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THURSDAY, 3RD AUGUST 2023

CALENDAR

Friday, 4th August

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

Middle Unit Gym concludes – Lunch Orders ARE available 😊

Monday, 7th August

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

Payment of \$38 due for First Steps Gym

Wednesday, 9th August

2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey opens - see back page

Year 7 Acceptance Slips due at our Office

Prep Bright Clothes Dress Up Day for 100 Days Brighter

Senior Unit Radio Awareness for Kids Incursion

Wednesday, 16th August

Payment of \$26 due on Compass for SU Bricks 4 Kidz Incursion

Payment of \$18 due on Compass for FS/JU Bricks 4 Kidz Incursion

Thursday, 17th August

First Steps Gym commences

Friday, 18th August

CURRICULUM DAY – NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

Monday, 21st August

Book Week commences

Book Fair commences – every night this week in the Library

FS/JU & SU Bricks 4 Kidz Incursion

First Steps Gym continues

Wednesday, 23rd August

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE 9:00AM – ALL WELCOME 😊

Thursday, 24th August

FRIDAY, 25TH AUGUST

Father's Day Stall & Raffle drawn-tickets due by 9:00am

Tuesday, 29th August

First Steps Gym continues

Thursday, 31st August

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

Friday, 1st September

First Steps Gym concludes

Thursday, 7th September

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

Friday, 8th September

Junior Production – tickets on sale soon

Thursday, 14th September

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

Friday, 15th September

No Second Hand Uniform Shop today – apologies

School Organisation

Dear School Community,

CALLING ALL CURRENT FAMILIES

If you have a younger sibling that you wish to have attend Big Hill PS next year, could you please advise the Office, as we are starting to plan for 2024 classes. Thank you. Enrolment forms are now available from the Office. Also, if you know of any other families that are interested in sending their Foundation child/ren to Big Hill PS, could you please ask them to contact us so we can start their enrolment process? Thank you everyone.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS 21-25TH AUGUST

Each year since 1945 the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) has brought children and books together through Children's Book Week. During this time schools and public libraries spend one glorious week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. This year at Big Hill PS, we will be celebrating Book Week through holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair, a dress up parade on Friday, 25th August, and celebrating shortlisted CBCA books in the classroom and in library sessions. This year's theme is Read, Grow, Inspire.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 21-25TH AUGUST

The Scholastic Book Fair will run again this year, each night after school in our library. Please support our worthwhile fundraiser each night after school during Book Week. Last year we raised over \$800 which was spent on quality non-fiction books for our school library. Books can be purchased via EFTPOS at the Office.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE FRIDAY 25TH AUGUST

To celebrate Book Week, we will be holding a dress up parade at school on Friday, 25th August at 9:00am. Students are invited to come along dressed as their favourite book characters in celebration of their favourite books. This event is open to our school community so please come along, join in the fun and have a quick look at what's on offer at our Book Fair in the library while you're here. Last year teachers were dressed as Where's Wally characters and this year we have decided that our theme is going to be Mem Fox's 'Where is the Green Sheep?' Students are encouraged to visit teachers / staff around the school to see all the different sheep dress-ups and especially make sure to look out for our mystery GREEN sheep!

CURRICULUM DAY

Apologies for this not being in the newsletter earlier, but all of the Curriculum Days were listed in the first newsletter for this year. Also, just a reminder about Term 4's – it will be held on Monday, 20th November.

ROAD SAFETY

We have had a report of unsafe behaviour by students down on the highway when getting into their parent's car. Please remind students about road safety and try to have them enter the car on the footpath side NOT the highway side. Thank you.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you once again for our great selection of fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Bentley & Zoe enjoying their mandarin and banana 😊.



Red Energy Arena have also been kind enough to offer the below:

Family pass for \$10

August 5th at 6:00pm.

Link: [Bendigo Braves Preliminary Final tickets](#) | [Red Energy Arena](#) | [Ticketek Australia](#)

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Bonnie E, Mason P, Jack E, Korbin H, Abigail H & Levi K.

Sharyn Burnett, Assistant Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS



Week 5 of Term 3 is a milestone for the Preps. They will mark this milestone by having a fun dress up day, as well as participating in some fun activities all linked with the number 100.

Students are asked to come dressed in bright coloured clothes to celebrate being 100 days brighter.

Date: Wednesday 9th August

STARS OF THE WEEK

For being persistent when practising new skills:

FSN *Layla R*
FSJ *Sophie H*

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

BRICKS 4 KIDZ

Thank you to those families who have already paid for this upcoming Lego incursion. Please see COMPASS for event details and payment options.

