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THURSDAY, 18TH NOVEMBER 2021

CALENDAR

Monday, 22nd November

Thursday, 25th November

Monday, 29th November

Friday, 3rd December

Monday, 6th December

Wednesday, 8th December

Thursday, 9th December

Friday, 10th December

Monday, 13th December

Tuesday, 14th December

Thursday, 16th December

Friday, 17th December

Payment due for Senior Unit Swimming

P&F Christmas Raffle Tickets being sent home

Year 2 Pizza Party – arrive at Discovery Centre at 4:30pm, collect at 8:30pm

Mango Orders delivered this week (tbc)

Payment due for Senior Unit Breakup

Senior Unit Swimming Program commences

Payment due for Junior Unit Breakup

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

Junior Unit Breakup

P&F Christmas Raffle Tickets due back at the Office

Senior Unit Breakup

LAST DAY FOR 2021 – early dismissal of 1:30pm

School Organisation

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

Week 7 has been more settled than the previous week, being the first week in a long while where we have had everyone on site. This has made operations so much smoother and enjoyable. It's just been so great seeing everyone back on deck, especially welcoming back classes that were in isolation and children who have recovered from COVID-19. As I said last week, fingers crossed we continue to enjoy the final 4 weeks in a similar way!

STAYING SAFE – KEEPING COVID-19 AT BAY

As we move forward, we hope to remain infection free so that school days run as close to normal and our children get to enjoy some of the normal routines... especially some of the exciting end of year treats we have ahead. To keep everyone safe, we need to be aware of the following:

- Children to wear masks at school – recommended for Prep & Year 1/2 and mandatory for Year 3-6's. All adults on site to wear masks at all times, unless outdoors and socially distanced,
- 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. If you are not double-vaccinated, please do not come inside school buildings,
- Hand sanitise or wash your hands regularly to keep everyone safe.

GET ACTIVE VOUCHERS FOR FAMILIES – repeat from last week

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 5pm Tuesday 30 November. For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit the **Get Active Victoria** website at <https://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/>

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We had a very productive meeting of school council on Tuesday night, with many of our members in attendance as we looked through the last two months in terms of finances, education, buildings and grounds, fundraising / P&F, OSHC, Chaplaincy and more. This was our last formal meeting, however, School Council members are invited to an end of year dinner, set to occur on Tuesday, 14th December at 7:00pm. Could School Council members please email me to register a place at the table – Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au? Thank you.

SCHOOL CROSSING

The School Crossing near Harvey Norman is manned until 3:45pm, and children are reminded to make their way quickly to the crossing. With dismissal at 3:15pm, that gives students 30 minutes to make it there in time. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING – LUCKY NUMBERS

The P&F are running a Lucky Numbers competition in the Office. There are 100 numbers – with many amazing prizes attached to random numbers in the range from 1 – 100. For \$20 a number, you could win prizes up to the value of \$500. These prizes were to be auctioned at our TRIVIA NIGHT, however, due to lockdown, this could not go ahead. To ensure the prizes are utilised to fundraise, a Lucky Numbers competition is underway. Maximum of 3 tickets per family... and be quick... there are less than 40 numbers left! You can purchase random Lucky Number/s via the Qkr app, or if you want specific Lucky Number/s, please email Janet.

CAN I COME ON SITE AS A PARENT?

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PARENTS / CARERS ATTENDING SCHOOLS – repeated

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, 29th November 2021 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.

YEAR 2 PIZZA PARTY

Next Thursday (November 25th) our Year 2's will head to the Discovery Centre for an exciting Pizza Party celebration. This evening has been modified so that it can run, rather than cancelling. As we cannot all safely sleep overnight at Discovery, a special Pizza Party event has been organised for our Year 2's instead to avoid disappointment. I know that Catherine, Jen and Wendy are all excitedly looking forward to next Thursday... and I'm making sure I don't miss out either... so fun times ahead for our Year 2's. Please ensure payment and permissions are in at the Office to avoid missing out.

CLASS STRUCTURE FOR 2022 AND TEACHING POSITIONS – repeated from last week

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, 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.

