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THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH 2023

CALENDAR

Thursday, 23rd March

Friday, 24th March

Monday, 27th March

Tuesday, 28th March

Wednesday, 29th March

Friday, 31st March

Monday, 3rd April

Tuesday, 4th April

Wednesday, 5th April

Thursday, 6th April

THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL

Monday, 24th April

Tuesday, 25th April

Wednesday, 3rd May

Tuesday, 16th May

Thursday, 18th May

Friday, 19th May

Monday, 29th May

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

National Ride 2 School Day – meet at Phillis Street from 8:30am

Junior Unit Central Deborah Goldmine Excursion

NAPLAN testing concludes (Years 3 & 5)

Smile Squad Dental commence student consults

Senior Unit Cross Country

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – please bring gold coin (or larger) donation, see below for info

Orders due in by 9:00am for Pizza Day

First Steps & Junior Unit Cross Country

LAST CANTEEN DAY FOR TERM 1

PIZZA DAY – no normal menu available except iced treats

Middle Unit School Cross Country

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

Office closes at 3:00pm

First Day of Term 2

ANZAC Day Public Holiday – no school

Division Cross Country – selected students only from Year 3-6

Somers Camp departs – selected students only

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

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Cluster Athletics – selected students only – Year 4-6

School Organisation

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

Week 8 has been a very busy one and the children are continuing to work very hard in class. By now, the signs of tiredness are showing, and the children are looking for the end of the line... which isn't too far off. As you navigate the remaining two weeks (actually less than two weeks), can I remind you of the basics to help support your child – early to bed, up early to set up routines in the morning, quiet evenings and where possible, rest periods over weekends.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

On Tuesday we met as a School Council and held our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM). As part of this meeting we elected our new OFFICE BEARERS for 2023 (until February 2024) – so we can congratulate Annette Robinson, who returns as our SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT. Shane Chapman returns as our VICE SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESIDENT, and we welcome Aaron Fuller into the role of TREASURER for the first time. Pauline Mulcair also returns as our MINUTE SECRETARY. Congratulations to all OFFICE BEARERS of our School Council. I look forward to working with you during the next 12 months.

NAPLAN TESTING – YEAR 3 AND 5

NAPLAN testing continued this week, with further catch-up testing occurring tomorrow and the conclusion of all testing on Monday, 27th March. If a child is away, we have to try and catch up their tests, so please don't keep your child home to avoid testing – rather, if you object to the tests, let me know and I can withdraw them. I'd rather children be at school and not do NAPLAN, than stay home and miss valuable learning. A big thank you to Kate Dole and Dean White for being the leaders of our NAPLAN testing this year – a huge job... and a job well done! With testing finishing Monday, we will then pause and wait for results, that should be released next term (much earlier than previously) to enable the school to use the data sets to focus improvement work in learning areas.

ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report will be shared to all families, via COMPASS in the coming weeks, after presenting this at our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of School Council on Tuesday night. Please look for this report in your inbox and have a read. A copy will also be housed on our website. Limited printed copies will be available in the foyer for those that prefer before the end of term.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – NEXT WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH

Next Wednesday will be OUT OF UNIFORM for all students. Whilst we are making this a PJ Day, children in First Steps and Junior Unit may have a Cross Country run also on the Wednesday, so if they can please come in sports wear instead (or have PJ's on over the top) OR clothes that are appropriate for running in and footwear. This out of uniform day is for ELLA'S ROBOT, a device we have secured from TELEPRESENCE, MISSING SCHOOL Australia – an organisation that provides a robot to an unwell child in hospital with a long term illness. This robot can be moved by the child around the room and has an iPad style face that allows the student to video call through to their class, take part in lessons and interact with their classmates. The benefits are huge for the child's wellbeing 😊. To enable us to support this organisation, rather than being charged an exorbitant fee, we can simply raise funds through a fundraiser. If you could please support the OUT OF UNIFORM next Wednesday and send along a gold coin (or larger donation if you wish) to help us raise funds for this worthy cause, we would very much appreciate this. Our SRC and Chaplain have discussed this idea in their recent meetings and have chosen to support ELLA'S ROBOT in Term 1 as their choice of fundraising. We dearly miss our unwell student and hope that the robot brings renewed hope and excitement not only for the child who is unwell, but also for the family and the students and staff within her classroom and across the school.

JUNIOR UNIT EXCURSION – MONDAY

Ainsley, Roberta, Jen and Wendy have an exciting excursion booked for next Monday, 27th March. All Junior Unit students from Jen, Ainsley/Roberta and Wendy's rooms will head to the Central Deborah Goldmine and experience a trip on the talking tram. This is part of work being done on TRANSPORT in class. If you have not returned your permission form and made payment, please contact the Office ASAP to organise. I look forward, along with Chris Powers (our Chaplain), to joining in with our Junior Unit on this exciting trip.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – FAST APPROACHING!

