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THURSDAY, 22ND JUNE 2023

CALENDAR

Friday, 23rd June LAST DAY FOR TERM 2, early dismissal of 2:20pm OUT OF UNIFORM DAY

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MAD COW-gold coin donation requested

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

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

Monday, 10th July FIRST DAY FOR TERM 3

Senior Unit Gym commences Senior Unit Gym continues

Senior Unit Gym continues – NO CANTEEN

Senior Unit Gym concludes

2nd **Instalment of \$90 due for Year 5/6 Camp** Middle Unit Gym commences – NO CANTEEN

Monday, 17th July 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

Friday, 15th September Last Day for Term 3

School Organisation

Dear School Community,

Tuesday, 11th July

Friday, 14th July

Friday, 4th August

Friday, 8th September

Wednesday, 12th July Thursday, 13th July

Welcome to the last newsletter of term. Nine weeks of Term 2 have flown by and we are now on the cusp of a two week break, before settling into a 10 week long Term 3. Here's a few things to note before we dismiss:

SECURITY OVER THE HOLIDAYS

The school is exposed in times of no use, with vandals and other potentially onsite, often after hours in the dark. If you see anything suspicious at all over the holiday period, please ring 000 straight away. Best to be safe than sorry!

GROUNDS MAINTENENCE

The holidays present a chance for families to come in and help clean up our yard, so if you can spare a few hours, why not bring in your broom, gardening tools and wheelbarrow (when it suits) and sweep paths, weed, return stones to garden, collect sticks and store them on the edge of the bush, pick up rubbish, weeds etc. Any support is greatly appreciated. If you do come in, please advise the Office on our return so we can thank you!

STAFFING

Sharyn Burnett has returned from Carers Leave and will work Monday - Thursday from now on. It's been lovely having Sharyn back in the school and she can now support your enquiries around wellbeing / welfare concerns. For the first two weeks of Term 3, Nicole Peach is on Long Service Leave. Eve Acquisto will work in her room during this time - welcome Eve. Pam Farnell will also be on Long Service Leave for Week 1 of Term 3, with Amy Grimes filling in and supporting a couple of our students in Senior Leisha. Finally I am on Long Service Leave, commencing Saturday and including the first three weeks of Term 3. I will return on Monday, 31st July. During this time my email will not be monitored and mobile 0438 738 788 will be out of action (so please don't text absences to this number during this time). If you have any concerns or questions / need support please contact:

Sharyn Burnett (Sharyn.Burnett@education.vic.gov.au) Monday - Thursday and

Ainsley Stanley (Ainsley.Stanley@education.vic.gov.au) Fridays.

Alternatively, ring the school directly or email (big.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au) to be referred to the right person.

SCHOOL REPORTS

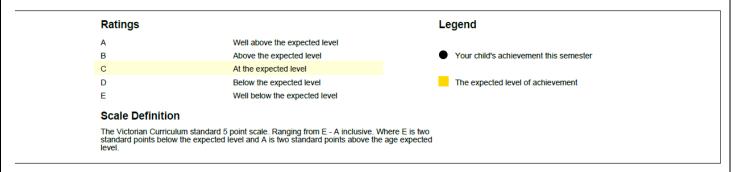
Semester 1 school reports are almost ready to be accessed via COMPASS. Parents can expect to see their child's report go live on COMPASS tomorrow, at around 3:30pm. If you don't use COMPASS, please contact the Office or your child's teacher to arrange a printed copy. Our school reports are set up to 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 the interview day, so please take some time off work on the 17th of July... and book in to discuss the report in more depth. For our PREP families with their first child/ren at school, the first school report can seem a little strange, so I encourage you to do the follow-up interview to discuss and clarify the report \bigcirc .