READING SUPERSTARS!

Congratulations to the following reading superstars:

150 nights

JJ *Connie P*
JW *Ezra B*

175 nights

JJ *Malachi B, Jake F, Sofia D*
JW *Valentine J, Hendrix M*

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For always working to the best of their ability in the classroom:

JA/R *Jade L*
JW *Memphis J*
JJ *Blake M*

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect' in the classroom:

MD *Chase B*
MC *Eli V*
MP *Wil G*

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing leadership qualities:

SB *Dustan H*
SK *Samuel H*
SL *Beau B*

Brett, Kate & Leisha

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

FATHER'S DAY STALL

We are running the Father's Day Stall on **Tuesday, 29th August** in the Multipurpose room. Items available range from 50c to \$10. Please bring a bag along on the day to take your special things home in. We look forward to seeing all the students there on the day! Donations of items for the stall or raffle would be greatly appreciated. Some items which would be helpful include:

- Blocks or boxes of chocolates
- Wrapped lollies
- Fishing/camping, sporting, gardening items
- Mugs
- Gift vouchers / cards
- Tissue paper, curling ribbon, clear cellophane
- Raffle prizes

Thanks again for your ongoing support.

LIBRARY NEWS TERM 3 – PREP TO YEAR 6

Welcome to another fabulous term at the Big Hill Primary School Library.

Your children will visit the library once a week for stories, lessons and book selection.



- Borrowing limits: First Steps and Junior Unit: 2 books, Middle Unit: 3 books, Senior Unit: 5 books.
- Books are borrowed out for a maximum 2 week period. They may be renewed if there is not a waiting list.
- There are no fines for late books, but if books are overdue for an extended period, borrowing privileges may be suspended. We recommend books are returned weekly if possible.
- Library lessons involve sessions on caring for books. Here are some ways to encourage your children to take responsibility for their library books:
 - Help them remember their library day,
 - Set aside a specific place in your home for school library books so you don't misplace them,
 - Provide a library bag to protect Library Books for First Steps, Junior Unit and Middle Unit students,
 - If the book is damaged, send them back to school as we have special library mending supplies.
- Encourage your children to come to me with any questions regarding their books.
- We hope to get (or keep) your children "hooked on reading" by recommending excellent authors, illustrators and books to read. This term our focus will be on the Children's Book Council of Australia Book awards (previous and current short-listed books). Library sessions have an introduction to a book from our collection (this book is usually read and discussed and how to find it in the library), browsing and borrowing time and then an activity related to the book introduced at the start of the session.
- Authors of focus books include Pamela Allen, Kylie Howarth, Bob Graham, Freya Blackwood, Rachel Tonkin, Pip Harry and Frane Lessac.
- <https://www.cbca.org.au/>
- We will add 100 or more new titles this year of the latest and most exciting new books for young readers, including quality non-fiction.

Regards, **Sharyn Burnett**

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, **open TOMORROW**.

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 😊!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

This is a courtesy email from Judo Victoria:

We are pleased to let you know that Gabrielle B has passed a Judo practical and knowledge test called a grading at the Judo Bendigo Club.

This is no easy task and requires a great deal of practice. The grade is awarded by the presentation of a coloured Judo belt.

Junior Judo belts are in varying colours signifying age and expertise. Gabrielle has been awarded a Yellow-Orange belt.

Derren Jones

Judo Victoria Secretary

Judo Victoria is the home of Olympic and Commonwealth Games Judo in Victoria

COMMUNITY NEWS



*The City of Greater Bendigo are looking for
School Crossing Supervisors*

please refer to the City website for details:

<https://citygb.applynow.net.au/jobs/850723-school-crossing-supervisors>



GIRLS FOOTY INFORMATION SESSION

The Kangaroo Flat Junior Football club is actively seeking junior girls interested in playing football. We are focused on teaching 9-12 year olds the basic skills of football in a fun, safe and supportive environment. We have experienced coaches, including an experienced female coach, ready to assist junior girls who are new or experienced in the game.

For parents/guardians and players wanting to learn more, please come our upcoming information session:

BHPS Multi
Thursday, 10 Aug 23
3.30 - 3.45pm

For further information contact:
Email: kfffcgirls@gmail.com
Instagram: [kfffc_girls](https://www.instagram.com/kfffc_girls)



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2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement.

The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

All families are invited to participate in the survey, and an invite will be sent out via Compass on Monday.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday, 7th August to Friday, 8th September 2023.**

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

The online survey will be available in English and 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.