Our scheduled School Photo Day is on Monday, 3rd April, a little over a week away. Photo forms have been sent home and need to be returned to the school ASAP. Online orders can also be done. If you are unsure of the process, please contact the Office to check. As School Photo Day is a busy day and the photographers start early, we will not run a School Assembly on Monday, 3rd. Instead, we will run assembly on the Tuesday (the 4th) at 9:00am.

END OF TERM AWARDS CEREMONY

If you are new to the school, you may not know that each term we award students from each class with special achievement certificates, presented at a final assembly in front of the whole school. Traditionally this happens on the last day of term, but due to our YEAR 3/4 CAMP, we will hold this ceremony on Tuesday, 4th April, which will also be our normal assembly for the last week of term due to School Photos on the Monday. In each class, students will be selected as recipients of EXCELLENCE in ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, VISUAL ARTS and PERFORMING ARTS, ENDEAVOUR in ENGLISH and MATHEMATICS, OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOOL VALUES and THE PRINCIPALS AWARD (given to a student for being a good all-round student OR for making a concerted effort at school). Normally we announce our winners in the final newsletter of term, however, due to the ceremony being held earlier in the week (and the final week finishing before traditional newsletter release), we will advise families earlier. We encourage families of recipients to come along and take that special photo of children being presented. Just wanted to advise early so you are all prepared for the celebration of our SUPERSTAR STUDENTS OF TERM 1, 2023!

NATIONAL RIDE SAFELY 2 SCHOOL DAY, TOMORROW... FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH

Tomorrow is NATIONAL RIDE SAFELY 2 SCHOOL DAY. We have encouraged all 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 the corner of 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.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I have been absent from school today and again tomorrow, Friday, 24th 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.

YEAR 3/4 CAMP TO UPPER PLENTY

This camp is fast approaching, happening in under two week's time 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 (near Whittlesea / Wallan) as part of their camp for 2023. This camp will see children returning on Thursday (the last day of term) at approximately 2:45pm. Please note, this is after our 2:20pm end of term dismissal.

The next day, Friday, 7th, 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. 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. Final preparations for camp are well-underway, with Dean, Pauline and Catherine working hard to organise the event. Final arrangements will be communicated... and if you are unsure what is occurring, what to pack etc, please contact your child's teacher to discuss. Staffing of the camp includes teachers Dean, Pauline, Catherine, Jo Totta (our Year 3-6 Tutor) and myself. Additional adult staffing includes Education Support Officers Tammy Fear and Clare Grant, Chaplain Chris Powers and a parent helper.

GROUND – 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, water gardens 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!

END OF TERM 1, DISMISSAL ARRANGEMENTS

As mentioned above, the last day of term is Thursday, 6th April, due to Good Friday holiday being on the 7th. During Terms 1, 2 and 3 all state schools dismiss an hour earlier on the final day of term. Due to this, school will finish for the day (and the term) on Thursday, 6th April at **2:20pm**. Parents and carers are required to pick children up at this earlier time also, so please make a note in your busy schedules. The Kangaroo Flat and Ravenswood bus services will also run at this earlier time, so families are advised to adjust pick up times from bus stops to align with this. Please ensure on the 6th that all children are picked up by 2:35pm, as staff go off duty shortly after this time and children must be supervised by their parents. OSHC is available for those that need to work – please ensure you have enrolled at OSHC and have booked a spot early to avoid disappointment. The Office will close at 3:00pm on the 6th, so please direct calls and enquiries to the Office before this time.

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE TRIP

On Wednesday, 5th April, Chris Powers (our Chaplain) and our 4 student leaders (Sam, Zoe, Harley and Alexis) will head to Melbourne by bus, along with leaders of other primary schools, to attend the annual SCHOOLS SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE ANZAC SERVICE. This is an exciting event for our student leaders and a huge honour, as a wreath will be laid at the Shrine whilst visiting and watching the service. Permission forms and information will be sent home next week – for now just advising of this exciting opportunity.

SCHOOL SORES / IMPETIGO

We have had another report of school sores, so please be on the lookout. See Calder Chronicle No. 5 for full details about school sores / impetigo and how to treat them. Thank you.

SMILE SQUAD – NEXT WEEK

We are lucky once again to have the free dental service, SMILE SQUAD, visiting Big Hill PS and offering their services. Around 50 students have registered online to see SMILE SQUAD and I can confirm that SMILE SQUAD will be here for check-ups starting next Tuesday, 28th March and staying with us for around a week.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT



This week we had a great variety of fruit delivered again thank you! Here are Ash & Mason with their banana and apple 😊. Their first match is on Saturday, 1st April, and if you scan this QR code, you can redeem your free child ticket.

