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THURSDAY, 17TH JUNE 2021

CALENDAR

Monday, 21st June

Wednesday, 23rd June

Thursday, 24th June

Friday, 25th June

Monday, 12th July

Tuesday, 13th July

Wednesday, 14th July

Thursday, 15th July

Friday, 16th July

Monday, 19th July

Saturday 24th July

Friday, 30th July

Friday, 13th August

First Steps / Junior Unit Ballarat Wildlife Park Excursion

Tickets go on sale for the P&F Trivia Night - \$20 per person (tables of 8-10)

Pizza Day orders due on Qkr ONLY by 9:00am

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

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

PIZZA DAY – no normal food items available but iced treats will be available

TEAM COLOURS / CASUAL CLOTHES DAY-gold coin donation for Camp Quality

Last-Day-for-CSEF applications see below for new date

First Day for Term 3

Senior Unit Gym commences

Senior Unit Gym continues

Senior Unit Gym continues

Senior Unit Gym concludes

Year 6 Human Relations session

Year 5/6 Camp 3rd instalment of \$80 due

P&F Trivia Night – more information included

Parent Teacher Interview Day – pupil free except when at interview – more info to follow

EXTENDED CUTOFF FOR CSEF APPLICATIONS

School Organisation

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Week 9 has been a very short week, due to the public holiday Monday, but also a very wet and cold one! The icy wet weather is a reminder to us all to rug up and stay warm. Our young ones aren't good at doing this, so please remind children each morning to come to school dressed for the weather.

END OF TERM, FRIDAY, 25TH JUNE

Next Friday, 25th June is the final day of school for Term 2. Due to this, the school will dismiss at 2:15pm (one hour earlier than normal). The Kangaroo Flat (town) bus and Ravenswood bus will run at this earlier time. Please ensure you are ready to pick your child up earlier next Friday please.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Due to the current restrictions, Tuesday's School Council meeting had to be done remotely, via Webex. A big thank you to School Council members for taking the time to meet and look over the school finances and be updated in the areas of Education/Teaching and Learning, Buildings and Grounds, Out of School Hours Care, Chaplaincy and generally.

PLANNING WEEK

Next week all classes will have a day where their teachers are involved in Term 3 planning. Usually, on this day, students have specialist programs delivered – so with this in mind, don't expect the usual delivery of Art, Music, Chinese at the same time. Planning enables teachers to come together and create excellent teaching and learning sequences that are engaging and effective... it's that old saying of "Three brains are better than one". Tuesday is planning for the Middle Unit (Renae, Dean and Wendy), Wednesday planning for First Steps and Junior Units (Nicole, Pauline, Josh, Catherine and Jen) and Thursday planning for the Senior Unit (Ainsley, Lauren, Kate and Brett).

P&F PIE DRIVE

Currently we are not allowed to have parents on site. The P&F will be organising the pick up of pies next Thursday the 24th of June... which will be communicated to you and shall involve you not entering a building and requiring a face mask to be worn. If coming on site to collect a pie order, you must sign in at the Office or at the station set up where you collect pies. Only a limited number of P&F will be available on site to organise the orders and give them out. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

MILK BOTTLE LIDS

The Junior Unit are hoping to collect plastic milk bottle lids to be used in the classrooms as part of our skip counting morning work. If you have any spares over the next few weeks, could you please send them in to Catherine and Jen, thank you.

**CURRENT COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS –
PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF CONTINUING REQUIREMENTS OF ALL ADULTS**

At the time of writing, the same restrictions remain in place in Regional Victoria. Please ensure you do the following:

- ❖ Wear a mask at all times – whether this be in the car park, on site etc. If you have a medical reason for not wearing a mask, please wear a sticker/badge to indicate this to avoid a reminder. If we do remind you, it's just a friendly reminder, so please don't be offended,
- ❖ No adults on site, unless absolutely necessary. Only enter a classroom if invited by a staff member. We are not allowed to have parent meetings on site currently. If you need to speak to a teacher, please do so over the phone, via email / Dojo or via Webex,
- ❖ Social distancing of 1.5m required in and around the school. Police will be doing patrols, so be careful in the carpark too!
- ❖ 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. This is a regulation of the Victorian State Government that we keep records of adults on site OR scan our QR Code (on display at the Office and entry to OSHC),
- ❖ If visiting the Office, please ensure there are no more than 3 adults in the foyer at one time, follow the signage in place and wear a mask, hand sanitise etc. Again – if you don't have to come to the Office in person, please call or email.

