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**THURSDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2020**

## CALENDAR

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June

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)**

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July

First day for Term 3

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**STUDENT REPORTING DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY**

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July

Rescheduled Photo Day – see below for more information

~~Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August~~

**Curriculum Day**

**Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**Rescheduled Curriculum Day** – apologies for the date change

## School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The final week of Term has been very busy, with classrooms programs in full swing and planning occurring for Term 3. With the holidays just ahead, there is a level of excitement mixed with fatigue amongst the students, so two weeks of no school will no doubt help those that have worked very hard throughout all of the term, including the remote and flexible learning phase.

### COVID-19 CHANGES

By now, our community is 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 the commencement of Term 3, with any major updates posted to Facebook, our Website and Flexibuzz over the holiday period. Keep checking those communication lines in case anything changes – but unless it does, plan that current arrangements will continue when we commence Term 3. 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. With the rise of infections in Melbourne, it's a timely reminder to all of us to social distance and minimise our interactions. Please keep reminding your child/ren about the importance of social distancing when not at school and maintaining high levels of hygiene (hand washing, sanitiser, cough/sneeze control).

### STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to our winning students, whom are announced in today's newsletter. Students are celebrated for excellence in literacy, numeracy, visual arts and performing arts, outstanding demonstration of our school values (Safe, Respectful, Responsible), endeavour in literacy and numeracy and a Principals' Award for overall outstanding work in all areas during Term 2. Tomorrow morning, the majority of classes will have certificates presented and photos taken in classes. Keep an eye on our social media platforms for photos of the occasion. You might notice Junior Unit were presented early... don't despair... everyone else will be presented in the morning by our School Captains and class teachers.

### 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.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL – CURRICULUM DAY CHANGE OF DATE

School Council had approved a Curriculum day for Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August at the start of the year, but due to COVID-19 changing our day-to-day operations, a decision has been made to move the day later in the term. Please disregard the earlier notification around the 7<sup>th</sup> of August – it is now just a normal Friday for students. The curriculum day is now scheduled for Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August – this is pupil free... and is announced now so that families have plenty of time to make changes. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

### REPORTS – SEMESTER 1

Semester 1 reports will now be sent home at the start of Term 3. Look for these early in Term 3, as well as details of our Parent/Guardian-Teacher-Child interviews in Week 3.

## **WEEK 11 – PLANNING WEEK**

This week saw our teachers planning for Term 3 in teams. This meant some classes ran on different days and your child may have not seen their usual teacher on one particular day this week. The purpose of such planning days is to ensure our teacher teams develop outstanding learning sequences for our students – two/three/four brains is better than one! For most students, the day meant that specialist programs were delivered all at once... or a mixture of.

## **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**

Thanks to families whom have returned the notice sent home indicating how refunds for the 5/6 camp are to be paid back – that's if you had paid the deposit of course. Please ensure you have returned this notice so that Kerry can organise a timely repayment should it be required. Those who have forms back already should find a repayment is made today, if requested of course. As announced last week, all Camps for Big Hill PS have been cancelled due to the financial burden on many of our families. At this stage, it is still unknown if the current Melbourne outbreak would affect the running of camps, so our decision to cancel is a wise one at least so our community knows what is going on.

## **EXCURSIONS**

If you are wondering about excursions, these have not been given the go-ahead yet due to the unpredictable environments that many excursions see children placed in. Until a decision by DET is made to allow schools to run excursions, none will be occurring in the near future. This will affect local excursions, sports days (interschool) and also incursions like visiting performers etc. Whilst it is unfortunate and disappointing, we can only work within the rules and guidelines placed upon us by our Department and Government. As the gym program may still be able to be rescheduled, we will wait until we have confirmation of cancellation before issuing refunds. If you are having financial difficulty though, please reach out to us and we will be able to do a refund if you need it.

