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THURSDAY, 15TH JULY 2021

CALENDAR

Friday, 16th July

Monday, 19th July

Saturday 24th July

Friday, 30th July

Thursday, 12th August

Friday, 13th August

Monday, 30th August

Thursday, 16th September

Year 6 Human Relations session

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

P&F Trivia Night – more information included – tickets now available at the Office

Parent Teacher Interview Day – pupil free, except when at booked interview time

Junior (Prep to Year 2) Concert at the Bendigo Baptist Church – Matinee 12pm, Evening 6pm

EXTENDED CUTOFF FOR CSEF APPLICATIONS

Final Payment due for Year 5/6 Camp of \$45

Senior (Years 3 to 6) Concert at the Bendigo Baptist Church – Matinee 12pm, Evening 6pm

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back for Term 3 and what a miserable start to the term, Winter certainly has hit us! With the cold weather hitting quite hard, can I remind parents to make sure their child/ren have warm clothes to wear when they go out for breaks please, and also remember to clearly name your child/ren's belongings as we have a rather huge pile of unnamed jumpers/jackets in the Office foyer again!

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 – when on site. 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,
- ❖ Limit on site visits. Only enter a classroom if invited by a staff member. 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,
- ❖ Hand sanitise on entry to the school buildings,
- ❖ 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.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

There have been some changes to LSL due to COVID-19 restrictions. Wendy Hicks was absent for the first 3 days of this term (thanks Meryl Jacobs for taking care of her class in her absence) and has returned today. Renae Westley will be taking LSL on the 27th & 28th July. Matt is on Long Service Leave and will be back on Tuesday, 27th July (Week 3). During his absence, please feel free to contact myself if you have any concerns or queries. Ainsley Stanley (Learning Specialist) and Renae Westley (Leading Teacher) are also here to help if you have specific questions about teaching and learning. As Matt will be out of mobile range, please do not use mobile number 0438 738 788 during the first 2 weeks of Term 3 to record absences, as they won't be forwarded on to the Office. Please use 0416 071 247 or leave a message on the school phone number 5447 7022.

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS (WEEK 3, TERM 3)

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 with parent/s on this date. The booking information sheet has been sent out today. We hope to do this in person, but can't predict what the regulations will be then... so plan for in person and via Webex (or over the phone) as a backup. We use a SCHOOL INTERVIEWS WEBSITE where you can book in for your interview. It's pretty simple to use... just ensure you book in early to get the time you want. If you miss out on the day, an alternate time can be made another night during the week of interviews.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT – TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

This great event is back on again! Tickets are now available from the Office for \$20 per person and with 8-10 people per table. If you don't have enough people for a full table, we have a table that is not full yet, so we can add you, that way you also get to make some new friends whilst having a fun evening 😊.

CONTACT TRACING

Some excursion venues are required to collect contact details and are responsible for managing record keeping for contact tracing in line with current public health directives.

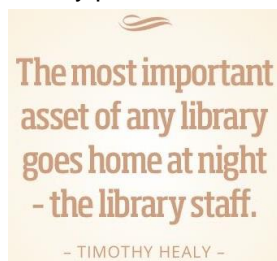
The Department of Health has *strongly recommended* that a contact number for each individual student is provided. A school phone number alone is not considered sufficient. Providing contact details for individual students will expedite contact tracing so that individuals can be contacted by the Department of Health if required.

Parents/carers/guardians are advised that, when required, the school will be providing excursion venues with contact details for students. This includes the student's name and the name and phone number of the person marked on the enrolment form to whom correspondence is to be directed to (this will be provided as the nominated contact number).

Venues will be collecting student names and contact phone numbers for a legitimate purpose and are subject to Victorian privacy laws, so will handle the information securely and only retain it for the required 28-day period.

RETIREMENT

Please join me in extending best wishes to Julie Wakker, who has retired this month. Julie has been involved with Big Hill PS for approximately 30 years. Her adult children attended Big Hill PS and Julie has worked in the school library for many years. Julie has kept our library well organised and seamless. I would like to thank Julie for all her hard work. Students and staff will miss her help with finding books, and the care of our library collection.



REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

CONGRATULATIONS! Both of our Big Hill PS students made it through to the State Finals, with Brodie H coming 11th and Beau B coming 2nd! What an amazing effort, well done! They have now qualified for the Cross Country State Championships, good luck!

BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL TURNS 150 THIS YEAR!

Did you know... we turn 150 this year? It's true... the school has been servicing the local community for a very long time. Did you also know that Big Hill Primary School has a magnificent history dating back to its low key beginnings in 1871? In the second half of the year, we really want to try and share some of this history with you... but how will this be possible I hear you say? If all goes to plan (and we can be COVID-SAFE and remain FACE-TO-FACE), we will be organising some exciting events or activities with this milestone in mind. In Term 3, there will be two concerts that explore the history of the school, whilst showcasing some of the biggest songs of the associated periods of time. It's going to be grand! In addition to this, we have some other events in the pipeline too – so stay tuned. For now... here's some history which is an extract from the book BACK TO BIG HILL 1991 – which refers to the commencement of the school and the original school building that we now use for our OSHC and MUSIC lessons. *About the middle of 1871, Phillip Townsend arrived in Big Hill with the sole purpose of commencing a school. A small residence, also provided by public subscription and labour, consisting of two small crude rooms (a mudbrick skillion was erected later) was built for him on the 2-acre site. Mr Townsend opened his school on a private basis and was paid tuition fees by the parents. It is said only a few of the sixty odd children in the locality actually attended. The interior of the school consisted of two long desks fixed to the walls with 11 forms, each 7 ½ feet in length for children's comfort. The true value of the building was set at 25 pound. The school became known locally as "Ballarooketty".*

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/MpcyBNeG82YOOqtCdq8CZwW1RH6UJdtNW9VEJAAZ3b4Vvr7qAFV7V3Tup3wDti5Z.VZt4uxjv-f7DTnDy>

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Levi B, Alaena H, Patrick R, Logan O, Kirra W, Jack E, Kaylie A, Tom S & Mileah G.

Sharyn Burnett, Assistant Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

PREP SPELLING

Next week, Preps will begin practising weekly individualised spelling words. These words will be written in your child's 'Take Home Book'. There will be 5 words that your child will practise daily at home as part of their daily homework program, alongside their daily reader. Your child will be tested each week and will receive new words to replace the words they got correct.

FAMILY TREE INFORMATION

This term, as part as our History Unit, we are investigating our personal histories. One learning task involves creating our own family tree. Last term your child brought home an information sheet in preparation for creating a family tree at school. We are asking for parents to please help your child fill out the information sheet about their family, in order for your child to have the relevant information to complete their family tree. Please return this information to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you have misplaced this form or your child did not receive one, please inform your child's teacher that you require a replacement.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For a good start to Term 3:

FSN *Harmony N*
FSP *Kayden M*
FSJ *John C*

Nicole, Leisha, Pauline & Josh

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

The Junior Unit staff would like to welcome all students and families back to school for what promises to be a wonderful semester. We hope that you all enjoyed a nice, relaxing break. The children have returned to school happy, energetic and ready to learn. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

FAMILY TREE TEMPLATES

At the end of last term children were sent home with a family tree template to be filled out over the school holidays. Thanks so much to those who have already returned it to school. If you have not done so yet, please return the form as soon as possible, so that your child is able to create their own family tree poster with the rest of the class.

MORNING ROUTINE

It has been wonderful to see many of our children getting back into their morning routine this week. Each morning on their arrival to school children practise their individual weekly spelling words and skip counting by 2's and 3's with a variety of activities from 8:45am - 9:00am, and we would love to see all of our students here bright and early, so they can participate in these learning opportunities.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For a great start to Term 3:

JC *Calae D*
JJ *Wil G*

Catherine, Jen & Zoe

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to school. We hope you had an enjoyable holiday. It is set to be a busy term with the 150th Big Hill PS Anniversary Concert and Palmer's Gym program.

CURRICULUM NEWS

This week in Writing we have been focusing on Procedures. These include writing instructions for recipes and drawing activities. In Mathematics, the students have continued to work on horizontal and long division.

PALMER'S GYM

Just a reminder that a note for Palmer's Gym was given out at the end of last term. Thank you to the families who have already returned the permission note and \$34.00 to the Office. If you didn't receive a note, spares are available at the Office.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

You can now book into a Parent Teacher Interview. They will be held on Friday, 30th July. Students will not be required at school on this day back but are expected to attend the interview. We look forward to discussing your child's progress on this day.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For a great start to Term 3:

MW *Tahlia B*
MR *Billie H*
MD *Aleeah M*

Rena, Leisha, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Just a friendly reminder that the 3rd instalment of \$80 is due next Monday, 19th July and the final instalment of \$45 is due by Monday, 30th August. Final permission and medical forms will be sent home shortly.

HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

This will be taking place tomorrow for our Year 6 students. If you have not returned a permission form, it will be deemed that you don't give permission.

PALMERS GYM PROGRAM

Senior Unit students this week participated in our gym program. They enjoyed a variety of different activities which targeted students flexibility, balance and rhythm as well as assisting to boost self esteem and confidence. The students did a great job and had a terrific time.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Beau B and Brodie H who recently participated in the Regional Cross Country in St Arnaud, both students did extremely well and have qualified for the Cross Country State Championships.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating safety during our Gym program:

SA *James G* **SB** *Summah J*
SK *Jazmin P* **SL** *Xavier M*

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

WHOLE SCHOOL CONCERT NEWS

Hello parents and students,

This year, we are excited to announce that we will be doing two 150th Anniversary Concerts for Big Hill Primary School. The school is turning 150 years old (established in 1871) and all students will be involved to help celebrate.

Each class will be performing a song from each decade from the 1870's all the way up to today. All students will have the opportunity to dress up in costumes / outfits appropriate to their respective song / decade to help them get into the spirit of their given time period. The concerts will be held at the Bendigo Baptist Church in Junortoun, and there are two dates - one for the Junior Concert (Prep – Year 2) and one for the Senior Concert (Years 3 – 6).

SAVE THE DATE:

Junior Concert: Thursday 12th August
(Term 3 - Week 5)
Matinee & Evening performances

Senior Concert: Thursday 16th September
(Term 3 – Week 10)
Matinee & Evening performances

At this point in time, parents are just asked to save the date so, that they can come along to support our school for this important Milestone. More details will be sent home very soon, regarding the chosen songs, decades, costumes, ticket sales etc.

Kind regards,

Nick Reid
Music Teacher

BIG REWARD WINNERS



SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

We still have an un-named order at the Office from last term. It was for \$14, so if it was yours, please let me know. Thank you.

Janet Dean

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT

We are running our Trivia Night on Saturday, 24th July and is an 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, but this year we are wanting to change it up a bit with still lots of FUN to be had! There will be auctions, games & prizes to be won throughout the night.

Tickets are available NOW to purchase from the Office for \$20 per ticket with 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 like to donate any prizes, please contact the Office. Your business will receive a promo on the night and in a future newsletter as a thank you. Thanks 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

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.

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.

CANTEEN NEWS

We have a new drink on the menu next term!

CHILLj Sparkling 100% Fruit Juice
\$2.00 each, rated 'green'

Available in Raspberry, Grape, Watermelon & Lemonade



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our canteen is run by the school with profits going back into the school. With the help of our volunteers, we are able to keep prices down. If you are interested, you will only be required once or twice per term and your help is greatly appreciated.

Don't forget, you don't have to be a mum or dad to help, aunties, uncles and grandparents are all welcome. Thank you.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER FORM FRIDAYS

NAME _____

PH NUMBER _____

TIME AVAILABLE 9:00am to 10:00am

12:45pm to 2:00pm

Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager



Tuning in to Kids

Want to learn how to help your child manage feelings and emotions (emotional intelligence)?

Children with emotional intelligence have greater success making and keeping friends, are more able to calm down when upset or angry and have better concentration at school.

In this program you'll find out how to help your child understand and manage feelings such as frustration, worry and anger.

✓Connection

✓ Emotions

✓ Self Esteem

Workshop date & location:

Location Name – Zoom (Bendigo)

Dates: Thursdays, 12th August to 16th Sept 2021

Arrival and Registration – 6:45PM

Session: 7:00PM – 9:00PM

This Program has 6 weekly sessions

Fees apply, please discuss when booking

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 1300 | E email@ccds.org.au

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



Tuning In to Kids
176 – 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550
T (03) 5438 1300

www.ccds.org.au

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

We've been busy in the art room this week with one of our local indigenous artists and parent Ebony. She has been working with a handful of students from each Unit to create some indigenous inspired artwork.

Students have been working collaboratively to design and tell their stories through a range of symbols.

We can't wait to share our pieces when they are completed!

Thank you Ebony for giving up your time and assisting us in celebrating NAIDOC week.

