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THURSDAY, 20TH MAY 2021

CALENDAR

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

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

BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE IN AT THE OFFICE OR ONLINE by 3:15pm

Education Week commences

Special Assembly at 9:00am – ALL FAMILIES WELCOME! (must sign in at Office please)

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 (**MUST REGISTER AT OFFICE TO ATTEND BREAKFAST**)

P&F Cake Stall from 8:30am under the pavilion (assembly area)

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,

Being Week 5, as we come to the end of this week, we are at the official halfway mark of the term. The next 5 weeks are going to be very busy indeed with testing, report writing etc. We also have a couple of big excursions for the children, including a few sports days for some of our Senior Students. Never a dull moment at school 😊

CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Currently there are a lot of colds and viruses in the community. Please do not send your child to school when unwell. We are still in a pandemic and must be safe. 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 must 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.

TESTING OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Teachers will be working with your child/ren over the next few weeks to assess your child/s skill level in Literacy and Numeracy. With this in mind, ensure your child is well-rested and ready to learn each day. Being on time just before 9:00am is crucial also, as many assessments start early in the day. By supporting your child with routines at home, adequate bed times etc, you are doing so much to help them do well at school.

PARKING ON THE CALDER HIGHWAY AND GEE ROAD – REPEAT

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.

HOMEWORK

All students should at least be reading for 20-30 minutes each night at home, completing spelling words regularly to ingrain spelling patterns and practising math facts. Some Units have additional tasks that are age appropriate also. Please, at the very least, ensure your child is reading each night - supervision of this activity is also advised, as children can be masters of avoidance 😊.

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

I spent Monday with our 4 School Leaders at the GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. The 5 of us sat with over 500 student leaders from across Regional Victoria and had a masterclass in student leadership. It was a great day and the 4 students got a lot out of the session... which will come in handy as they continue to lead the school in 2021.



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

Thank you to all families for returning your Year 7 Application forms on time. The next step is to submit the applications to Secondary Colleges by Tuesday, 1st June. We will then advise you whether your application has been accepted on Wednesday, 4th August.

EDUCATION WEEK CELEBRATIONS - NEXT WEEK

By now you would have seen the EDUCATION WEEK events profiled in our newsletter (see back page). Monday's assembly is going to be launch day, with our Music teacher Nick Reid currently preparing our children to present some musical items to the community. Local MP Maree Edwards will also be in attendance and will be a guest speaker at our assembly. **Parents are invited to attend and enjoy the assembly - please just sign in and out at the Office.** In addition to the assembly and performance, school tours occur for new Preps (2022) on Monday morning, with an information evening (and another tour opportunity) on Tuesday. Wednesday will present an opportunity for current parents (who missed out on 2020 tours due to COVID-19) to see the school also - along with others who might like to see the completion of the building works. Thursday is an active travel morning from Phillis Street from 8:30am. Children can walk to school with an adult and enjoy our FREE Breakfast Club together - **if you are wanting to attend the free breakfast, please register at the Office.** In addition to this, the P&F will have a cake stall from 8:30am on Thursday morning for visitors – including the chance to have a cuppa in the multipurpose room – maybe to have with your purchased cake stall treats ☺. For the full list of celebrations, please refer to our Education Week page included again in this week's newsletter.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY (AToSS)

Next week, our Middle Unit Year 4's will undertake the ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY. Last week our Senior Unit Year 4-6's undertook this task. 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 the 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have heard from MSP Photography, and the photos should arrive at school late next week. We will hand them out to students as soon as we receive them.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Jacob W, Axel & Jax N, Brodie H, Lacey J & Ethan J.

With Education Week ahead, it's busy and exciting times on the horizon. With this in mind, enjoy your weekend and Friday too!

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK EXCURSION

Thank you to those parents that have already returned permission forms and payment for the Ballarat Wildlife Park Excursion. Permission forms and payment are due tomorrow, Friday, 21st May. Please give permission forms and payment to the Office if you haven't already.

LABEL JUMPERS

Children are now wearing jumpers each day as it is cold outside. Many children are taking them off inside as it is warm in the classrooms. We are finding lots of jumpers with no names on them. Please ensure your child's name is on their jumper so we return their jumper to them if they leave their jumper in the classroom, music room or art room. Thank you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For trying their best during writing time by sounding out the words and recording the sounds they can hear:

FSN Anna S
FSP Brady M
FSJ Hannah G

Nicole, Leisha, Pauline & Josh

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

EXCURSION

This week we have been learning all about the grassland habitat and the Zebra 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 tomorrow, Friday 21st May. Students will need to bring a small backpack with their lunch, snack and drink bottle. Please make sure to label all of their belongings, including their warm jackets in preparation for the chilly Ballarat weather. Buses will depart at 8:30am so students will need to be at school before 8:15am. Please report straight to their classrooms so we can mark the rolls and prepare for our day.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Respect' by playing safely in the yard:

JC Cooper S
JJ Ethan M

Catherine, Jen & Zoe

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

CURRICULUM

This week the students have been working on another aspect of persuasive writing. This has included: highlighting the features of print advertisements and comparing the use of persuasive techniques in a set of posters. The students have enjoyed designing their own posters to promote an event. In Mathematics, we have been focusing on the vertical process of multiplication with an emphasis on the correct setting out and renaming.

