



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

## CALENDAR

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July

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

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

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

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

Semester 1 Student reports emailed to parents

**STUDENT REPORTING DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY**

School Photo Day – see below for more information

~~Curriculum Day~~

**Rescheduled Curriculum Day**

## School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Welcome back to another school term. Term 3, traditionally, is a term where a lot of work gets done and interruptions are minimized. This year, we wait with baited-breath to see how the term will go. I know the staff and I are hoping that we stay on site with the children, however, if infections suddenly rise in our local area, we would all be sent back home to do our bit to control outbreaks and keep everyone safe. At least we have got to start on site... the same can't be said for our fellow Victorians in Melbourne and Mitchell Shire who are preparing from remote as of Monday. Like many of you, I feel concerned for those in Melbourne and Mitchell Shire and am grateful for what we currently have – on site schooling and not too many changes to daily life. If we all keep doing our bit... here's hoping we can continue like this all term.

### COVID-19 CHANGES

I know the great majority of you are all over changes to our day-to-day operations due to COVID-19, however, changes to Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire did confuse some, so I have condensed our operational changes below to make it clear for everyone.

Like the end of Term 2, due to COVID-19 restrictions we will:

- Restrict adults other than staff on site. Please do not come onto the grounds unless absolutely necessary and definitely not when you feel unwell,
- Only allow children to drink from a drink bottle. Please send a drink bottle to school each day. They can be filled up from taps,
- Encourage and get children to wash hands / sanitise before and after using the toilet, playing outside, eating food, changing rooms etc. Families are encouraged to send children with their own hand sanitiser, however, we have plenty of it at school as well as good old fashioned soap!
- Encourage children to use good cough etiquette, dispose of tissues in the bin, wash hands etc,
- Dismiss children in Prep and Year 1/2 (along with older siblings) at 3:05pm. Years 3 – 6 will dismiss at 3:15pm (normal time),
- Ensure staff social distance and don't congregate in internal areas... as well as encouraging hand hygiene, cough etiquette etc,
- Continue to encourage parents not to congregate outside exits... and if they are waiting outside the school, to social distance,
- Encourage children and families to make use of different entry / exit points to reduce congestion,
- Exclude staff and children who present with flu-like symptoms (ie the symptoms of COVID-19).

### UNWELL?

If your child has cold or flu-like symptoms, they must stay home. In the current climate, please seek medical advice and get tested for COVID-19, especially if requested 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**

Just reminding families that our camps have been cancelled and will not operate this year. Refund details of amounts paid have been communicated directly with each family concerned. If you have any queries, please contact the Office.

## **EXCURSIONS**

In the current climate, excursions and incursions are possible for our children, as long as we do not travel to Melbourne or Mitchell Shire. It's a bit day-by-day at the moment, so we will think about excursions etc in the coming weeks once we see how the COVID-19 situation is going. Ideally, we'd like to bring a few normal things back into program.

## **REPORTS – SEMESTER 1**

Semester 1 reports will be sent home next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> July. These will not be printed unless requested, due to COVID-19 concerns. Reports will be emailed to families Friday... please check your email Friday afternoon to read your child's report. If you have changed your email address, please contact the Office to update your records. Please remember that progression points showing your child's level and growth will only change for those in Prep & Year 1/2. Children in Years 3 – 6 will not have progression points altered. This does not mean your child has not moved with their learning, rather, due to COVID-19 and less face to face time, assessments have not been able to be administered to accurately gauge where a child is at. Rather than guess, we have left children where they were at December 2019 and will add more detail during interviews.

## **STAFFING**

Kate Dole has continued to work remotely during Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 3 at this stage. Due to this, Leisha Morrison is teaching her class.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Still plenty of odd jumpers and hoodies being worn to school. Please ensure your child is wearing the current uniform, including jumper, zip-ups etc. If you have a shortage of uniform, just send your child to school in a plain zip up (black) from Kmart etc. Lowes obviously stock plenty of our uniform if your child has outgrown uniform and our BHPS Parents and Friends now enable you to buy second-hand uniform via our Qkr app for only \$2 each. Please ensure you send your child to school in uniform.

## **READING GOAL**

225 nights for the year is possible for all students. Keep encouraging nightly reading at home – regardless of age or Year level. Reading each night for 20 minutes is important for all children.

## **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

On Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, our teachers will be conducting "Parent Teacher Student Interviews" throughout the day. Interviews will be done over the phone, unless your child's teacher makes contact to suggest another platform such as WebEx. To book in for an interview, please visit the following site: [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and use the log on code "vxrwp" to access Big Hill Parent Teacher Interviews. Interview times allocated are from 8:00am – 6:00pm, all set for 20 minutes (5 minutes longer than usual just to take into account the logistics of phone calls OR WebEx connections etc). When logging into the site, choose your child's teacher and select a time that suits you for the phone call to occur. If available times don't suit you, please email your child's teacher to negotiate a different time to catch up. When participating in the interview, we encourage you to have your child present to contribute to their voice to how they are progressing.