TRANSITION

We had several Transition visits this week occurring, which was great to be a part of. On Monday, I took 10 of our current Year 6's to Crusoe for their Scavenger Hunt, which was a lot of fun and helped to orient students to their new school. Sadly, due to restrictions, we were only able to take a ¼ of our students along on this day. On Tuesday, we welcomed nearly 30 Kinder children on site for their first SCHOOL visit. The girls and boys were toured around the school and spent time with Nicole and Josh. Their next visit is scheduled in a couple of week's time! Tuesday afternoon I also returned to Crusoe with 3 of our Year 6's for some extra transition – this enabled selected students to look at supports and familiarise themselves with the school environment. Additional transitions are often available through Crusoe, but should be organised from now on by families directly with the school (ie. Crusoe). For all students, including our new Kinder children, through to our Year 6's – Tuesday, 7th December is the Statewide Transition Day. On this day, Year 6 will go to their Year 7 school (unless this is a private school) and Kinder children will come to Big Hill PS in the morning. We will run a program in the morning that has each child working in their 2022 class, hopefully with their 2022 teacher. Of course, with selection processes underway, we cannot have all teachers with their class as they are not yet known.

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, or you can email if you'd prefer. Additionally, if you know of family, friends etc intending on enrolling at Big Hill PS next year, 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 😊.

PHOENIX FM

Next Friday, 26th November, tune into Phoenix FM to hear our School Leaders (Connor, Charlotte, Ben and Matilda) interviewed on radio. The leaders and I will head across to Phoenix and be peppered with all number of questions about our school, being a leader etc. Notes for this trip will be sent home today or tomorrow.

GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS

Our new flag poles are in and the single, crooked flagpole is a distant memory! Hoping to have the new flags up ASAP, so have a look at the new additions at the top of the circular garden! Today we have also seen work on our new turf seating area commence. This will be a lovely area for our Prep & Year 1/2's to sit and eat their lunch... undercover of course, thanks to the lovely new shade sails installed.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Mila M, Isabelle O, Sierra S, Liam W, RJ T, Benji S, Keenan S, Ben O & Abigail L.

As we approach Week 8, it's a reminder to us all that we have 4 weeks left of the school year. It's a busy time too, so it's bound to pass by quickly! Encourage your child to rest, go to bed early and come to school ready to learn. As children become more tired, behaviours slip... so let's keep them as rested as possible.

Until next week...

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.

HATS AND DRINK BOTTLES

In Term 4, children are required to wear a hat outside when playing. If your child does not have a hat, they will still be able to play but will have to do so outside and undercover. Hats are available for purchase from the office for \$10 and you can order them via our Qkr app. Please make sure that your child/s hat is labelled with your child's name so we can return lost hats to their rightful owner. Along with our hats, as the weather warms up, please send your child to school with a labelled drink bottle so that they are able to have a quick drink in the classroom instead of having to leave the classroom to go and have a drink from the bubble taps.

FIRST STEPS BREAKUP

Planning is underway for our First Steps Breakup and we will update you when we have more information. Watch this space!

INQUIRY UNIT TERM 4

This term for Inquiry we are exploring Australia and all the different states and territories. To help us, we are reading *Are We There Yet?* by Alison Lester and exploring all the different attractions around Australia. The pelicans at Coorong, the quokkas on Rottnest Island and the dolphins at Monkey Mia have been particularly popular.

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying our School Values when doing their classroom phonics work:

FSJ **Angus D**
FSN **Allyera G**
FSP **Ezra B**

Nicole, Leisha, Pauline & Josh

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

YEAR 2 PIZZA PARTY

Due to changes to the COVID-19 operations guide we are very sorry to say that the Year 2 sleepover event has 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 Pizza 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 also get 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 last week, thank you to those parents who have already returned these. Please see Jen, Zoe or Catherine if you need a replacement note.

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

PREP PHOTOS

Please email these to Brett at:
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, 13th 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 be finalised.

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

Year 6 Meal Deal information

Available to order on Qkr NOW. Closing dates for orders is Monday, 6th 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

This week we had a successful transition for a selection of Year 6 students. We look forward to the full day transition on Tuesday, 7th December for all Year 6's at their respective secondary schools.

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's 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

Note sent home with students this week. If you have any questions, please speak with your child's classroom teacher.

