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**THURSDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

## CALENDAR

**Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November**  
Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November  
**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> December  
**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Mango Drive orders / money due**  
**Payment due for Year 2 Sleepover Pizza Party** (new note going home today)  
P&F Coin Drive finishes  
School Council Webex Meeting at 7:00pm  
**Payment due for Senior Unit Swimming**  
Year 2 Pizza Party – arrive at Discovery Centre at 4:30pm, collect at 8:30pm  
**Payment due for Senior Unit Breakup**  
Senior Unit Swimming Program commences  
Senior Unit Swimming Program continues  
Senior Unit Swimming Program continues  
Senior Unit Swimming Program concludes  
Year 6 Graduation – more information to follow – Meal Deal ordering from Monday, see inside  
Senior Unit Breakup  
**LAST DAY FOR 2021 – early dismissal of 1:30pm**

## School Organisation

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

Week 6 has been very busy with many of our classes undertaking testing in preparation for end of year reports. We have continued to have three classes in isolation due to COVID-19 exposures and all staff back on deck – some still delivering learning remotely to those at home. It's a case of once again being flexible and with only 5 weeks of the year to go, time is going to fly by!

### **COVID-19 CASES AT BIG HILL PS**

As outlined above, three classes went into isolation last week after being in contact with a positive case within their classrooms. Middle Wendy, Middle Renae/Leisha and Senior Lauren/Roberta commenced 14 days of isolation last week – with Day 13 testing due to be done today. Results should come back tomorrow, Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, however, children return to school next Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November after providing a copy of the Department of Health (DH) negative test result done on Day 13 (today). These can either be emailed to [Janet.Dean@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Janet.Dean@education.vic.gov.au) or [Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au) or sent by text to 0438 738 788 before resuming school. We are hoping that all of our children in isolation return a negative result tomorrow and return to school ready for the last 5 weeks of term. For positive cases, clearance from DH must occur since providing a negative result is not an option. Staying safe moving forward remember:

- Children to wear masks at school – recommended for Prep & Year 1/2 and mandatory for Years 3 – 6. All adults on site to wear masks at all times,
- Children and adults do not come to school with even the mildest of symptoms – test and isolate until a negative result is received. If testing positive, please notify the school immediately. Thank you 😊,
- Visits to the Office or indoors require you to scan the QR code and show proof of vaccination on entry,
- Hand sanitise or wash your hands regularly to keep everyone safe.

### **GET ACTIVE VOUCHERS FOR FAMILIES**

Support for your kids to get active! Does your child love sport and being active? Does your family have a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card? You may be eligible for up to \$200 to put towards the cost of your child's participation in physical activities. As children return to sport over the coming months, the Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities. Under the program, children may be eligible to receive up to \$200 to help with the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms, and equipment. The program also provides a special consideration stream to support children residing in care services as well as temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants or international students. Applications for vouchers in round three of the program close at 5:00pm Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November. For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the **Get Active Victoria** website at <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/>

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Today the whole school paused at 11:00am to reflect on the sacrifice made by so many of our Armed Services and associated organisations to keep all Australians safe. A minute's silence was observed to reflect. In classes, many of our teachers spoke about the meaning of Remembrance Day also. To support comprehension, perhaps make time tonight to speak to your child about what Remembrance Day means to your family and friends.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL – NOVEMBER MEETING**

The next meeting of Council is this Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. Finance meet at 6:30pm, with our November meeting commencing at 7:00pm. The meeting needs to occur remotely, so members are encouraged to join via Webex <https://eduvic.webex.com/meet/pearce.matthew.d> or by calling 0438 738 788. Hard copy materials for the meeting will be sent home this week, with my Principals report due via email by Friday afternoon. If you can make the meeting, it would be much appreciated to ensure we have a quorum, however, if unable to attend, please advise as early as possible.

## **CAN I COME ON SITE AS A PARENT?**

### **VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS / CARERS ATTENDING SCHOOLS**

All parents and carers attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene. Whilst it is now possible for visitors to come on site, you do need to be aware of the following requirements to keep all of our unvaccinated students safe:

- Parents and carers who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code,
- Parents and carers who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> November or have a valid medical exception (evidence to be provided on entry).