MELBOURNE MUSEUM EXCURSION

Thank you for your wonderful response to our Melbourne Museum excursion on Thursday, 10th June. Just a reminder that permission notes and a payment of \$45 can be handed in at the Office by Monday, 7th June. If you have any questions regarding the excursion, please contact your child's teacher.

EDUCATION WEEK

The students have been busy rehearsing musical items in preparation for their performance at Assembly next Monday. All parents are invited to attend the concert on Monday morning. A big thank you to Nick.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect':

MW Hailee H
MR Skylah D
MD Alaena H

Rena, Leisha, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

CAMP

Medical notes and formal permission notes will be sent home early next term, along with a list of items that students can bring along to camp. For families paying by instalments, the second instalment of \$100 is due by Friday, 28th May. Thank you.

GYM

Permission notes were sent home last week, please ensure your return them and make payment as soon as possible. Due date for payment and notes is Tuesday, 15th June.

GRIP

Congratulations to our student leaders who attending GRIP on Monday. They participated in a variety of leadership activities and were able to take away a lot of valuable skills.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating the School Value of 'Respect' during specialist programs:

SA Tait R
SB Summah J
SK Tom S
SL Hugo G

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

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.

If families would like to bake something to donate for our stall, there are plates at the Office for you to collect. Thank you so much.

We will be set up next to the free breakfast stall, under the pavilion (assembly area). 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. Order forms were sent home with your child last week, but if you didn't receive one, 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.

*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.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK PHOTOS

FIRST STEPS



FIRST STEPS READING AWARDS



JUNIOR UNIT



JUNIOR UNIT READING AWARDS



MIDDLE UNIT

Our students of the week for the Middle Unit have been absent, so their photos will appear in next week's newsletter.

SENIOR UNIT



BIG REWARD WINNERS



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 4 of the Scholastic Book Club was handed out last week. Orders can be placed online or at the Office (cash or card) by TOMORROW, Friday, 21st May.

PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUESTED

Ella our Chinese teacher is requesting a parent volunteer with an interest in cooking, with a current Working With Childrens Check to help with making dumplings on Wednesday, 26th May.

If you are interested in helping, please email Ella at ella.xu@education.vic.gov.au. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs

This project recycles bread tags into wheelchairs, so save them up and bring them into the Office. This is an ongoing



Re-partnering with Kids

This two-session program is aimed at parents who are newly re-partnered, as well as those already living as a stepfamily. It aims to equip parents and stepparents to support children, while also building their own relationship.

✓ Relationship Building

✓ Support Children

Workshop date & location:

Location Name – 176-178 McCrae Street, Bendigo.

Dates: Thursdays, 10th June and 17th June 2023.
Arrival and Registration – 6:15PM
Session: 6:30PM – 9:00PM

This Program has 2 weekly sessions.

Fees apply, \$30 per person, \$20 Concession.

Sorry no childcare provided.

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

RSVP:

Reception | CatholicCare Victoria
T (03) 5438 3300 | E email@ccc.vic.org.au

Please remember your mask. We ask that all participants follow social distancing and face mask regulations.



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Now in its 77th year, Education Week aims to positively profile and celebrate the strengths and achievements of Victoria's government education sector.

This year Education Week runs from 23-29 May. The theme 'Building Connections' focuses on how the community can act as a support network, support students' learning and development and enhance social inclusion.

Education Week is an opportunity for all primary and secondary schools, higher education, and early childhood services to showcase how they are building connections with the community around them.

Big Hill PS will be celebrating Education Week. Please look at calendar of events below and see if there is an event for you. Masks must be worn when a person is unable to maintain 1.5m social distance.

Bookings are required for the FREE breakfast only by calling the Office on 5447 7022

<u>Monday, 24th May</u>	9:00am	Education Week launch Assembly. There will be several items presented
	10:00am	School Tour for 2022 Foundation parents with Matt (Principal) and student leaders.
<u>Tuesday, 25th May</u>	5:30pm	School tour for Foundation 2022, followed by a Prep/Foundation Information Session
<u>Wednesday, 26th May</u>	9:30am	School tour for current parents who missed out due to COVID last year with Matt (Principal) and student leaders
<u>Thursday, 27th May</u>	8:30am	ACTIVE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL and FREE breakfast club on arrival. Please book for this event as we will need to know numbers so we can cater for breakfast Please call the Office on 5447 7022 (limit 50 adults).
	8:30am	Parents and Friends Cake Stall for the community under the pavilion (assembly area)

Apologies, but there will be no GRANDPARENTS DAY or visits to classrooms due to DENSITY LIMITS imposed by the DET operations guide.