



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

## CALENDAR

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February

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

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March

Life Skills Program starts – Whole School Incursion over 6 weeks

All permission / enrolment information forms due at the Office

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE

Year 6 Student Leader / School Captain Positions Speeches

– parents welcome to listen at 12:00pm

SRC Application Forms due at the Office (Year 2-6)

First School Council Meeting for 2023

School Council Nomination Forms due by 3:20pm

Smile Squad Dental Permission due

Payment of \$20 due for the Junior Unit Central Deborah Goldmine Excursion

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## School Organisation

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

Week 2 has been a very productive week, with children settling into routines and becoming familiar with their teachers and classmates. The warm weather has been welcome, however, children do become irritable in the yard as they run around playing happily, not realising they are wearing themselves out. It's always good to have a talk to your child/ren about slowing things down when it's hot and the importance of keeping on the school hat and drinking lots of water. We certainly do that at school to remind children – and as you would realise, children need lots of reminders 😊.

### PREPS

Our Preps are settling well into their routines and certainly needed their rest day yesterday! Wednesdays are PREP free across the State in February, enabling students to get used to full days of schooling. It is a shock to the system for little ones, suddenly having full days, let alone... 5 days a week. Wednesday off help with this adjustment.

As children adapt to schooling, please ensure you keep good routines at home, including early to bed, good diet and quiet weekends (where possible) so batteries are charged before commencing the next week 😊. Preps won't commence full weeks until March, however, if you still feel your child is tired at this time, you can speak to your child's teacher, Sharyn Burnett (Assistant Principal) or myself about some options that might help.

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Our SRC work each year to fundraise for charities, discuss ways to improve Big Hill PS, introduce new ideas and solve problems together. At the start of Term 1, we encourage children to apply for a position on our STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL. Junior, Middle and Senior Unit (Years 2-6) will have two representatives chosen by the CHAPLAIN Chris.

To be considered, children need to write a letter to Chris outlining why they think they would be an excellent addition to the SRC in 2023. What skills would they bring? Why would they like to be part of the SRC? What things would they like to do if chosen as part of the SRC? Adults can help little ones at home complete this task and when done, letters need to be sent to the OFFICE in an envelope marked "SRC SELECTION – ATTENTION Chris" by 9:00am, Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February for consideration.

After this time, Chris will reflect on the letters and discuss with classroom teachers choices of whom will be our SRC representatives for 2023. Shortly after this time, a formal badge presentation will be made.

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS / LEADERS

All Year 6's are encouraged to apply for one of our STUDENT LEADER / SCHOOL CAPTAIN POSITIONS. This year, all Year 6's are encouraged to write a speech, practise it at home (and at school) and deliver their speech to the Middle and Senior Units on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at 12 midday, in our Multipurpose Room. Parents of children applying are also now invited to come along and listen to the speeches.

After the speeches, our Middle and Senior Unit students will have a chance to indicate whom they think would be our School Captains, however, the final decision will be made by staff (considering the recommendations of children).

By end of Week 3 (Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> February), we should know who our new School and Vice School Captains are! Badges and a presentation at an assembly will follow soon after the announcement. More details to come.

## **ASSEMBLIES**

We may have neglected to advise new families that our assemblies occur each Monday morning at 9:00am... outdoors, undercover near our new BIG BLUE BUILDING. At assembly, we sing the national anthem, recite the oath, deliver an Acknowledgement of Country, then present STUDENT OF THE WEEK and READING AWARDS. In addition to this, our lucky dip of BIG REWARDS occurs (ie. children whom are doing the right thing sometimes receive a Big Reward certificate in class or the yard. These go into a lucky dip and 4 winners are drawn on Mondays. Winners get to choose a prize off our menu). Parents / family are invited to attend – so please feel free to come along when it suits. We announce STUDENT OF THE WEEK in the newsletter the Thursday before to enable parents the chance to attend the following Monday assembly to get that special photo and enjoy the positive moment.

## **THE RESILIENCE PROJECT**

This year we are once again working with THE RESILIENCE PROJECT across the school. Your child will be working through activities focused on GEM (Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness) throughout the year... as a positive way to support your child's mental health and social capabilities. The PROJECT also provides great supports to families and staff, sometimes even in the form of workshops.