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Next term, on Monday, 17th 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, 24th 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 also on COMPASS. If you don't use COMPASS, please contact the Office to book a time. We have had a lot of interest already from families, with lots of bookings taking place. Please prioritise this time and take an hour off work to attend, as this is an important opportunity to hear about your child's progress and ask any questions / share information with the teacher. We can now also support families by offering Webex - so that families can join the meeting from work during one of their breaks - speak to your child's teacher to organise.

HELP WITH REPORTS

Below are a couple of tables. The first one outlines how to read your child's report (in particular the reporting scale used) and the second.... how to understand how your child's attendance is going. These will be shared on COMPASS also to help families familiarise themselves with the new report formats. Please note, the usual progression growth line shown on past reports (indicating 12 month growth period) won't appear on any reports as this is the first time COMPASS has been used to report and the data is not present in the system to generate the progression line. To compare to last report, please focus on where the dot point was and is now for each area of learning.



Attendance Ratings

0-5 Total Absences	5-10 Total Absences	10+ Total Absences
Your child is on track to	Your child is achieving below	Your child is at risk of severe
achieve positive attendance at	expected attendance rates,	disengagement with school.
school, increasing their	please ensure that your child is	The school would have been in
chances of being very	not away without reasonable	contact with you to encourage
successful.	excuse.	attendance.

END OF TERM AWARDS

On the final day of term, tomorrow, 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 (9:00am for FIRST STEPS and JUNIOR UNIT, 9:20am for MIDDLE and SENIOR UNITS). We will just have to see if it is wet in the morning and change to the indoor option if so. 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. Congratulations to all winners, announced in today's newsletter, as they have worked hard this term and have earnt the recognition.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW

Tomorrow is out of uniform, raising funds for MAD COW (Make A Difference, Change Our World), an organisation that helps families and individuals who might become homeless, face financial hardship etc. They do a wonderful job and are worth supporting - with our STUDENT REPRESENTIVE COUNCIL choosing them as their charity of choice for this term. If your child comes out of uniform tomorrow, please send them with a gold coin donation. If you would like to make a larger donation, here is their donation link: https://www.paypal.com/donate?token=b2Gh7TR3m-Nal6Fl4q-gUwS-taxmb3gO4tNtGAh-j2yvwOZWJOIRZ1LFm3VeVFx3OnHEKubpRAcONS1S. Thank you!

END OF TERM DISMISSAL

With the approach of the June / July school holidays tomorrow, I again remind parents / carers that TOMORROW, Friday, 23rd 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. Our Office will close at 2:45pm.

LEGACY COLOURING COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Georgia, Bonnie, Nathaniel, Ava & Addison (not pictured). Well done, we hope you enjoy your prizes ②.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT



Thank you for our yummy fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Archer & Elena enjoying their banana and mandarin . Please utilise this code for free child tickets for the Braves: BRAVES-INSCHOOL11. There are 2 home games to go, June 23 and July 15. https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=BRAVE23

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Levi S, Bentley G, Brady M, Phoebe C, Eh Doh Soe S, Jacob S, Linken A, Oscar G, Rhemmi C, Mia M, Connor W, Melia H, Kelahni C & Skye D.

As the term concludes, I'd like to thank the staff for their ongoing hard work and attention to getting the best outcomes for our students. I also really appreciate the support of our community, especially with the school and staff and following up important things at home such as reading, and attendance at school etc. Finally to our magnificent students... here's hoping you have a wonderful break, as you have worked so hard... and have generally been very well behaved! Enjoy a safe and happy holiday students.

I look forward to touching base with some of you tomorrow and if not, when I return on the 31st of July.

Kind regards and best wishes for a safe school holiday break!

Mall Pearce, Principal

PREP SCHOOL NURSE FORMS

These will be sent home today. This is a permission form for a free distance vision and hearing screening. Please return by Friday, 14th July. More information is included in the envelope.

ART NEWS



Exciting news, Big Hill PS is again participating in Charter Hall Lansell Square NAIDOC Week Book Illustration Competition.

