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THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH 2023

CALENDAR

**SEE INSIDE FOR STUDENTS OF THE TERM AWARDS –
presented 9:00am on Tuesday, 4th April – all welcome**

Thursday, 30th 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

Final Newsletter for Term 1

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

First Steps & Junior Unit Cross Country

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

First Canteen day for Term 2

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,

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term 1! Whilst we still have Week 10 ahead of us, our Thursday is cut short due to the end of term and Public Holiday on Friday. Camp is also occurring, so a newsletter will not be done. All communications next week will be sent out through COMPASS if there is a need.

ANNUAL REPORT

With the arrival of COMPASS, we have an excellent form of communication to the majority of families. Due to this, I will be emailing the Annual Report home to all families. Printed copies will be made available in the Office Foyer for those that prefer paper communication. The Annual Report showcases the work done at Big Hill PS in 2022 and is a very informative document that enables all to see how the school is going compared to LIKE SCHOOLS and THE STATE (which is a high benchmark – Victoria is the leading state in many areas across Australia in Education).

SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE TOUR – NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, 5th March will see our Chaplain, Chris Powers, and four school leaders (Zoe, Sam, Alexis and Harley) head off to Melbourne to the annual SCHOOLS ANZAC DAY CEREMONY at the Shrine of Remembrance. Departing from Legacy House in Lily St, Golden Square at 7:45am... the group will enjoy a full day at the Shrine, travelling down with leaders from other primary schools. This day is made available thanks to the generosity of LEGACY 😊. The travellers will return by 3 / 3:30pm. Permission forms have been sent home – please ensure they are returned by Tuesday morning of next week. Chris will collect them Tuesday afternoon ready for travel on the Wednesday morning.

PJ DAY / ELLA'S ROBOT

Thanks so much to the many families whom supported our OUT OF UNIFORM DAY yesterday by sending children to school OUT OF UNIFORM (PJ's or other) and with a gold coin donation. There were some very generous donations from our community and we thank you for supporting this worthy cause. Congratulations to our SRC and Chaplain for organising such a great day for our unwell student's robot... which has arrived and is in the process of being set up... ready for when the student is ready to connect with her classroom 😊.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – MONDAY!

On Monday morning, ensure your child comes to school with full uniform on, including the correct school jacket / zip-up etc. Our School Photos will commence at 9:00am for students, with the Middle Unit (Year 2/3 and Year 3/4's) first up due to planning day. First Steps Unit (Foundation / Prep) will follow the Middle Unit, then the Junior Unit (Year 1/2's) and finally our Senior Unit (Year 5/6's). Please ensure you have returned your order forms OR have ordered online in readiness for the day. Due to school photo day, there will be no MONDAY ASSEMBLY. Assembly will occur on Tuesday, along with our End of Term Awards (see below).

JUNIOR UNIT EXCURSION

I must say what a terrific time the Junior Unit had at Monday's excursion and honestly, the behaviour of our Year 1/2's was fantastic! Congratulations to all students who attended and to Ainsley, Roberta, Jen and Wendy for a terrific and well-organised excursion as part of work being done in class on transport. During the trip, the girls and boys enjoyed a tram ride, spotted all the different types of transport on the way and also had a look at transport used onsite at the CENTRAL DEBORAH GOLDMINE. Whilst it was a rainy day, it didn't dampen a great experience!

END OF TERM AWARDS CEREMONY – NEXT TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL

Due to our Year 3/4 Camp occurring on the final two days of term (Wednesday and Thursday of next week), we will hold our END OF TERM AWARDS CEREMONY next 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 have been 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). Winners are announced in this edition of THE CALDER CHRONICLE, the final newsletter of Term 1... so please check to see if your child has been recognised... enabling you to try and come to assembly on Tuesday morning at 9:00am. We encourage families of recipients to come along and take that special photo of children being presented, however, take photos for our Facebook page for the many parents / carers who can't make it due to work commitments. Congratulations to all of our worthy recipients from Prep – Year 6 for Term 1, 2023 😊.

