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THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH 2023

CALENDAR

Monday, 20th March
Tuesday, 21st March

Thursday, 23rd March
Monday, 27th March

Monday, 3rd April

Tuesday, 4th April
Wednesday, 5th April
Thursday, 6th April

THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL

Monday, 24th April
Tuesday, 25th April
Tuesday, 16th May
Thursday, 18th May
Friday, 19th May

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

School Council Finance 6:30pm, AGM 7:00pm, March Meeting 7:30pm

The Resilience Project Parent & Community Presentation 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Junior Unit Central Deborah Goldmine Excursion

NAPLAN testing concludes (Years 3 & 5)

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY (no assembly, held Tuesday instead)

Easter Raffle Tickets due back at the Office

ASSEMBLY – STUDENTS OF THE TERM AWARDS – 9:00AM

Year 3/4 FREE Camp DEPARTS 9:15am

Year 3/4 FREE Camp returns approximately 2:45PM

Easter Raffle & Guess the Eggs drawn

LAST DAY FOR TERM 1 – SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2:20PM

First Day of Term 2

ANZAC Day Public Holiday – no school

Somers Camp departs – selected students only

Middle & Senior Units Chinese Incursion – permission form to go out next term

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School Organisation

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

Hopefully you all enjoyed a day off on Monday and the three day break provided a chance for you and your family to spend time together. The extra rest certainly helped the children also – probably came at a good time, as fatigue is starting to creep in for some of our children, including our Preps who are undertaking their first ever full term of schooling. Term 1 isn't usually so long, but this year's term at 10 weeks is quite long... but has provided more time and opportunity. With Week 7 almost complete, we look towards the remainder of Term with only 3 weeks to go! There's lots on in the coming weeks, so buckle your seat belts as we tackle the last 3 weeks of term.

STAFFING

Sharyn Burnett is away this week, returning next Tuesday after a week away for a well-earned rest at the beach. Illness has struck some of our staff this week, with the gastro bug hitting a few of our Education Support Staff – keep an eye out for this nasty tummy bug at home and remember to keep children home if they are sick with gastro, returning after a day of no vomiting / toileting issues. Leisha Morrison is also away unwell today and tomorrow, with her class covered by Tracey Burton. Fingers crossed we see Leisha back on Monday.

NAPLAN TESTING – YEAR 3 AND 5

NAPLAN testing commenced yesterday and will continue for all of next week and conclude on Monday, 27th March. A total of 9 days are set aside to enable staff to test children, using an online platform (apart from the Year 3 Writing test). If a child is away on the day of a particular test, they will have a catch up test rescheduled during the 9 day period. If you do not want your child to do the testing, based on the belief that they should do the test, they can be withdrawn. If they have a diagnosed disability, they can also be exempted. To do this, parents / carers must make contact with me to organise the appropriate documentation. NAPLAN this year is being lead by Kate Dole and Dean White, whom are doing a fantastic job ensuring all is running to plan.

ATTENDANCE

Absences need to be accounted for. If your child is away, please advise through COMPASS or call the Office. Remember for consecutive days (2 or more) a doctors certificate should be provided to the school. I am making contact with families where absence seems to be excessive, so if I do contact you, please take my concerns seriously and ensure your children are at school and on time, ready for the reading lesson that starts at 9:00am.

CHINESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM – AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS

Please see a letter to families from Juncai Lin, Chinese Language Coordinator for our schools below. Juncai, along with Wendy Hung (our Chinese Teacher), will be offering limited spots for interested Year 5/6's to participate in the Easter Festival Parade. What an exciting opportunity!