The only occasions where a parent or carer can be on site unvaccinated is:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school,
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent / carer,
- when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

Parents and carers attending any event or activity **inside** a school building including, but not limited to tours, graduations, kindergarten transition, whole of school events are required to show evidence of vaccination. Meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) with parents and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements must be held virtually. Parents and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

## **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 or via our Qkr app for \$10. If your child comes to school without a hat, they can still play, but it must be undercover. On very hot days, especially when the UV danger is very high, we will enforce extreme weather rules also and children have to stay indoors. This is all part of keeping our children safe 😊.

## **CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2022 AND TEACHING POSITIONS**

Next year we will be running the following structures: Three Prep / Year 1 classes (First Steps Unit – Nicole Peach, Josh Savage and TBC), Two classes of Year 1/2 students (Junior Unit – Catherine Kelley and Leisha Morrison / TBC), Three classes of Year 3/4 students (Middle Unit – Dean White, Pauline Mulcair and Wendy Hicks) and Four classes of Year 5/6 students (Senior Unit – Ainsley Stanley, Brett Strange, Kate Dole and Jen Nicholls). I'm sad to advise that at the end of the year, we will farewell Renae Westley and Lauren Adcock, with both ladies moving on to another setting... which is of course very exciting for them, but sad for us! Of course, like all positions, change is important. We shouldn't stay in the one place forever...so natural promotions to new settings are part of learning and growing. To fill the void left by Renae and Lauren, two teaching positions are currently advertised – with one working in First Steps next year and the other in our Junior Unit (part time with Leisha). We will continue to enjoy working with Nick Reid (music), Leisha Morrison (art), Ella Xu (Chinese) and Roberta Mathers (STEM) also in 2022 as our specialist teachers. Further staffing announcements will be made to the community as they come to light.

## **KINDER – PREP TRANSITION**

The first of our Kinder Prep Transition visits is next Tuesday from 10:00am – 11:00am. Our visiting Kinder students will enjoy an hour with Nicole and Josh, getting a taste for Primary School life. During the visit parents / carers will drop off and only remain on site if booked in for a school tour. We are offering tours over several dates, with no more than 10 at a time – with all adults required to be double-vaccinated. Proof of vaccination is also required. If you would like to join a tour, please contact the Office to book in.

## **MOVING ON NEXT YEAR? FUTURE ENROLMENT?**

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. Additionally, if you know of family, friends etc intending on enrolling at Big Hill PS next 2022, please encourage them to make contact now, rather than wait to avoid disappointment. It's also extremely important to remind all families that Prep enrolments for 2022 should already be in place – if you have a pre-school aged child who is coming to school next year AND you have not yet enrolled them at Big Hill PS, please attend to this ASAP 😊. Thank you.

## **STAFFING**

As outlined above, we will farewell Lauren and Renae at the end of the year. As we farewell the two ladies, we welcome a new part time Business Manager to our school – Erin Neller 😊. Erin joins Kerry and Janet in the Office a couple of days a week and has experience working across a few local schools. Please make Erin feel welcome when you first meet her in our Office. Next week we will also welcome Catherine Kelley back from Carer's Leave. Catherine will return after two weeks and take back control of her class, who have been well-supported and taught by Zoe Wright. Our tutoring program has finished for this year, but will return again in 2022. A big thank you to May and Zoe for doing such a thorough job in trying times. We hope to see both May and Zoe in coming weeks as they track students who have been on the program and support classrooms in the final weeks of school. In the remaining weeks, we hope to have programs as settled as possible, but like all settings, staff may become unwell or be required to test with COVID-19 symptoms. Fingers crossed we can avoid this as much as possible.

## **CRUSOE TRANSITION**

Next week on Monday I will be travelling to Crusoe with 10 of our students to participate in small group transition. The children attending have been selected to support their move to Year 7 next year. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 operations, Crusoe can only offer very limited numbers to attend for transition purposes. On Tuesday I will again return to Crusoe with 4 students to participate in targeted transitions in the afternoon. If your child has been selected to participate, you will have received permission forms / information.

## **GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS**

Next week we will have three flagpoles installed in the centre garden, enabling us to continually fly the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island national flags every day. This will be an exciting addition to our grounds. In addition to this, we have installed new shade sails outside the First Steps building, with plans to lay turf in the coming weeks. This will create an outdoor education space and an area for children to sit and eat their snack / lunch whilst being protected from the sun. Today I was advised of another successful grant, so I am planning another installation of a shade sail in our grounds. Exciting times at Big Hill PS!

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Willow W, Taya K, Kelson G, Braxton B, Haize W, Gabrielle B, Jacob F & Jazmine T.