## **SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS) – OUR VALUES, OUR REWARDS, OUR BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT APPROACH**

At Big Hill PS, we are a SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS) school. This means we focus first on the positives, rewarding good choices and supporting those who make poor choices to make better ones. Big Rewards (mentioned above) are used and given out by all staff to children caught doing the right thing. Underpinning all we do are our three Values: BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE and BE SAFE. Daily we encourage these Values in the classroom and yard... rewarding again children doing the right thing. To support the school (and your child), you can also work with these Values at home. Where children make poor choices, we support children with a RESTORATIVE PRACTISE we call TIME OUT. Having a "Time Out" is not the end of the world... nor a punitive punishment. It's an opportunity for a child to sit with a teacher to reflect and learn how to respond more appropriately the next time a problem is faced. Attached, for your information, is our BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT FLOW CHART that outlines how we support children and families when the right choices aren't made. Please have a look through this and familiarise yourself with our supportive way of managing negative behaviours.

## **RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR**

At the start of the year it's always a good time to remind our community of the expected behaviours adults must demonstrate when attending the school. The Department of Education and Training (DET) outlines the following: *Schools are positive places of learning where everyone has a right to a safe and healthy learning environment. Schools are also workplaces, and school staff deserve to work in an environment where they don't feel threatened or unsafe. When a small number of parents and carers behave unacceptably towards a staff member or another member of the school community, this can affect their health, safety and wellbeing. The impact can also be felt by the wider school community. Unacceptable or unreasonable behaviours include, but are not limited to:*

- *being violent or threatening violence of any kind, including being physically intimidating, aggressive hand gestures or invading another's personal space,*
- *speaking or behaving in a rude, aggressive or threatening way, either in person, via email, social media, or over the telephone,*
- *sending demanding, rude, confronting or threatening letters, emails or text messages,*
- *discriminatory or derogatory comments,*
- *the use of social media or public forums to make inappropriate or threatening remarks about the school, staff or students.*

*If a parent or carer behaves in an unacceptable way, the school principal may contact them to talk about this further and there may be consequences.* Like our students, all adults should be RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE... just like our Values 😊. Fortunately, we have a wonderful community and rarely see the types of negative behaviours outlined above... however, want to ensure that everyone is aware of how we work together in 2023. Let's have a fantastic and positive year together.

## **BUSHFIRE & CODE RED DAYS**

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, the Big Hill PS website, email, Big Hill PS and P&F Facebook pages and through COMPASS. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1:00pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

**Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast.** This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that: No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day. Out of School Hours Care will also be cancelled on these days. School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

As a bus coordinating school, all bus routes will be cancelled, ie: Ravenswood bus run. Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted other bus route (not coordinated by Big Hill PS) cancellations may affect our school eg: Kangaroo Flat bus.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.** For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

**What can parents do?** Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed. Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers and email addresses. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website [www.bighillps.vic.edu.au](http://www.bighillps.vic.edu.au) or Facebook pages and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan. Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay. If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires & your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>. For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see: <https://emergency.vic.gov.au> Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://facebook.com/cfavic)) Twitter ([twitter.com/CFA\\_Updates](https://twitter.com/CFA_Updates)) ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters and the VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226).

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS –**

### **Information for parents from the Department of Education and Training (DET)**

**What is a school council and what does it do?** All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the broad directions of a school in accordance with their constituting Order and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

**Who is on the school council?** For most primary school councils, there are three possible categories of membership: 1. A mandated elected Parent member category – more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. DET employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school. 2. A mandated elected DET employee member category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members. 3. An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members. Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

**Why is parent membership so important?** Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help inform and shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

**Do I need special experience to be on school council?** Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. However, councillors may need to develop skills and acquire knowledge in areas that are unfamiliar to them. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

**Code of conduct for school councillors** - School councils in Victoria are public entities as defined by the *Public Administration Act 2004*. School councillors must abide by the *Code of Conduct – Employees* issued by the Victorian Public Sector Commission. The Code of Conduct is based on the Victorian public sector values and requires councillors to:

- ❖ **act with honesty and integrity** (be truthful, open and clear about their motives and declare any real, potential or perceived conflict of interest and duty),
- ❖ **act in good faith** in the best interests of the school (work cooperatively with other councillors and the school community, be reasonable, and make all decisions with the best interests of students foremost in their minds),
- ❖ **act fairly and impartially** (consider all relevant facts of an issue before making a decision, seek to have a balanced view, never give special treatment to a person or group and never act from self interest),
- ❖ **use information appropriately** (respect confidentiality and use information for the purpose for which it was made available),
- ❖ **exercise due care, diligence and skill** (accept responsibility for decisions and do what is best for the school),
- ❖ **use the position appropriately** (not use the position as a councillor to gain an advantage),
- ❖ **act in a financially responsible manner** (observe all the above principles when making financial decisions),
- ❖ **comply with relevant legislation and policies** (know what legislation and policies are relevant for which decisions and obey the law) AND
- ❖ **demonstrate leadership and stewardship** (set a good example, encourage a culture of accountability, manage risks effectively, exercise care and responsibility to keep the school strong and sustainable).

