesday, 29th July

Wednesday, 12th August

Wednesday, 2nd September

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

On site schooling resumes for Years 3-6 – see inside for amended/staggered pick up times etc

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-TBC)

Scholastic Book Club orders due – online only – apologies

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

Pizza day orders due on Qkr or over the phone card payments only by 9:00am

Pizza Day – no normal food menu items available

Last day for Term 2 – early dismissal of 2:15pm

First day for Term 3

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

Proposed rescheduled Photo Day - TBC

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 8 is now almost behind us! With only 3 weeks remaining, it's hard to believe that we are almost at the halfway point of the year. This week, with a freezing cold day starting us off... then some sunny days... we have certainly been reminded of the extremes of a Victorian Winter. Next week will be a very big week indeed, with the return of all students on Tuesday. Two days ago, we updated our communication lines with how we will work in the coming weeks. I've included them again in the newsletter today in case you missed the information and also as a reminder. Please read through and be ready to adapt to the changes.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF YEARS 3 – 6 (AND CONTINUATION OF PREP AND YEARS 1 & 2) ON TUESDAY, 9TH JUNE

MORNINGS:

- No special arrangements are required. Students can be dropped off normally at the 5 entry points – Calder Highway gate off path, McInnes Street, rotunda / Office, between the administration building and Senior Unit and Multipurpose / art room. Ideally, the more children walking and riding to school, the better. The goal is to have as few adults as possible at the school. If your child is independent, please encourage them to walk to the school gate / entry alone. Drop offs are encouraged between 8:45am and 9:00am, when students can drop bags in classrooms and a teacher is on duty.
- Staff will be available before school to assist with escorting children inside – particularly useful if your child is nervous about walking in after such a long break away. If your child needs help going inside, knock on the external classroom door and wait for the teacher to invite your child inside.

GENERAL REMINDERS:

- No adults on site unless absolutely necessary. Staff and students only.
- If an adult needs to come on site, please do not enter buildings unless invited by a staff member.
- Staff will generally have doors locked to remind parents not to enter rooms. Please don't be offended... we enjoy working with you all, but have to follow our Department regulations, which are based on the latest health advice.
- Adults can visit the Office from the Pavillion in the loop carpark, but please follow social distancing and have no more than 2 families in the foyer at one time. We have a table set up with a bell in the foyer – please do not approach the normal counter, due to proximity of students and staff in the first aid area. To make it clearer, we have new signage to assist you in where to stand etc.
- All students on site need a drink bottle sent from home each day. We no longer have bubble taps to drink from – each has been turned into a handwashing station as per guidance from *THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING*. If your child happens to forget their bottle on a given day, bottled water will be provided.

- Hand sanitiser is provided, as is soap... however, your child might find it comforting to have their own hand sanitiser. A great spot to keep it is in the lunchbox. We will ensure all children wash their hands thoroughly before and after class sessions, before eating and after using the toilet. Please keep enforcing good hand hygiene at home to make the transition to school easier each day ☐.
- Stay tuned for announcements regarding our canteen – at this stage we don't anticipate opening the canteen until at least Friday, 12th June.
- We don't need staggered play times as our school has an average size population and large outdoor areas to spread out and play. Generally, our children play well-spaced around the grounds, with two distinct playgrounds for different age groups, the Tiger Turf used predominantly by older students, sandpit more by younger students etc. If staff feel there is a large concentration of students in an area, they will disperse the students. Playgrounds are also sanitised throughout the day... and hands are washed before re-entering classrooms.
- Entry into classrooms is through external doors. Side double doors in the First Steps / Junior and Senior Unit buildings will remain locked to discourage mingling of students from different year levels entering. Entry for Middle Unit classes is straightforward, with one obvious entry point for each room. All Senior Unit classes will enter and exit from their external doors from now on – with no entry to the Senior Unit through the double doors between classes. Staff may also encourage students from particular Units to exit from different entry points – eg: Senior Unit might leave via the stairs near the Art room, Middle Unit from the stairs near the Staffroom (unless leaving via the bottom gate of course).
- Our Before and After School Care program (OSHC service) is operating normally. To book in, please email dean.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au to secure your place. When approaching OSHC, signage is provided on how to sign your child in / out each visit.
- If your child is unwell with cold or flu-like symptoms, please do not send them to school. In situations where you and your children are feeling unwell, getting tested as a precaution is a good idea. We cannot have unwell children on site during current times – the health of our students and staff is priority.
- When waiting outside the school grounds, please maintain social distancing from other adults. There is still a risk of fines for adults who do not social distance, so please don't risk a hefty fine whilst waiting. Children do not have to social distance at school.

