



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2023**

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> August

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August**

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> August

Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August

**FRIDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August**

Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September**

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  
First Steps Gym commences

**CURRICULUM DAY – NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY**

Book Week commences  
Book Fair commences – every night this week in the Library  
FS/JU & SU Bricks 4 Kidz Incursion  
First Steps Gym continues

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

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

First Steps Gym continues

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

First Steps Gym concludes

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

**Last day to complete the 2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey**

**Junior Production – tickets on sale NOW**

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

No Second Hand Uniform Shop today – apologies

## School Organisation

Dear School Community,

Week 5 has been a busy one, with a lot of work occurring in settled rooms around the school as we approach the middle of Term 3.

### VISIT TO GISBORNE PS

This term we are sending teams of teachers to Gisborne Primary School to look at the way they run their PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES, as well as compare how they run their classes and teaching programs to our own. We have one team left to visit in a few weeks' time, however, can say that the visits have been very worthwhile... not only to affirm many things we do well, but also to get great new ideas and inspiration to make future changes that will have a positive impact on our students.

### MAINTENANCE TO OSHC / ORIGINAL SCHOOL BUILDING, FIRST STEPS AND ADMIN BUILDINGS

This week work commenced on planned works around our school, with a lot of painting underway as well as the restumping of the floors in our OSHC building. Due to this, we have had to move OSHC to the portables for the next few weeks until works are complete. During this time, families using OSHC are asked to sign children in and out at the portables (beside the current OSHC / music room).

### STAFFING

Ainsley Stanley has continued to be unwell this week and we hope, with continued rest tomorrow, she might be back on deck on Monday. During her absence we have been able to have Eve Acquisto working with the children for the majority of days this week. We welcomed Giovanna (Jo) Totta back to tutoring this week, after missing the first 4 weeks of school. Giovanna returns with a focus on our Year 3 – 6's in mathematics for Term 3 - so if you learn that your child is working with Giovanna, please reach out to her with any questions you might have. Giovanna works at Big Hill PS Mondays and Wednesdays.

### TIK TOK / CYBER SAFETY

Many people love TIK TOK. Children love it too. Sadly though, it's meant for 13 years and over and we have plenty not only using it, but using it inappropriately at home. I have messaged all Senior Unit families advising of screen use and keeping children safe. Remember, with any online application, children should not be letting people know their names, their school, location etc. As part of our cyber safety work and lessons, we continually remind children of this... then remind all when we are alerted to worrying behaviour online. As this occurred yesterday with use of Tik Tok, please, check in with children, physically check their accounts and follow up with the safety message. We also need to remind all children that their behaviour needs to be safe and respectful online also, not just in person 😊.

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR 21-25<sup>TH</sup> 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 25<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

To celebrate Book Week, we will be holding a dress up parade at school on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **PHOENIX FM – TOMORROW**

This Friday, tune into Phoenix FM at 1:00pm to hear our 4 school leaders and I talk about all things Big Hill PS! Sam, Zoe, Harley and Alexis will discuss their thoughts on the school, favourite things, future focus areas and more. It's a great experience for our leaders and a lot of fun, so why not listen in?

## **CURRICULUM DAY**

Don't forget that next Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August is a Curriculum Day. Due to this, there is NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS. Staff will spend the day working on the teaching of WRITING whilst children can enjoy a mid-term rest.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Next Tuesday night is our first School Council meeting of the term, with Finance Committee meeting at 6:30pm and then our AUGUST MEETING following at 7:00pm. The meeting is both in person in the library, or online via my Webex link, which will be sent out tomorrow when I share documentation for the meeting. Hoping to have a quorum, so please try and be there 😊.

## **PARENT OPINION SURVEY –**

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

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## **ILLNESS / ABSENCES**

Please remember that children can come to school with a sniffle etc, as long as they aren't really unwell or COVID POSITIVE. If you need additional COVID tests (RAT's) please let the Office know and we will send home a box. As we navigate getting children back to school as much as possible, we continue to try and use common sense with illness... if really unwell, stay home... if showing mild symptoms / recurring cough, come to school. Always let the school know when your child is away and why. Where there is an illness 3 consecutive days or more, please see a doctor and get a medical certificate. This can be sent to school to explain the absence. Absences can be reported through COMPASS, the school landline (5447 7022), by sending a note in advance or by texting 0438 738 788.



## **MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT**

Thank you once again for our great selection of fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Jade, Tyler & Benji enjoying their mandarin, pear and apple 😊.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Winter always brings out some interesting looking jumpers / windcheaters that are not part of our uniform. Yes, I understand the cost of living etc, however, encourage families to grab second hand uniform jumpers (we have plenty) if the reason your child is out of uniform is a cost factor. A massive pile of school jumpers is in the foyer and we also have fresh washed jumpers, most in excellent condition, in the second hand uniform shop open fortnightly on a Friday from 3:00pm – 3:30pm. If you can't make it in to look at the shop in person, please email Janet to see if we have something in stock that you need.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Nate S.

As we head to the middle of Term, it's a reminder of how quick a term goes by! With five weeks to go, we have many exciting events ahead, including the first of our productions in Week 10. For now though, enjoy your Friday and the weekend ahead.

Kind regards,

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

*For using their class time efficiently and completing their work tasks to the best of their ability:*

**FSN** Tyler G  
**FSJ** Clementine W

*Nicole, Nick & Jayden*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **BRICKS 4 KIDZ**

Thank you to those families who have already paid for this upcoming Lego incursion on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Please see Compass for event details and payment options.

### **KANGAROO FLAT LIBRARY EXCURSION**

The Junior Unit have an opportunity to attend the Kangaroo Flat Library on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August. A Compass event has been created for the payment of \$4 and a form has been sent home for those families who would like to sign up and receive a membership card on the day. There are spare forms at the Office if you didn't receive one. Please see Compass for additional information.

### **BOOK WEEK DRESS UP**

Don't forget that the Book Week dress up parade is fast approaching – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> August. Please come along and celebrate with us if you are able.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For being a leader in the classroom and a role model to their peers:*

**JA/R** Axel N  
**JW** Valentine J  
**JJ** Haize W

*Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen*

## **MIDDLE UNIT NEWS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For displaying the School Value of 'Safety':*

**MD** Lyla E  
**MC** Dexter L  
**MP** Cooper C

*Dean, Catherine & Pauline*

## **SENIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For demonstrating a positive attitude:*

**SB** Laylah F  
**SK** Chad S  
**SL** Scarlett N

*Brett, Kate & Leisha*

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

### **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

We are running the Father's Day Stall on **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**



### **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:  
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