



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> June  
**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June**

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July  
**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July**  
Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July  
**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August**

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** (2:05pm for Prep – Yr 2 & siblings)

First day for Term 3

**STUDENT REPORTING DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY**

Rescheduled Photo Day – see below for more information

**Curriculum Day**

## School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Our first full week with everyone back at school is almost complete! Week 10 has been very productive indeed, with all classes settled back into routines and working well for their teachers. Whilst a few students are still transitioning back from the comfort of home, the vast majority are back into the normal day-to-day schooling routines.

### COVID-19 CHANGES

By now, our community are well aware of the restrictions we have in place, preventing adults other than staff being on site, social distancing in the Office etc, as well as the staggered dismissal at the end of the day. We will need to continue such approaches at least until the end of Term 2, with an update to be made over the holidays. I thank you so much for sticking to the guidelines to date... it's made keeping everyone safe so much easier. I'm also very impressed with our students who are showing great independence in the mornings and leaving respectfully at the end of the day.

### SPEED ZONES – 60 KM/H

It should come as no surprise to families that we have reduced speed restrictions in place around our school. During drop off and pick up times, the Calder Highway speed limit drops to 60km/h to ensure dangers to pedestrians and other drivers are reduced significantly. We want our children safe when arriving and departing schools and such restrictions help to do that. Our NEW 60km/h zone is around our school crossing, between just before Harvey Norman near Phillis Street through to the 80km/h sign. During school drop off and pick up times, all motorists should be doing 60km/h or less. Sadly, a motorist reported one of our parents driving significantly above the 60km/h zone. The licence plate has been recorded and handed on to Police for follow up, however... can I just remind you all to stick to the speed limits to firstly keep everyone safe, but also to ensure you don't get a fine. It can be stressful running late to school or work, but it's better to be late than to be involved in a tragedy. Let's all keep sticking to the speed limit around not only our school, but all schools.

### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Our school photos will be taken on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July. It will be slightly different in that there will be no group or whole class photos taken. Family photos however will be taken, and if you need an order form, please call the Office and it can be sent home with your child. All order forms that were sent out earlier in the year will still work and if you have already placed an order it will be fulfilled. If you have any questions, please call MSP Photography on 5333 5577.

### WEEK 11 – PLANNING WEEK

Next week, being the final week of Term 2... all Units will be involved in a planning day. This will see some specialist classes running on different days and Casual Relief Teachers working in the school to enable our teacher teams to prepare for Term 3. To help your child prepare for this change, the following will occur next week. MONDAY – normal arrangements, TUESDAY – Senior Unit planning day (SL, SB, SA, SK), WEDNESDAY – Middle Unit planning day (MW, MD, MR), THURSDAY – First Steps and Junior Unit planning day (FSP, FSN, FSJ, JR, JC) and FRIDAY – normal arrangements, but early dismissal times – see calendar above. Please support your child by letting them know what day their usual teacher will be absent. Also discuss that on the planning day, some of their specialist classes will occur. Sadly, we can't always accommodate all specialist classes... so in some cases, a specialist program might not be delivered in Week 11 for some areas. It might be best to advise children that Week 11 will be different in timetabling and not to expect all classes to run the same way.

### UNWELL?

If your child has cold or flu-like symptoms, they must stay home. It is ideal to seek medical advice and get tested for COVID-19 if recommended by your GP. If a child is sent to school with cold/flu symptoms, families will be contacted and asked to collect students as soon as practically possible. We are unable to leave unwell students in classes as they risk infecting other children and adults. This arrangement is also in place for staff – if one of us is unwell, even quite mildly... we are staying home and seeking medical advice. This is to keep us all safe and at a low risk with COVID-19.

## **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. If picking up your child, ring the Office to organise collection OR visit when numbers in the Office are not exceeding the recommended amount.

