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THURSDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY 2021

CALENDAR

Thursday, 25th February
Friday, 26th February
Monday, 1st March

Tuesday, 2nd March
Wednesday, 3rd March
Friday, 5th March

Monday, 8th March
Tuesday, 9th March
Wednesday, 24th March
Thursday, 31st March

Thursday, 1st April

Senior Unit Parent Information Night 5:30pm
Year 5 Personal Leadership Training
Junior Unit 'All About Me' books due back to Teachers
Guess the Easter Eggs Competition begins
Somers Camp

PREPS LAST DAY OFF

Litter Free Lunch Day

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Prep School Nurse forms due back to Teachers
Hot Cross Bun Order Forms / Money due at the Office (or on Qkr) by 3:15pm
Hot Cross Bun Collection Day & Guess The Easter Egg Competition & Easter Raffle Drawn

LAST DAY FOR TERM 1 – EARLY DISMISSAL OF 2:15PM

School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It's been nothing short of wonderful returning to on site learning all of this week. Having our students back in classes, with teachers in place whilst implementing excellent teaching and learning programs is what it is all about. Hopefully the rest of the year can be like this. With Week 5 now approaching an end, we are officially at the half-way mark of the term. This brings home to all of us the importance of making the most of the time we have – now. If your child's time at school goes so fast, you cannot afford to not hear them read, spend time helping them with homework tasks, or have valuable conversations with them. We know how time flies... so let's all make the most of the time we have with our children / students.

CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

- Wear a mask when indoors or if you cannot social distance 1.5m,
- Hand sanitise on entry to the school grounds,
- Stay off site if unwell,
- Keep children at home if unwell – sore throat, runny nose, cough, fever/chills etc. Children at school who are unwell have to be sent home – please ensure your emergency contacts are up-to-date,
- If your child has a recurring illness with symptoms similar to COVID-19, such as an allergy, persistent cough etc the advice is you must take your child to see a GP, get COVID tested and return your child to school with a doctor's certificate and negative test result.

PREP WEDNESDAYS OFF

Next **Wednesday, 3rd March** is also Prep free to catch up on the students who missed out on school entry assessments when the LOCKDOWN occurred. Next Wednesday will be the final day where Preps stay home. Full time school attendance for Prep will begin in Week 7, on Tuesday, 9th March (Monday is the Labour Day Holiday).

NEWSLETTERS

Our newsletter is available each Thursday afternoon on our website www.bighillps.vic.edu.au. Reminders to read the newsletter are also usually posted on our Facebook Page (search BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL), with a direct link to the newsletter provided. It is also available through our Flexischools app and it will notify you when the newsletter is ready. If you would like the newsletter emailed to you, please contact Janet Dean (Janet.Dean@education.vic.gov.au) in the Office if you would like to be added to our Distribution List. Limited printed copies of the newsletter are also available in the foyer of the school.

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EXCHANGES

It's been a busy week with INFORMATION SESSIONS running on Monday (Junior Unit), Tuesday (Middle Unit), Wednesday (First Steps) and the Senior Unit running their session tonight... Thursday at 5:30pm. It was great to see parents taking the time to come on site and catch up with teachers, hear about the year, what is expected, have questions answered and view student learning environments and work samples also. Some of you couldn't make the session due to the short-notice when we had to postpone the original meetings due to the LOCKDOWN. Please contact your child's teacher if you missed the meeting and they should be able to send information home to you. Our staff are always approachable and can be contacted via phone, email, Webex, DoJo etc. Staff email details are shared on our school website for your information.

YEAR 5 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Tomorrow all Year 5 students will be trained in THE YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAM. One of the Senior Unit Team and I will spend the day with our Year 5's in the multipurpose, setting them up with the skills of leadership in preparation for their final two years as senior students at our school. Training manuals and homework will come home with all Year 5's. Please ensure you have a chat to your child (if they are in Year 5) about the training and what they have to do at home to model their LEADERSHIP skills. With all of 2021 and 2022 ahead of them, they are sure to be outstanding leaders by the time they commence secondary school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We had a busy night on Tuesday as we conducted the February meeting and first of the year for our School Council. This was the final meeting of our current council, with new members (when elected) commencing at our AGM and March meeting on 23rd March. See election process and timeline below. Our February meeting had a large finance focus, as we approved many policies relating to school finances and scrutinized and approved all the operations undertaken in December 2020, January and February 2021. In addition to this, we were updated with what's been happening in classes across the school – and even what might be coming up in the coming months, eg. the Year 3/4 Camp to Billabong Ranch. We also had time to look over the exciting activities the P&F have planned for the year. If you have an interest in joining School Council, feel free to call me or email Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

