



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

## CALENDAR

**FRIDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October

**WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO FACE TO FACE LEARNING** (Year 3-6's must wear masks)

**2022 Class Placement Requests due** (full information inside)

**2022 YEAR 6 POLO ORDERS DUE**

First Steps & Junior Unit Swimming program commences

**P&F Coin Rush Drive commences**

First Steps & Junior Unit Swimming program continues

**BENDIGO CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

First Steps & Junior Unit Swimming program continues

**Day for Daniel Walk, Scoot or Ride to school from 8:30am, Years 2-6:**

**Prep & Year 1 students requested to do the walk AT school please**

First Steps & Junior Unit Swimming program concludes

P&F Lucky Numbers Fundraiser opens

## School Organisation

Dear Parent/s, Guardian/s and Carer/s,

### **RETURN TO FACE TO FACE LEARNING FOR ALL STUDENTS – TOMORROW**

That's right everyone, it's finally happening – all year levels are back to school tomorrow! We are so happy to be able to welcome all students back to school 😊. Just a reminder to please bring all learning materials back to school.

### **SUNSMART – HATS ON IN TERM 4**

Remember.... no hat, no play during Term 4. Each day, students need to wear a hat when playing outdoors. Hats are available from the Office for \$10. You can order via our Qkr app, send your child to school with \$10, or call us to order and pay using card. If your child comes to school without a hat, they can still play, but it must be undercover.

### **CLASS PLACEMENT**

Your opportunity to provide information regarding your child's class placement in 2022 finishes tomorrow. Please, if you would like to provide information for us to consider when placing your child, ensure this is emailed to me by tomorrow (Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October) [Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au).

### **KINDER – PREP ENROLMENT**

If you have not enrolled your child for Prep, 2022... please contact the Office / Janet Dean as soon as possible. In addition to this, if you have family or friends you know want to come to the school, please encourage them to make contact ASAP to avoid disappointment. For parents wanting to organise a tour, we are unable to provide school tours currently due to COVID-19 restrictions. When a time arrives when this can be done safely, we will advise on our website.

### **MOVING ON NEXT YEAR?**

If a change calls and you are leaving the area, moving to the other side of Bendigo etc, please advise us as early as possible. We are collating numbers of students to begin organising class structures for 2022, so knowing if a child is leaving is really helpful. Please don't feel embarrassed to ring the Office and advise.

### **STAFFING**

Just like our community, our staff are subject to the same rules and regulations in place relating to COVID-19. Due to this, we have staff at times in isolation, under-going testing as a result of symptoms or attendance at an exposure site in the community etc. On days where this occurs, we will always do the very best to provide the best option for the delivery of education in your child's room. As you can imagine, some days this can be quite tricky... and with a few germs doing the rounds, it doesn't take much to infect staff and then they have to test and isolate. We have an operations guide that we have to follow to keep everyone safe... and like everyone else, follow the rules in place to protect the community. In understanding this, you will appreciate that on some days the usual routine or teacher may not be available. Fortunately we have been able to navigate quite well – and this hopefully will continue.

### **BENDIGO CUP DAY HOLIDAY**

Next Wednesday is a Shire Holiday and therefore NO SCHOOL for students and staff.

### **FIRST STEPS & JUNIOR UNIT SWIMMING PROGRAM**

This begins next week. We have exclusive use of the pool with our children not having any exposure to the public. This is only available now as the pool remains otherwise closed to the general public.

## **LOCAL SCHOOL CLOSURES**

Lots of our wonderful neighbouring schools have had COVID cases in the past week. Facing forward, we will continue to follow our COVID SAFE plan and ensure we endeavour to keep our school as safe as possible. In the event of a case, schools now close briefly (ie. around a day) and return after contact tracing is done. Only those with direct contact with the case have to isolate etc. Let's hope we don't have to experience this first hand, however in the meantime it is business as usual.

## **VACCINATION**

Like many settings schools now have mandatory vaccination requirements in place for all adults - Teachers, Education Support, parent volunteers, Wellbeing Support Staff, any adult coming on site to perform work in a paid or volunteer capacity etc. This does not apply to parents coming to school to pick their children up.

## **FAMILY ACCOUNTS**

Kerry is working on processing credit notes for the Year 5/6 Camp and the First Steps & Junior Unit Gym program. These credits will sit on your family account and can be used for future excursions such as swimming etc. If you would like a refund for the Year 5/6 Camp, please email your bank details – account name/number and BSB to Kerry at [kerry.prentice@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kerry.prentice@education.vic.gov.au) ASAP. Thank you.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Ethan M, Jarryn S, Mitchell G, Eden & Oli M, Tristion D, Chelsea W, Braxley T, Cordy M & Xavier K.

Kind regards,

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **SWIMMING**

Swimming will be going ahead next week as we have exclusive use of the pool. Thank you to those families that have already returned their notes and payment. If you haven't already, please return permission note and payment to the office tomorrow (Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October). The swimming Level Assessment form was due yesterday. If you have not completed this form, please do so today or tomorrow. This form assists us in placing your child in the correct level and group prior to the commencement of our Swimming Program.