## **CAMPS – CANCELLED**

Guidance on camps is still coming, with the possibility that they could occur in Term 3, but only if infections are not present in the area or school community. Tuesday night, our School Council discussed School Camps and the unknowns of running them safely. As both our Middle and Senior Unit camps occur in the same week during Term 3 AND because of many families are experiencing extreme financial stress due to COVID-19... we have made a decision unanimously to cancel both camps. Our overwhelming reason is financial burdens, then of course the worries of COVID-19. This means that even if camps were allowed to occur in some capacity, we will not proceed with camps in 2020. If you have paid any money to the Office, this will now be credited to your school account. Statements will be sent home tomorrow to advise families of their options. To date, less than 50% had paid the secure deposit for Year 5/6 and only 30 of 85 indicated they would support the Middle Camp via the survey conducted earlier this term. With 50% or less support we couldn't run a camp anyway, so the decision has been made not to proceed. It will be disappointing for some children, however, we will look at ways to enhance experiences for our children during the remaining 6 months of 2020.

## **ATTENDANCE**

If your child is absent from school, please phone the Office before 9:30am, submit an absence via our Flexibuzz app or text 0438 738 788 to alert us to your child's absence. It is a requirement that all absences are explained, so if we don't hear from you, we will have to make contact.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

We had a very busy meeting on Tuesday night, discussing everything from stretched finances, COVID-19, school camps, staffing, OSHC, grounds improvements etc. The majority of councillors were able to attend or dial in which was great. If you are interested in joining School Council... feel free to contact me for a chat about what it involves.

## **REPORTS – SEMESTER 1**

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.

## **IPADS, SCHOOL RESOURCES ETC**

We still have some iPads at home and they need to be returned ASAP. Our iPads are leased equipment, not owned and need to be securely returned to school to be cleaned and reconfigured for our network. Students on site need to be using them as part of day-to-day learning – so if you have a loaned device at home, please return it ASAP. School books, diaries etc were sent home during the remote period too... obviously being back at school will mean that these resources are required for use. Can you please check that all books etc sent home have been sent back to Big Hill PS please?

## **NEWSLETTER – DIGITAL**

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 continue with the current arrangement into the future.

## **CANTEEN OPEN!**

The canteen, though not as busy as usual, is open and providing delicious meals to our children on Wednesdays and Fridays. Tammy, our Canteen Manager, takes the greatest care with food handling to keep our children safe... so feel free to use the service in the future knowing safety is paramount. To ensure safe food handling is intact, no cash payments are accepted.

## **STAFFING**

During the last week of term, Leisha Morrison will remain teaching SK, as Kate is required to remain remote due to medical reasons. As mentioned above, staff are on site daily, but have to stay home when experiencing the symptoms of colds and flu. This may mean your child has a Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) from time to time.

## **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 will say they aren't cold, however, please insist they wear warm clothes to school. Jumpers and windcheaters also must be school uniform... so please ensure your child has the correct warm top on each day and if not, send a note to your child's teacher excusing the OUT OF UNIFORM.

## **READING GOAL**

We still have a reading goal of 225 nights or less AND with reading being one of the most important things your child can do at home each day, why not aim for this goal? If they are behind, catch them up with extra sessions over the holidays and weekends. Honestly, it's the most fundamental skill of all...and children only get better at reading with extra practise provided at home.

## **STUDENT REPORTING DAY – MONDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JULY – PUPIL FREE DAY**

You might remember last year we had a day, early in Term 3, where we reported to parents / guardians. On this day, children remained at home, but participated in the interview along with their parent / guardian. This year, like 2019, we will be holding *Parent/Guardian-Teacher-Student* interviews on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July. All families will be given an opportunity to meet with teachers throughout the day to discuss the progress of their child/ren. To enable teachers to interview, no students will be on site on the Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July – meaning that it is a pupil free day. So families can prepare, we are sharing this information now, well in advance, so care arrangements can be made. We will share details of booking an interview early next term... which is probably a good idea... as we will have a better idea if we can meet in person or if interviews have to be via Webex or phone.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Due to COVID-19, there will be no attendance awards for Term 2 and into the future, until things change for the better.

## **BIKES**

It's been terrific to see so many children riding and scooting to school. Children in Years 3 – 6 can ride unaccompanied, however Prep – Year 2 children should be riding with an adult due to their underdeveloped peripheral vision and balance. When riding or scooting to or from school, all children must wear a helmet also. As a safety rule, we ensure no bikes or scooters are ridden in the school grounds. As a support to our staff, could you regularly remind your child/ren to walk their bike/scooter in and out of the grounds each day? Thank you.