Dear Parents/Guardians, Bendigo Senior Secondary College has a collaborative relationship with your child's school to deliver a Chinese Language Program. Our program is aimed at providing high-quality language and cultural learning experiences in the classroom, while also connecting students with the community and the world. We are thrilled to announce that the Confucius Classroom Program at Bendigo Senior Secondary College has organised an entry to the 2023 Easter Gala Parade on Sunday, 9th April. We are extending an invitation to all Year 5 & 6 students from selected primary schools to submit an expression of interest to participate in this exciting event. This fantastic opportunity will allow your child to showcase their language skills and cultural understanding as they sing and dance in traditional Chinese costumes during the parade. In the past, our students have shown tremendous interest and received very positive feedback, making this a truly unforgettable experience. We strongly encourage all interested students to submit their Expression of Interest as soon as possible via our online application via shorturl.at/nsvyH. Please note that applications will **close on Saturday, 18th March at 12:00pm**. As the number of applicants may exceed available spaces, we will select those who register first. Successful applicants will be notified via email by Saturday, 25th March. The selected students will be involved in singing Chinese songs, performing the Rabbit dance (2023 is the Year of the Rabbit), and showcasing Chinese cultural or festival costumes. We estimate that the parade will take approximately 4-5 hours from preparation to the end of the parade, and more detailed information will be sent to the successful applicants via their parents' email. We believe that this opportunity will be an incredible experience for your child, and we cannot wait to see them shine. Thank you for your continued support and interest in our Chinese Language Program.

Warm Regards,

Juncai Lin

BSSC Chinese Language Program Coordinator

I'd also like to acknowledge the excellent start Wendy Hung has made as our Chinese teacher this year. Wendy has set up a beautiful Chinese Room in one of our portables, that will show case all of the wonderful language work done with all children across the year. Worth having a look if you are visiting the school. Wendy has also organised an exciting incursion for our Middle & Senior Units next term – dates are on the calendar.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – NEXT WEEK

The first meeting of our School Council is next Tuesday, with the Finance meeting (6:30pm), Annual General Meeting (7:00pm) and March Meeting (7:30pm) all occurring on Tuesday, 21st March. The AGM is an open meeting, so all members of the community are invited to attend and listen to the presentation of our ANNUAL REPORT between 7:00pm and 7:30pm if interested. Please email Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au (if you are not a School Councillor) to register your attendance. Information for our meetings has begun to be sent home, with the majority of documentation sent through via email, tomorrow. Finance members should have received a printed copy of finance documents by now also. At this meeting, we will welcome Liz Grigg and Xanthe Clarke and welcome back Daniel Bourke, Shane Chapman, Ainsley Stanley and Pauline Mulcair.

HARMONY DAY – NEXT TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH

Next Tuesday is Harmony Day across Australia... a day to embrace and celebrate different cultures. At Big Hill PS, we will recognise the day with continued focus on the contributions of First Nations Australia and multicultural groups in our daily programs. How might you recognise HARMONY DAY at home?

NATIONAL RIDE SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH

Next Friday, 24th March is NATIONAL RIDE SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY. We will be encouraging children and families to ride, scoot or walk to school on this day, to promote the importance of regular exercise. All riders and scooters will ride safely with helmets on (of course) and can meet Brett Strange at Phillis Street at 8:30am, ready to travel to school. If your child is Prep to Year 2, please ensure an adult is with them to travel safely along the path to school from Phillis Street. If you live further-afield, please feel free to park at Phillis Street and walk / scoot / ride from there.

GROUNDS – ARE YOU LOOKING TO HELP?

Are you looking to assist the school, but can't during work hours? Our grounds often love a little more attention, so welcome families to come in on weekends, or late afternoons and weed, remove sticks/debris from the yard, return stones to drains etc. We'd also love families to help spread the soft fall (ie: chip bark) under playgrounds when it is delivered next week. All you need to do is pick the time that suits and bring with you what you might need to do the work – garden gloves, wheelbarrow, shovel, rake etc. If you do come onsite and do some work, please let us know so that we can thank you in the newsletter. Any assistance is welcomed and appreciated!

YEAR 3/4 CAMP TO UPPER PLENTY

On Wednesday, 5th and Thursday, 6th April, during the last week of Term 1, our Year 3/4's will head off to UPPER PLENTY as part of their camp for 2023. This camp will see children returning on Thursday at approximately 2:45pm. Please note, this is after our 2:20pm end of term dismissal. The next day, Friday, is Good Friday... so if making travel plans, please adjust pick-ups to the return of camp if your child is attending. The cost of this camp is free, thanks to a VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE – POSITIVE START CAMPS – therefore no cost to parents. We also ran a Senior Camp last year that was free for families also. Whilst we can't always offer camps that are free, we are pleased to say that our Year 3/4 Camp this year comes at no cost to families. Preparations for camp are well-underway, with Dean, Pauline and Catherine working hard to organise the event. The permission note and medical forms have been sent home, please return these ASAP. Thank you.