## **PUPIL FREE DAY – REPORTING**

To enable Parent Teacher Interviews to occur, Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July is a Pupil Free Day to enable staff to conduct interviews... as well as allow children to be with parents during interview sessions. This has been shared previously for organisational purposes, however, shared again today as a reminder.

## **MEASLES, CHICKEN POX ETC**

The Royal Children's Hospital has an important request for all families to be aware of. One of our wonderful students is receiving medical treatment that puts her at risk if she develops chicken pox or measles. The risk for this child can be reduced by receiving a special injection as soon as possible after coming in contact with these illnesses. It is very important therefore, that you let us know immediately if your child develops chicken pox or measles, so that the child at risk receives the protective injection at the earliest opportunity. This protection lasts for a few weeks only, and must be repeated every time they come into contact with these illnesses. Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation, however, the health and wellbeing of the particular student does depend on your help and cooperation. Thanks in advance for your care, consideration for this wonderful little person and cooperation in reporting any case of chicken pox or measles immediately in the future.

## **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 (a composite photo of each individual child in each class will be provided as a substitute instead). 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 Levi B, Alaena H, Patrick R, Logan O, Kirra W, Jack E, Kaylie A, Chloe-Isabell W, Tom S, Mileah G & Tom C.

This week has been delightful, having the children return from a good rest and being ready to learn. Behaviour has been excellent to date...and all seem to be working very hard with their teachers. It's a very positive start...let's keep it going everyone.

Until next week...

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **WELCOME BACK**

We are so happy to safely welcome back our students and families to Term 3. Our hearts and minds are of course with Ella M, and we send out to Ella and her family all our love and best wishes as she continues her battle with leukaemia. We hope that you all had a relaxing break and are ready to begin this usually very productive term. Our students have settled back into school very well this week and we continue to be so proud of their independence with walking into and out of school each day. Also just a reminder that our bubble taps are still not available at this stage and your child will still need a labelled drink bottle each day.

### **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

The First Steps Unit are looking for someone to volunteer to contact some readers. We will provide the contact, we just need someone to volunteer their time in covering them for us. Please let Jen, Nicole or Pauline know if you are happy to provide this service.

### **SPELLING – PREP AND YEAR 1**

We have recommenced our Spelling program this term for both our Prep and Year 1 students. You will find 5 words in their Take Home Book, to be practised each night and tested weekly. It is important that their Take Home Books remain in their black reader bag and are returned to school each day.

### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

*For working hard and producing a high quality recount of their school holidays during Writing:*

**FSN** Remi R  
**FSP** Harper O  
**FSJ** Jobe D

*Nicole, Jen, Pauline & Sharyn*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **WELCOME BACK**

The Junior Unit staff would like to welcome all students and families back to school for what promises to be another great term.

The children have had a wonderful start to Term 3 and are all very settled and eager to learn. We hope that you all enjoyed a nice, relaxing break and we are looking forward to an exciting 10 week term.

## **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

As outlined in today's newsletter, all families will have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with classroom teachers on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July. This day will be a Pupil Free Day and interviews will be conducted remotely due to current restrictions. If you would like to discuss how your child has settled back in to school since remote learning, or have anything you'd like to ask or learn about your child's academic progress after reading their report, please log in to the school interview portal and book an interview time. 20 minutes have been set aside for each booking to allow for connection time to Webex or possible technical issues which may occur. Interviews will run for 10-15 minutes each. Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and use the log on code "vxrwp".

## **HOMEWORK**

Following a great deal of research over the past few months, we have decided to trial a new phonological awareness program this term. This program allows children to look at the parts of words and how words are formed and can be manipulated. As such, we will not be sending home spelling words this term for children to practise. The children will still be tested each week on words relating to our weekly phonics focus in order to assess their understanding of the lesson content and their ability to maintain information from these lessons. We thank you for your support in this area. We urge parents to ensure daily reading practise is undertaken as this is critically important to your child's ability to progress in their reading comprehension, accuracy, fluency and expansion of their vocabulary (CAFÉ).

## **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For enthusiastically sharing their prior knowledge of marine animals as we begin our learning on biological science:*

**JR** Connor W  
**JC** Tristion D

*Catherine & Rhys*

## **MIDDLE UNIT NEWS**

### **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome back to all students, staff and families. We hope you had a safe and relaxing holiday.

### **REPORTS**

Just a reminder that Semester 1 student reports will be emailed to parents next Friday. If your email address is not registered at the Office then alternative arrangements will be made to send reports home.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> July. We will be conducting phone interviews throughout the day. Please visit [www.schoolinterviews.com](http://www.schoolinterviews.com) and use code vxrwp to book an interview time with your child's teacher. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress. Communication between home and school is very important.

## BILLABONG RANCH CAMP

As indicated in the last Term 2 newsletter, the Middle Unit camp to Billabong Ranch has been cancelled this year.

## MATHEMATICS

This term we will be focusing on multiplication, division and fractions. Please support your child in learning the times tables. You may wish to display a times tables wall chart or use the copy in the back of your child's homework booklet.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

MD *Mia P*  
MR *Addisyn J*  
MW *Shanay O*

*Rena, Sandra, Wendy & Dean*

## **SENIOR UNIT NEWS**

### WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to all members of our school community! We are so happy to see our students return after a safe break. Just a few reminders for students to bring a drink bottle and if they can bring an individual hand sanitiser, that would be great.

