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THURSDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 2023

CALENDAR

Friday, 24th February
Monday, 1st March
Monday, 20th March
Tuesday, 21st March
Monday, 27th March
Monday, 3rd April
Wednesday, 5th April
Thursday, 6th April
THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL

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
School Council AGM
Junior Unit Central Deborah Goldmine Excursion
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
Year 3/4 FREE Camp departs
Year 3/4 FREE Camp returns approximately 3:30pm
LAST DAY FOR TERM 1 – SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2:20PM

School Organisation

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

With Week 4 almost complete, we are approaching the midway point of Term 1. As you can see, school terms fly by. Days just happen and before you know it, it's the end of another week. Understanding that time flies helps us manage the importance of managing now... no "I'll do it tomorrow", rather, "Let's start now". Reading each night, starts now (hopefully it's already started). Going to school each day starts now. Being on time starts now... As we move through the year, make the most of each day. Each day counts for your child's education 😊.

PREP WEDNESDAYS ARE FINISHED

As of Monday, Preps are full time students. Our Prep Wednesdays off are now finished and we look forward to welcoming our Preps to school every day. There may be some adjustment, so please monitor how your child is travelling. Early nights, lots of water, a well-balanced diet, reduced screen time etc, all help to ensure your child travels well. Sometimes, if your child is really not adjusting, arrangements can be made for an early pick up, a one off sleep in OR a day's rest as they adjust.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC)

Our SRC were announced at Monday's assembly. Congratulations to all students who were selected by our Chaplain to be part of the 2023 SRC. Badges are still in transit, so we will present badges in a week's time, on Monday, 6th March at 9:00am.

ATTENDANCE

How much school should your child miss? Ideally none, however, when you take into account that children get sick or have appointments, the average absences work out to be about 5 days for the term. If you worked on missing 1, 2 or 3 days a term, you would find at the end of the year, you would have better attendance than the state average. My advice is, track your child's days off. Keep a tally – this will help ensure dates don't get away from you. Try for no days and if you have to miss a day, try not to miss another. This helps for when winter hits and you might miss a week due to being sick. If you have had next to no days off in terms 1 and 4... you might find that week off with the flu doesn't upset your child's overall time off school. So why is being at school so important? By missing the odd day, learning starts to become fragmented and it doesn't make sense for your child. Social connections also begin to become disjointed, so maintaining friendships is harder and therefore more stressful too. In a nutshell – only stay at home if your child is sick. No days at home for birthdays or rewards. School every day is the only way! See if you can keep that mantra moving forward 😊.

ISSUES, QUERIES OR CONCERNS

At Big Hill PS, we welcome ongoing communication and value this as an important way to avoid small things becoming issues. To set yourself up for success, ensure you have communication lines with your child's teacher/s via email, phone or at drop off/pick up.

As soon as there is a problem, speak to your child's teacher/s first. Often what is reported at home is not quite the case - situations are complex and a child isn't always able to determine the full story... this is why it's always good to stay in touch with staff, check in and discuss.

Research shows the power of teacher, parent and child (the triangle) working together as the most powerful means to support children through school - so please ensure your first port of call is always your child's teacher.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I'm away today and tomorrow on some Long Service Leave. Should you have any concerns, please contact Assistant Principal, Sharyn Burnett. I will return on Monday.

HOT WEATHER

Today, tomorrow and into next week, we are seeing continued hot weather. Temperatures are extremely high and the children really don't cope with the heat. We do have shaded areas in the yard and encourage quieter play - and if the temperature is excessive and the UV rating high, we move to indoor play, or play in the shade.

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 3:20pm **THIS** Friday, 24th February. If a ballot is required (depending on the number of nominations), this will close at 3:20pm on Friday, 3rd March. 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 2023 – March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ainsley Stanley• Pauline Mulcair <i>(Ainsley and Pauline will need to renominate if they wish to continue)</i>	2
Parent	March 2023 – March 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shane Chapman• Nicole Blythman• VACANCY• Daniel Bourke <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

Friday, 10th February	Call for nominations (forms available from the Office)
Friday, 24th February	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)
Friday, 3rd March	Close of Ballot (if required)
Tuesday, 7th March	Counting of Ballot (if required) Declaration of Ballot New School Council announced and will meet shortly after this date

FREE NETBALL CLINICS

Coming soon on Fridays, we will have NETBALL CLINICS running for all classes across the school, thanks to a grant submission made by Jayden and Brett. These clinics will run for several weeks, with all children enjoying the activity free of charge. We will advise dates when known.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We had a very productive meeting on Tuesday night – approving finances for November, December and January, approving multiple policies, discussing P&F activities for the year ahead, learning about the new CHILD SAFE STANDARDS and much more. This was the final meeting of the previous School Council... and we farewell Jono Westcott, Kelly Dadds, Nicole Blythman and Bridget Chambers. A big thank you to all four for their contributions over many years. As we wait for nominations to come in, I look forward to announcing new School Council members in the next week or so. The March AGM and meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 21st March.

LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Thursdays and Fridays return to days where our students can enjoy their LIFE SKILLS sessions, with visits and lessons occurring for all students in the remaining weeks of term. As part of our wellbeing work, LIFE SKILLS is delivered to equip students with the skills to manage their wellbeing, resilience and develop happy and well-balanced little ones.

YEAR 3/4 FREE CAMP RETURN TIME

Just some notice for pick up on the last day of this term – the Year 3/4 Camp buses will be returning at approximately 3:30pm (whilst the rest of the school finishes at 2:20pm). So, if your child would normally catch the school or town bus, you will need to make arrangements to collect your child at this later time. Apologies for any inconvenience.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you so much to McKern's and sponsors for providing this wonderful initiative again in 2023. The variety of fruit we get each week changes with availability which is great, as the kids then learn about different types of fruit that they may not get to have at home. This week we have Blake and Lucy enjoying their nectarine and peach 😊.



HEAD LICE

We have quite a lot of head lice reported recently, so just a friendly reminder to please check your child's hair regularly and treat once found and then within 7 days retreat to get any eggs that haven't hatched and may be too small to see. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

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, 1st 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.



GOLDFIELDS LIBRARY COLOURING COMPETITION WINNER!!

Here is a photo of Bonnie S who won an art pack for her colouring competition entry, congratulations Bonnie 😊.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Clementine W, Hendrix M & Bradley H.

As we approach Week 5, it's hard to believe we are almost at the halfway mark of Term 1! With the weekend not too far off, ensure you make the most of time with your children and rest them up for continued hard work next week.

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For being persistent when practising new skills:

FSN *Layla R*
FSJ *Franklin B*

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Values during the Life Skills program:

JA *Phoenix B*
JW *Emma P*
JJ *Celeste N*

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect':

MD **Sophia C**
MC **Jarryn S**
MP **John C**

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating the School Value of 'Respect':

SB **Skye D**
SK **Levi B**
SL **Braxton L**

Brett, Kate & Leisha

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

OSHC NEWS

SIGNING THE ROLL

Please ensure that you sign the roll, not your child/ren, as they are legal documents and as such require completion by adults. Thank you for your cooperation.

BOOKINGS

Just a friendly reminder to please advise the Office during business hours (8:30am to 4:30pm), or the OSHC mobile 0475 962 626 after hours if you need to cancel OR make a casual booking, as we are having staffing issues at the moment and you will be charged if you don't cancel by the following times: BSC needs to be cancelled before 4:30pm the night before, ASC needs to be cancelled before 9:30am on the day. Some days we are having wait lists, so the early bird gets the worm!

ACCOUNTS REMINDER

Please remember to make regular (fortnightly minimum) payments to ensure you keep your place in our program. Thank you 😊.

ACCOUNT PAYMENT METHOD CHANGE

As per Department of Education and Training guidelines, from July 2023, we will no longer be able to accept cash as payment for OSHC accounts, it will need to be an electronic payment method (EFTPOS, Qkr or Bank Deposit). Apologies for any inconvenience.

COMMUNITY NEWS



NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Anyone who wants to play Netball, make some new friends, and have fun is welcome.

All Stars is a club for Everyone.

No matter who you are, your experience or skill level.

We're a club that's more about being accepted for who you are and having fun, than winning.

Training Day: Thursdays

Place: Golden City Netball Courts

Times: Grade 3 - 13/Under 4:30-5:30pm

15/Under - Open Ages 5:30-6:30pm

Email: Allstarsnc21@gmail.com

FB Page: All Stars Netball Club Bendigo



HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

FIRST SESSION IS FREE!

CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!



Club: Hockey Central Victoria

Venue: Bendigo Hockey Complex, 14 Ashley Street, Ironbark, VIC, 3550

Program 1 Start Date: Saturday 25th February, 2023 Time: 9.00am to 9.50am No. of Weeks: 6

Program 2 Start Date: Monday 27th February, 2023 Time: 5.10pm to 6.00pm No. of Weeks: 6

Price: \$90 - (Includes annual Hockey Australia and Hockey Victoria fee and insurance.)

Coordinator Name: Dale Boyd

Coordinator Email: hcv.pathways@gmail.com

Coordinator Phone: 0419 382 053

TO REGISTER GO TO:



<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/hockeycentral/events/>



WE WANT YOU

GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

Golden Square is an inclusive, family friendly club, where everyone is welcome regardless of experience or skill level.

If you are looking for a club that believes in Respect, Development and most importantly having Fun, then Golden Square is the club for you and your family.

COME AND JOIN THE DOGGIES FAMILY FOR THE 2023 SEASON AND BEYOND.

Positions available for all ages

For further information contact the club on 0421 616 764 or email gsfncjuniors@yahoo.com.au

FIRST STEPS DEVELOPMENTAL PLAY PHOTOS