We are down to the final weeks of school. Week 7 signals that only 5 weeks remain, however, is also the start of us having all of our classes back on deck again... which will be wonderful. Things can change quickly though, so fingers crossed we can have very settled weeks in the lead up to the end of the year.

Kind regards,

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for volunteers to help contact some new readers we have recently purchased.

If you are able to help out, please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you.

### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

*For showing perseverance and improvement in solving subtraction problems:*

FSJ    *Otis M*  
FSN    *Mannix A*  
FSP    *Lucas Q*

*Nicole, Leisha, Pauline & Josh*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER – IMPORTANT CHANGES**

Due to changes to the COVID-19 Operations Guide we are very sorry to say that the Year 2 Sleepover event has needed to be altered.

We are unable to safely sleep all of the children and staff from three different classes within the same room, so we have adjusted the night to be a Pizza Party. The party will begin earlier, with a 4:30pm drop off and conclude at 8:30pm. Our students will still have use of the giant slide, planetarium and play areas, but will now also be able now to take part in a science workshop as well!

We are sorry to have cancelled this important event as originally planned, but are very glad that our night can continue in some capacity. A new permission note with the amended details and payment was sent home today. Those who have already paid, we thank you and you will be credited the difference of \$14. Qkr has been updated to \$31 if you have yet to pay.

### **JUNIOR UNIT BREAK UP VOLUNTEERS**

On Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December the Junior Unit will be celebrating the end of our year together by having our break up at the Golden Square swimming pool. A note will be coming home in the next few weeks but we are planning on having a sausage sizzle lunch and are looking for any volunteers who could assist us with cooking and serving this to the kids. Please see Catherine, Jen or Zoe if you are available to help out on the day. Please note you will need to be double vaccinated and show proof to the Office.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' by treating her classmates with care and kindness:

JC **Sienna B**  
JJ **Poppy S**

*Catherine, Jen & Zoe*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### DISCOVERY CENTRE SLEEPOVER CANCELLATION / AMENDMENT

Due to changes in the School Operations Guide, it has unfortunately been decided to cancel the Year 2 Sleepover. We are unable to safely sleep all of the students and staff across three classes within the same room at the Discovery Centre.

However, we are pleased to announce that our visit to the Discovery Centre will still go ahead as a Pizza Party. The event will start at 4:30pm and conclude at 8:30pm on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. Our students will have access to the vertical slide, Planetarium, the interactive play areas and now a science workshop. A new permission note with the amended details and payment amount will be emailed out today. Thank you to the families who have already paid, you will be credited the difference of \$14. Qkr has been updated to the new amount if you have yet to pay.

### CURRICULUM NEWS

This week in Literacy the students have focused on researching, planning and writing Information Reports. The students will then use their reports to complete a Passion Project, with the opportunity to present them to the class.

In Mathematics, as part of Geometry, the students have been learning to describe the features of 3D objects including faces, edges and vertices. Next week, the students will be busy completing a variety of literacy and numeracy assessment tasks.

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' during on site or remote learning:

MW **Liam W**  
MR **Kaylie A**  
MD **Maeson D**

*Rena, Leisha, Wendy & Dean*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### PREP PHOTOS

Please email these to Brett at:

[Brett.Strange@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Brett.Strange@education.vic.gov.au)

### SWIMMING NOTES

Please return these forms including the swimming levels and make payment ASAP.

### SENIOR UNIT BREAK UP

Please return form and make payment ASAP.

### 2022 YEAR 6 GRADUATION SHIRTS

Orders have been finalised, students will be notified when they arrive.

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December

Awards will commence 12:15pm.

Students on site by 12:00pm.

More information to come in relation to visitors to the school in accordance with the school operations guidelines, details will then finalised.

We will be running the Graduation similar to last year's format.

### Year 6 Meal Deal information

Available to order on Qkr from next week. Closing dates for orders is Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Choices are:

- 1) 6 Chicken Nuggets, Chips & a Juice \$7.50
- 2) Chips and gravy & a Juice \$5.50
- 3) Burger and chips & a Juice \$8.50 (burger has lettuce, cheese & tomato and your choice of tomato or BBQ sauce)

### YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Due to changed regulations, Crusoe College are only able to offer small group transition opportunities.

However, statewide transition day is still scheduled for the Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December and at this point in time all students can attend. If you have any concerns in relation to transition, we encourage you to contact your child's Secondary school for more information.

### HATS

Term 4 requires all students to wear a hat when outside, please ensure your child has a labelled hat to bring to school. The Office sells hats year round for \$10 or you can order via our Qkr app.

