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THURSDAY, 13TH MAY 2021

CALENDAR

Friday, 14th May

Friday, 21st May
Monday, 24th May

Tuesday, 25th May
Wednesday, 26th May

Thursday, 27th May

Thursday, 27th May – Thursday, 3rd June

Wednesday, 2nd June

Friday, 4th June

Monday, 7th June
Thursday, 10th June
Tuesday, 15th June
Thursday, 24th June
Friday, 25th June

2022 YEAR 7 APPLICATION FORMS DUE AT THE OFFICE

Prep CSEF Uniform (State Schools' Relief) order forms due back at the Office

First Steps / Junior Unit Excursion payment of \$40 due

Education Week commences

Special Assembly at 9:00am

2022 Foundation Parents School Tour at 10:00am

2022 Foundation Information Session / Tour from 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Current families school tour 9:30am – 10:30am –

Especially for those families who missed out due to COVID-19 regulations in 2020

Active Travel to School Day and FREE breakfast

P&F Cake Stall from 8:30am

National Reconciliation Week

First Steps / Junior Unit Excursion – please be at school by 8:15am, return approx 4:00pm

CURRICULUM DAY

Payment due for Middle Unit Melbourne Museum Excursion

Middle Unit Melbourne Museum Excursion

P&F Elmore Bakery Pie Drive Order forms and payment due

P&F Elmore Bakery Pie Drive delivery day 3:00pm to 4:00pm

LAST DAY FOR TERM 2 – early dismissal of 2:15pm

School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

As Week 4 draws to a close, this week has been extremely busy, particularly for our Year 3 and 5's with NAPLAN testing. As we head into the mid part of Term 2, classroom assessments are being undertaken to prepare for Semester 1 report writing. You can expect to receive these near the end of term.

CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

I continue to run this information at the front of the newsletter for your quick reference... enabling you to keep up-to-date with ever-changing information. For now, things remain similar to recent weeks... and hopefully the situation in Melbourne (announced in the media yesterday) is not of concern in the coming weeks. For now, please:

- Wear a mask when you can't social distance. Preference is to wear a mask in the Office, but you don't have to if there are no others in the foyer and you can social distance,
- 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,
- If you are asked to self-isolate, please advise the Office and do not come on site,
- Sign in at the Office if you are on site longer than the period of time taken to drop off OR pick up your child. The sign-in book is located at the Office.

CONCERNS, QUERIES, WORRIES ETC

From time to time we all have concerns or worries for our child/ren. Whilst making contact with myself is always an option, I suggest having direct contact with your child's teacher. They, of course, know your child best and is at the forefront of where your child learns and socialises. If there is an issue, it will be them that know what might be happening etc. All of our staff are professional, so if you have a worry, even if it might be about something happening in the class, please endeavour to work with your child's teacher first. Honestly – the key to success for any child at school is regular communication between school and home... and this should be teacher / parent and vice versa.

RAVENSWOOD BUS

Our Ravenswood bus was having difficulty parking in the top loop car park due to parents parking in the 5 minutes bays for longer than the time allowed. Can I ask parents to abide by parking time limits when using the drop off/pick up zones please? The help ensure the bus is not held up, or require cars to be moved, we have the Ravenswood bus picking up from the bus bay on the Calder Highway on dismissal. To ensure that the bus can collect students at 3:15pm, please ensure you never park in the bus bay area. Thank you.

PARKING ON THE CALDER HIGHWAY AND GEE ROAD

I've advised numerous times that parking along the Calder Highway is both dangerous and illegal. I can't change what you do on the open roads, but do have a responsibility to alert you to the dangers you face by parking there... and also the inherent danger you put your children in by doing so.

Ideally, the simplest solution is not to park on the Calder Highway at all. If your child is old enough to wait 5 minutes, you could collect without fuss when the crowd from dismissal have left. Another option is for your child, again if old enough, is to walk down to Phillis Street and meet you there where you can safely park off the road.

We've recently had a phone call from a concerned resident on Gee Road, alerting us to parents parking illegally and obscuring access to Gee Road (an exit). If this continues, the Police will be called by the resident, which is totally fair enough. Again – simple solution is not to park illegally or risk a fine by the police.