## **STAFFING**

Kate Dole has continued to work remotely as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer. At the commencement of Term 3, Kate will require a further 2 weeks (at this stage) at home, so Leisha Morrison will continue to work with Kate's class during this time.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Staff have noticed a lot of children out of uniform, particularly with jumpers. Can parents please ensure that children do not leave home without a school jumper on? We don't want to see brands on show in the yard – it's our embroidered zip up or a plain black jumper/hoody please. We have plenty of lost property, so if your child is missing a jumper, get them to check lost property at school.

## **READING GOAL**

225 nights for the year is possible for all students. Why not keep reading going over the holidays each night to catch up or exceed the goal?

## **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.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA, APPLICATIONS ETC**

Facebook, Instagram and TikTok all have agreements whereby all users must be 13 to register and use the platform. Quite a few of our students have access to such platforms and to date, there are ongoing issues with children contacting one another online, being unkind etc. Pure and simple, no child in Primary School (unless 13) should be on social media platforms. Can I ask parents to please delete access for children from these applications as the risk of cyber bullying, trolling, exposure to inappropriate content and easy access of adult predators are all huge concerns. Whilst Snap Chat, TikTok etc seem fun – they have elements that are not appropriate to children and therefore should not be exposed. Whilst we can't control what happens at home, we urge our families to have a "Duty of Care" for their children and stop use of said platforms... and if choosing to allow access... only do so if you are watching closely how the applications are used. Thanks for considering how important this issue is... we want all of our children safe.

## **SAFETY OVER THE HOLIDAYS**

If you are travelling over the break, may you take extra care and stay safe on busy and wet roads. Keep up the social distancing and try hard to avoid packed places. We want everyone back and safe after the holidays. Like any period of time where we are on holidays, the school grounds are quiet and this poses a greater risk of anti-social behaviour and damage on school grounds. If you notice any suspicious persons on site, parked in our car park etc over the next two weeks, please raise your concerns immediately with the police – call 000. Even if you are unsure... it's better to be safe than sorry.

## **EARLY DISMISSAL**

Tomorrow, 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... Preps and 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 tomorrow and ensure someone is organised to collect your child.

## **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 still be fulfilled. Orders can be placed online until Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August. If you have any questions, please call MSP Photography on 5333 5577.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Leila D, Phoebe C, Jacob S, Linken A, Calae D, Oscar G, Connor W, Mia M, Melia H, Peyton C, Kyle W, Skye D, Bailey S, Charlie W, Amber L, Remi R, Zac N & Charlie T.

I wanted to finish by thanking our community for the extraordinary lengths taken to navigate Term 2 – from the remote period to return on site. It's been a path of ups and downs, stresses and joys, challenges and growth etc. Without our amazing staff, terrific students and dedicated families... I don't think we could have gotten through as well as we have. Please, if you can, take some time to rest in the next two weeks. Everyone really deserves some quiet moments to enjoy the joys of life... over the stresses. Happy and safe holidays everyone.

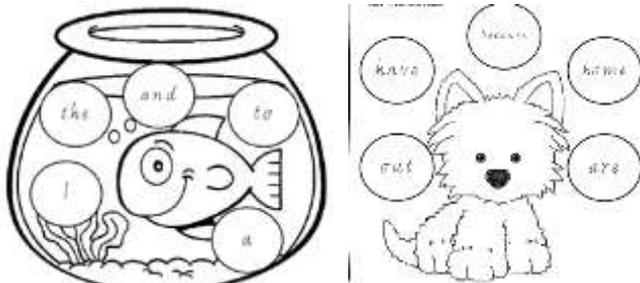
Kind regards,

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday. Your child will bring home 3 readers for the holidays, please continue to read these books and also your favourite books at home over the holidays. Also please check your child's 'Take Home book', inside you will find sight words for your child to practise reading and spelling. Look out for a spelling list that looks similar to the template below for Prep students. Your child might have different words to the one below depending on their ability.



Year 1 students will have a list of 5 spelling words in their 'Take Home Book'.

*Nicole, Jen, Pauline & Sharyn*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to all Junior Unit families for your effort and contributions throughout a very unique term. We appreciate your support and hope you all enjoy the break and stay safe.

### **READING**

We encourage all Junior Unit families to keep up with reading over the holidays. We hope to be giving out lots of awards at the beginning of Term 3.