### DRINK BOTTLES

We have a number of drink bottles that are unlabelled at school. Please ensure all your child belongings are labelled clearly. Thank you.

### HELMETS

Reminder that all students are required to wear helmets when bike riding or scooting to school. It is not only for their own safety, but it is also law that students wear helmets. Too often we are seeing and reminding students to do the right thing in this regard.

### KRIS KRINGLE

Once again this year, we are welcoming student participation in our Senior Unit Kris Kringle. Of course this is optional, however is a lot of fun for the students and brings a lot of cheer to the classroom. Notes will be sent home with students next week, which will clearly state the guidelines for this activity.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating our School Values throughout the school week:

SA **Nash B**  
SB **Khayden P**  
SK **Logan B**  
SL **Taj A**

*Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta*

## MUSIC NEWS

### **BHPS 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CONCERT UPDATE**

Unfortunately we have had to postpone our BHPS 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert to next year!

It has proven to be far too difficult to run a Junior and Senior Concert within the few weeks remaining in this very disrupted and uncertain term. Having some COVID-19 cases in our school has added another layer of complexity to the organisation, and we are still very limited with the capacity limits at the venue. Even with no audience, and with the church's restrictions easing on November 5th, the number of performing students simply exceed the legal capacity at the church.

We have discussed different options of having it at school but unfortunately none of them are viable in the end, due to live streaming complexities, costs and lacking the correct equipment and infrastructure required for a large performance. Running a concert this term would make it very difficult to maintain class bubbles with classes intermingling for different group performances, and different narrators coming and going between performances.

It's a shame to have to postpone it again, but we would rather be patient and do it properly and give the students an authentic experience performing on the stage, rather than rushing into it or having to cut corners with other options.

Luckily students aren't completely missing out, since we can try it again next year - continuing where we left off, with the same songs, costumes and set ups. There will obviously need to be a few alterations required with new classes for next year, but we can notify parents of the necessary steps with this closer to the date. Families who have already organised costumes might want to arrange some swaps or alterations depending on whether kids are in the same class as this year or not, but hopefully that won't be too much of an inconvenience for families.

Also, you might be wondering about the Year 6's, since they won't be here next year.. do they just miss out? Well.. fortunately, we will be putting together a small Year 6 performance at the Year 6 graduation later this term, so the Year 6's will be able to do a performance before they finish up at BHPS, which will be nice. As for everyone else... stay tuned for more info next year!

For those families who have purchased tickets and haven't been refunded as yet, please contact the Office for school account credit or refund if necessary.

Kind regards,

**Nick Reid, Music Teacher**

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### **COIN RUSH DRIVE**

Tubs are in each classroom now. 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 ends 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.

For those 3 classes ONLY who are isolating, you may make a small donation (no more than \$5) via our Qkr app if you are unable to bring change to school. Please advise Janet if you have used this option so it can be added to the cash tally. Thank you.

### **LUCKY NUMBERS FUNDRAISER**

We are running a new fundraiser this term due to our Trivia Night being cancelled. It's called Lucky Numbers!

A note explaining how to purchase went home 2 weeks ago. You can order on Qkr to get random lucky numbers, or call the Office if you wish to choose a specific number. Numbers are \$20 each, with a limit of 3 per family. Every number wins a prize!

### **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 have been sent home 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*

## LOST PROPERTY NEWS

Please name all items of clothing, containers and drink bottles that children bring to school, as it makes it easier for us to return items to children.

We have had a clean-up of items. The lost property is displayed outside and children can claim their items.

If not claimed some go to:

- the Second Hand Uniform Shop
- the op shop
- the bin if too soiled

Ask children to locate their lost items and /or send a note to your child's classroom teacher. Every effort will be made to locate them.

The next sort will take place in 1 week.

**3 DAY EVENT**  
**18<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**

**20% OFF\***  
**SCHOOLWEAR**  
**& EVERYTHING ELSE!**

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ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS**

\*T&C'S APPLY, SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES. INSTORE & ONLINE



## Kids and Worry

During this workshop we will explore the reasons why children worry, and ways parents can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

✓Support

✓ Connect

✓Practical Solutions

### Workshop date & location:

**Location:** Zoom

**Dates:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Workshop:** 7pm-8.30pm (please join at  
6.45pm)

Please note this is a single session workshop only.

There is no cost for this workshop.

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

### RSVP:

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