NAPLAN

Today we the last of our NAPLAN tests for 2021. Our Year 3's and 5's can rest now and get back into a normal Friday routine tomorrow. NAPLAN reports are generated later in the year and are sent home to families. Whilst useful, NAPLAN is a snapshot of your child on one day. One test does not give you an accurate view of what your child can and can't do. The best indicator of your child's ability is the judgement given by your child's teacher (based on multiple tests and assessments) – however, NAPLAN is another consideration to align what the teacher is saying. Unfortunately, some children don't enjoy the test format, suffer anxiety / stress and don't complete the test appropriately... and it's these times where NAPLAN really does not indicate where a child is.

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Monday I will be attending the GRIP STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE with our 4 school leaders and many other chosen student leaders and staff from across Bendigo and our Region. The day will be a wonderful opportunity for Connor, Charlotte, Ben and Matilda to polish up their already glistening leadership skills during this interactive training day in Bendigo.

CURRICULUM DAY – ADVANCED WARNING

You may have noticed in the Calendar section of the newsletter that our Term 2 Curriculum Day is fast approaching. In Week 7, on Friday, 4th June, all of our students will have a pupil-free day. Our staff will be busy completing anaphylaxis updates, upskilling in the area of learning difficulties and exploring the best ways to improve student learning based on models of excellence. Please plan early to arrange care of your children on Friday, 4th June as there will be no school or OSHC on this day.

YEAR 6 – 7 TRANSITION UPDATE

As outlined the last few weeks, the process to follow to enrol your child into Year 7 for 2022 has commenced. By now, you should have received a pre-populated YEAR 7 PLACEMENT PACK that outlines what is required of you to enrol into a State Secondary School in 2022. Please read all of the information sent to you carefully and contact either Janet Dean or myself should you have any queries or concerns. All forms are due back to BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL by **TOMORROW – Friday, 14th May** – please do not send them to your 2022 school, they have to come to us. Thanks for your cooperation. Parents are reminded to visit the FIND MY SCHOOL website to see what school they are zoned to in 2022 by visiting <https://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au/>.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Tuesday night our School Council met to approve the March and April finances whilst being updated on school-wide happenings in grounds, curriculum / education, Out Of School Hours care and chaplaincy. I also had a chance to cover multiple areas of interest as part of my Principals Report. A school council is the governing body of any school, making important decisions, approving policies and setting strategic directions – just to name a few important roles. We are always looking for new members, so if you are keen, please talk to me to find out more.

Our current school council is lead by SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT Melissa Miller, supported by our VICE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT Shane Chapman. In the area of finance, our TREASURER for 2021 is Jono Westcott. Should you need to speak to any school councillors, it's worth noting who our office bearers are... and also other general parent members, who include Sharon Jones, Bridget Chambers, Nicole Blythman, Wayne Murphy and Naomi Pietzsch.

All School Councillors are very friendly and approachable should you have any need to speak to them. Staff members of School Council are also happy to help and include Sharyn Burnett, Ainsley Stanley, Renae Westley and Pauline Mulcair (who is also our SECRETARY). Our next School Council meeting is in Week 9 of term on Tuesday, 15th June.

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENTAL CENSUS (AEDC) – NEXT WEEK FOR PREP STUDENTS

By now all Prep families should have received information about the AEDC, as outlined in last week's newsletter and also via a letter that went home. Unless you returned an OPT OUT form (by visiting the Office or speaking to your child's Prep teacher), your child will be assessed next week by Nicole, Pauline or Josh. Testing does not require your child to be in attendance or to sit a test... the teacher merely answers a set of observation questions about your child... which is collated on a secure website to gauge the types of community support, particularly for children, that will be required in the future. The AEDC is done every 3 years in a child's first year of Primary Education.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY (AToSS)

In the coming week or so our Year 4-6 students will undertake the ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY. This survey, administered online to all children in Years 4-6, surveys your child's schooling experience across many factors including the quality of teaching and learning, safety and wellbeing, connectedness etc. Data collected is privately, collated by our department and presented to the school later in the year... which is shared to School Council, our Staff, the community and in the Annual Report. It's not a stressful survey to undertake and children doing so will be supported by staff as they navigate questions. As this might be a topic of conversation at the dinner table, I thought it worth advising you that the survey will be undertaken shortly and you'll now know what your child is talking about (that's if they are in Years 4-6) if they mention it.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Conor F, Grace VS, Otis M, Vienna F, Caleb H, Jesse B, Nate F & Jett E.