AFTERNOONS:

- Due to crowding associated with our normal end of day, children in Prep & Year 1/2 will be dismissed at 3:05pm. If you have children in these year levels, please be ready to pick them up and depart immediately to make space for the dismissal of Year 3 – 6's at 3:15pm. Older siblings of students in Prep & Year 1/2 will also be dismissed at the earlier time.
- To ensure that the Ravenswood bus does not get delayed, we anticipate it leaving the school at 3:05pm also. This might mean that Brendan arrives at bus stops earlier in the afternoon... however, he will not leave children unattended... and will wait until the normal time for parents to collect children.
- Staff will be on duty in the yard to help direct children to the exit points – or escort them / help them find their parents.
- Years 3 – 6 will be dismissed at 3:15pm. By this time, all Prep & Year 1/2 children and their families should have departed. We encourage our older, more mature students to walk and ride home OR walk to their family car. The Kangaroo Flat bus will continue to operate at the usual time of 3:25pm. Younger children using this service will remain with their class teacher from 3:05pm – 3:15pm, along with children waiting for parents or to attend OSHC.
- No children are to remain in the yard and play after school. Again – children are to leave the grounds and make contact with their parent / carer before travelling home.
- If you are running late, please ring the Office so that we can have your child waiting at the pavilion. All children must be collected by 3:30pm – if you require longer time at school, please book into our OSHC service.

MONDAY, 8TH JUNE (WEEK 9)

Monday, 9th June (the beginning of next week) 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.

WEEK 9, 10 AND 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.

REPORTS – SEMESTER 1 – DATE CHANGE

Semester 1 reports will now be sent home at the start of Term 2. More information will be provided about how these reports will look in future newsletters.

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, 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.

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, 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 Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 will go ahead.

ATTENDANCE

As of Tuesday, 9th June, if your child is absent from school, please phone the Office on 5447 7022, send an absence message via Flexibuzz, or text 0438 738 788 before 9:30am to alert us to your child's absence. It is a Department requirement that all absences are explained, so if we don't hear from you, we have to make contact.

IPADS, SCHOOL RESOURCES ETC

With the return of on site learning for all students, could all iPads loaned to families be returned to the Office if they haven't been already? We need to mark off the safe return of the device so that you are not asked to cover the costs of a replacement. Your child might even be able to do this for you to save coming to the Office. 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 to school for your child to commence normal classes.

NEWSLETTER – NOW PERMANENTLY DIGITAL

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we are reducing contact in many ways, including providing our newsletter in digital format instead of a paper version. 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 Dean to set up a copy to be emailed to you. Whilst this is a safe approach, it's also a green choice, so we will remain with the current arrangements into the future.

SANITARY ITEMS

Your daughter might notice a strange dispenser in the toilets. Last week, DET installed a dispenser providing free sanitary items for 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.

STAFFING

It's been lovely to have Ainsley Stanley return from maternity leave, after welcoming her beautiful little boy into the world a few months ago. Next week will be the first time Ainsley will get to work directly with her students – I'm sure they are very excited. Due to some health concerns, Kate Dole will remain in remote work mode until the end of Term 2. During this time, Leisha Morrison will teach SK. We welcome Leisha on board for the next few weeks.

BUSES

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. The Kangaroo Flat bus will continue to operate as normal.

COLD WEATHER – APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

With the arrival of cold weather, comes a reminder to us all to dress for the weather. Children should be dressed in warm clothing, including a jumper / fleecy zip-up and perhaps a warm jacket. Beanies are also great for the cold mornings. Some children say they aren't cold, however, please insist they wear warm, named clothes to school.

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 Oliver S, Ella M & Abbie P.

Enjoy your long weekend. I hear for many of you, camping is on the agenda. Here's hoping the weather is kind and many of our families get to enjoy the Great Outdoors after so long stuck at home.

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

HANDWRITING BOOKS

Thank you to the families that have returned their child's handwriting book. We are still waiting on several to be returned. If you haven't sent in your child's handwriting book please do so ASAP.

LABEL JUMPERS

Please ensure your child's jumper is labelled with your child's name. Each First Steps classroom is beginning to gather a number of jumpers that are not labelled and the children are not recognising the jumper that belongs to them.

SHOW AND TELL

Children look forward to their Show and Tell each week. Please check your child's 'Take Home Book' for your child's Show and Tell day. Children bring in one item from home to show their classmates and answer questions about it.

PREP SPELLING

Please continue to practise the spelling words in your child's 'Take Home book' each day, and colour in the words that your child is confident in reading and spelling. Once your child's teacher can see they are all coloured in, your child will receive a new list of words to practise.

LIBRARY

Our new Library has been completed and children have been enjoying the new space to browse, borrow and read books. First Steps classes participate in Library sessions every Wednesday. This is the day your child can return and borrow a new book from the Library. Please ensure your child brings their Library bag every Wednesday to enable them to do this.

Nicole, Jen, Pauline & Sharyn

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

JUMPERS

As we are now experiencing some cold winter weather, a reminder to check your child is bringing a jumper to school to wear when outdoors. It is also important that all jumpers and any additional items like jackets or beanies are clearly labelled to ensure we can find the owner if left somewhere or misplaced.

DRINK BOTTLES

Another reminder to make sure students attend school with a drink bottle as our bubble taps are not in operation at the moment. Please make sure bottles are also clearly labelled.