Click on the following link that takes you to an electronic version of the form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-HfNN97qM0C004hjDTBth6dAIPmHtBtJh1GUINhhdg9UQIJT N043M1IzODg4REw1Vlk4RkxLMTBGWj4u>

Once you have completed the form it will be automatically sent to Gurri Wanyarra and they will assign your child to the correct swimming group.

Children are to wear bathers under their school uniform in the morning as they will be changing at the pool before and after their swimming lesson. Children can bring thongs in their school bag and change into these before they leave for the pool. They will then change back into their regular school shoes when they return to school.

Children are to bring a swimming bag/plastic bag containing a towel, goggles, underwear, thongs (optional). Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

## **STARS OF THE WEEK**

*For including all the features of a procedural text when writing steps on how to make jelly:*

**FSJ Hannah G**  
**FSN Anna S**  
**FSP Haize W**

*Nicole, Leisha, Pauline & Josh*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for any volunteers who have the time to cover some recently purchased books for our classrooms. Please see Jen, Catherine or Zoe if you can help out. We will provide the contact if you can provide the time 😊

### **SWIMMING**

Swimming will begin on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> October and continue on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. We would like our students to come to school with their bathers underneath their uniform and don't forget to pack a towel, goggles and some underwear. Some students may need to wear two-piece bathers in case they need to use the toilets while we are school. Our group does not leave until 12:30pm so the need may arise.

To assist us in placing your child in the correct level and group prior to the commencement of our Swimming Program please complete the **Swimming Level Assessment form**. These forms should have been completed yesterday so please attend to this as soon as possible.

Click on the following link that takes you to an electronic version of the form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=-HfNN97qM0C004hjDTBth6dAIPmHtBtJh1GUINhhdg9UQUJT N043M1lzODg4REw1Vlk4RkxLMTBGWi4u>

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For displaying the School Values of 'Safety' and 'Respect' by playing appropriately in the yard:*

JC **Bonnie S**  
JJ **Ethan M**

*Catherine, Jen & Zoe*

## **MIDDLE UNIT NEWS**

### **WELCOME BACK AGAIN**

We will welcome back all students to classroom learning tomorrow. Please ensure the return of student workbooks including Sound Waves and New Wave Mental Maths.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

We have decided to cancel our Swimming Program, two Palmer's Gym sessions and the excursion to the Melbourne Museum as we will not have exclusive use of the venues we booked. If payment has been made, please contact or email Kerry at the Office to arrange your refund. [Kerry.Prentice@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Kerry.Prentice@education.vic.gov.au)

### **CURRICULUM NEWS**

This week in Literacy the students have focused on reading and writing Information Reports on Australian animals. In Mathematics, students have been learning about 2D shapes and angles including acute, right and obtuse angles.

Please keep up the home reading and utilise our online reading programs. Students are encouraged to maintain their diaries and record the number of nights read.

### **HATS AND DRINK BOTTLE**

Just a reminder that students are required to wear hats during Term 4 and bring a named drink bottle to school every day.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For displaying the School Value of 'Respect':*

MW **Mia T**  
MR **Tristion D**  
MD **Evie S**

*Rena, Leisha, Wendy & Dean*

## **SENIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **CAMP**

A credit will be placed on your child's school account to be used for any future events. If you would prefer a refund – please email Kerry your bank details.

### **SWIMMING, BREAKUP NOTES**

These went out last week. Please remember to check with the Office if you have credit on your school account to help pay these costs. Please send back permission notes ASAP. Thank you.

### **2022 YEAR 6 POLO TOP ORDERS**

Orders are due in tomorrow – no late orders will be accepted.

*Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

### **CANTEEN REOPENED**

The Canteen has reopened. Normal days of operation – Wednesday & Friday. There are no changes to prices from last term.

*Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager*

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

### **COIN RUSH DRIVE**

We are running the coin rush drive this term, due to it being postponed earlier, we are now able to run this fundraiser. We will have tubs put into each classroom on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> October and this will be the day the drive starts. Each class will get the chance to put spare change into their tubs and the class with the most coins at the end of the drive wins the competition. It will run for 3 weeks ending on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. The class which raises the most money receives a FANTASTIC prize! We hope you all enjoy this fundraiser again this year and good luck to all the children and classes.

### **LUCKY NUMBERS FUNDRAISER**

We are running a new fundraiser this term due to our Trivia Night being cancelled. It's called Lucky Numbers! We have all our prizes from the Trivia Night that we would love for everyone to have a chance to still win. There will be a note coming home with your child to explain how LUCKY NUMBERS will run. We look forward to seeing how this fundraiser runs and hope everyone enjoys having a bit of FUN with it!

### **MANGO DRIVE**

We are running our annual mango drive again this year. There will be a bit of a change with the mangoes due to seasonal conditions beyond our control they are little smaller in size, but same great quality. Tray sizes will be 4.5kg instead of 7kg and the price will also be reduced to \$20 per tray.