A big congratulations to Connor S and Charlotte C who are our School Captains for 2021. Supporting our leaders in 2021 are our amazing Vice School Captains... Ben M and Matilda R. Well done to our 4 leaders. I look forward to working with them and seeing them develop as School Leaders throughout 2021. Leadership badges will be presented at Monday's assembly, 9:00am in the undercover area. Parents / family of Connor, Charlotte, Ben and Matilda are invited to attend. Never fear if you can't make it though, we'll take photos for our Facebook Page also.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (FORMERLY KNOWN AS STUDENT VOICE)

SRC applications have closed this week. Cara, our Chaplain, is busy looking over letters, compiling a shortlist which will be used to determine 2 SRC representatives from each class in Years 2-6. An announcement will be made shortly, with badges presented in the coming weeks to those successful.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS –

Information for parents from the Department of Education and Training (DET)

What is a school council and what does it do? All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad directions of a school in accordance with their constituting Order and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council? For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership: 1. A mandated elected Parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. DET employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school. 2. A mandated elected DET employee member category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members. 3. An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is parent membership so important? Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Do I need special experience to be on school council? Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

Code of conduct for school councillors - School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*. School councillors must abide by the *Code of Conduct – Employees* issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to: **act with honesty and integrity** (be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty), **act in good faith** in the best interests of the school (work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds), **act fairly and impartially** (consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self interest), **use information appropriately** (respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available), **exercise due care, diligence and skill** (accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school), **use the position appropriately** (not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage), **act in a financially responsible manner** (observe all the above principles when making financial decisions), **comply with relevant legislation and policies** (know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law) AND **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** (set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable).

Indemnity for school council members: School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in: the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council. In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

How can you become involved? The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might consider: standing for election as a member of the school council OR encouraging another person to stand for election.

What do you need to do to stand for election? The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year (*It's included in today's newsletter as part of School Council Elections information*). All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent member category (*forms available from the Office*). DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for Parent membership of the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember: Consider standing for election to school council this year. Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do. Be sure to vote in the elections – if we have more nominations than positions. Contact the Principal (Matt Pearce) for further information.

AN ELECTION IS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL OF BIG HILL PS

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Office and must be lodged by 3:15pm on Friday, 5th March 2021. If a ballot is required (depending on the number of nominations), this will close at 3:15pm on Friday, 12th March 2021.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of Office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership Category	Terms of Office	Currently Held by	Number of Positions
Department of Education and Training	March 2021 – March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pauline Mulcair • Kate Dole <p><i>(Both will need to renominate if they wish to continue)</i></p>	2
Parent	March 2021 – March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toby Sullivan • Shane Chapman • Naomi Pietzsch <p><i>(Toby, Shane and Naomi will need to renominate if they wish to continue)</i></p>	3

Please feel free to contact me for further information. Nomination forms are available from the Office or can be organised to be sent home for signing.

ELECTION TIMELINE

- Friday, 5th February** Call for nominations (forms available from the Office)
- Friday, 5th March** Closing date for nominations (forms must be returned to the Office by 3:15pm on this date). Nominations assessed and the need for a ballot decided.
If ballot is not required, new School Council announced and meet soon after this date.
OR Ballot set up (if required)
- Friday, 12th March** Close of Ballot (if required)
- Tuesday, 16th March** Counting of Ballot (if required)
Declaration of Ballot
New School Council announced and will meet shortly after this date

ABSENCES AND LATE ARRIVALS

If your child is going to be away, please notify your child's teacher or the Office. As we have to code all absences, also advise why your child is away eg. ill, appointment, family holiday etc. Please ensure absences are advised before 10:00am on the day of the absence. You can call the school and let us know, leave a voice message or text 0438 738 788 to advise who is absent, the date/s and why. When your child arrives late at school, please ensure you sign them in at the Office. This will ensure your child is marked as late only... and not absent. Late arrivals should be a rare occurrence – remember that fundamental literacy skills are taught traditionally in the first hour of the day and children can't afford to miss out.

