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THURSDAY, 18TH MAY 2023

CALENDAR

Friday, 19th May

Monday, 22nd May

Tuesday, 23rd May

Friday, 26th May

Monday, 29th May

Wednesday, 31st May

Wednesday, 7th June

FRIDAY, 9TH JUNE

Monday, 12th June

Monday, 19th June

Wednesday, 14th June

Wednesday, 21st June

Friday, 23rd June

Monday, 10th July

Friday, 14th July

2024 Foundation / Prep Tour at 10:00am

Senior Unit Chinese Incursion

Whole School Let's Get Moving commences

School Council Meeting

2:20pm Whole School Performance – Let's Get Moving – all welcome

Payment of \$38.50 due for Junior Unit Gym Program

Cluster Athletics – selected students only – Year 4-6

Junior Unit Gym program commences

Junior Unit Gym program continues

CURRICULUM DAY

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Payment due for Middle Unit Gym

Junior Unit Gym program continues

Junior Unit Gym program concludes

LAST DAY FOR TERM 2, early dismissal of 2:20pm

FIRST DAY FOR TERM 3

Middle Unit Gym commences

School Organisation

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

Week 4 has been very busy indeed with all things EDUCATION WEEK in full swing 😊. As we approach Week 5 next week, Wednesday will mark the mid-point of Term 2, showing just how fast time flies.

GISBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT

On Monday our Unit / Professional Learning Communities (PLC) Leaders, our Learning Specialist and myself visited Gisborne Primary School, which is a link school for the PLC approach. Gisborne is set up and funded to model and share the best ways of working to improve student outcomes through PLC's. The visit was amazing and we got some great ideas about tweaking how we work for greater benefit. The upcoming Curriculum Day in June is focused on our PLC work and will again involve support from Gisborne and our Regional PLC Leader. Ainsley, our Learning Specialist, is working hard with our SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM (SIT) members to make sure we get a lot out of our Curriculum Day together.

KINDER – FOUNDATION / PREP TRANSITION

This week we have been busy opening the school to interested families wanting to explore enrolment of their Kinder child at Big Hill PS in 2024. On Tuesday I had a well-attended tour, where families were shown around the school, were given enrolment information and provided the opportunity to ask lots of questions. This opportunity is again extended to interested families of Kinder children tomorrow at 10:00am. On Tuesday night we also held our KINDER – FOUNDATION INFORMATION SESSION, with several families coming along to listen to a presentation from Nicole, Jayden, Sharyn and myself. This provided interested families with information about the school and our programs... as well as a close look at a PREP / FOUNDATION classroom. A big thank you to those involved in preparing and organising such an informative session for our interested families. If you have a child beginning Prep next year and are part of our community, please ring the Office to put your child's details on our list... you can also enquire about getting either an enrolment pack, or application form for a place if you don't live in our zone. Remember, to check if you automatically qualify to attend Big Hill PS, visit www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au.

LET'S GET MOVING & CAKE STALL / GRANDPARENTS VISIT

Next week the whole school will be participating in the LET'S GET MOVING program. Notes and payment information about the program have been sent home, so please attend to this if you have not already. On Friday, 26th May, we will have a special LET'S GET MOVING performance for the community. The Parents and Friends are running a CAKE STALL from 1:20pm – 2:20pm with donations of baked goods welcomed from the community – plates are available from the Office now, visitors are then able to stay and watch the performance. This will be outdoors, so please bring a chair and rug up if it's cold! In the event of wet weather, we will need to cancel the performance, so stay tuned through COMPASS etc, and watch the forecast. Fingers crossed!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These have been sent home today with students. If there are any issues, please call MSP directly on 5482 3190. SRC and Captain photos have been placed in student packs.

STAFFING

Staffing has been a challenge, with germs, COVID and colds doing the rounds. I missed all of last week due to being extremely unwell – however, thanks to great leadership (Ainsley) and a terrific team of teachers and Education Support (ES) Officers, the week ran well. I've returned this week and have enjoyed getting back into the busy nature of Term 2. Unfortunately we have had Nick Reid away this week after having surgery. His program has been covered as best we can with casual teachers – however, finding a quality teacher replacement on particular days is a real piece of work! Sharyn Burnett has continued to be on Carer's Leave also, with a hopeful return to school on Monday. In addition to this, we are training staff... meaning that some of our ES and teachers are absent as they update their qualifications, ie: Jayden will be away tomorrow as he updates his First Aid. Finally, Yilin commenced last week in the Chinese classroom and is settling in well. She has been very busy today organising our incursion for the Chinese program, information and photos below. Today is also the final day, for a while, that we will see May McLean working in the tutoring area. May is pausing her work here for a few months to head away on a well-earned holiday. May will return in August and recommence work supporting our Year 1/2 students and Preps during Term 4. We wish May a safe and happy holiday 😊.