PLANNING WEEK

Next week each Unit will have a planning day for Term 2. This will mean that the SPECIALIST TIMETABLE will not run normally next week and that your child will have one day with an alternative teacher instead of SPECIALIST. For the remaining days of the week, your child will be with their teacher. To enable you to prepare for this at home, planning for MIDDLE UNIT (Year 2/3 and Year 3/4 classes) is on Monday. Our Junior Unit (Year 1/2 classes) and First Steps Unit (Foundation / Prep) planning in on Tuesday. Our Senior Unit (Year 5/6 classes) will occur Wednesday. Classes will either be covered by one of our Specialist Teachers (ie: Eve, Roberta, Sharyn and Alice) or one of our regular CASUAL RELIEF TEACHERS (CRT's).

CHAPLAINCY NEXT WEEK

Our Chaplain Chris won't be onsite next week, as he will attend the SHRINE with our School Leaders Wednesday and assist on the Year 3/4 Camp Wednesday night and Thursday. As Chris does not work at Big Hill PS on a Thursday, he is instead assisting us on the Thursday, but not working at Big Hill PS on the Monday. Just advising the community in case they were hoping to catch Chris. In the case of an emergency, please contact the Office for a message to be sent to Chris during this time.

GROUND'S – 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.. 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! Thought I would put this in the newsletter again, as the holiday period might provide a chance to come onsite and do some work to help the school.

YEAR 3/4 CAMP TO UPPER PLENTY

Our Year 3/4 Camp is happening next Wednesday, 5th & Thursday, 6th April, during the last two days of Term 1. Our Year 3/4's will head off to UPPER PLENTY (near Whittlesea / Wallan) as part of their camp for 2023, departing school at approximately 9:15am – so please don't be late, as we can't wait! 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 April, 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. Last minute preparations for camp are well-underway, with Dean, Pauline and Catherine working hard to organise the event. If you are unsure what is happening, have lost communications sent home etc, please contact your child's teacher on Monday or Tuesday to clarify any issues. 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, Stacey Murtagh and Clare Grant, Chaplain Chris Powers and a Parent. **Please note**, our Year 2's from Pauline's room (and any Year 3/4's not attending camp) will need to come to school and will work in other classrooms for the two days. Work has been left by the teachers and the students will be taught by remaining teachers for the two days. Attendance is important, so please don't allow children to stay home.

END OF TERM 1, DISMISSAL ARRANGEMENTS

The last day of Term 1 is next 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) next 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 2:30pm, 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. Our Office will close at 3:00pm on the 6th, so please direct calls and enquiries to the Office before this time.

SECURITY OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Schools are vulnerable places over holiday periods, attracting different visitors to use the grounds for leisure and recreation. Sadly, the wrong kind of people are attracted and can do damage externally or internally. To assist us, please keep an eye over the school when driving by on the highway or surrounding streets...particularly at night etc. It's ok to call the Police too if you think something looks suspicious – better to be safe than sorry. If you live near the school, we appreciate your eye over the school when passing by and follow up with authorities if something looks amiss. With a large and supportive community, we all can keep an eye on the school when in holiday mode or over weekends – I can assure you our staff do the same thing also 😊.

SMILE SQUAD – NEXT WEEK

This week we had SMILE SQUAD working from one of our Interview Rooms, offering their free dental service to our students. Around 50 students have returned forms to see SMILE SQUAD (forms sent home a few weeks back) and I can confirm that SMILE SQUAD will continue to work at Big Hill next week, up until the end of term 😊.

TERM 2

Term 2 commences on Monday, 24th April at 9:00am. Please note that Tuesday, 25th April is a PUBLIC HOLIDAY due to ANZAC DAY, so no children or staff will be onsite on the second day of term. School will then resume after the Public Holiday on Wednesday, 26th April. Term 2 is much shorter, at 9 weeks long and will be very busy indeed with sports days, learning programs, special events (eg: Education Week), report writing and much more scheduled.

