

# Calder Chronicle

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## THURSDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

## CALENDAR

## FRIDAY, 9TH JUNE Monday, 12th June

Thursday, 15th June Monday, 19th June Tuesday, 20th June Wednesday, 14th June

Wednesday, 21st June

## **CURRICULUM DAY**

## King's Birthday Public Holiday

Walker's Doughnut Fundraiser Collection Day Payment due for Middle Unit Gym - \$38

School Council Meeting

Junior Unit Gym program continues

Division Soccer - selected Year 5/6 students only

Pizza Day orders due in by 9:00am Payment due for Senior Unit Gym - \$37 Junior Unit Gym program concludes

## Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Monday, 10th July

Tuesday, 11th July Wednesday, 12th July Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> July Friday, 14th July

Monday, 17th July Monday, 24th July Friday, 4th August Friday, 8th September

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

PIZZA DAY - no normal Canteen orders but iced treats are available

Deposit of \$100 due for Year 5/6 Camp

**FIRST DAY FOR TERM 3** 

Senior Unit Gym commences Senior Unit Gym continues

Senior Unit Gym continues - NO CANTEEN

Senior Unit Gym concludes

2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment of \$90 due for Year 5/6 Camp Middle Unit Gym commences - NO CANTEEN

PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS - NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY FSN ONLY PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS - school as normal

3rd Instalment of \$90 due for Year 5/6 Camp Final Instalment of \$65 due for Year 5/6 Camp

## **School Organisation**

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

I haven't seen much of Week 7, until today, as I fell victim to the COVID bug for the first time. It's good to be back though and I wanted to thank all staff for stepping up and keeping the school running during my absence. Ainsley has worked hard to cover bases for a lot of this time, whilst Catherine, Nicole and Jen have not only risen to the occasion as our Unit Leaders, but have taken turns to ensure things are handled effectively too, enabling Ainsley to be in the classroom. As a whole, the staff have banded together whilst our two Principal Class employees have been out due to sickness or carer's leave.

#### **CURRICULUM DAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Just a reminder that our Term 2 Curriculum Day is occurring tomorrow, Friday, 9th June. There is no school or OSHC tomorrow for students as a result and alternative care arrangements will need to be made for children. Don't forget also that Monday, 12th June is the King's Birthday Public Holiday across the state, with no school occurring. This creates a 4 day weekend for families to either have a break and catch up OR go away.

#### **SCHOOL REPORTS**

Semester 1 school reports are in the final stages of production. Parents can expect to see their child's report go live on COMPASS on the final day of term. If you don't use COMPASS, please contact the Office and your child's teacher to arrange a printed copy. Our school reports are set up to clearly show families where their child is in relation to the expected year level. Personal comments are also provided to enable parents to get a sense of specific strengths or areas of improvement relating to their child. The written report is half of the reporting and is expanded upon at Parent / Teacher / Student interview Day, so please take some time off work on the 17th of July... and book in to discuss the report in more depth.

### **DIVISION SOCCER**

Next Wednesday, 14th June, selected students from Year 5/6 will compete in Division Soccer. Brett, Leisha and Max (Education Support) will accompany the children, whom I'm sure will represent Big Hill PS with pride.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next meeting of School Council is on Tuesday, 20th June at 7:00pm. Members can expect information for the meeting to be sent home late next week, in preparation.

#### COVID

COVID is certainly going around at the moment, with a wave hitting the State and as a result, our school. Please regularly check your child with a RAT if symptomatic (tests now available from the Office). If positive, remain at home while unwell and returning a positive test. Also advise the school as we will code the absence as pandemic meaning no medical certificate is required.

#### **STAFFING**

Sharyn Burnett remains on Carers Leave, returning in the final week of Term (Wednesday). If you have the need to speak to Sharyn, please contact me in the meantime. Kate Dole remains on leave, covered by Eve Acquisto, until next Tuesday. Hopefully Kate will then return. Roberta Mathers began Long Service Leave on Monday - heading home to Canada for several months. Roberta will return mid Term 3 and is covered by Meryl Jacobs on Mondays and Wednesdays until she returns. In the final two weeks of term, Nick Reid resumes his remaining paternity leave, with Eve Acquisto working in the music room (Tues - Thurs) for the final two weeks.

#### PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Next term, on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, parents, teachers and staff will meet to share learning progress for Semester 1. There is no school on this day, so advising families early to arrange care. We expect all families to attend an interview on this day. Due to Nicole Peach being absent on the 17th, her families can book in for an interview on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> July instead - students from this class won't attend school on the 17th of July either, however, will be able to attend school on the 24th as Nicole's class will be covered by a CASUAL TEACHER, enabling her to meet with parents and ensure children in this class have a normal day. Interview booking arrangements have opened on COMPASS, with instructions on how to book posted earlier on COMPASS. If you don't use COMPASS, please email the Office to book a time.