EDUCATION WEEK

Week 4 has also been busy due to it being the set EDUCATION WEEK celebration across the State. We have opened our doors to the community, inviting families and visitors in to look at a variety of programs, including a CHINSE KUNGFU incursion today and tomorrow for our Middle and Senior Units. I know the Middle Unit enjoyed learning about Kung Fu today in the Multipurpose Room... and some of the children were picking the moves up quite quickly! There are some photos included in this newsletter. We also had Federal Member of Parliament – Lisa Chesters visit today. Lisa donated 5 shortlisted books to our School Library – received by our School Leaders (please see photos included in this newsletter). These books will be showcased by our leaders at Monday's assembly – before being catalogued in our library and borrowed out by students and teachers in the near future. In addition to the above activities, we have had the RACV SAFETY SQUAD working with our Foundation / Prep to Year 2's on Wednesday and Waste Management lessons for Foundation / Prep to Year 2's on Monday and Year 6 on Tuesday. Our Perceptual Motor Program has also continued across the school this week and tomorrow will see our Foundation / Prep to Year 4's involved in a football clinic throughout the day. It's been an action packed EDUCATION WEEK for sure 😊!

CURRICULUM DAY THIS TERM

Our School Council has selected and set Friday, 9th June as our Term 2 Curriculum Day (Pupil Free). This will align with the June Long Weekend, giving families a chance to get away from Friday to Monday, with Monday being the King's Birthday Public Holiday. As some families will still have work commitments on the Friday, I have announced this early to enable families to begin planning alternative care arrangements for Friday, 9th June.

ATTENDANCE

If your child is really unwell, they should not be at school, however, you should be seeking an appointment to get a medical certificate if it is two days or more OR there is a recurring issue. Children need routine... and whilst it takes time to get in routine, once in it, they become happy, settled... and productive. Falling in out of school creates a stop/start approach... where children become more anxious... and don't settle... making that link into routine harder. Commit to the hard work of getting children to school every day... working past their resistance etc. Yes – sometimes children don't want to go... but we must teach our children that life is about getting up and going to school... and eventually, work. Good habits start young – so start now! You want that attitude of being up and active every day to be second nature – the building blocks of a happy and productive future!

SOMERS CAMP

On Tuesday, 12 of our Year 5/6's and teacher, Eve Acquisto, headed off to Somers Camp for a wonderful 9 day adventure. Somers, a Department of Education (DET) camp, runs a wonderful camping program for a small selection of Year 5/6 students every ODD year for Big Hill PS (and the Bendigo area). Over the two years, other areas are allocated a camp spot, so the next Somers program will be in 2025! We haven't heard a lot from our Campers, but no news is good news! Next Wednesday our campers will return and we will hear all about their adventures then!

SCHOOL COUNCIL – NEXT WEEK

Apologies to all School Councillors regarding the cancellation of this week's meeting. As I was unwell and Sharyn was on Carer's Leave, documentation for the meeting was not able to be done. To enable the meeting to be effective I postponed it until next week – Tuesday, 23rd May. Finance will be at 6:30pm and our May meeting at 7:00pm. I hope to see you all in the library area, however, dial in via Webex will continue to be available if this is preferred, just visit my meeting room (link shared previously).

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Thank you to those families who are eagerly taking part in the Premier's Reading Challenge. It's not too late to register your interest as the challenge continues until early September. If you would like to be involved, please see your classroom teacher, or get in contact with Jen or Ainsley who can also assist you with your registration. Happy Reading!

PHOENIX FM

Our visit to Phoenix FM will be rescheduled... so keep an ear out for when the School Leaders and I are going on air!

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY (AToSS)

Information for families has been sent home via COMPASS regarding the participation of Year 4-6 in this year's ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY. If you do not use COMPASS, printed information is available from the Office foyer, or let the Office staff know and we'll send home a form. Basically, the survey is run by our Education Department and gets the opinions of schooling from our Year 4, 5 and 6. Questions cover quality of school programs, relationships, bullying, resilience, connectedness and much more. The results are anonymous... and are collated to give our school an indication of areas of strength and focus areas for improvement. We expect our students to do this survey between the 22nd of May and the 2nd of June. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me (Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au) or drop in for a chat.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you for our yummy fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Clementine & Tommy enjoying their orange and banana, with Tommy having fun making the banana into a smile 😊.

See back page for FREE child ticket code for the Braves games!



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Blake M, Otis J, Axel N, Jax N & Lacey J.