FIRST STEPS/JUNIOR UNIT EXCURSION – BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK

The First Steps and Junior Unit BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK excursion is next Monday, 21st June. Please make sure your child is well-rested Sunday and at school on time, ready to go (8:15am for a 8:30am departure). Please also note the excursion will return after hours, at 4:00pm, so be prepared to pick your child up at this later time. All children need to wear their school uniform, have a warm (named) jacket and bring a morning snack, drink and lunch for the day in a small backpack. If you are a designated adult helper on the day (ie. you have been asked to attend and have a valid WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK), please be aware that you will need to wear a face mask on the excursion when indoors or on the bus.

REPORTS

Your child's Semester 1 Report will be emailed home on Thursday, 24th June. Please ensure the Office has your updated email details to ensure you receive it. If a second copy is required for split family reasons, please ensure you have requested this from your child's teacher and the Office. Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for Week 3 of Term 3 on Friday, 30th July. This day is pupil free, but your child should attend the interview on this date. We'll send out booking availability early next term.

END OF TERM AWARDS

On the final day of term (Friday, 25th June), our STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE at 9:00am outside. At this stage, no parents or visitors are allowed on site. The assembly will therefore only be for students and staff. In each classroom, teachers will award students in the following categories: EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, VISUAL ART and PERFORMING ARTS, ENDEAVOUR IN ENGLISH and MATHEMATICS, OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOOL VALUES and THE PRINCIPALS AWARD. These winners will be announced in the last newsletter of Term 2 (Thursday, 24th June), with a special assembly set for the final Friday morning – June 25th at 9:00am. If parents are allowed on site, we will let you know in advance.

CYBERSAFETY

We have had a few breaches reported at home, where children are using KIDS MESSENGER, gaming platforms, TikTok etc. to behave inappropriately. As we have said many times, children of a primary age should not be unsupervised when using social media, electronic devices etc. It's not safe – you wouldn't leave your child in a room with a complete stranger... so don't let them be alone with a complete stranger on a phone or tablet device. If you haven't started this yet, ensure children sit with screens facing you when online, limit the time they are online and regularly review chat history etc. Make it a condition of use that chat histories are not deleted. Platforms like TikTok and INSTAGRAM have a user age of 13+ so our recommendation is DON'T let your child use them. If you hear the line "all my friends are allowed", think again... a small few do... most don't. Be safe. Don't let your child use TikTok and INSTAGRAM until they are older. It's just not safe!

MOBILE PHONES AT SCHOOL - REMINDER

In line with the DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING (DET) guidelines, no child is allowed to have a mobile phone (or compatible device such as an active Apple watch) on them during the school day. Mobile phones and devices are to be handed into the Office on arrival and picked up on departure. We keep them locked in the safe. Children must have devices switched off on arrival and not turn on phones until they leave the school grounds. Please speak to your child about these STATE rules if they bring a phone to school and ensure they are handing them in to the office each day.

TIME OUT PROCESS

Our Time Out Process is not punitive... we aren't in the dark ages... and ensure a restorative practice is used when a child does the wrong thing. To be fair to all, most children are capable of doing the wrong thing. It's not the end of the world... and unless we specifically ask you to follow up at home, a time out is all that is required to help a child think about choices. Restorative Practice is the approach expected of all state schools to use – as it focuses on what the child did wrong, what they were feeling, what they could do differently next time and review strategies that will help them make better choices. School is about education... but also about socialisation. We need to help children learn right from wrong in the context of being in a large community. For you, at home, it's a very different setting. At school... it's a mini-community... so we take great care in helping children become good community members... and our TIME OUT process is an important way we do this. Time Out is given after warnings (or if a behaviour is quite extreme)... they are logged by a staff member at any time of the day... and are administered at the next Time Out session (at 11:25am each day). If a child is given a time out in the afternoon, it is delivered the next working day. From time to time, we can't run Time Out due to any number of disruptions including weather, staffing, events, public holidays etc. As part of our School Council approved SWPBS BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT FLOW CHART, we share the reflection sheet from Time Out with parents to make them aware that their child has had to work on their behaviour. We do not contact you prior to the session, though... if appropriate... staff sometimes will. The key message here is that Time Out is not a bad thing – it doesn't mean your child is bad... so please try not to be too focused on it other than reminding your child to react differently next time 😊

SOCIAL CONCERNS, CHALLENGES, WORRIES...