### **JUNIOR RHYS RELOCATION**

Rhys' class is moving over the holidays! JR is has the privilege of moving into one of the new classrooms attached to the new multipurpose room. We will be starting Term 3 in the new room, so remember to remind students over the holidays.

### **END OF TERM AWARDS**

Congratulations to all of our award winners. With no assembly to celebrate, we have presented students with their awards early, as you can see below.



*Catherine & Rhys*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to the students who received Student Awards this term. It is wonderful to acknowledge your achievements and endeavours in English, Mathematics, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and School Values.

We would also like to thank the Middle Unit students and families again on their efforts during the eight weeks of remote learning this term.

### STUDENT REPORTS

Teachers are currently working on Semester One student reports. These will be sent to parents early next term.

### HOLIDAYS

We would like to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday. Keep up the reading and we look forward to seeing everyone again at the start of Term 3.

*Rena, Sandra, Wendy & Dean*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### THANK YOU AND STAY SAFE

What a hectic and crazy term. All Senior Unit staff thank families and students for being flexible and keeping positive in this very tricky and unprecedented time! We hope you have a restful and safe break and look forward to seeing everyone next term!

### ROTATIONS WEEK 1, TERM 3

Our rotation program will start back up in week 1 next term. Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for PE on Fridays.

### YEAR 5/6 & 3/4 CAMPS

Unfortunately our camps program has been cancelled this year and whilst it is disappointing, it also ensures that we maintain as much safety for our staff and students in this time.

### HOMEWORK TERM 3

Next term in order to support families and students in the Senior Unit, we are giving students the **option** to complete homework each week.

We are continuing to provide spelling and maths homework in the form of spelling words from targeted lists and access to activities via Essential Assessment: Sunset Maths for **all** students but it will be not considered mandatory for students to complete weekly.

We feel that with the strain of COVID-19 impacting families in our community, including that of student emotional & mental health, that creating an opportunity to complete homework as optional would support families in this time.

Please keep in mind that **all** students will have work given to them but it is up to **students and families** to decide whether it can be completed in the week that it is due. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher for any concerns or questions.

*Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

Due to restrictions we cannot run the uniform shop in it's current capacity. We will be setting up an online platform through Qkr to purchase items from the start of Term 3. Once the payment comes through to us, we will pack and send home your order with your child.

### 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>)

TESTIMONIAL – "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.*

## OSHC/CCS NEWS

Dear Families,  
Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is starting again on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

If you were receiving CCS before Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020, it will automatically start again if you've stayed eligible and your enrolment is current and confirmed.

Follow these five steps to make sure you've stayed eligible and receive the right amount of CCS:

1. Give Centrelink your 2020/21 family income estimate at:  
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/how-much-you-can-get/your-income-can-affect-it/your-family-income-estimate> to receive the correct CCS percentage and avoid an overpayment.
2. Check your activity hours here:  
<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/how-much-you-can-get/your-activity-level-affects-it> to receive the correct amount of hours of CCS per fortnight\*.

3. Make sure your child meets immunisation requirements here: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/who-can-get-it/immunisation-requirements>.
4. Check your child's enrolment details here: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/how-claim/confirm-enrolment> are current with your child care service and re-enrol if you need to.
5. Confirm your income for 2018/19 here: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/how-much-you-can-get/your-income-can-affect-it/time-limits-confirming-income> if you haven't already by 30 June 2020.

\*From 13 July 2020, the Australian Government is easing the activity test for CCS. This means you may be able to apply for extra activity hours if COVID-19 has affected you. There will be more information about how to do this in July.

If you're new to child care visit:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/news/new-child-care>,

you should claim CCS as soon as possible – information here:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/child-care-subsidy/how-claim>. From 13 July 2020, you'll pay full fees unless you're getting CCS.

For more information, visit here:

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

The Department of Education, Skills and Employment has created an information sheet for families about the transition arrangements for the end of the Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package and the return to CCS, found here:

<https://www.dese.gov.au/document/transition-arrangements-end-early-childhood-education-and-care-relief-package-families>.