TUTOR PROGRAM

May McLean and Zoe Wright have been busy working this week with students from Year 1-2 (May) and Year 3-6 (Zoe) who have been identified as requiring some catch-up support as a result of 2020 COVID LOCKDOWNS. You might discover that May or Zoe are working with your child this year – and if this is the case, feel free to make contact and introduce yourself. There's plenty of things you could be doing at home to help your child get the most out of this additional support – so feel free to call the school or email Zoe.Wright@education.vic.gov.au or May.McLean@education.vic.gov.au to discuss how.

SOMERS CAMP – NEXT WEEK!

Next week a small group of our Year 5/6's are lucky enough to be heading off to Somers Camp. Somers is a DET school camp – meaning that the cost of the camp is very reasonable as the staff and facilities are part of DET (Department of Education and Training) and are not costed to participants. This makes the 9 day camp extremely affordable to those lucky enough to be randomly selected. As our students head off on Tuesday, 2nd March, we wish them a happy time away from Big Hill PS and look forward to seeing them back on site on Thursday, 11th March. Any questions relating to Somers Camp can be directed to Ainsley Stanley – Ainsley.Stanley@education.vic.gov.au, however, by now those attending should hopefully be all set to go!

SMILE SQUAD – DATE FOR FORMS TO BE RETURNED EXTENDED

They have been here visiting students this week and will continue into next week. If you haven't returned your form yet, you can return it by TOMORROW to be included in the program.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Alexis W, Claudia V, Jackson B, Harper O, Mason L, Thalia M & Khye H.

With Summer coming to an end, here's hoping the weekend provides you with some time to get outside and enjoy the great outdoors.

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

FIRST STEPS INFORMATION EVENING

We would like to thank all our families that came along to our First Steps Information Evening last night. Hopefully you all had a chance to learn more about the curriculum we offer, the programs we run and the staff in our Unit.

PREP WEDNESDAY DAYS OFF

Just a reminder that Prep students are not required at school next Wednesday, 3rd March. This will be their final Wednesday at home before commencing school full time. Thank you to all families who have brought their children in for assessment on these days.

INQUIRY

This term for our Inquiry we are focusing on 'Learning to Learn'. The children have been looking at what makes a good classroom, our classroom routines and how to get along with others.

This week we have been working on one of our school values 'Be Responsible'. We have been discussing how we can be responsible at school by: looking after your belongings, making good choices, being on time to class, follow school rules and listening to others, just to name a few.

HOME READING

Congratulations to all the students who have completed 25 nights of home reading this week. Reading awards will be handed out at our whole school assembly on Monday.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by staying focused during learning time:

FSN Conna B

FSP Daryl Y

FSR Otis M

Nicole, Leisha, Pauline & Rhys

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

HOME READING

We are so happy to see that so many of our children are consistently reading at home this year and look forward to presenting the first of many reading awards at next week's assembly!

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

We would like to thank the parents that came along to our Parent Information Evening on Monday. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to hear firsthand what we are doing in the classroom and taking the opportunity to look through your child's work.

For those that were unable to attend, we sent a copy of the slideshow through Class Dojo and are happy for you to make contact should you require any further information.

CLASS DOJO

If you have not already connected to our Class Dojo please check your email accounts to find your invitation and join up as soon as possible. Should we return to remote learning at any stage this year, this will be our main form of communication with families.

We will also be using Class Dojo throughout the year to reward students for good behaviour and achievements and to send and receive messages between home and school.

ALL ABOUT ME BOOKS

A few weeks ago your child brought home an 'All About Me' mini book which we would like them to complete at home and return to school by the beginning of next week (Monday, 1st March). Please take the time to help your child work through the booklet as neatly as possible.

Once returned to school your child will share their booklet with the class and answer questions about their favourite things and themselves. We look forward to hearing all about our new students and the things they love.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating a happy and enthusiastic attitude towards all aspects of their classwork:

JC **Sienna B**
JJ **Jazmine T**

Catherine, Jen & Zoe

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

INFORMATION EVENING

We would like to thank all the parents and families who attended our Information Evening on Tuesday.