This week I have noticed a couple of families worried about how their child is travelling – sometimes friendships are a concern, other days they just don't want to come to school, other times the world is falling down around them. Across Australia, we have been advised by leading health experts and psychologists that children are going to struggle with the return to NEAR-NORMAL schooling – especially difficult due to the periods of remote learning at home, periods of intense isolation and connection with loved ones in the home etc. Just like the adults in the world, our children are finding normal routines a challenge... and social settings even more awkward than normal. In reality, I don't think anyone feels untouched by the pandemic and the worries of the current world... so why would we expect our children to be any different? I write this to reassure you – your child is very normal if they are feeling the pinch. Expect them to be more emotional... to catastrophise most things... and to look for an escape. We all want things to change – we just have to keep working through it. That's how we will learn to be resilient. If you are worried about your child though – seek assistance from your GP, talk to your child's teacher OR make use of our great Chaplain, Cara Barnes. We are all here to support you and your child through difficult times.

CONNECTED PARENTING WORKSHOP - RECORDING

Here is the link to the recording, for anyone who couldn't make it:

Topic: The Resilience Project - Connected Parenting Workshop with Lael Stone

Meeting Recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/MpcyBNeG82Y0QqtCdq8CZwW1RH6UJdtNW9VEJAAZ3b4Vvr7qAFV7V3Tup3wDti5Z.VZt4uxjv-f7DTnDy>

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Eli V.

With one week to go, the holidays approach...and the children are definitely ready! Here's hoping the holidays provide you all with some rest...and a chance to recharge batteries before Term 3.

Have a great Friday and an even better weekend...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK EXCURSION

Our Ballarat Wildlife Park Excursion is next Monday. Students need to be at school by 8:15am for a 8:30am departure. Please be on time as the buses will not wait.

The bus will return to Big Hill Primary School at approximately 4:00pm. Students will need to bring their snack, lunch and a drink bottle in a small backpack. Students will be required to wear their uniform and a warm, named jacket.

TAKE HOME BOOKS

Please keep checking in your child's Take Home Book as we are constantly adding new activities, words and letters for them to do. Regular practice of these is important and helps them solidify the skills that they are learning in class.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying our School Value of 'Be Responsible' by working independently during learning time in class:

FSN Abby M
FSP Abigail L
FSJ Hailey B

Nicole, Leisha, Pauline & Josh

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

EXCURSION

We are excited about our upcoming excursion to Ballarat Wildlife Park next Monday, 21st June. Please dress your child in warm clothes with a small backpack with their named lunch, drink bottle and snack.

We will be leaving at 8:30am so please be at their classroom by 8:15am. Buses will return by 4:00pm. We are excited to have the opportunity to see some of the animals and habitats that we have studied this term.

MORNING WORK

This week we have begun to practise skip counting by 2's and 3's with an assortment of activities in the classroom. We are listening to songs, lacing plates, jumping along counting squares, using calculators, completing dot to dots and attempting mazes to reinforce this knowledge.

We are completing these activities each morning from 8:45am – 9:00am and would love to see our students here bright and early so they can participate in our activities and extend their skip counting knowledge. We will be continuing this until early next term where we will be testing their knowledge of these skip counting facts.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For showing the school value of responsibility by taking ownership of their learning and completing their morning jobs:

JC **Lyla E**
JJ **Mason P**

Catherine, Jen & Zoe

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

PLANNING DAY

Just a reminder that the Middle Unit will be having their Planning Day next Tuesday, 22nd June. Therefore, students may have their specialist subjects on different days next week.

CURRICULUM NEWS

This week during Literacy sessions the students focused on the use of figurative language in narratives and poetry including similes, metaphors and alliterations. In Mathematics, students have revised their basic division facts and continued to work through horizontal division problems with remainders. They have also been introduced to the long division symbol. In Geography, there has been a focus on map reading and the seven continents.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect':

MW **Grace VS**
MR **Olivia K**
MD **Jack E**

Rena, Leisha, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

CAMP

Please ensure you are up to date with camp payments, as the next schedule instalment of \$80 is due on Monday, 19th July.

HEALTH & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Year 6 Students will have the opportunity to participate in a Health and Human Development session scheduled to take place on Friday, 16th July. Permission notes have been sent home with your child, please sign and return by the Monday, 21st June.

GYM

Our Senior Unit students have the opportunity to participate in our Gym program this year, which will be taking place the first week back in Term 3. Permission notes and payment were due Tuesday, 15th June.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating gratitude at school:

SA **Ayla R**
SB **Melia H**
SK **Jett E**
SL **Matilda R**

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

ELMORE PIE DRIVE

Collection Day will be next Thursday, 24th June from 3pm-4pm in the multi-purpose. Remember to bring bags along on the day. We hope you all enjoy ordering again this year and we would like to thank you all again so much for your support with our fundraisers we couldn't do it without you.