In the lead up to Week 5, days are getting shorter and the weather more unpredictable! It's been great to see some rain... however, this means play periods are inside and our assemblies and lunch eating times are difficult to navigate. With the cooler weather, please ensure children come to school dressed in warm clothes and with a good jacket. All clothing should be of course labelled so it comes back to you too! EDUCATION WEEK is in Week 6 – with lots of excitement on offer. Have a super Friday and an even better weekend!

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK EXCURSION

Just a reminder that permission notes and payment need to be made by Friday, 21st May. If you have misplaced your permission note, please see your child's teacher or the Office for a replacement. Thank you to those families who have already returned their note and made payment. If there are any parents from FSP and FSJ who are interested in attending, please speak to Pauline and Josh.

100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

From the very first day of school, each class has been keeping track of the number of days they've been in school in anticipation of the 100th day. We have been keeping track in a variety of different ways including: using a calendar, 100 number chart, tens frames, number line, writing numbers and counting straws to develop an understanding of place value. Next time you are in the classroom, why don't you ask your child to show you our special number wall.

TAKE HOME BOOK

Well done to all the Foundation students who have been busy at home learning the letters and sounds of the alphabet and reading and writing their heart words. Our Year 1 students have also been working hard at home practicing their 5 weekly spelling words. We have been noticing some great improvements. Keep up the wonderful work! Just a reminder that Take Home Books need to remain in your child's black reader bag and brought to school each day.

HOME READING

Congratulations to all the students who have received their 75 nights of home reading award so far this term. It's wonderful to see so many students are already on their way to achieving their 100 nights award.

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.

HEAD LICE

We have discovered a few cases of head lice in the First Steps Unit and would like to request our families 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 treated and don't forget to retreat 7-10 days after.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For enthusiastic participation in classroom discussions:

FSN *Mannix A*

FSP *Oliver M-B*

FSJ *Bentleigh B*

Nicole, Leisha, Pauline & Josh

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

EXCURSION

This week we have been learning all about the Arctic (tundra) habitat and the Arctic Hare for our science lessons. This is part of the lead up for our excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park on Wednesday, 2nd June. Thank you to those families who have already returned their note and payment, these are due by Friday, 21st May. If there are any parents who are interested in attending, can you please send a message to your classroom teacher indicating your availability by the end of next week? Thank you.

HOMEWORK REMINDER

We have noticed that several students have not been completing their weekly homework requirements. In the Junior Unit we expect 15-20 minutes of reading each night, with this to be recorded in their yellow or green journal. We are tracking their reading each week and awarding certificates at Assembly. Our school goal is to reach 225 nights by the end of the year, with many students on track to achieve this. We also send home 6 spelling words on a Monday to be practised each night and tested on the Friday. To help with this, there is a matrix of suggested spelling activities in the front of their Take Home Book. These books also need to be returned to school each day in their black reader bag to be checked and then used during Literacy activities. Thank you for your support.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For trying their best to write a detailed Information Report:

JC Logan O
JJ Benji S

Catherine, Jen & Zoe

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

CURRICULUM NEWS

This week the students have been busy writing persuasive pieces. They have focused on the features and techniques that are used in persuasive texts. An important part of the writing process is to reread and edit work pieces with an emphasis on the conventions including punctuation – capital letters and full stops.

In Mathematics we have continued working on the process of multiplication. The students are encouraged to practise their skip counting skills (2's, 3's, 4's, 5's and 10's) and learning the related times tables. This learning can then be applied to solving vertical multiplication problems.

NAPLAN TESTS

The Year 3 students completed their final NAPLAN Test today. The results of these tests will be available later in the year. We were very impressed with the students' commitment and effort.

HOMEWORK AND DIARIES

Just a reminder that all student homework booklets and diaries are due back to school every Friday. There is an expectation that these will be fully completed. The teachers are available during the week, if assistance is required.

MELBOURNE MUSEUM EXCURSION

Thank you to the families who have already returned permission notes and made payments at the office for the Melbourne Museum Excursion on Thursday, 10th June. If you have not received a yellow note please contact your child's teacher or the Office.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility':

MW Layla F
MR Hope G
MD Tom C

Rena, Leisha, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

SENIOR UNIT CAMP

Numbers are being finalised this week, so if you are yet to return your child's intention to attend slip, please do so as soon as possible to secure their spot.

Also please take note of the camp payment options and adhere to the required dates for payment. If you would like to explore your payment options, please contact the Office.