**Indemnity for school council members:** School councillors are indemnified against any liability in respect of any loss or damage suffered by the council or any other person in respect of anything necessarily or reasonably done, or omitted to be done by the councillor in good faith in: the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a councillor, or the reasonable belief that the act or omission was in the exercise of a power or the performance of a function of a council. In other words, school councillors are not legally liable for any loss or damage suffered by council or others as a result of reasonable actions taken in good faith.

**How can you become involved?** The most obvious way is to vote in the school council elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant. In view of this, you might consider: standing for election as a member of the school council OR encouraging another person to stand for election.

**What do you need to do to stand for election?** The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year (*It's included in today's newsletter as part of School Council Elections information*). All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister. If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent member category (*forms available from the Office*). DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work, are eligible to nominate for Parent membership of the school council at that school. Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt via post, email or by hand following the receipt of your completed nomination. If there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

**Remember:** Consider standing for election to school council this year. Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do. Be sure to vote in the elections – if we have more nominations than positions. Contact the Principal (Matt Pearce) for further information.

### **AN ELECTION IS TO BE CONDUCTED FOR MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COUNCIL OF BIG HILL PS**

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Office and must be lodged by 3:15pm on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2023. If a ballot is required (depending on the number of nominations), this will close at 3:15pm on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership Category	Terms of Office	Currently Held by	Number of Positions
Department of Education and Training	March 2022 – March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ainsley Stanley</li> <li>Pauline Mulcair</li> </ul> <i>(Ainsley &amp; Pauline will need to renominate if she wishes to continue)</i>	2
Parent	March 2022 – March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shane Chapman</li> <li>Nicole Blythman</li> <li>VACANCY</li> <li>Daniel Bourke</li> </ul> <i>(Shane, Nicole and Daniel will need to renominate if they wish to continue)</i>	4

Please feel free to contact me for further information. Nomination forms are available from the Office or can be organised to be sent home for signing. We are genuinely looking for new members – the commitment is 8 meetings a year, always on a Tuesday night (2 per term) at 7:00pm.

### **ELECTION TIMELINE**

<b>Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Call for nominations (forms available from the Office)
<b>Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Closing date for nominations (forms must be returned to the Office by 3:20pm on this date). Nominations assessed and the need for a ballot decided. If ballot is not required, new School Council announced and meet soon after this date OR Ballot set up (if required)
<b>Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Close of Ballot (if required)
<b>Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Counting of Ballot (if required) Declaration of Ballot New School Council announced and will meet shortly after this date

### **PART C - BOOKLISTS**

If you received a letter this week advising you have not paid your PART C of your child's BOOKLIST, please attend to this ASAP. PART C includes subscriptions that belong to your child (eg: Reading Eggs, Showbie etc, and can be utilised at home), payment towards our lease of iPads and Laptops (which means you don't have to buy a device, rather, you lease a portion of a device's use) and are used by your child in class, payment towards diary / Resilience Journal purchase (which helps us cover some of the cost) etc. If families don't pay these fees, the school ends up wearing the cost, which we aren't funded for. When this occurs, we have to take the money from somewhere else, so it might be less books for the library, reduced sports equipment, art materials etc. Please, if you can, attend to the payment of PART C. If having financial trouble, please speak to the Office to set up a payment plan... see below 😊



### **TROUBLE PAYING FEES / FINANCIALLY CHALLENGED etc...**

There are a number of ways to support families whom are financially challenged. Always speak to us to see what we can do to help. In addition to this, visit the DET site to learn about ways to be supported financially. Here's a link: <https://www.vic.gov.au/help-school-costs-and-fees>.