## **END OF TERM AWARDS**

Next Friday, our School Captains and I will visit classes to take photos of students receiving Term awards for EXCELLENCE IN LITERACY, VISUAL ARTS, PERFORMING ARTS and MATHEMATICS, ENDEAVOUR IN LITERACY and MATHEMATICS, PRINCIPALS AWARD and OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOOL VALUES. Look for our winners in next week's newsletter. Sadly, due to restrictions, we cannot have adults on site to see awards presented. We will take photos for Facebook so keep a look out for them.

## **EARLY DISMISSAL**

Next Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June is the final day of Term 2. Due to this, we will be dismissing at 2:15pm. With the staggered finish... Prep, Year 1 & 2 can be picked up at 2:05pm along with older brothers and sisters. Years 3 – 6 will dismiss at 2:15pm. Both buses will run... although the Kangaroo Flat bus will operate closer to 2:30pm. The Ravenswood bus will leave just after 2:05pm and deliver children to bus stops – waiting for adults to collect at the earlier time. Please make a note of the dismissal arrangements for next week and ensure someone is organised to collect your child.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Ebon M, Eli V & Nate P.

Only one week to go in one of the most interesting and challenging terms ever! I'm sure the girls and boys are looking forward to a good break, particularly if they worked extra hard during the remote period.

Until next week...

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **JUMPERS**

We are starting to get a collection of jumpers in our classrooms with no names on them. 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.

### **HOME READING**

We are so happy to see that so many of our children are consistently reading at home each night. This week some children have even reached 100 and 125 nights of reading. Well done! Please remember to fill in your child's yellow reading journal each night.

### **LIBRARY**

Just a reminder that on Wednesdays all First Steps classes now have library sessions and are able to borrow books. Please make sure that your child brings their Library Bag to school to protect the library books that they borrow. If students do not bring a library bag, they are not able to borrow books.

### **HEAD LICE**

We have discovered a few cases of head lice in First Steps, and would like to request our families to carefully check their children's hair for live head lice and eggs. If head lice / eggs are discovered, your child will need to remain at home until after treatment and don't forget to retreat 7-10 days after.

*Nicole, Jen, Pauline & Sharyn*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **STUDENT AWARDS**

There will be end of term awards given out next week instead of our usual student of the week.

Due to current restrictions, there will be no end of term assembly held, just photos taken instead. Look out for student names in the newsletter next week to see if your child has received an end of term award, and look for the photos on Facebook.

### **LABELLING OF ITEMS**

A reminder to label all items that come to school including lunchboxes and small containers as these are often left outside during eating time.

It is also a good idea to label any extra winter items such as beanies, scarves and gloves as well as school jumpers so when found they can be returned instead of ending up in lost property.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For always showing the School Value of 'Respect' in the classroom by listening carefully and following teacher instructions:*

JR *Chase B*

JC *Chase L*

*Catherine & Rhys*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### WEEK 11

Next Wednesday is planning day for the Middle Unit teachers. Students will be participating in their specialist classes on this day. Students will also be completing a variety of assessment tasks in Reading and Mathematics.

### LIBRARY BOOKS

Just a reminder for students to return any Library books that may have borrowed before remote learning. Students participate in weekly Library classes and have the opportunity to browse and borrow books.

### WORKBOOKS

Thank you to the students who returned their workbooks to school last week. We would appreciate the return of all New Wave Mental Maths, Sound Waves and Handwriting books as they are used in our daily learning programs.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MD *Liam W*  
MR *Tyrone D*  
MW *Summah J*

*Renaë, Sandra, Wendy & Dean*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### HOMEWORK

There will be no homework for the rest of this term.

### FRIDAY ROTATIONS

These will recommence next term.

### SWIMMING AND GYM PROGRAM

Unfortunately, our swimming and gym programs will not be rescheduled this year. The Office staff are in the process of crediting family accounts for the swimming payments. Statements will be sent home shortly. Thank you for your understanding.

### WATER BOTTLE

Just a reminder for all students to please bring along their own water bottles. Unfortunately the bubble taps have been turned off as requested from the Department of Education, which means that all students are now required to bring to school their own water bottles.

### GOOD HYGIENE

Although we have hand sanitiser and soap available for all students, and are practising good hand washing hygiene at school, if your child would feel more comfortable having their own hand sanitiser to use, we are encouraging and welcoming this in the classroom. If your child does bring along their own hand sanitiser, please ensure it is clearly labelled. Thank you.

### UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is coming to school in the correct school uniform which is clearly labelled with your child's name.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

SA *tba*  
SB *Anas M*  
SK *Jett Z*  
SL *Jordan M*

*Brett, Kate, Lauren, Roberta & Zoe*

## LIBRARY NEWS



### LIBRARY BAGS FOR PREP THROUGH TO YEAR 4 STUDENTS

Could all students from Preps to Year 4's please bring a Library bag to borrow each Wednesday /Thursday? Thanks.

Please support our encouragement of the children to borrow regularly, by providing a simple bag to protect the books. The students are very excited now that we are in our new library! Let's keep it going.



## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### PIE DRIVE

We hope you enjoyed this fundraiser and will enjoy the pies. Thanks so much for your support.

### 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?? It's 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>)

TESTIMONAL – "I've been shopping for the past 6 months and using the links to various online shops I've earned over \$90! It's so easy, just go to the cash rewards page each time you are thinking of shopping online, search for the retailer and, if there click the link and away you go!

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

## CANTEEN NEWS

### THE CANTEEN IS BACK TO NORMAL OPERATIONS

Yes, the canteen is back to operating its normal days Wednesdays and Fridays. 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, 26<sup>th</sup> 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	Ethan M, Lily J, Mason P, Patrick Q, Remi R, Benji S & Nikirra S
FSP	Makenzie B, Isabella G, Mackenzie L, Abigail L, Poppy S & Cooper S
FSJ	Cooper C, 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	Sam H, Alissa M, Lacey J & Cohen S
SA	Taleisha W, Atila M & Sophie W
SB	Kobe B, Sam P, Tiffany P & Tait R
SK	Marcus B, Tess H, Tom S, 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, 24<sup>th</sup> June.

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

**Tammy Fear**  
Canteen Manager

## 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>

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Music Lessons will be continuing in Term 3 for students in Years 3 – 6. After Term 2 being largely taught remotely, many students put the Instrumental Music Lessons on hold for the term, while others continued the lessons remotely. If your child is interested in signing up for Instrumental Music Lessons in Term 3, please read on.

This week (Week 10) enrolment forms are being sent home with those students interested. Please complete the forms and return them to the Office. If your child is already enrolled in Music Lessons from Term 1 this year, they will automatically roll over into Term 3, unless their music tutor is contacted directly to alter or end their Enrolment. If you postponed Instrumental Lessons during Term 2 (for the remote lessons), you will automatically continue regular lessons when Term 3 commences, unless the music tutor is directly notified otherwise.

If your child is interested in learning multiple instruments at one time, please carefully consider whether this is suitable for your child before signing up, since it can become difficult for classroom teachers if a student has to leave class multiple times a day for multiple instruments being taught. If your child would like to learn more than one instrument at a time, please contact their classroom teacher before making the commitment, to discuss whether it is a viable option.

If you have any questions or queries, feel free to contact the music tutors directly – contact details below:

### Nick Reid

Teaches: Drums, Bass Guitar, Ukulele  
Email: [reid.nickolas.c@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:reid.nickolas.c@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
Phone: 0448 035 002

### Leigh Turner

Teaches: Guitar  
Email: [leighturner23@gmail.com](mailto:leighturner23@gmail.com)  
Phone: 0417 530 628

### Phil Seaton

Teaches: Piano, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar  
Email: [seatonsbali@hotmail.com](mailto:seatonsbali@hotmail.com)  
Phone: 0488 316 314

## 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.

If you still can't get it to work, you can always pay for Canteen orders or OSHC using your card over the phone through the Office by calling 5447 7022.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC BENDIGO STADIUM



Friday 3rd July 2020

9am - 11:30am: 7 - 11 yrs  
12:30pm - 3pm: 12 - 15 yrs  
Cost: \$45 per participant



Limited spaces available due to COVID-19 restrictions

Every participant receives a Netball  
Book Online: [www.juliacorletto.com](http://www.juliacorletto.com)

### School Holiday Netball Clinic

## BENDIGO



Tuesday 7th July 2020

## BENDIGO STADIUM

91 Inglis Street,  
West Bendigo VIC 3550

1 Hour Class

9:00am - Under 9's  
10:30am - Under 11's  
12:00pm - Under 11's  
1:30pm - Under 13's  
3:00pm - Under 15's

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