ANZAC DAY

As mentioned above, there is an ANZAC DAY Public Holiday on the second day of Term 2, Tuesday, 25th April. On this day, our 4 school leaders and I will attend the local ANZAC service at the KANGAROO FLAT CENOTAPH / SOLDIER'S MEMORIAL GARDEN at 9:00am. The leaders will lay a wreath and represent our school... coming in full school uniform and taking part in the service. I request that our 4 school leaders arrive a little earlier, at 8:45am, to get organised with the wreath and other duties that may be assigned to us. Other students and families are welcome to come along and watch the service too 😊. More information about the service will be shared with the families of our Year 6 leaders via COMPASS in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out for more information or if unsure, please email me directly Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au.

ANZAC DAY MEMORABILIA FOR SALE

We are selling items for the ANZAC DAY APPEAL at the Office. Students or families can bring along some money and choose a badge, pen, bag tag, keyring or wristband that suits them... supporting this worthy cause. Items range from \$2 - \$20, although for \$2 you can easily get something to recognise the day. These items will be on sale until ANZAC Day but I suggest you buy next week to avoid missing out and be prepared for the 25th!

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you once again, a lovely big selection delivered yesterday. Here are Layla & Mitchell enjoying their orange and pear.



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, with students receiving a certificate of achievement signed by the Premier at the completion of the challenge. 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. The booklist is full of quality texts, great for a read through if you are looking for age appropriate texts for your children. Happy Reading! 😊

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Rhett C, Tiffany H, Bailey F, Makenzie B, Diamond T, Chad S, Ruby S, Jake W, Cooper C, Parker H, Chase L, Clare P & Indigo B.

With a short Week 10 ahead, it won't be long until our children have a well-earned break over the two week period. Until then, stay in routines and keep those bed times early to ensure children are rested and ready for the final leg. If I don't speak directly to you before the end of term, may you have a safe and happy break over the EASTER period and I look forward to working with you again in Term 2. Kind regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by making good choices in the classroom:

FSN Mia M

FSJ Otis E

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

EXCURSION

Our Unit had a great time on our excursion to the Central Deborah Gold Mine on Monday. Despite the rain, we enjoyed an afternoon of learning about how the gold and miners were transported underground, panned for gold, learned about fool's gold and checked out some of the mining equipment. We also had a tour on the Talking Tram, learning a little about the history of Bendigo and how the tram operates. Our children displayed exemplary behaviour and we were proud to have them representing our school in the local community- well done kids! Please see Compass for some additional photos.

READING CHAMPIONS!

25 Nights

JA/R: Phoenix B

50 Nights!

What superstars you are! Keep it up kids 😊

JJ: Ava C, Jake F, Connie P

JA/R: Lleyton H, Anna S, Logan H

JW: Valentine J, Vincenzo P, Cooper M, Hendrix M

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating our school values on our excursion to the Central Deborah Gold Mine:

JA/R Jackson B

JW Hudson W

JJ Bonnie E

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Safety':

MD Avery F

MC Macy F

MP Gabrielle B

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating persistence during the Senior Cross Country:

SB Addisyn J

SK Xavier P

SL Kohen S

Brett, Kate & Leisha

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE

Remember, they are due back at the Office by Monday, 3rd April and the winners will be announced on Thursday, 6th April. Good luck, and we still have tickets available at the Office if you want to sell more!

GUESS THE EGGS COMPETITION

This has begun at the Office for 50 cents a guess – come on down and good luck to everyone! The winner will be announced on Thursday, 6th April.

JUNIOR UNIT EXCURSION



With the holidays fast approaching, it is a perfect opportunity to build and develop processes, to support students moving about public spaces independently.

5 WAYS TO WELLBEING



WHAT ARE THE 5 WAYS TO WELLBEING?

The 5 Ways to Wellbeing are 5 simple steps you can focus on to improve your wellbeing.

It's important to look after your body and your mind.

Doing the 5 doesn't have to cost anything, and you can do it from your own home!



STAYING ACTIVE IS IMPORTANT

Start simple, find physical activities that you enjoy. Exercise can positively impact your mood.

Along with the physical benefits, it can reduce symptoms of depression and anxiety and help add more years to your lifespan!

Try:
Swimming, dancing or even parking further away from the shops to get a few extra steps in!



CONNECT WITH THOSE AROUND YOU

Socialising with people and developing strong relationships contributes to good health and wellbeing.

Social connection matters at every age. Spending time with positive people can improve your own wellbeing.