If you require further information regarding our programs or your child's learning please contact the classroom teacher via Dojo or email:

wendy.hicks@education.vic.gov.au
renae.westley@education.vic.gov.au
dean.white@education.vic.gov.au

WEEK 5

The Middle Unit students have been very busy this week completing a range of assessment tasks in Mathematics and Reading. Other areas of learning during Week 5 include: narrative writing, making connections and place value.

LIBRARY

We would like to encourage students to borrow books from the Library on a weekly basis. These books may include: picture story, Junior/Middle fiction or non-fiction books. Students may prefer to select 'just right' or 'interest' books. Thank you to the students who have brought in their Library bags this year.

SPECIALIST TIMETABLE

2021	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Unit	P.E.				Homework Due Rotations
34R		Library	Art	Music Chinese	
34D	Library		Chinese	Music Art	
34W			Library Music	Art Chinese	

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect':

MW **Isabella G**
MR **Henry P**
MD **Willow W**

Renae, Leisha, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

HOMEWORK

This year in order to support families and students in the Senior Unit, we are giving students the **option** to complete homework each week. Students will be provided 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 and the extra-curricular activities that impact on families as students progress throughout their schooling, we want to support all students emotional & mental health.

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 LEADERSHIP DAY

This will be taking place TOMORROW, Friday, 26th February.

YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP

Student booklets are to be returned to school TOMORROW, Friday, 26th Friday.

CAPTAINS / VICE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to all students who applied for leadership roles. School Captains and Vice Captains have been announced and details surrounding their badge ceremony are to come.

SOMERS CAMP

This commences for selected students next week on Tuesday, 2nd March. The cost is \$260 and is to be paid to the Office. Notes about drop off and pick up times have been sent home. Please contact the Office if you didn't receive one.

CAMPS AND SPORTS PROGRAMS

This year the Senior Unit will be participating in a range of activities including the Year 5/6 Camp (Year 3/4 Camp for our Year 4's), Swimming and Gymnastics programs.

At this stage the bookings for these are as follows:
Gymnastics at Palmers Gym- Week 1 Term 3
Coastal Forest Camp – Week 1 Term 4
Swimming at Golden Square Pool- Week 10 Term 4

We will be advising of costs and sending permission notes closer to the dates mentioned.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

If you are unable to make it to our Parent Information Night TONIGHT at 5:30pm, you can view our Senior Unit Presentation here:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18RhcrbwvXGWq3-ZatP5frip0c7WzpxpgWe9_2nCNaQk/edit?usp=sharing

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing leadership qualities in the Senior Unit:

- SA** *Charlotte C*
- SB** *Owen G*
- SK** *Connor S*
- SL** *Piper H*

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is going really well on Thursdays. It is open from 8:30am to 8:45am and all students are welcome ☺.

We have Cheerios, Weetbix, milk and fruit cups.

OSHC NEWS

ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Please remember to make fortnightly payments to keep your accounts manageable and to secure your place in the program.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Janet Dean, OSHC Admin

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Our stock on the Qkr app has been updated to our Summer stock, so get in quick – ALL ITEMS \$2. If you don't have access to the Qkr app, please contact Janet in the Office to see what is available.

We do still have some winter uniform, so if you need something, please call Janet in the Office.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

“Let’s Get Moving IncurSION”

“Let’s Get Moving is back! This is the fourth year Alli Watts has provided a dance program that is suitable and engaging for all of our students.

For those not familiar with Alli’s program and performance, it is a dance inspired fun movement to music program, developed by local primary educator, Alli Watts.

“Let’s Get Moving” incorporates fitness, performing arts, beat, rhythm and many other components of the curriculum. Routines are age specific.

Presenter Alli Watts will work with every class for three sessions, commencing on Monday, 22nd March and culminating in a whole school performance on Friday, 26th March.

The cost per student is \$15 and if you have applied for the CSEF, it will be covered by these funds.

Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend as in previous years due the COVID-19 social distancing requirements.

Please complete, detach and return the note and make payment by Wednesday, 17th March.

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“Let’s Get Moving”

Child/ren name/s: _____ Home Group/s: _____

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I have made payment via Qkr, or ticked the box below to use the CSEF, or will come into the Office or call the Office to pay for my child/ren’s participation in the “Let’s Get Moving” program commencing on Monday, 22nd March to be conducted at school.

Signed: _____
(parent/guardian)

Date: _____

- Qkr
- CSEF
- EFTPOS

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

GUESS THE EASTER EGGS COMPETITION

Our guess the Easter Eggs competition will be starting on Monday, 1st March at the Office.