Order forms will be sent home with your child tomorrow and will need to be returned by Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November. The delivery date for the mangoes will be confirmed closer to the date. Thank you all again for your ongoing support with Parents & Friends we really appreciate it.

### **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, it's really appreciated*



# CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

## Purpose

To create the best possible learning environment, which is equitable, to all students and their families.

## Guidelines

1. *That the underlying principles are educational and in the best interests of all children,*
2. *That involvement in the process is within the framework of specified criteria,*
3. *That the final responsibility for class placement and/or pupil movement remains primarily with the Principal / delegate.*

## Implementation

1. The specified criteria for movement of a child from one class to another are as follows:
  - Special needs of children (ie: emotional, psychological, behavioural, disabilities),
  - Equitable distribution of children (ie: learning, gender, behaviour considerations),
  - Within unit requests (ie: for children to be placed or not placed within a class for family groupings),
  - Flexibility in grouping will be encouraged in movement between Units or Year levels,
  - Children should have at least one friend accompany him or her to the next class,
  - Parents of a pre-school child are provided with the opportunity to indicate a friend with whom they would like their child placed as part of the enrolment process.
2. People who may be involved in the class selection process are as follows:
  - The child's class teacher,
  - The school's transition teachers,
  - Parent(s) of a special needs child,
  - Parent(s) who have views regarding family grouping,
  - Other staff involved in the child's education, such as specialists who have specific special needs information,
  - Pre-school staff,
  - First Steps, Junior Unit, Middle Unit and Senior Unit staff,
  - The Principal.
3. Parents are to write to the Principal stating any educational considerations by **Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October**.
  - Records of decisions which have been made regarding placement of children for various reasons, especially behaviour, will be kept,
  - The Principal / delegate will be responsible for keeping this information,
  - All requests will receive either a verbal or written reply so parents understand staff reasons for student placement.
4. If there has been an ongoing concern during the year and there has been contact between the parent, teacher and Principal, a child could be moved to another class in the following year. This action should take place only after discussions with the Principal / delegate and the involved parties.
5. In the event of new students altering the class structure or dynamics, some children may need to be moved to another class early in the school year.

Student enrolment numbers will be a major factor in determining class structures.





Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be holding the *Day for Daniel FUNraiser* this year on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October. We're doing it in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, with funds helping them achieve their mission of keeping kids safe in Australia! This event is only open to students from Big Hill PS.

### **Big Hill PS Day for Daniel Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**Wear Red and Walk, Scoot and Ride to School – YEAR 2-6's**

**Or Wear Red and Walk AT School – OPEN TO EVERYONE  
BUT PREP & YEAR 1's MUST DO THE WALK AT SCHOOL  
13 laps of the Oval**

- Wear red on the day and make a gold coin donation,
- Start at Phillis Street from 8:30am and walk, scoot and ride to school,
- Or arrive at school and join in the walk on the oval – 13 laps is approximately the same distance (only walking on the oval),
- Classroom activities centred around child safety, thanks to the Foundation,
- Everyone can enjoy a free frozen iced treat at 1<sup>st</sup> break (thanks for participating and having fun with friends),
- We're walking to school and wearing red in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, helping them achieve their mission of keeping kids safe in Australia.

Wearing red and walking, scooting and riding to school give opportunities for fundraising all money goes to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Unfortunately, this year is the same as 2020, only children at BHPS can participate (not family members).

#### **How Does My Child Fundraise?**

All fundraising is completed online, so please create your profile at [d4dFUNraiser.com.au](http://d4dFUNraiser.com.au). Share your link through social media, email and even text. As a bonus, all donations are tax deductible! For raising just \$10, students will receive a reward for their effort. The more they raise, the better the reward!

Remember, the money raised will help the Daniel Morcombe Foundation raise awareness, so please share your fundraising link far, wide and often! It will guarantee the best results.

#### **About the Day for Daniel FUNraiser**

The *Day for Daniel FUNraiser* promotes awareness for child safety while raising funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The Foundation works tirelessly to educate communities on child safety strategies and support victims of crime involving children. We're supporting by holding a *Day for Daniel FUNraiser* and we hope you will support us by participating in the fundraising and organise for children to wear red on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> October.

#### **What will the money raised go towards?**

This year the Foundation is hoping to raise \$150,000, which will allow them to create a new educational program called 'Keeping Safe With Morky'. This program can educate millions of Australian children, so we hope we can help them get there! If not, the money raised certainly won't be wasted. In fact, \$1,000 provides counselling for one young victim of crime, \$2,000 funds 20 schools with resources to help Keep Kids Safe and \$25,000 funds the creation of one Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson, which is free for everyone and educates children on relevant child safety.

#### **Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE**

Make sure you keep an eye on their website, as it will tell you when to order your prizes. If you have any questions, please call the FUNraiser team on 1800 386 786.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!