Try:
Calling a friend, writing a letter to a loved one, spending time with animals. Remember, a smile can go a long way!



HELPING OTHERS CAN HELP YOU

Helping others can boost happiness and improve life satisfaction.

Giving can release endorphins in the brain and have a positive impact on yourself AND the person you are giving to!

Try:
Anything from giving a smile, compliment or volunteering in the community.



SET YOURSELF A NEW CHALLENGE

Learn something new or rediscover an old interest. Learning can be fun and can help boost self-confidence.

The brain is capable of rewiring itself well in to middle age. It's never too late to start improving our knowledge and coping skills!

Try:
Cooking a new recipe, visiting your local library or listening to a podcast!



TAKE TIME TO STOP AND BE AWARE

Take notice of your thoughts and feelings. Use your 5 senses to become mindful of what's around you.

Being aware of the here and now can help reduce stress and enhance wellbeing well in to the future.

Try:
Yoga, mindful eating, taking a walk in nature.



ARE YOU READY TO TRY THE 5?

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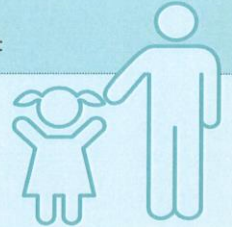
The steps to helping your child become more independent

1

Dependent

Younger children (usually under five) who aren't ready to become independent just yet

- Set a good example by walking or cycling to local places, such as to kindergarten.
- Look for ways to encourage appropriate independence with everyday activities like getting dressed or playing in the garden unsupervised.
- Observe your child's behaviour and independence, and look for signs of readiness.



2

Pre-independent

Children who are moving from dependent to independent with your support

- Walk/ride with your child around your neighbourhood, or to the shops, park or school, to:
 - demonstrate safe travel and healthy activity
 - practice and reinforce the skills your child needs to travel and play safely, such as riding a bike and knowing the road rules
 - create opportunities to discuss safety issues and strategies
 - recognise and praise improvements in your child's skills and behaviour
 - help your child become familiar with the local neighbourhood
 - identify the safest routes (e.g. where there are safe road crossings)
 - judge when your child is ready to start being independently mobile.
- Make a plan with your child about possible strategies for when things go wrong, such as getting lost, if a stranger approaches them, or if they or their friend gets injured.
- Slowly build independence by letting your child do things like visit a friend's house down the street or ride their bike around the block.
- Look for ways to expand your child's independent mobility, e.g. going to the local shop or park instead of just to school.
- Agree on a plan with your child for the transition towards independence, and set milestones and boundaries.



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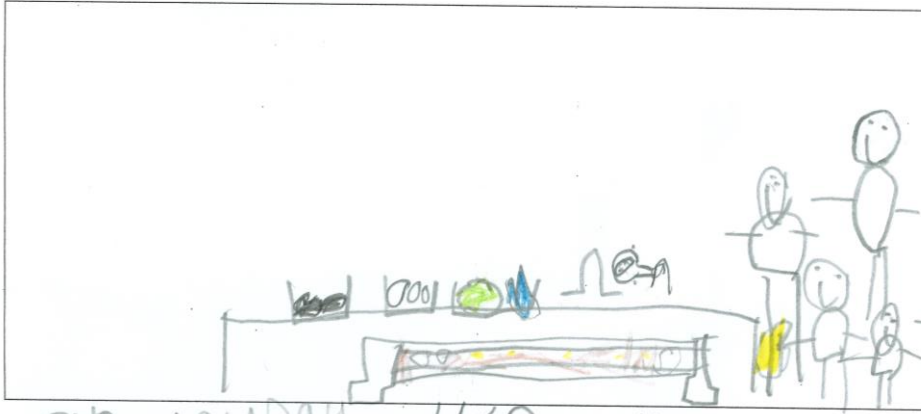
Independent

Children who have freedom to move around in public spaces without adult supervision

- Remind your child about strategies for when things go wrong, such as what to do if approached by a stranger.
- Renegotiate and agree with your child on any milestones and boundaries as she or he gets more capable and confident.
- Consider and encourage your child to use a mobile phone to support their independence.