GYM

Our Gym program will be taking place again this year in the first week of Term 3. Permission notes have gone home today with your child. Please sign and return by Tuesday, 15th June. Please note payments can be made via Qkr or directly to the Office. Please also note payments will not be processed over the holiday period, so please ensure payments are made before the end of Term 2. Thank you.

UNIFORM

Reminder that all Senior Unit students are required to attend school in full school uniform. As the weather starts to become cooler, please ensure your child is coming to school in warm clothes that are labelled with your child's name.

ART SMOCKS

Please ensure your child has an art smock, as the students are required to work with a variety of different materials during their art lesson, which could result in a little mess. It is best their uniforms are protected with an art smock. Large oversized T-shirts are ideal.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating the School Value of 'Resilience' during NAPLAN Testing:

SA Jett G
SB Mia L
SK Sienna H
SL Ayman M

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

MOTHERS DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to all of our winners last week, and thank you everyone for supporting the raffle and stall.

1st	Jack E
2nd	Haize W
3rd	Patrick R
4th	Jai N
5th	Cooper S
6th	Brady M
7th	Isabella G
8th	Jade L
9th	Braxley T
10th	Christopher W
11th	Hannah G
12th	Dante D
13th	Caleb H
14th	Kate D

Grandparents raffle winner: Mackenzie L.

CAKE STALL

We are running a cake stall this year, on Thursday, 27th May, (Active Travel To School Day). We will be providing a great range of cakes, slices, savoury food and Gluten Free items as well.

Hopefully, we will be set up next to the breakfast stall (more information to come). We look forward to seeing everyone there on this special occasion.

ELMORE PIE DRIVE

We are running our annual Elmore Pie Drive again this year. We sent order forms home with your child today, but if you didn't receive an order form, there are spares at the Office. Orders will need to be returned to the Office by 9:00am Tuesday, 15th June. Payment can be made in cash, or direct deposit to the Elmore Bakery. Pie Drive collection day will be Thursday, 24th June from 3:00pm – 4:00pm in the multipurpose room. We hope you all enjoy ordering again this year and we would like to thank you again so much for your support with our fundraisers, we couldn't do it without all you.

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.

Thank you all for your support with P&F activities, its really appreciated.

Parents and Friends

OSHC NEWS

ACCOUNTS

Thank you to all families who are keeping up with their payments, remember, we are here to help if you are having trouble with your payments.

Another option is to pay in advance. You are most welcome to pay in advance instead of waiting for accounts to be emailed, and the money will sit there to be used on the OSHC fees as your child/ren attends.

You will still receive accounts so you can keep track of how much credit you have, and should you cease your child/s enrolment, we can refund any remaining credit.

Apologies for the mistake of some accounts being sent out without the receipting having been completed. Thank you all for your understanding.

Janet Dean
OSHC Admin



Next balancing deadline 30 June

We are reminding families about the next deadline for balancing Child Care Subsidy (CCS).

There are two important deadlines that fall on **30 June 2021**:

- the **second deadline** for confirming **2018–19 income**, and
- the **first deadline** for confirming **2019–20 income**.

Confirming 2018–19 income

Most families confirmed their 2018–19 income before the first deadline on 31 March 2021. Any families who still haven't confirmed their 2018–19 income must do so by the second deadline on 30 June 2021. If they don't, they may need to pay back all the CCS they got in 2018–19.

Confirming 2019–20 income

Many families have confirmed their 2019–20 income already. If they haven't, they must do so by the first deadline on 30 June 2021. If they don't, their CCS will stop and they'll need to pay full fees for child care.

How do families confirm their income?

You confirm your income by:

- lodging your tax return, or
- telling Services Australia you don't need to lodge a tax return. Families can complete an [Advise non-lodgement of tax return](#) using their [Centrelink online account](#) through [myGov](#) or through the [Express Plus Centrelink mobile app](#). You'll need to do this even if you've already told the Australian Taxation Office they don't need to lodge.

If a parent separates from their partner/s, Services Australia will also need their ex-partner's income. If a parent is concerned that their ex-partner/s won't lodge their tax return by the deadline they should call 136150.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Our school, in conjunction with Havilah Road Preschool are collecting bread tags to help

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

This is an ongoing project that recycles bread tags into wheelchairs, so if you have any lying around, please bring them into the Office.