ANZAC DAY BADGES NOW AVAILABLE

We have a great selection of badges, keyrings, pens and bag tags now available from the Office, with prices ranging from \$2 to \$50. Cash only please, apologies for any inconvenience.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I will be absent from school next Thursday and Friday, the 23rd and 24th of March, due to a family commitment. If you require support from the Principal during this time, please contact the Office and speak to our Assistant Principal, Sharyn Burnett.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Last week we had the *Braves Women Basketball team* (apologies, they are no longer called *Lady Braves*) visit us to help cut up fruit and talk with the students. It was lovely to have them at our school, and we send a big thank you so much for visiting us. This week we had a great variety of fruit delivered again with peaches, apples, bananas & pears! Here are Harper & Harvey with their apple and banana 😊. We still have some free child tickets for the first match on Saturday, 1st April at the Office, so if you would like one, please let us know. 5:30pm tipoff for the Braves Women and 7:30pm for the Braves Men. Both teams play Frankston.



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

This year Big Hill Primary School is happy to be taking part in the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge encourages students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online. Since the Challenge first began in 2005, more than 4 million students have read over 57 million books. Please check your Compass feed for information on this fun opportunity.

ASSEMBLY / STUDENT OF THE TERM AWARDS

The Student Awards assembly will be held on the Tuesday of the last week of term (4th April), due to the Year 3/4 camp and School Photo Day. No normal assembly will be held on the Monday.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Isla G, Seth P & Erica K.

Here's hoping your Friday is wonderful and the weekend even better. With three weeks left of term, it's really not that long until children have a good break over Easter.

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For being a kind, caring and good friend to others in the classroom:

FSN *Lewis T*
FSJ *Poppet B*

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

25 NIGHTS READING

Congratulations on your fantastic achievement!

JA/R

Elaina H
Charlie L
Axel N

JW

Memphis J

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating empathy towards their peers:

JA/R *Axel N*
JW *Alexis W*
JJ *Conna B*

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility':

MD *Ethan M*
MC *Dexter L*
MP *Heath B*

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating a positive attitude:

SB *Dustan H*
SK *Snow W*
SL *Melia H*

Brett, Kate & Leisha

OSHC NEWS

JOKES OF THE WEEK

✚ Knock, knock! *Who's there?* Honey bee.
Honey bee who? Honey bee a dear and get that for me please!

✚ How can you tell if there's an elephant in the ice cream shop? His bike is outside!!

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS


EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets have been sent home. Thank you for those who have already sold theirs, and some have even requested more! Thank YOU! If you need any more, please contact the Office.

GUESS THE EGGS COMPETITION

This has begun at the Office for 50 cents a guess – come on down and good luck to everyone!

COMMUNITY NEWS




**COME & TRY
FOOTY 4 FUN**

Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun 'Come & Try' is an opportunity for kids aged 5-12 years to experience an introduction to the basics of football in through fun activities.

WHERE:
WEEROONA OVAL


WHEN:
MONDAY 17TH APRIL
9:30AM - 10:30AM



REGISTER HERE!

WHERE:
MAIDEN GULLY OVAL,
BECKHAMS ROAD

WHEN:
TUESDAY 4TH APRIL
4:15PM - 5:15PM



REGISTER HERE!

WHERE:
ALLINGHAM STREET
RECREATION RESERVE

WHEN:
MONDAY 3RD APRIL
4:15PM - 5:15PM



REGISTER HERE!


WHERE:
LOWER/KEOGH OVAL,
CLUB COURT

WHEN:
TUESDAY 28TH MARCH
4:30PM - 5:30PM



REGISTER HERE!

**JUNIOR GIRLS
FOOTY 4 FUN**




Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun Junior Girls is all about giving girls (aged 5-12 years old) the opportunity to experience football in a fun and safe environment through fun activities and modified game.