### **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Our first School Council meeting for 2023 will be on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Finance will meet at 6:30pm, before our February meeting at 7:00pm. Elections for School Council 2023 will commence shortly... with information included in next week's newsletter. Keep an eye out! Please note that this is the last meeting of our 2022 School Council and includes parents whom may have children who have left and commenced Secondary School or moved location.

### **LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM**

This year we are offering the fantastic LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM to all of our students. We have covered over half the cost of the program, enabling families to pay a small fee (\$10 a child) to participate in this 8 week program. Running most Thursdays and Fridays in Term 1, your child will benefit from the excellent activities on offer, which is delivered to help strengthen mental health, resilience and wellbeing. If you have not paid for your child's participation (a note was sent home Week 1), please attend to this asap. For your information, on Thursdays... LIFE SKILLS will run for the SENIOR UNIT, JUNIOR UNIT and First Steps Nicole / Nick classes. On Fridays, LIFE SKILLS will be delivered to our MIDDLE UNIT and First Steps Jayden classes.

### **ESSENDON FOOTBALLERS**

Today we welcomed to our school elite level footballers from the ESSENDON FOOTBALL CLUB. The children and staff from the MIDDLE and SENIOR UNITS were very excited by the visit and enjoyed getting some autographs and having the chance to ask questions. Thanks to Brett Strange for organising this.

### **FLEXISCHOOLS APP**

Due to the school now using COMPASS, we will no longer be using the Flexischools app. Thank you.

### **STAFFING UPDATE**

Unfortunately, Pam Farnell (one of our excellent Education Support Officers / Aids) has had to take Sick Leave for the next few weeks. We wish Pam a speedy recovery and welcome Amy Grimes back to the classroom during Pam's absence. Next Tuesday we will farewell Nick Reid for the next 6 weeks, as he enjoys the arrival of his second child. We wait for the exciting news and send our best wishes to Nick and his wife. During Nick's absence, Eve Aquisto will be joining Big Hill PS for the next 6 weeks to deliver the music program Tuesday – Thursday. Nicole Peach will work full time and cover Nick's time in First Steps on Fridays also. Please join me in welcoming Eve aboard as she settles into the role in the music room. Instrumental music lessons with Nick won't begin until Term 2 this year due to his Parental Leave – see inside for more information about instrumental music beginning in Term 2 on Mondays.

### **HELP YOUR CHILD MEET THEIR RECOMMENDED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEVELS THROUGH ACTIVE TRAVEL!**

Did you know that it is recommended that children between the ages of 5-12 get at least 60 MINUTES of physical activity per day? Help your children stay healthy by helping them to walk or ride to and from school. If you feel it is too far, drive part of the way so your child can walk, ride, scoot or skate the remainder. If your child is too young to walk on their own, try parking and walking or riding with them! This will also help you meet your recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

### **MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT**

Thank you so much to McKern's and sponsors for providing this wonderful initiative again in 2023. The children really enjoy Wednesdays to see what kind of fruit they'll get each week! Here is Callum and Bailey enjoying their apple and orange 😊.



### **SMILE SQUAD IS COMING TO BIG HILL PS**

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school in March. Smile Squad is the Victorian Government **FREE** school dental program. This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

#### **How to access free dental care**

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic> OR use the below QR code. Please complete and submit the consent form by Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> March.



Paper copies of the consent form are available at the Office if you would prefer. The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

#### **Do I need to attend my child's appointment?**

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Bendigo Health Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Mason EH, Chase B, Logan K, Zelda L & Mia T.

As we approach the weekend, may you have a fantastic Friday and an even better weekend.

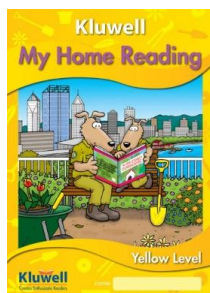
Kind regards,

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **HOME READERS**

Students have started taking home readers this week. Each day students will borrow a new reader from the classroom to read at home with an adult. It is important to fill in the yellow Home Reading Journal each night by writing the date, book title, a positive comment and the number of days. Remember our goal is for students to read for 200 days in the year! This is a communication diary between parents, students and teachers. Inside this diary you will find useful information to make reading at home valuable and certificates to celebrate your child's reading milestones together. **Both the Reading Journal and the reader needs to be returned to school each day in the black reader bag. Big Hill reader bags can be purchased at Lowes.**



### **ART SMOCKS & LIBRARY BAGS**

Just a reminder that children need to bring in an Art Smock to protect their uniform during Art sessions and a Library Bag to protect the library books. Thank you to the parents who have already sent in these items. Please remember to clearly label these items.

### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

*For coming to school happy and ready to learn in their new classroom:*

**FSN** *Harper W*  
**FSJ** *Mila C*

*Nicole, Nick & Jayden*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **NOTES**

Notes went home this week from the Office regarding enrolment details, and IT permission. Please ensure these are filled out and returned to the Office by tomorrow.

### **LIFE SKILLS**

The Life Skills program began in our Unit today and will run for 6 weeks. Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for a fun Yoga session and make sure that you are checking your Compass feed for any additional information related to our Unit.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For being a great friend!:*

**JA** *Tyler H*  
**JW** *Ruby S*  
**JJ** *Luken T*

*Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen*

## **MIDDLE UNIT NEWS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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

**MD** *Mica B*  
**MC** *Sienna B*  
**MP** *Abigail H*

*Dean, Catherine & Pauline*

## **SENIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For demonstrating organisation and being ready to learn:*

**SB** *Nate S*  
**SK** *Alexis C*  
**SL** *Maeson D*

*Brett, Kate & Leisha*

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

### **HOW TO PLACE AN ORDER**

The canteen is open on Wednesday and Friday. Lunch orders are to be placed using our Qkr app by 9:00am.

\*A paper bag is required for each child, so please add one before you checkout on the app.

Your order will be filled and lunch monitors from each class collect them from the Canteen during the second break at 1:40pm to be eaten in classrooms.

If you order iced treats, your child will need to bring the bag back to the canteen at 1:50pm to collect it / them.

We do have a small number of printed menus available at the Office if required.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for volunteers as some of our past volunteer families left Big Hill PS at the end of last year. You don't need to be a parent, you can be an aunt, uncle or a grandparent 😊.

If you can spare 1 hour once or twice per term on a Friday, and if you are able to help (it's lots of fun and you don't need any cooking experience), please leave your contact details at the Office. Thank you.

*Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager*

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 was given out last week. Please either order online, or cash / card can be accepted at the Office, by Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Also, we receive some issues of the Scholastic Book Club, but not all, so please feel free to browse / order online and select our school, and they will be delivered directly to us, with a percentage of sales going towards helping to stock the Library and classrooms.

Their website is:

<https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-home/>

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### FREE WEEKLY BREAKFAST CLUB

We again this year have the FREE Breakfast Club every Friday morning, from 8:30am – 8:50am at the front of the Multipurpose Room (big blue building).

All students are welcome to come and have some cereal, milk, fruit cup and sometimes we even have oranges. All students are welcome!

### FREE FRUIT WEDNESDAYS

We are very lucky to be a part of McKern's Fresh Fruit Program again in 2023. Every Wednesday we get a delivery of assorted fresh fruit for each class to share.

Thank you to McKern's and other sponsors of this fantastic program (see back page for more information). The Lady Braves will be visiting us soon!

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Nick will again be doing instrument instruction for the following instruments from the start of Term 2:

- 🎵 Drums
- 🎵 Acoustic Guitar
- 🎵 Electric Bass
- 🎵 Ukelele

There will also be musical productions later in the year.

Enrolment forms with further information and prices will be handed out to those students interested from Years 3 to 6 later this term.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Our Second-Hand uniform shop is available on Qkr only at the moment, but we are hoping to have a regular opening day sometime soon, watch this space!

Stock will be updated in the coming weeks, so if what you want isn't there now, please check back later this month. Apologies for the delay, it will hopefully be updated by the end of this coming week.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS**

Saver Plus pairs you with a savings coach so you can learn tips, tricks and information to grow your budgeting and saving skills. You save for 10 months, then ANZ matches your savings dollar-for-dollar up to \$500. We'll talk about how it all works, plus who is eligible and how to join.

