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THURSDAY, 13TH JULY 2023

CALENDAR

Thursday, 13th July
Friday, 14th July

Senior Unit Gym concludes
BOOKINGS CLOSE AT 3PM FOR PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS
2nd Instalment of \$90 due for Year 5/6 Camp
Middle Unit Gym commences – Lunch Orders ARE available 😊

Monday, 17th July

Prep Nurse forms due back at the Office
PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS – NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

Friday, 21st July

NAPLAN results sent home this week when received
SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPEN FROM 3PM TO 3:30PM

Monday, 24th July

Middle Unit Gym continues – Lunch Orders ARE available 😊
FSN ONLY PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS – school as normal

Friday, 28th July

Middle Unit Gym continues – Lunch Orders ARE available 😊

Friday, 4th August

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

Monday, 7th August

Middle Unit Gym concludes – Lunch Orders ARE available 😊

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPEN FROM 3PM TO 3:30PM

Thursday, 17th August

Payment of \$38 due for First Steps Gym

Friday, 18th August

First Steps Gym commences

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPEN FROM 3PM TO 3:30PM

Thursday, 24th August

First Steps Gym continues

Thursday, 31st August

First Steps Gym continues

Friday, 1st September

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP OPEN FROM 3PM TO 3:30PM

Thursday, 7th September

First Steps Gym concludes

Friday, 8th September

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

Friday, 15th September

Last Day for Term 3 – early dismissal 2:20pm

No Second Hand Uniform Shop today – apologies

School Organisation

Dear School Community,

STAFFING

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. Matt is on Long Service Leave, returning on Monday, 31st July. During this time his 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.

PARENT TEACHER STUDENT INTERVIEWS – BOOKINGS CLOSE 3PM TOMORROW

Next Monday, 17th July, parents, teachers and staff will meet to share learning progress for Semester 1. There is no school on this day. 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. **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.**

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you once again for continuing the program this term, and for our great selection of fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Otis & Lily enjoying their pear and apple 😊.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Mila C, Harper W, Remi R, Amber L, Charlie T, Archer M, Sienna D, Levi B, Alaena H, Patrick R, Logan O, Kirra W, Kaylie A & Jack E.

*Sharyn Burnett,
Assistant Principal*

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For returning to school with a positive attitude:

FSN *Paige A*

FSJ *Franklin B*

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

READING SUPERSTARS!

Congratulations to the following reading superstars:

100 nights

JJ Hunter G & Elias S

JW Memphis J

125 nights

JJ Ava C & Blake M

JW Ezra B, Hendrix M & Cooper M

150 nights

JA Harry E & Logan H

JJ Sofia D & Malachi B

JW Zoe B, Valentine J, Vincenzo P & Ruby S

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Resilience' on their return to school for Term 3:

JA/R *Jade L*

JW *Vincenzo P*

JJ *Bradley H*

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect':

MD *Harper O*

MC *Makenzie B*

MP *Logan O*

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Safety' during participation in our gymnastics program:

SB *Alaena H*

SK *Skylah D*

SL *Connor W*

Brett, Kate & Leisha

CANTEEN NEWS

TERM 3 MENU

Due to increasing ingredient costs, we have had to raise prices on most items. Unfortunately, this was unavoidable, and we have tried to make the increases as small as possible. Apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for your support.

NEW MENU ITEMS & UNAVAILABLE ITEM

You can now order Tuna sandwiches, rolls, wraps or in with a tub of salad. Items available through the Qkr app. Unfortunately we are unable to offer mac and cheese at the current time, apologies for any inconvenience. Keep an eye out on the Qkr app, as it may be back!

Tammy Fear

Canteen Manager

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will now be open fortnightly on Fridays from 3:00pm to 3:30pm in the Art Room / Canteen building, the door near the Senior Unit steps, **starting Friday, 21st July.**

A BIG thank you to parent Bec who will be on duty to help us out 😊. All items are only \$2, and cash is preferred.

Items are no longer available on Qkr, but if you are unable to visit the shop in person, please email Janet to see if we have something in stock, and we can arrange payment over the phone or you can send in cash.

Thank you Bec 😊!

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY NEWS

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY HAS NOW INCREASED

Most families using early childhood education and care will get more CCS.

Some families previously not eligible for CCS will now get it.

What's changed?

- The family income limit to get CCS has increased to \$530,000.
- The maximum amount of CCS has increased from 85% to 90%.
- Families earning \$80,000 or less get 90% subsidy.
- Families earning over \$80,000 and under \$530,000 get a subsidy that tapers down from 90%, depending on their income. The subsidy goes down 1% for each \$5,000 earned.
- Families earning below \$362,408 with more than one child aged 5 or under in care can still get a higher rate for their second and younger children.

What do families need to do?

Families already getting CCS don't need to do anything to get the new rates. Services Australia will apply the changes.

Families who earn between \$356,756 and \$530,000 may be entitled to CCS. Families who haven't claimed CCS, should [lodge a claim](#) with Services Australia.

Some families already using care may currently be assessed for CCS and get 0% but will be eligible for an increased rate. These families should check that their [income estimate](#) is up to date through their [Centrelink online account](#).

For more information, visit childcaresubsidy.gov.au.

ACTIVITY TEST CHANGES NOW IN PLACE

The CCS activity test has changed for families with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children.

What's changed?

Families now get at least 36 hours of subsidised care per fortnight for each Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in their care. This is regardless of their family's circumstances.

What do families need to do?

Families should tell Services Australia that they have an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander child in their care if they would like to get at least 36 hours of subsidised care.

Families can call Services Australia on the [Centrelink families line](#) to let them know a child in their care is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. It's voluntary to tell Services Australia this.

Families may get more than 36 hours of subsidy per fortnight based on their circumstances and the amount of recognised activity they do.

Families do not need to do anything if they already get more than 36 hours of subsidy based on their circumstances.

For more information, visit childcaresubsidy.gov.au.

Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday, 17th July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- exceeding
- strong
- developing
- needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As always, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

Sharyn Burnett
Assistant Principal