## **END OF TERM AWARDS**

On the final day of term, Friday, 23rd June, we will once again have our END OF TERM AWARDS CEREMONY. This occurs at 9:00am, outdoors if fine, indoors in the Multipurpose Room if not. At this ceremony, each class will have winners in the following categories: EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS, ENGLISH, VISUAL ARTS and PERFORMING ARTS, ENDEAVOUR IN MATHEMATICS and ENGLISH, OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOOL VALUES and THE PRINCIPALS AWARD. Winners will be announced in the final newsletter, on Thursday, 22nd June - so please check this edition to see if you want to attend the ceremony on the 23rd at 9:00am.

#### **END OF TERM DISMISSAL**

With the approach of the June/July school holidays, may I remind parents that Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June is the last day of term, with an early dismissal occurring at 2:20pm. Both buses will run earlier to accommodate this time - families need to adjust pick up times from bus-drop-off-points therefore. If you can't pick your child up at 2:20pm, please book into our OSHC service instead.

### **MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT**

Thank you for our yummy fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Otis & Poppet enjoying their pear and banana ©. We have a new code for free child tickets for the Braves. Please utilise this code: BRAVES-INSCHOOL11. There are 3 home games to go June 18, June 23 and July 15.

https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=BRAVE23

#### <u>BIRTHDAYS</u>

Happy birthday to Vincenzo P, Ella M, Charlie L, Layla F & Angus C.

With a long weekend ahead and only two weeks of Term 2 left, there isn't much of the term left ahead of us. Regardless, here's hoping your child is fit and well and at school every day in the lead up to the rest.

Until next week...

## Mall Pearce, Principal

## FIRST STEPS NEWS

#### STARS OF THE WEEK

For having a positive attitude during the football clinics:

FSN Ryan B FSJ Evlyn S

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

## **GYM PROGRAM**

Our program at Jets Gym will continue for the next two Wednesday afternoons. Please check COMPASS for additional updates and photos.

#### **READING SUPERSTARS!**

Congratulations to the following reading superstars:

#### 75 nights

JA Phoenix B JW Memphis J

#### 100 nights

JA/R Lleyton H

JJ Connie P & Jack L

#### 125 nights

JJ Malachi B & Jake F JA/R Logan H & Harry E JW Lucas Q & Ezra B

#### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing displaying a positive attitude, creativity and imagination towards learning:

JA/R Oscar A JW Harmony N JJ Connie P

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

## **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

For displaying the School Value of 'Safety':

MD Samuel S MC Oscar W MP Wil G

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

#### **SENIOR UNIT NEWS**

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating leadership at school:

SB Tom C SK Alexis C SL Josh V

Brett, Kate & Leisha

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

## WALKERS DOUGHNUTS FUNDRAISER

Orders have now been finalised – thank you to everyone who has ordered. We'll post on COMPASS once we have a delivery time for next Thursday.

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

ATTENTION families! We need your help ③. Our canteen is run by the school and does not receive any funding, with profits going back into the school. With the help of our volunteers, we are able to keep prices down.

If you can spare 1 hour once or twice per term on a **Friday – morning OR lunchtime**, and 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, your help is greatly appreciated.

You don't have to be a mum or dad to help, aunties, uncles and grandparents are all welcome, you just need to have a Working With Children Check card – it's free for volunteers, and easy apply online. Thank you.

## **OSHC NEWS**

#### PAYMENT METHOD CHANGE

Due to new regulations, from Saturday, 1st July, no cash payments can be accepted for OSHC accounts, only electronic methods can be used – that is, EFTPOS & Qkr. Thank you.

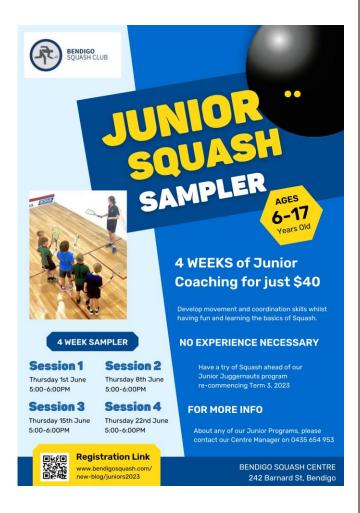
#### **ACCOUNTS**

Just a friendly reminder that accounts are to be finalised by the end of term, please make regular fortnightly payments, so it's easier to manage.

Remember, if you are having trouble paying, please contact the Office to arrange a payment plan, that way your place/s are secure in the program.

Thank you.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**





## FRIDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

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 need to be placed by 9:00am on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June. 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