## 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. Apologies 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.

## RESPIRE REQUEST

Respite is required for one of our 10 year old female students Friday evening to Monday morning on an ongoing basis either fortnightly or monthly. The carer is in some desperate need of support so she can continue to work.

If you are able to help, please contact Shelley Hall at Anglicare on 5440 1100 or 0437 234 797.

## 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 Music 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

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**GIANT Tennis**

**Term 3 2020**  
10 WEEKS - FROM JULY 13

GROUP LESSONS	TERM FEE
Blue Ball (3-5yrs)	30mins \$100
Red Ball (5-7yrs)	45mins \$130
Orange Ball (7-9yrs)	60mins \$165
Green Ball (9-12yrs)	60mins \$165
Yellow Ball (11+yrs)	60mins \$165
GIANT Adults	60mins \$165
Cardio+Kids	45mins \$15/session*

FEATURING LARGER LESSONS TO INCLUDE MATCH-PLAY!

Semi Private & Private Lessons available - Contact Aidan 0422 150 911

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South Bendigo TC - Stratford/Howe TC - Heilder Gully TC - Castlemaine LTC - Bendigo RSL

# **STUDENT AWARDS – TERM 2, 2020**

## **Outstanding Achievement in English:**

FSJ:	Lyla E	FSN:	Mia T	FSP:	Makenzie B
JC:	Isla G	JR:	Layla F		
MD:	Gregory K	MR:	Alexis C	MW:	Emily A
SA:	Remi CK	SB:	Miller D	SK:	Lilli W
SL:	Taj A				

## **Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics:**

FSJ:	Mila M	FSN:	Ryan W	FSP:	Logan O
JC:	Henry P	JR:	Chase B		
MD:	Beau B	MR:	Harley N	MW:	Chase D
SA:	Lochie C	SB:	Tait R	SK:	Brodie H
SL:	Logan B				

## **Endeavour Award in English:**

FSJ:	Jacob S	FSN:	Mason P	FSP:	Riya S
JC:	Sophie B	JR:	Tyler W		
MD:	Nate S	MR:	Olivia K	MW:	Lacey J
SA:	James G	SB:	Ella R	SK:	Cooper S
SL:	Oliver S				

## **Endeavour Award in Mathematics:**

FSJ:	Addison H	FSN:	Amber L	FSP:	Tasman HL
JC:	Thalia M	JR:	Caleb H		
MD:	Chelsea A	MR:	Taya K	MW:	Snow Win T
SA:	Adalia C	SB:	Wesley H	SK:	Laylah M
SL:	Neriyah T				

## **Outstanding Display of School Values:**

FSJ:	Abigail H	FSN:	Abby M	FSP:	Christopher W
JC:	Scarlett N	JR:	Mia M		
MD:	Isabella B	MR:	Phoebe C	MW:	Isobel Y
SA:	Mia S	SB:	Shelby S	SK:	Mackenzie N
SL:	Zane L				

## **Principal's Award:**

FSJ:	Calae D	FSN:	Sophia C	FSP:	Cooper S
JC:	Liam W	JR:	Vienna F		
MD:	Matilda M	MR:	Alexis C	MW:	Cohen S
SA:	Atila M	SB:	Hugo G	SK:	Ebon M
SL:	Charlotte C				

## **Outstanding Achievement in Art:**

FSJ:	Lyla E	FSN:	Mason P	FSP:	Poppy S
JC:	Hope G	JR:	Keenan S		
MD:	Ty R	MR:	Harley N	MW:	Sienna H
SA:	Jordan M	SB:	James G	SK:	Brodie H
SL:	Matilda B				

## **Outstanding Achievement in MUSIC:**

FSJ:	Claudia V	FSN:	Benji S	FSP:	Riya S
JC:	Braxton L	JR:	Aleeah M		
MD:	Caitlyn B	MR:	Dustan H	MW:	Summah J
SA:	Sophie W	SB:	Mischa W	SK:	Elly V
SL:	Mikayla F				