It will be 50 cents a guess and the lucky winner of the jar (closest to the number if not exactly the number) will be drawn on Wednesday, 31st March.

Good luck to everyone and we hope you all enjoy this competition again this year!

EASTER RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are running our annual Easter Raffle again this year and would greatly appreciate if any families might be able to donate something towards the raffle.

If you need some ideas, here are a few things you might like to donate:

- ✚ Easter Eggs
- ✚ Easter Craft Activities
- ✚ Blocks of Chocolate
- ✚ Easter Baskets
- ✚ Cellophane or Wrapping Paper

We would like to thank all families again so much for your support with our fundraisers, we couldn't do it without you!

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE & EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

We are running our annual Hot Cross Bun Drive and Easter Raffle again this year.

We will be sending home order forms and raffle tickets on Monday, 1st March with your child.

If you don't receive your order form or raffle tickets, there are spares at the Office for you to collect. Also if you would like any extra raffle ticket books, they will also be at the Office to collect.

Order Forms will need to be returned to the Office and paid for by Wednesday, 24th March.

You can pay at the Office or using our Qkr app.

Collection Day for the Hot Cross Buns will be on Wednesday, 31st March. More information to come closer to the collection date.

P&F FACEBOOK PAGE

Keep up to date with our P&F activities by joining our Facebook Community:

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.

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

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY NEWS

CONFIRM YOUR INCOME!

As part of Child Care Subsidy balancing, families need to confirm their income.

For the 2018–19 financial year families need to do this by 31 March 2021. The deadline has been extended from 30 June 2020 to 31 March 2021 because of COVID-19.

Services Australia is sending letters to families this week reminding them to confirm their 2018-2019 income. Many families may be unfamiliar with this process. If you don't confirm your income by 31 March 2021 your CCS will stop. This means you'll be charged full fees when you use OSHC.

If families confirm their income after 31 March, their CCS can start again but it won't be back paid. Please read the letter from Services Australia.

There's also a fact sheet to help families understand the process here: <https://www.dese.gov.au/child-care-package/resources/information-sheet-confirming-income>

If you have any questions, please contact Services Australia 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>

COMMUNITY NEWS



we've got BIG NEWS

KANGAROO FLAT MARKET

IS BACK AGAIN

COVID RESTRICTIONS AND WEATHER PERMITTING
WITH BARGAINS GALORE

This SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

@ Kangaroo Flat Uniting Church (opposite ALDI)

8am - 1pm - Enquiries 0417 059 733 -



2021 FAMILY FUN DAY

FEB 28 10AM

STANLEY AVENUE

FREE ENTRY - FREE PRIZES FOR PLAYERS
CANTEN OPEN - CASH AND LEFTYS
COFFEE - VAN OR BITE
NEW MERCHANDISE ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE
MEET THE SENIOR PLAYERS

ANY QUERIES EMAIL BOUNDSOCIALCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM

Litter Free Lunch

Friday, 5th March

as a part of Schools Clean Up Day

It's important to do what we can to decrease the waste we're contributing to landfill. Our school does have a litter issue and we are trying to combat it. Please help us to reduce our litter and waste problems.

What we do at Big Hill PS:

- Organics bin in each classroom to collect food scraps,
- Mixed Recycle bins,
- Cardboard and paper collection. This is collected separately to the mixed recycling and recycled as paper and cardboard,
- Encourage families to bring as little food packaging as possible to school,
- Ask families to label all food containers and drink bottles so they can easily be returned to children,
- Tubs are located outside each room so if children take containers and drink bottles outside they can return them to the tub when they have finished with them,
- Each class has a clean-up area that they ensure is rubbish free, clean and safe.

Waste free means only packing items that can be composted or recycled and that won't end up in the garbage bin. That means, no plastic wrap, no foil, no zip lock bags and no packaged foods. Please use containers on Friday, 5th March and if there are any wrappings, children will bring them home in their lunch box.

5 Easy Tips for Packing Waste-Free Lunches from www.recyclenation.com

1. Pack food that has its own container like a banana,
2. Invest in a good quality reusable lunch box,
3. Think reusable for utensils, containers, napkins, etc,
4. Ask your child to bring home their lunch leftovers and rubbish,
5. Have your children help shop for and pack their lunches.