WHERE:
WEEROONA OVAL

WHEN:
MONDAY 17TH APRIL
2:30PM - 3:30PM



REGISTER HERE!

**Host an
exchange
student in 2023!**

Who are our host families?
Host families are volunteers who open their home and hearts to international exchange students.

Ready to welcome a new culture into your home?
There are so many reasons why a family may choose to host an exchange student!

- Rediscover your backyard through new eyes!
- Understand another way of life and a different way of thinking!
- Gain a new family member and help make an exchange student's dream come true!

Families come in all shapes and sizes. They live anywhere in Australia, from beaches to cities to farms!

Host families integrate their exchange student into their daily life. They are caring and open, and many form strong bonds and become friends for life!

Enquire about hosting



wepwep.org.au
03 9598 4733
wep.org.au




SOGGY – Let's get wet!



We're off on a wacky adventure to help Soggy find some water. He's as thirsty as a whale in the desert and he's looking for his friends so they can help him out. Grab your hula hoop and a glass of water, find your towel and practice your handstands... Soggy's going to any length possible to find a refreshing drink.

Through storytelling, dance, acrobatics and performance art we teach kids how to share with one another and the need for access to clean water. We aim to empower our audiences to question stereotypes and explore ways of working with one another, leaving them inspired to build a better future.

Performed at Bendigo Trades Hall this Saturday at 10am
Soggy is our 5 star reviewed show that has toured right across NSW, Vic and SA

Use the code "Circus" to get 50% off all tickets!

Book here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CPWWK>

Parent & Community Presentation

At The Resilience Project, our mission is to teach positive mental health strategies to help people build happiness and resilience.

Some of the mental health statistics in our country are startling. Looking after our mental health doesn't have to be.

We are especially committed to delivering programs in primary and secondary schools. These settings have the greatest opportunity to instil positive wellbeing habits in our youth, and rewrite the confronting mental health statistics.



One in four adolescents will experience mental health problems this year and nearly two thirds of them will not seek help.



Alarming, **one in seven** primary school students are also likely to experience mental health problems this year.



Through engaging presentations, student curriculum, teacher resources and digital content, our School Program supports mental health not just in the classroom, but also in the family home.

During our Parent & Community Presentation, Hugh van Cuylenburg or Martin Heppell will share their experiences and combine them with practical strategies that can be implemented every day to improve our overall wellbeing.

The research is clear; the more positive emotion you experience, the more resilient you will be. For that reason we focus on three key pillars that have been proven to cultivate positive emotion; **Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness (GEM)**.

Key Takeaways

As parents and carers, we know you want to show up for your kids, support their mental health, and encourage them to be the best they can be. An important part of showing up for our children, however, is first showing up for ourselves.

Our Parent & Carer Presentation will help you...

- **Equip yourself with simple, practical tools** to look after your own wellbeing.
- **Be informed** of the confronting mental health statistics in our country, and **understand why prevention is the key** to changing this narrative (especially for our children).
- **Learn about GEM (Gratitude, Empathy & Mindfulness)** - the evidence-based principles your kids' are living and breathing at school to feel happier and build resilience.
- **Feel confident** in holding positive wellbeing discussions with your family.

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Thursday, 23rd March from 6:30pm - 8:00pm (90 minutes) AEDT
Online Parent & Carer presentation (with other schools)

What you can expect.

Through emotionally engaging stories and practical strategies, this session will help parents and carers understand the benefits of letting go of shame, perfection, ego and control. It will combine powerful research with candid storytelling, along with a few laughs to help support what is arguably the toughest job in the world... being a parent or carer!

Why a Parent & Carer presentation?

When building positive mental health in schools, we know the best impact happens when we work together.

The 'Authentic Connection' presentation helps do just that by sharing those same evidence-based strategies being taught in the classroom, so they can be also practised at home and beyond. Attendees will also be reminded of the importance of their own wellbeing - we bring the best versions of ourselves to our family and community, when we make time to look after ourselves.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tZMkfuiqD8qE9W3e5ySVSZgpLSwgmocjYTi>