### ROTATIONS

Rotations will be starting tomorrow. Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear and clothing organised for PE with Brett.

### HOMEWORK

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.

## YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Unfortunately our camp 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.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be conducted via phone by Senior Unit staff. When making a booking, please include a phone number that will allow you to be contactable, you will see an unknown or No Caller ID number on your phone which will most likely be your child's teacher. Please visit [www.schoolinterviews.com](http://www.schoolinterviews.com) and use code vxrwp.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For demonstrating a positive mindset:*

SA *Shelby C*  
SB *Mischa W*  
SK *Ben M*  
SL *Xavier M*

*Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

We now have our online platform through Qkr open to purchase items. Once the payment comes through to us, we will pack and send home your order with your child. If it is ordered before 5:30pm it will be sent home the next school day, but if it is after 5:30pm, it will be sent home the day after that.

### 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>)

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

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

### EXCITING NEWS!

As some activities have had to be cancelled this year, we thought that we could enjoy one of the students' favourite days and have pizza TWICE this term!

The first pizza day will be mid-term on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August, and the second one at the end of term as usual.

Orders can be placed now on the Qkr app, or over the phone to the Office. No cash orders please. Don't forget, you can also order iced treats via the app, eliminating the need for cash on the day.

## 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.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

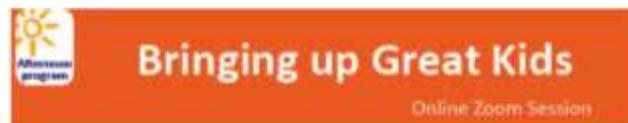
Issue 5 is now available to peruse and order online. Apologies, but due to the current climate, we are unable to send out paper copies.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



The City of Greater Bendigo has asked us to remind parents and students of social distancing requirements while using our school crossings.

Please maintain your 1.5 metre distancing from the school crossing supervisor while at the crossing. If we can keep the crossing supervisors safe, they will be able to continue assisting our students to get to and from school safely.



Parents would you like to.....

- Build strong and positive relationships with your children?
- Increase your children's confidence and resilience?
- Listen and talk more with your children?
- Understand your children's behaviour and how to respond to them?

### Term 3, 2020

**When:** Thursdays, 23 July - 10 September 2020  
(8 weekly sessions)

**Time:** Check in 12.15pm  
Sessions 12.30pm - 2.00pm

**Where:** Online Zoom Sessions

**Cost:** Free

**Facilitators:** CCS Family and Relationship Services

**Maximum 8 participants. Bookings are essential**

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to start date. Please register early



For bookings and enquiries contact Reception on 5447 1300 or email@ccs.org.au

## Building Resilience in Kids

Online Zoom Sessions



Resilience is the ability to cope with ups and downs, bounce back and even grow in the face of challenges.

Resilience is not just about managing current stressors, but also developing skills for dealing with challenges throughout life and enhancing mental health.

Learn how you can help kids develop skills, habits and attitudes for building resilience:

- Building good relationships
- Independence
- Confidence to face challenges
- Managing emotions

### Term 3, 2020

**When:** Evening Session: Monday 20th July 2020

**Time:** 7.30pm - 9.00pm

**When:** Day Session: Friday 24th July 2020

**Time:** 10.30am - 12.00pm

**Where:** Online Zoom Session

**Cost:** Free

**Facilitators:** CCS Family and Relationship Services

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to start date. Please register early



For bookings and enquiries contact Reception on 5447 1300 or email@ccs.org.au

## Boys Brains

Online Zoom Session



This workshop will give insight in to the workings of a boy's brain and how their needs are different to girls'.

It will provide practical strategies to help parents understand boys' needs and how to meet them.

### Term 3, 2020

**When:** Evening Session: Monday 27 July 2020

**Time:** 7.30pm - 9.00pm

**When:** Day Session: Friday 31st July 2020

**Time:** 10.30am - 12.00pm

**Where:** Online Zoom Session

**Cost:** Free

**Facilitators:** CCS Family and Relationship Services

Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged



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For more information about other program sessions, please download the Term 3 'What's On across the Region' Newsletter: <https://ccds.org.au/newsletters/>

**FRIDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**PIZZA DAY MEAL**  
**\$5.00**



**HAWAIIAN**  
**OR**  
**MEATLOVERS**  
**OR**  
**VEGETARIAN**



**WITH PRIMA OR MILK**

(No choice in flavours, sorry, can only choose between prima or milk)

- ✚ If you wish to order an extra slice, the cost is \$2.00 per slice
- ✚ Orders can be put in an envelope, or ordered on our Qkr app
- ✚ Orders are to be placed in the classroom or ordered using the Qkr app by 9am Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> August. Late orders cannot be accepted.
- ✚ AND YOU CAN NOW ORDER ICED TREATS ON QKR!

**THE CANTEEN'S NORMAL FOOD MENU  
IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**