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THURSDAY, 29TH JULY 2021

CALENDAR

Friday, 30th July

Monday, 9th August
Thursday, 12th August
Friday, 13th August

Monday, 16th August
Thursday, 19th August
Friday, 20th August
TUESDAY, 24TH AUGUST
Wednesday, 25th August

Thursday, 26th August
Friday, 27th August
Monday, 30th August
Thursday, 2nd September
Friday, 3rd September
Thursday, 9th September
Wednesday, 15th September
Thursday, 16th September
Friday, 17th September
Monday, 4th October

PUPIL FREE DAY:

Parent Teacher Interview Day by PHONE/WEBEX

Payment due for Middle Unit Gym Program \$34
Junior (Prep to Year 2) Concert at the Bendigo Baptist Church – Matinee 12pm, Evening 6pm
Middle Unit Gym Program commences

EXTENDED CUTOFF FOR CSEF APPLICATIONS

Payment due for First Steps & Junior Unit Gym
First Steps & Junior Unit Gym commences
Middle Unit Gym Program continues
CANTEEN DAY IN LIEU OF WEDNESDAY, 25TH AUGUST

RESCHEDULED DATE for the Junior (Prep to Year 2) Concert:
Matinee 12pm, Evening 6pm – TICKETS ON SALE NOW ON QKR:

NO CANTEEN ORDERS ON THIS DAY – ALL students attending Concert Matinee

First Steps & Junior Unit Gym continues
Middle Unit Gym Program continues
Final Payment due for Year 5/6 Camp of \$45
First Steps & Junior Unit Gym continues
Middle Unit Gym Program concludes
First Steps & Junior Unit Gym concludes
Prep CSEF Uniform pack order forms due at the Office
Senior (Years 3 to 6) Concert at the Bendigo Baptist Church – Matinee 12pm, Evening 6pm
LAST DAY FOR TERM 3
First day for Term 4

School Organisation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is great to have everyone back on site! We have all faced our challenges over the last few weeks but it is important not to take our frustration out on others.

PLEASE BE PATIENT AND CALM IN THE CAR PARK AND OBSERVE SIGNAGE

We all play a role as a part of our school community. If you are frustrated with drop off and pick up or any other issue and you would like to raise it with myself or Matt you may need to do it when you are not upset or angry. This is a reminder that respect is a two-way street. Everyone deserves to be treated with courtesy. Please when attending or phoning the office you are in an appropriate frame of mind to be calm and respectful and express your concern without threats. If you would like to speak to a member of the Wellbeing team please phone to make an appointment.

I would like to thank all the staff who assisted with on site supervision at school and our wonderful OSHC team who keep OSHC operating during the lockdown period.

OPERATIONAL CHANGES

To keep our school safe, we have introduced some important operational changes. These operational changes require staff and parents to wear face masks and maintain good hygiene practices at all times. At this stage, parents are only permitted on site, if authorised. Any parent or visitor, required to come on site, must check in using the QR Code System and sign in at the Office. For the time being, all playgrounds are off limits to families and students waiting at pick up and drop off times. Please ensure social distancing if you are waiting for children at pick up time.

Monday morning assemblies will recommence but will be held over the PA system and not held outside until further notice. We hope our days of learning remotely are once again behind us all and we look forward to an extended period free of COVID-19 disruption. Thank you for your continued support during this time. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any feedback or queries.

Incursions are not permitted at this time. Excursions are permitted with students from a single school only. School Camps and overnight stays can take place across Victoria with no travel restrictions. Bookings must be limited to single schools. Multiple schools can attend camps providing school groups remain separated and do not share common facilities. Kinder to Prep and Year 6 to Year 7 transition programs are not permitted at this time.

FOUNDATION/PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

Our school has received several calls over the past 2 weeks for Foundation/Prep enrolments for next year. Unfortunately at present we cannot take new families on a tour of the school but we will be in touch if you have registered at the Office with Janet. If there are any current Big Hill PS families who have pre-school aged children and have yet to enrol, please contact Janet at the Office as soon as possible, to assist with planning.