JUNIOR UNIT BREAKUP GOLDEN SQUARE SWIMMING POOL

On Tuesday, 14th December the Junior Unit will be celebrating the end of our year together by having a Breakup party at the Golden Square swimming pool. The cost of this excursion will be \$11.00, which covers the entry cost of the pool for the 4 hours plus the hiring of 2 qualified lifeguards.

We have asked for volunteers to assist with providing a sausage sizzle lunch but have yet to receive any offers. Unfortunately, we cannot provide the BBQ lunch without volunteers as the staff will be busy supervising our students. If we do not have any volunteers we will need to make it a packed lunch instead. As we will need time to send out the order forms and buy the necessary items, we would need people to volunteer within the next week if possible.

We would also be seeking additional volunteers to assist with the supervision of the students. Please see Catherine, Jen or Zoe if you are available to help out in any capacity on the day.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' by being an active listener in the classroom:

JC Mica B
JJ Jacob S

Catherine, Jen & Zoe

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

WELCOME BACK

We would like to welcome back MR and MW to school after two weeks of Remote Learning.

YEAR 2 DISCOVERY CENTRE PIZZA PARTY

Excitement is building for the Year 2 Pizza Party. The party will be held at the Discovery Centre Marketplace, next Thursday 25th November at 4:30pm to 8:30pm. The students will participate in a variety of activities including the: vertical slide, interactive exhibits, Planetarium and a Science Workshop. Thank you to the families who have already returned permission forms and paid for this event. If you have any enquiries regarding this evening please contact your child's teacher or the Office.

DRINK BOTTLES AND HATS

Just a reminder for students to bring a drink bottle and hat to school each day. Please ensure that these items are clearly labelled with the student's name.

HOME READING

Please keep up the home reading. Remember 225 nights of reading is the goal to achieve this year. A progressive total of the 'nights read' should be recorded in student diaries.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Safety':

MW Sophie B
MR Dustan H
MD Mileah G

Rena, Leisha, Wendy & Dean

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing leadership qualities in the Senior Unit:

SA Jaxon C
SB Wilkie H
SK Oliver S
SL Mitchell G

Ainsley, Brett, Kate, Lauren & Roberta

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

COIN RUSH DRIVE

The Coin Rush Drive has now finished. We hope you all enjoyed this fundraiser again this year! The winners is JC-Catherine's class! They will get a Fantastic Class Prize before the end of term 4.

Thank you again for all ongoing support with our fundraisers and we look forward to running this again next year.

LUCKY NUMBERS FUNDRAISER

Our Lucky Numbers fundraiser is still running. There is still a few numbers to be purchased if you haven't already got one and wanted to be a part of the FUN! You can Purchase a Lucky Number/s via the Qkr App or at the Office (maximum 3 per family).

We will draw the Lucky Numbers Competition when all the numbers have been purchased or at the end of Term 4.

Good luck to everyone who is already in the competition, there are LOTS of FANTASTIC PRIZES to be WON!!!

MANGO DRIVE

Thank you to everyone who order a tray of mangoes. Our Order has been put in and waiting on collection date. It will be an earlier collection (week commencing Monday 29th November tbc) due to the mango season starting earlier than normal. We will keep you updated with more information as soon as we can. Thank you all again for your ongoing support with Parents & Friends, we really appreciate it.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are running our annual Christmas Raffle again this term. A book of raffle tickets will be sent home with your child on Monday, 22nd November. They will be due back to the Office by Tuesday, 14th December and we will draw the raffle on Wednesday, 15th December. If you would like extra raffle tickets there will be spare books at the Office to purchase.

If you can make any kind of donation towards our Xmas Raffle we would greatly appreciate anything. If you are stuck for donation items here's a few things that could help out.....

- ❖ Chocolates & Lollies
- ❖ Biscuits
- ❖ Xmas Decorations
- ❖ Cellophane & Wrapping Paper
- ❖ Gift Cards
- ❖ Baskets

We thank you all for your ongoing support with P&F activities/fundraises we couldn't do it without you.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

3 DAY EVENT
18TH - 20TH NOVEMBER

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FRIDAY, 10TH DECEMBER

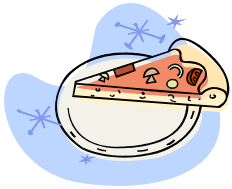
PIZZA DAY MEAL

\$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, 8th December. 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**