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 are 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. Thank you to all families who have enrolled in this fun opportunity and please see your classroom teacher if you still require your child's login details. The challenge runs until the beginning of September, and you can check Compass for more information and a copy of the booklist. Happy Reading! 😊.

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 Sonny D, Mannix A, Lucy H, Valentine J, Archie M, Milly B, Harley N & Ava M.

With the weekend not far away, keep up the great work at home with hearing your child read, completing homework (if some is set) and ensuring they are at school every day, unless really unwell. Have a great Friday and an even better weekend when you get there.

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For enthusiastically participating in classroom discussions:

FSN Lily C

FSJ Harvey K

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

EXCURSION – MONDAY, 27TH MARCH

This Monday we will be heading off on our local excursion to the Central Deborah Gold Mine and taking a ride on the Talking Tram Tour. Please ensure that your child has their hat, a packed lunch and is wearing their proper school uniform ready for a fun afternoon.

READING CHAMPIONS!

25 Nights

JJ Jax N

50 Nights!

What superstars you are! Keep it up kids 😊

JJ Malachi B

Jack L-B

Blake M

JA/R Harry E

Jade L

JW Braxton B

Zoe B

Cooper M

Ruby S

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating gratitude in the classroom:

JA/R Benji T

JW Levi S

JJ Kayden M

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

Bens Adventure

It was a cold dark night and I could barely see a thing. I was thinking about what I should do tomorrow, go out for lunch or go to the movies. With my curtains swishing from side to side I slowly drifted off to sleep.

I woke up to the sound of an annoying bird squawking, but it didn't look like home it looked like something else, something like a forest. I started to run as fast as I could, all I could see was trees and trees and trees.

I stopped at a darkish lightish blue river. It had fish swimming up and down all around. I took a sip of water and realised there was a snake in there. I stood there staring at it then it started slithering after me, then I started to run.

I finally stopped running, but I only stopped because I was at the edge of a mountain! The snake saw me at the edge then licked its lips, he was about to go for a bite, I closed my eyes I just couldn't watch, then I heard a howl. It was a wolf? How, the snake got startled then slithered away, then I got scared of the wolf, but then I realised he could talk? He said, "Run, hide quickly before he comes back. I said "Ok thank you so much talking wolf."

I started running again I was so scared the snake would come back that I didn't realise everything started looking like a jungle. I stopped looked around I saw monkeys swinging everywhere from branch to branch tree to tree it was crazy! It was then I realised it had to be a dream because this couldn't happen in real life! I had to wake up!

Everything made sense now the snake, the talking wolf everything changing to a jungle it was all a dream! I was so scared about nothing! So I tried to wake up, it didn't work. I kept trying, I never give up so I kept going. Then I heard someone say something, "Ben, Ben wake up it's 7:40 your going to be late for school!" It was mum!

I'm pretty sure I rolled off the bed because I woke up and had a sore head! I told mum about my dream and she said, "I remember when you were young you always had the same dream, I wonder what it means?" She gave me a hug and I felt better and started getting ready for school.

By Lacey B
3-4 Dean

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect':

MD Amelia B

MC Jazmine T

MP Jacob F

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating empathy:

SB Kaylie A

SK Charlie T

SL Tristion D

Brett, Kate & Leisha

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

JUNIOR FOOTY

FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A TWO DAY PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



TUESDAY, APRIL 11
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
 8.30am - 5.00pm
 Venue: Fur Life Oval
 (Wade Street)



REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.goldensquarefnc.com
GO TO EVENTS TAB AND CLICK APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAM REGISTRATION LINK



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JOIN THE FUN!

Maiden Gully Auskick Centre

Maiden Gully Rec Reserve

Sunday's 10am starting April 30th

Gavin Hill - 0413 584 700

gavinhill2424@hotmail.com

Scan the QR Code to register!



FRIDAY, 31ST MARCH

PIZZA DAY MEAL

\$5.00

HAWAIIAN

OR

MEATLOVERS

OR

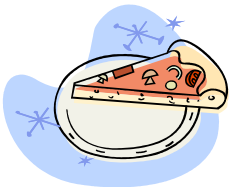
VEGETARIAN

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 cash and order details put in an envelope, or ordered on our Qkr app
- ✚ Orders placed using the Qkr app need to be placed by 9:00am on Wednesday, 29th March. Late orders cannot be accepted.
- ✚ Iced treats will be available as normal
- ✚ YOU CAN ALSO PREORDER ICED TREATS ON QKR!

**THE CANTEEN'S NORMAL FOOD MENU
IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**



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>