The Middle and Senior Unit classes have spent weeks working on their illustrations for a story called Gami Winda and Dyindi-Dyindi, by Bianca F. Stawiarski a Badimaya women.

Voting is again open to the public and the illustrations will be on display at Lansell Square from <u>June the 24th to July the 16th</u>. The winners will be announced on August the 7th.

Big Hill PS was allocated 3 pages, 3 from 6 classes have been selected. So please join me in congratulating the following students for being selected and enjoy viewing and voting for your favourites over the school holidays!

SK Page 4

Snow Win, Lacey, Summah

♣ SB Page 4

Harley, Olivia, Willow

♣ SL Page 5

Thalia M, Scarlett, Cayden

♣ MD Page 5

Caleb, Ryan, Avery

♣ MC Page 6

Dexter, Tasman, Mackenzie

♣ MP Page 6

Abigail H, Claudia, Logan

Alice Bath Art Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ATTENTION families! We need your help ⑤. 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.

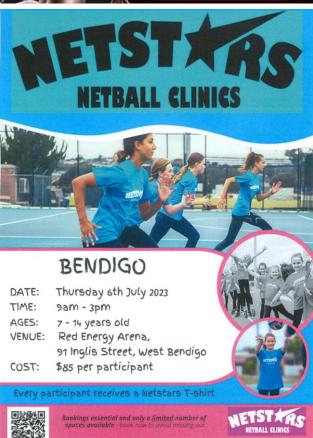
You don't have to be a mum or dad to help, aunties, uncles and grandparents are all welcome, you just need to have a Working With Children Check card – it's free for volunteers, and easy apply online.

Thank you to those who have left their details at the Office, much appreciated \odot .

Tammy Fear Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS













STUDENT AWARDS - TERM 2, 2023

Outstanding Achievement in English:

FSJ: Harvey FSN: Ava M

JW: JA/R: Anna S JJ: Ava C Memphis J Bonnie S Avery F MP: Abigael L MC: MD: SB: Zoe W SK: Alexis C SL: Isla G

Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics:

FSJ: Clementine W FSN: Otis J

Phoenix B Jake F JW: JA/R: JJ: Brax B MC: Kelson G MD: Patrick R MP: Heath B SK: Max W SL: SB: Harley N Beau B

Endeavour Award in English:

FSJ: Kelahni C FSN: Tyler G

JA/R: Diamond T JJ: Malachi B JW: Bentley G MP: MC: Macy F MD: Allyera G Gabrielle B SK: Phoebe C SL: SB: Kaylie A Logan K

Endeavour Award in Mathematics:

FSJ: Levi K FSN: Teddy R

JA/R: Arlow D JJ: Elias S JW: Lucas Q MC: Tasman H MD: Caleb H MP: Jaxon S Jacob V SK: SL: Melia H SB: Skylah D

Outstanding Display of School Values:

FSJ: Zelda L FSN: Harper A

JA/R: Bailey F JJ: Jack L JW: Ruby S MP: Wil G MC: Jazmine T MD: Jack E SK: SL: SB: Mileah G Bobby S Tyler W

Principal's Award:

FSJ: Otis E FSN: Elena T

JW: JA/R: Oscar A JJ: Conor O Cooper M MP: Claudia V MC: Oliver M MD: Amelia B SB: Isabelle O SK: Sierra S SL: Braxton L

Outstanding Achievement in Art:

FSJ: Ashlyn W FSN: Archer M

JW: JA/R: Elaina H JJ: Sofia D Zoe B MC: Sienna B MD: Poppy S MP: Logan O SK: SB: Chelsea A Ashley B SL: Scarlett N

Outstanding Achievement in MUSIC:

FSJ: Evlyn S FSN: Heath G

JA/R: Jade L Blake M JW: Patrick T JJ: MC: Dexter L MD: Jake W MP: Jaxon S SB: Evie S Liam W SK: SL: Scarlett N