As we move to the middle of the term, the weather is getting colder...so with that in mind, please dress children appropriately so that they are warm whilst at school. Tracksuit pants, warm fleecy school jackets etc. are so important. Wearing our proper school uniform is also important too – so please, no footy hoodies etc.

Enjoy Friday and the weekend ahead...

Kind regards,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Be Respectful' during the RACV Safety visit:

FSN *Ava M*
FSJ *Tommy W*

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect':

MD *Ryan W*
MC *Mila M*
MP *Chris W*

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

READING SUPERSTARS!

Congratulations to these students for their continued dedication to reading:

75 nights
JA/R *Edward M*

100 nights
JA/R *Logan H*
JJ *Malachi B, Blake M & Jake F*
JW *Ruby S, Zoe W & Vincenzo P & Hendrix M*

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For participating safely and with respect during our Footy Clinic:

JA/R *Arlow D*
JW *Hendrix M*
JJ *Conor F*

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For being a Skills Superstar, by developing confidence in new or existing skills:

SB *Isabelle O*
SK *Hailee H*
SL *Arya B*

Brett, Kate & Leisha

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have updated the Second Hand uniform winter stock available on Qkr – all items \$2 😊. There are also dresses and leggings available year round.

Once ordered, it will be handed out to the student within 24 hours. If you require something urgently, please contact Janet in the Office to arrange it. Thank you.

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

GRANDPARENTS DAY CAKE STALL

Apologies for the incorrect information being published earlier, the following is the correct information:

The stall date is correct, Friday, 26th May, but the contributions need to be dropped off at the Multipurpose Room on the morning of the 26th, **NOT** the 22nd as was on the flyer - apologies for any inconvenience.

Also, the time of the stall is from 1:20pm to 2:20pm, enabling Grandparents to purchase treats to enjoy with their loved ones in the school grounds.

PICTURE PRODUCTS FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who purchased products, they should hopefully be back by the end of term.

OSHC NEWS

Families can now use the Child Care Subsidy (CCS) Calculator at StartingBlocks.gov.au to see what their subsidy rates may be from 10 July.

Most families will get more subsidy. Some families previously not eligible will be able to get it.

CCS: balancing deadlines approaching

Families must confirm what they earned in 2021–22 and 2020–21 by 30 June to avoid losing CCS or incurring a debt.

At the end of each financial year, Services Australia compares a family's income estimate with their actual income to check they got the right amount of CCS. This process is called balancing.

Families need to confirm their income for balancing to occur. There are deadlines for families to do this.

Next deadlines

The end of financial year marks two important deadlines for families:

- first deadline for confirming 2021–22 income
- second deadline for confirming 2020–21 income.

If a family misses the first deadline, their CCS will stop. If a family misses the second deadline, they will lose their CCS eligibility and may have to repay any CCS they got for that financial year.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Greater Bendigo Climate Summit
Be inspired, collaborate and commit to climate action in our region

Saturday May 27, 2023 - Ulumbarra Theatre, Bendigo

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL



Day session 9am – 5pm
Free

Ensure your place by registering early online <https://tinyurl.com/2xkt27bd>



Evening session 6pm – 8.30pm
\$5 per person

Electrify Everything Greater Bendigo, with Saul Griffith
<https://tinyurl.com/2h5krkf4>

Atisha Centre
Atisha Buddhist Centre

DHARMA CLUB

~ FOR ~ ~ KIDS ~

the next Children's Dharma Club will be on

~ Sunday 21 May ~

An enjoyable programme with group exercises, meditation, discussions and fun activities for children between the ages of 5 and 12.

Group activities guide you and the children in your life towards making a positive difference in the world.

Cost is by donation. If you wish, please bring something special to share - food, flowers, drinks, ideas.

~ 10:00am to 11:00am ~

Please scan here to register expression of interest

For more information, please call Atisha Centre Office: 03 5446 3336 or Email: spc@atishacentre.org.au / Website: www.atishacentre.org.au

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Kangaroo Flat Family Fun Day

Sunday May 21, 2023

• Pony rides
• The Zone rock climbing wall
• Activities with AFL Central Vic
• Art and craft
• TZR reptiles and wildlife display
• Face painting
• Circus activities
• Entertainment, lucky door prizes and FREE giveaways!

BBQ sausages, soup and bread roll, veggie burgers and chicken sticks - all \$2 each

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat, Kangaroo Flat Primary School and Hazeldehes

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12pm - 3pm
Kangaroo Flat Primary School yard
60 Olympic Parade, Kangaroo Flat

LISA CHESTERS VISIT



CHINESE INCURSION



FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health
and wellbeing of our
Bendigo school children



FREE CHILD TICKET

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