SCIENCE – HOW THINGS MOVE

The Junior Unit has been enjoying exploring how things move since being back at school. We have been exploring the different ways things move as well as concepts such as friction and drag. Some of the ways we have been doing this is by making Rube Goldberg machines (as seen below), paper helicopters and measuring how far a marble rolls on different surfaces.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Safety' by always correctly following the new hygiene rules at school:

JR **Sierra S**
JC **Xavier D**

Catherine & Rhys

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

REMOTE LEARNING

Tomorrow will be our final day 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. Finally, a huge thank you to the parents and families for the great support and assistance during this time.

WEEK 9

During Literacy lessons, students will be progressing on from poems to the use of figurative language in texts. We will be focusing on metaphors and idioms. In the area of Mathematics, students will be completing Week 16 in their New Wave Mentals Maths Book and revising addition, subtraction and multiplication.

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.

DISMISSAL TIMES

Please note that Middle Unit students with younger siblings at school (Prep, Year 1 & 2) will be dismissed from class at 3:05pm to assist with departures.

BILLABONG RANCH CAMP

We are still uncertain as to whether our Term 3 camp will be going ahead. At this stage, we still await further advice from the Department of Education. Please check the newsletter for updates on the camp.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For effort and achievement during remote learning:

MD **Bobby S**
MR **Charlie T**
MW **Harry S**

Rena, Sandra, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

We are so excited to have all the Senior Unit students back at school next week. We are looking forward to seeing all of your faces, we have missed you all so much! Can we please ask that students return to school with their workbooks they have been using whilst learning from home, as well as any resources they took home with them from school (Library books, classroom books, pencil cases).

TECHNOLOGY

Those students that required the use of school technology (iPads, chargers) please ensure they are also returned to school next Tuesday.

HOMEWORK

Just a note to all families that the students will not be required to complete any homework tasks for the remainder of this term. Homework will recommence at the beginning of Term 3.

Brett, Kate, Lauren, Roberta & Zoe

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 card 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.

PIZZA DAY

This will be held on the last day of Term 2 – Friday, 26th June. Orders from last term have been held over and automatically placed for this term. Below is a list of students who have orders in.

FSN Lily J, Mason P, Patrick Q, Remi R, Benji S & Nikirra S
FSP Makenzie B, Isabella G, Mackenzie L, Abigael L, Poppy S & Cooper S
FSJ Jobe D & Abigail D
JC Braxton L, Henry P & Kirra W
JR Tom C, Skylah D, Jack E, Vienna F, Dexter L, Mia M & Samuel S
MD Matilda M, Jazmin P & Chelsea A
MR Alexis C, Jett E, Cordelia M, Jacob V & Blaik Y
MW Lacey J & Cohen S
SA Atila M & Sophie W
SB Kobe B, Sam P, Tiffany P & Tait R
SK Ella G & Lily R
SL Jordan M & Oliver S

New pizza orders can only be taken via the Qkr app or by card payment over the phone as no cash can be accepted at this time. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Orders are due in by 9:00am Wednesday, 24th June.

Remember, you can now order iced treats for Pizza Days using the app!

Tammy Fear
Canteen Manager

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

ELMORE BAKERY PIE DRIVE

We are running our annual pie drive again this year.

Orders will need to be emailed to:
bhpspf@gmail.com by next Tuesday, 9th June - no paper forms will be accepted.

If you have any questions about ordering, you can also send them to the above email address. 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.

QKR APP ISSUES

Qkr Functionally Update for Users Not Able to **Connect to Server**

If you are having trouble using the app, you will need to reinstall it to apply the current changes. You may also need to reset your password.

Apologise for any inconvenience.

OSHC/CCS NEWS

Dear Families,

If you received Child Care Subsidy (CCS) for 2019-20, you must confirm your income with Centrelink. This includes CCS paid directly to you and CCS paid on your behalf to a child care provider.

Most parents have already confirmed their income, but if you haven't, you need to do it now.

If you don't confirm your 2020-21 income by 30 June 2020, your CCS will stop from 13 July 2020.

To confirm your income with Centrelink, you and your partner need to either:

- lodge your tax returns with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO)
- complete an 'Advise non-lodgement of tax return' with Centrelink, if you don't need to lodge a tax return.

You complete the 'Advise non-lodgement of tax return' in your Centrelink online account, through myGov or your Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

If you've already confirmed your family income for 2020-21, there's nothing else you need to do.

Find out more about Child Care Subsidy on the Services Australia website:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy>



Art Smart Online

FANTASTIC ART CLASSES ONLINE

Classes in **REAL TIME** with wonderful art instructors where the kids get to interact with each other and create amazing art together via a virtual classroom.

We make sure it's easy for parents and have created lesson plans that use a lot of things that you would already have, and anything you don't have is an easy, affordable online order delivered to your door.

Having an opportunity to express themselves and interact with other children is so important.

Kids have been loving the classes

And also parents - in fact we have started an Art Play for Adults because parents wanted to join in the fun. (Details on website if you want to join that as well.)

DISCOUNTED PRICE

20% OFF

Only \$12.50 a class!

When: Variety of times available so check out the website
Location: Your place!

BOOK NOW!

Just go to
www.artsmartforkids.com.au
(make sure it has the 'au' at the end)

If for **ANY** reason you don't want to continue after the first two classes, you'll get a full refund.

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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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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