YEAR 6 – YEAR 7 PLACEMENT NOTIFICATION

Year 6 families will receive an email next Wednesday, 4th August advising where their child has found placement for Secondary College in 2022. If you do not receive it by 4pm, please email Janet. Thank you.

FOUND

2 wallets have been handed in at the Office. One has some coins in it, and the other one has a gift card in it. If you believe one is yours, please call the Office to claim. Thank you.

PREP CSEF UNIFORM PACK – DEADLINE EXTENDED

If your child is in Prep this year and you receive the CSEF, you are entitled to a free uniform pack. Please visit <https://stateschoolsrelief.org.au/resources/> to download an order form. Once completed, please send into the Office. If you have already placed an order and received it this year, please disregard this. Orders are due in before Wednesday, 15th September.

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Matt has had a death in the family, and won't return until next Monday, 2nd August, so if you could please continue to **NOT USE** 0438 738 788 to record absences, and instead please use 0416 071 247 or leave a message on the school phone number 5447 7022. Thank you.

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS - DONE AS PHONE / WEBEX – PUPIL FREE DAY

Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for this Friday, 30th July. The booking information sheet has been sent out via email. We were hoping to do these in person, but unfortunately they will be conducted over the phone or via Webex – please check each Unit's news section of last week's newsletter to see which way they are conducting interviews. If you have missed out on the time you wanted on the day, an alternate time can be made by contacting your child's teacher via email. If expecting a phone interview by your child's teacher, the number will be blocked but made to you at your interview time. Children should be near by at the interview time to allow them to be involved, if appropriate. <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/> and click on **MAKE A BOOKING BY 5PM TODAY** and enter event

code **cj2yj**

PARENTS AND FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT

Unfortunately this fantastic event has had to be postponed. Keep your eye on future newsletters for when the new date will be.

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.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

Essential Items / iPad accounts will be sent home within the next week or so. If you are unsure if you have paid, please contact the Office.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Avery F, Jarrod M & India H.

Sharyn Burnett, Assistant Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

REMOTE LEARNING

We would like to thank all our children and their families for their amazing effort during our latest remote learning period. Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated. We would also like to commend all the First Steps students on their transition to back to school.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Just a reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews will be held tomorrow Friday 30th July. Unfortunately, interviews will not be able to be face to face and will be conducted over the phone. Your child's teacher will call you at the time you chose on the online booking. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to have a chat with your child's teacher about their progress. **Children are not required to attend school.** If you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher.



As we near our 100th Day of School celebration, the children's excitement is starting to grow. We will spend Monday, 9th August investigating the number 100 as part of the celebration.

A zip-lock bag with a note attached will be sent home on Monday, 2nd August for your child to fill with 100 small items. This may include things like buttons, toothpicks, 5c pieces or anything your child chooses that will fit in their bag. We ask that the bags are returned to school by next Friday, 6th August in preparation for our whole unit activities on Monday.

JETS GYMNASTICS

As part of our Physical Education Gymnastics Program, we will be attending Jets Gym in Hattam Street. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to participate in a sequential weekly gymnastics program run by accredited instructors. The program will consist of 4 one-hour sessions. Permission notes were sent home today outlining dates, session times and cost.

FIRST STEPS CONCERT NEWS

Today a detailed note was sent home with your child outlining information regarding our Junior concert. Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you have any questions.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For being responsible by regularly practising their spelling words at home:

FSN **Heath B**
FSP **Ainslee S**
FSJ **Claudia V**

Nicole, Leisha, Pauline & Josh

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you so much to the children and their families for their amazing effort during our latest remote learning period. We have been so impressed with the work being sent through to us via Dojo and appreciate you taking the time to read the teacher feedback each day. If you were unable to post photos of your child's work on their Dojo portfolio we would really appreciate you sending their work in to school as soon as possible so that we are able to see your child's learning and understandings over the home learning period.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tomorrow we will conduct our Parent Teacher Interviews. We would like to remind parents that children are not required to attend school. Due to the current restrictions, interviews will not take place face-to-face.

Jen and Zoe will conduct their interviews via Webex so that both teachers and parents are able to participate, and Catherine will call parents on the phone at their chosen time. If you have any further questions, please contact your child's teacher via Dojo messenger.