TRIVIA NIGHT

We are running our Trivia Night on Saturday, 24th July (Term 3) Adults Only Event! It will be held at the Kangaroo Flat Bowls Club again. This year Parents and Friends will be running the night. We have previously had Trivia With A Twist running this event for us, this year we are wanting to change it up a bit with still lots of FUN to be had! There will be auctions, games and prizes to be won throughout the night. Tickets will be at the Office to be purchased from Monday, 21st June at \$20 per ticket and tables of between 8-10 people. You can bring along your own snacks for your table and the bowls club will be running the bar for the night. We look forward to seeing you all there and GOOD LUCK to everyone on the night!! If there are any businesses that would be able to donate any prizes, please leave them at the Office. Thank you for your support.

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

SRC NEWS

On Friday, 25th June – the last day of term – we will be holding a Team Colours / Casual Clothes Day. Please bring a gold coin donation with all funds going to Camp Quality.

There will also be a push-up competition, \$1.50 entry, 20 push-ups in 1 minute.

AND a colouring in competition – gold coin entry.

OSHC NEWS

ACCOUNTS

Hopefully everyone should have received their accounts yesterday. Thanks for your patience while we worked on the problem which appears to be fixed now. Please let me know if you didn't receive it, and I'll look into it. Thank you.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Our stock has been sorted and now winter items are available via our Qkr app.

ALL ITEMS \$2

Please note that it can take up to 3 days for the order to be filled. If you need it more urgently, please email Janet to request a rush.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We have had an order handed in to the Office with no name on it. It was for \$14, so if it was yours, please let me know. Thank you.

Janet Dean

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 project.

Bendigo Venues & Events presents
Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus & The Bottle Collector
Entertain the whole family over the winter school holidays with these family-friendly circus performances!
Created by award-winning author and lyricist, **Benjamin Kaplan** and his circus troupe.
Tuesday June 29 - Wednesday June 30
Ulumbarra Theatre
Designed to amaze people from the age of three and upwards, Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus reinvents the composer's magical music in a vibrant and illuminating show featuring Circa's electronic-developed artists and live accompaniment. Watch as the notes are physically lifted off the page as performers bring the reinvented compositions to life under a shower of acoustic bubbles and creativity, all under the eccentric swirl of the conductor's baton.

The Bottle Collector
Adding the Thrills & Chills Stage Heating
Created & Performed by
CHERRY FLOWERS & LILY OF THE VALLEY
Friday July 2
The Capital's Bendigo Bank Theatre
The Bottle Collector is a thrilling combination of circus, physical theatre and object-based puppetry where a collection of bottles provides inspiration to their poetic images, remarkable physicality and stories of humanity. Be enthralled as award-winning, Circa-based theatre makers Cherry Flowers and Luke O'Connor pull messages out of bottles and create stories out of them as using a 'treasure' of magic, a pinch of mystery and a shining display of circus tricks.

Please note: Some performances are suitable for ages 3+ | Book now at gotix.com.au | **BENDIGO** bv&e



Join us on a cultural adventure at the Day Visitor Area, KOOYOORA STATE PARK. Come and listen to the Dja Dja Wurrung Rangers stories about this special cultural landscape. A fun filled activity with Aboriginal games, painting and interpretation.

This activity is suitable for children aged 6-12, who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian aged 18 or over.

When: Monday July 5th,
11:00am – 12:30pm

Where: Day Visitor Area on Back Rd, off Melville Caves Rd, Kooyoora State Park.

Who: Suitable for families with primary and/or preschool aged children.

Bookings: Bookings are essential and can be made via the Parks Victoria Junior Ranger website,
<https://juniorrangers.com.au/whats-on/>

More Information Ph: 13 1963

Join us on a cultural adventure at ROCKY CROSSING, ENGLISH'S BRIDGE STREAMSIDE RESERVE. Come and listen to the Dja Dja Wurrung Rangers stories about this special cultural landscape. A fun filled activity with Aboriginal games, painting and interpretation.

This activity is suitable for children aged 6-12, who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian aged 18 or over.

When: Wednesday July 7th,
10:30am – 12:00pm

Where: Englishs Bridge Streamside Reserve, Rocky Crossing Rd, Goornong VIC 3557.

Who: Suitable for families with primary and/or preschool aged children.

Bookings: Bookings are essential and can be made via the Parks Victoria Junior Ranger website,
<https://juniorrangers.com.au/whats-on/>

More Information Ph: 13 1963

FRIDAY, 25TH JUNE

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 using the Qkr app by 9:00am Wednesday, 23rd June. Late orders cannot be accepted.**
- ✚ Ice creams will be available as normal,
- ✚ **AND YOU CAN ORDER ICED TREATS ON QKR!**

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

