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THURSDAY, 17TH AUGUST 2023

CALENDAR

Friday, 18th August

Monday, 21st August

Wednesday, 23rd August

Thursday, 24th August

FRIDAY, 25TH AUGUST

Tuesday, 29th August

Thursday, 31st August

Friday, 1st September

Thursday, 7th September

Friday, 8th September

Thursday, 14th September

Friday, 15th September

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 seen cold and frosty mornings with sunny days. Hopefully Spring isn't too far away!

CURRICULUM DAY TOMORROW

Don't forget that tomorrow, Friday, 18th August is a Curriculum / Pupil Free Day. All students get to have Friday off... and enjoy a long weekend. We will see all students back on deck Monday morning 😊.

MAINTENANCE TO OSHC

Planned maintenance continues around our OSHC building with children working in the two portables adjacent to OSHC. Parents are to drop off and pick up from the portables for the time being.

TIK TOK / CYBER SAFETY - repeat from last week

Many people love TIK TOK. Children love it too. Sadly though, it's meant for 13 years old and over, and we have plenty not only using it, but using it inappropriately at home. I have messaged all families of the Senior Unit, 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. 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 😊.

BOOK WEEK / BOOK FAIR

Next week will see Book Week celebrated across the state and at Big Hill PS. As part of celebrations, Jen Nicholls has organised a Book Fair in our library, on sale from 3:30pm – 4:00pm each night. Why not come along for a look at the great titles on offer to purchase, with a portion of funds spent going to our school to buy new books. I'm sure it's going to be great, so come along and see Jen and some of our staff after school all of next week (3:30 – 4:00pm).

BOOK DRESS UP PARADE

To celebrate Book Week we will be holding a book dress up parade on Friday, 25th August at 9:00am, weather permitting. Encourage your child to come dressed up as their favourite book character... and if possible, bring along a copy of the book to show others. Better still, come along with your child to enjoy the event - which is always a favourite of our students 😊.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We had a very productive School Council meeting Tuesday night, looking over finances for June and July, discussing our NAPLAN results for 2023, hearing about maintenance works, discussing school curriculum, OSHC, Parents and Friends Fundraising and much more. We have one more meeting this term, scheduled for Tuesday, 12th September at 7:00pm.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY –

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

Whilst it says it will take 20 minutes, reports from parents who have done it is that the timing is more like 5 minutes 😊. 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 behaviour, 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. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey opened on Monday 7 August and is open to each family until Friday 8 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. Each year our survey results will be communicated to parents / caregivers / guardians through annual reporting, through our newsletter and directly to our School Council and Staff. Last year we used the survey results to plan wellbeing programs to support the needs of our students, as well as to make improvements in classes to enhance student voice and build positive relationships between students and with our staff. Please feel free to make contact with me via email, phone or in person if you would like more information.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Our P&F are running a great raffle at the moment for Father's Day. We have had some great donations of prizes, however, would love some more... so if you could please consider a donation of a prize / item for the raffle, please send along to the Office the end of next week.

ILLNESS / ABSENCES

Please remember that children can come to school with a snuffle 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 for 3 consecutive days, 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.

VPA CONFERENCE

I head to Melbourne next Wednesday afternoon to attend the VICTORIAN PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, running from Wednesday evening through to Friday afternoon. This conference provides access to some of the best speakers in education and leadership - enabling me to keep up to date with the latest and greatest approaches to learning, leadership and school improvement. During my time offsite, Sharyn will be available on Thursday and Ainsley on Friday with any concerns.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT



Thank you once again for our great selection of fruit that was delivered yesterday.

Here are Harper & Harvey enjoying their pear and orange 😊.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Braxton L, Tahlia B, Ryan B, Oscar W, Mica B & John C.

With the weather taking a turn for the worse in time for the weekend, please ensure you stay warm and enjoy the finer elements of being indoors when cold.

Until next week,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Being Respectful' during our Gymnastics Program:

FSN Harvey B
FSJ Tommy W

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Respect' by being an active listener:

JA/R Sienna D
JW Ezra B
JJ Luken T

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Respect':

MD Mica B
MC Jobe D
MP Eden M

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For always striving to do their best!:

SB Mileah G
SK Erica K
SL Tahlia 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

COMMUNITY NEWS



2023/2024 JUNIOR SEASON REGISTRATION



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U11-U18



ALL GIRLS CRICKET



Master Blasters Junior Blasters

All Inquires can be made via our JUNIOR COORDINATOR:
MICK SMITH 0427219940 Michael.smith2@education.vic.gov.au
Online Registrations visit: play.cricket.com.au and search Kangaroo Flat CC
New players welcome. All NEW players receive a FREE playing shirt and bucket hat.
MAJOR SPONSOR:



Hi everyone,
Are you looking for a fun sport for Summer that's indoors? Bunjil Basketball Club are looking for players for the upcoming summer competition.

We welcome all levels, especially beginner players.

All you need to do is bring a smile!

Girls & Boys Primary:

Under 10's (born 2015,2016)
Under 12's (born 2013,2014)
Under 14's (born 2011,2012)

Girls & Boys Secondary:

Under 16's (born 2010,2009)
Under 18's (born 2007,2008)

Adults:

Women (Wednesday Competition)
Men (Monday Competition)

For more information contact Amanda on 0429 944 457



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