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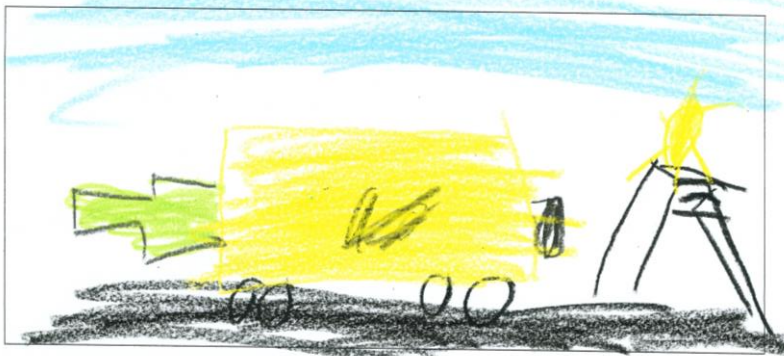
on Monday we went
to The Deborah Gold Mine
we shovelled sand for gold

charlieh



We were feeling excited to go on the bus
to the central Deborah Gold mine. At the gold
mine we saw a Poppet head panned for gold and touched
gems

Harry



We were feeling Excited to go on
the bus to the Central Deborah
gold mine. At the gold mine
we saw a Poppet head and we found gems.

MOVIE NIGHT

at Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre



Date: Monday 17th April

Time: 5.30pm start

Price: Pool Entry

Address: 9 Browning St, Kangaroo Flat

Phone No: 44 311 000

Bring a picnic rug, pillow or towel to sit on.

NO NEED TO BOOK



STUDENT AWARDS – TERM 1, 2023

Outstanding Achievement in English:

FSJ:	Seth P	FSN:	Layla R		
JA:	Jade L	JJ:	Blake M	JW:	Vincenzo P
MC:	Isabella G	MD:	Lacey B	MP:	Abigail H
SB:	Willow W	SK:	Oscar G	SL:	Thalia M

Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics:

FSJ:	Franklin B	FSN:	Mitchell G		
JA:	Harry E	JJ:	Conna B	JW:	Valentine J
MC:	Dexter L	MD:	Mica B	MP:	Mannix A
SB:	Chase L	SK:	Sonny D	SL:	Chase D

Endeavour Award in English:

FSJ:	Poppet B	FSN:	Lily C		
JA:	Benji T	JJ:	Lucy H	JW:	Emma P
MC:	Archie M	MD:	Linken A	MP:	Abby M
SB:	Rydder G	SK:	Aleeah M	SL:	Clare P

Endeavour Award in Mathematics:

FSJ:	Winston	FSN:	Ryan B		
JA:	Elaina H	JJ:	Parker H	JW:	Levi S
MC:	Mia Ta	MD:	Addison H	MP:	Dante D
SB:	Layla F	SK:	Snow Win T	SL:	Kohen S

Outstanding Display of School Values:

FSJ:	Claudia K	FSN:	Mia M		
JA:	Logan HF	JJ:	Haize W	JW:	Rhemmi C
MC:	Mia Tr	MD:	Lyla E	MP:	Cooper C
SB:	Alaena H	SK:	Hope G	SL:	Scarlett N

Principal's Award:

FSJ:	Mila C	FSN:	Harvey B		
JA:	Edward M	JJ:	Connie P	JW:	Ezra B
MC:	Jacob S	MD:	Ethan M	MP:	Ainslee S
SB:	Kirra W	SK:	Charlie T	SL:	Sophie B

Outstanding Achievement in Art:

FSJ:	Tommy W	FSN:	Harper W		
JA:	Jade L	JJ:	Luken T	JW:	Harmony N
MC:	Remi R	MD:	Harper O	MP:	Evelynne K
SB:	Nate S	SK:	Evie S	SL:	Joshua V

Outstanding Achievement in MUSIC:

FSJ:	Clementine W	FSN:	Lewis T		
JA:	Anna S	JJ:	Bonnie E	JW:	Hudson W
MC:	Eli V	MD:	Poppy S	MP:	Gabrielle B
SB:	Harley N	SK:	Ashley B	SL:	Caitlyn B