If you have not yet booked an appointment, please logon to the interview website by 5pm TODAY. If you are unable to participate on the day you will be able to make alternative arrangements with your child's teacher to meet (remotely) over the coming week.

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. This will be the final opportunity to send in information about their family tree before we begin working on our displays in the classroom.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Resilience' while working remotely for the third time this year:

JC **Nikirra S**
JJ **Avery F**

Catherine, Jen & Zoe

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

Yesterday the Middle Unit students successfully transitioned back to classroom learning. We would like to congratulate all the students on their effort and commitment during remote learning. A big thank you to the parents and families too. We really appreciate your support and assistance during this time.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS-WEBEX

Just a reminder that Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted tomorrow via Webex, Friday, 30th July. **Bookings for interviews will close at 5:00pm today.** We look forward to speaking with you about your child's learning. **Students are not required to attend school tomorrow.**

PALMER'S GYM

At this stage, the Middle Unit is still going ahead with our Palmer's Gym Program. The first scheduled session is Friday, 13th August. We will ensure that all COVID protocols will be followed according to the Department of Education and Palmer's Gym. We will keep you updated with any changes to the Gym Program.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

For displaying 'Responsibility' during remote learning and on return to school:

MW **Dexter L**
MR **Levi B**
MD **Chelsea A**

Renae, Leisha, Wendy & Dean

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all students, we look forward to a very busy and productive Term 3.

CAMP

The third instalment is now overdue, if you are yet to pay, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you to those families who have already paid. The final instalment of \$45 is due on Monday, 30th August.

HEALTH & HUMAN RELATIONS

Due to the COVID-19 Lockdown, this could not take place, we are working through rescheduling this and will advise a new date soon.

REMINDER – PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS- PUPIL FREE DAY

Parent teacher phone interviews take place tomorrow, please ensure you have booked your spot with your child's teacher. Bookings close at 5pm today.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating resilience during our Remote Learning:

SA *Jai N*
SB *India H*
SK *Sophie W*
SL *Tiffany P*

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

SCHOOL CONCERT NEWS

The BHPS 150th Anniversary School Concert note went home with all students this week. The note outlines vital information about the concert dates, tickets, costumes etc. Please ensure students hand this to parents and families carefully read through it, keeping the information in a safe place.

The date of the Junior School Concert has been changed from Thursday, 12th August to Wednesday, 25th August.

This will allow students enough time to rehearse their performance songs, since the Lockdown resulted in us missing out on vital face-to-face class time. The note that went home reflects this update.

The best way to purchase the Junior Concert Tickets is by using our Qkr app. Once your order has been filled, we will text you to advise they are ready, so you can collect them yourself, or give permission for us to send them home with your child.

You can also purchase tickets from the Office if you wish, but you will need to check in using the QR code on the front door first.

If you need tickets for a child under Primary School age, please call the Office and we can put one aside to then place in the envelope with adult ticket/s once they have been purchased on the Qkr app, or at the Office.

Senior Concert Tickets are not yet on sale sorry, they will go on sale after the Junior Concert on Wednesday, 25th August.

Nick Reid
Performing Arts Coordinator

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT

Unfortunately, due to the Lockdown, we have had to postpone this great event. Hopefully we will be able to reschedule at a later date. If you have already purchased tickets, please hold onto them at this stage, if we have to cancel the event, then we will refund all monies paid, but fingers crossed it can be rescheduled.

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

CANTEEN NEWS

We have a new drink on the menu

AVAILABLE NOW!

CHILLj Sparkling 100% Fruit Juice

\$2.00 each, rated 'green'

Available in Raspberry, Grape, Watermelon & Lemonade

CANTEEN DAY IN LIEU OF CONCERT DAY

Due to there being no Canteen on Wednesday, 25th August due the Junior Concert, we have decided to open on the Tuesday, 24th August. Apologies for any inconvenience, just a change of day for this one week.

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, aunts, 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

ART PHOTOS

Chloe V



India H



Isabella G



Josh VS



Keira H



Mitchell G



Poppy S