**MEETING DETAILS**

- Thurs February 16th 2023, 10 - 11am (Vic Time)
- Wed February 22nd 2023, 10 - 11am (Vic Time)

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?pwd=K2d4dWl4WjRmbGRlRng0NGhoVVVZz09>

**Passcode:** 027166

**KEY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO JOIN SAVER PLUS**

- ✓ Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- ✓ Have a child in school OR be studying yourself
- ✓ Have regular income from work (yourself OR your partner)

**RSVP**

Scan the QR code or click the link below to register  
<https://forms.office.com/r/zPTAvyaP5e>

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**COME & TRY DAY**

**Saturday - February 11th**  
**11am - 2pm**  
**Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve**

**Fun games & activities for the kids to play!**

**BBQ**

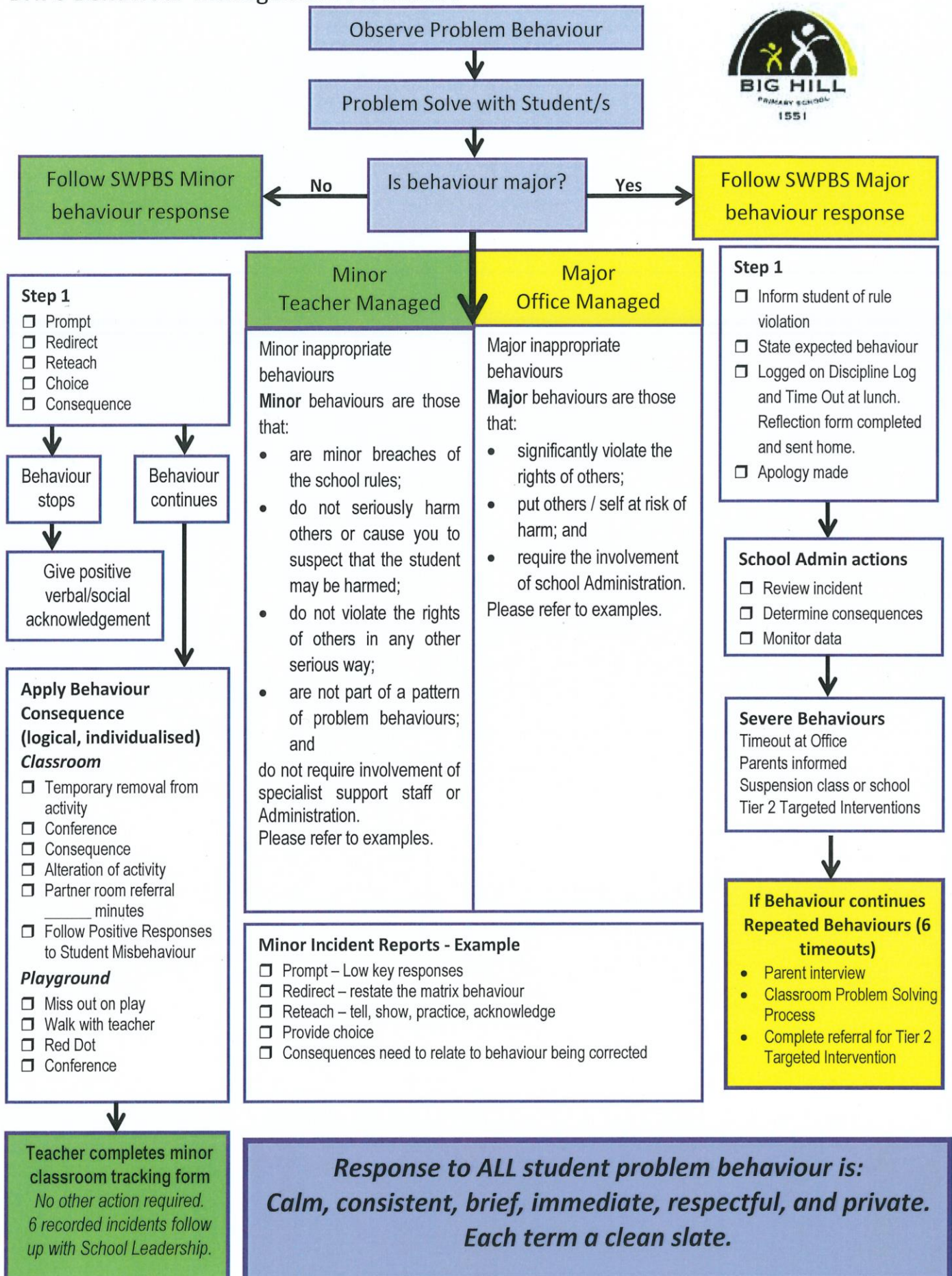
**Register on the day to play in 2023!**



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# BHPS Behaviour Management Flowchart



If student requires specialized support from Psych, Speech, Occupational Therapy, Social Worker or other wellbeing needs please refer to wellbeing team (Prin, Chaplin, AP).



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