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THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023

CALENDAR

Friday, 8th September

Monday, 11th September

Tuesday, 12th September

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Thursday, 14th September

Friday, 15th September

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

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

Premier's Reading Challenge finishes

Division Athletics – selected students only

School Council Meeting

Year 6 Graduation Photo Day

Junior Production – Matinee & Evening Tickets on sale NOW-Qkr & Office

Last Day for Term 3 –

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY/CRAZY HAIR (gold coin donation requested please)

Student Awards Ceremony at 9:00am – ALL WELCOME 😊

Early dismissal ~~2:20pm~~ NOW 2:30PM

(No Second Hand Uniform Shop today – apologies)

First Day for Term 4

Class Placement Requests for 2024 due at the Office

Monday, 2nd October

Friday, 6th October

School Organisation

Dear School Community,

With the end of Week 9 fast approaching, it's hard to believe that we have a week of school left before the term break. Next week is very busy, so it's worth noting all that is going on at Big Hill PS.

PLANNING WEEK

Next week will see our teachers working together in their teams to plan for Term 4. This planning time ensures that teachers match their lessons to the expected Victorian Curriculum Outcomes, ensuring that your child is taught all that is mandated in our Curriculum. First Steps will plan Monday, Middle Unit on Tuesday, Junior Unit on Wednesday and finally, Senior Unit on Thursday. Specialist programs will be affected due to the rearrangement of programs to release teachers for planning. Please, if your child likes routine and is disturbed by change, talk to them about what day they will have a different teacher due to planning and prepare for a specialist teacher or Casual Relief Teacher to be working in the room on that day.

STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Next week, on the final day – Friday, 15th September, we will host our STUDENT AWARDS ASSEMBLY at 9:00am. This will be outdoors, weather permitting. Students from each class will be recognised with the following awards: EXCELLENCE in ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, VISUAL ARTS and PERFORMING ARTS, ENDEAVOUR in ENGLISH and MATHEMATICS, OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOOL VALUES and THE PRINCIPALS AWARD. Winners will be announced in the final newsletter of Term (next Thursday), enabling parents to be notified and attend if they can 😊. Don't miss next week's newsletter!

END OF TERM - CHANGE OF TIME FOR DISMISSAL

A reminder to parents that the end of term is next Friday, 15th September from 2:30pm. Please note the change in time - now 2:30pm (previously 2:20pm), so please ensure you are ready to pick your child up at this changed time. The Ravenswood and Kangaroo Flat buses will still run.

JUNIOR PRODUCTION

Next Thursday, 14th September at 1:00pm and 6:00pm, our students in FSJ, FSN, JA, JJ & JW will be putting on a performance of ROCK POOL at the Bendigo Baptist Church in Junortoun. Tickets are on sale now (\$15 each for Secondary Aged and over, with Primary Aged and under needing a free ticket for numbers). Ticket sales cover the costs of the hall hire and staff whom assist with the technical elements of the hall - we don't make a profit from sales. This year we will not be taking the Middle & Senior Units across to watch the matinee due to busy schedules and pricing costs to families and the school - instead, they will be invited to watch a dress rehearsal at school prior. Nick Reid has been working overtime getting the children ready for the event (Thanks Nick) - so we look forward to seeing them all in action next Thursday! Just to keep parents in the loop, there is a full dress rehearsal for students (no audience) on Tuesday, 12th September at 9:00am.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY –

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

Final chance tonight - closes tomorrow! It's not too late to let us know what you think of our school. The link was sent to all families with unique code via COMPASS several weeks ago!

MAINTENANCE TO OSHC

For the time being, OSHC continues to operate out of the portable beside the old school building. This will continue into the future, until works in the old school building are complete.

CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

Each year families have the chance to indicate where they think their child might be best suited class-wise in 2024. It is not to pick the teacher, rather, a chance to advise us of special friendships or relationships that don't work. Sometimes a parent might signal the child has enjoyed a teacher and would love to have them again OR would love a female teacher after a few years with a male. Overall, we make the best choice for your child however, if you wish to put in a request, I encourage you to stick within the policy (attached) to ensure your requests are correctly worded and respectful of others. Class placement requests are due by the first Friday of Term 4, Friday, 6th October. Next year we anticipate a FIRST STEPS UNIT (Foundation, possibly Foundation / Year 1), JUNIOR UNIT (Year 1/2), MIDDLE UNIT (Year 3/4, possibly a Year 2/3) and SENIOR UNIT (Year 5/6). We don't know whom is teaching at what level as yet, however, hope that there isn't too much change to this year.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION PHOTOS

To ensure photos of Year 6 students are current for our end of year awards, we like to have photos redone by MSP Photography at the end of the year, rather than the start (Year 6's grow and mature so much over the year). These photos will be done next Tuesday, 12th September at approximate 10:00am. Please ensure your Year 6 child, if you have one, is in full school uniform for these photos and is looking the part for the shot 😊.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

On Monday selected Year 3-6's will head to the Division Athletics with Brett Strange and two visiting work experience students (welcome back Mia B and Taini H) to compete in events they qualified at earlier this term. We wish all students all the best and hope they have a fun and successful meet.

STAFFING

We have had Leisha Morrison commence Long Service Leave for the last two weeks of term. Eve Acquisto has stepped in to cover Leisha's class during her absence. Ainsley also began some Long Service Leave today and will return Monday, with Roberta taking control of their class for the extra days.

OUT OF UNIFORM / CRAZY HAIR - GOLD COIN DONATION

Friday is our end of term and as always, we will have an out of uniform, gold coin donation, for a charity. This term we will support the BENDIGO ANIMAL RELIEF CENTRE (BARC). Please feel free to send your child to school on the last day of term out of uniform (SunSmart), with sensible enclosed shoes and with CRAZY HAIR!!!! Gold coins will be collected by our School Captains in the morning.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our September meeting of School Council is next Tuesday, 12th September. Finance at 6:30pm and our September meeting at 7:00pm. Options to meet in person or via Webex using the usual link are on offer once again. Material emailed out to parents Friday or sent home already - please check your child's bag for meeting documents 😊.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

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

Here are Ryan & Paige enjoying their pear and mandarin 😊.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Luken T, Harry E & Samuel H.

With a big week ahead to finish the term, ensure your child/ren are rested and ready for a week of celebrations and the Arts at Big Hill PS.

Until next week,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying our School Value of 'Responsibility' by being a positive role model in the classroom:

FSN Ava M
FSJ Levi K

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For their enthusiastic participation in the lead up to our Rock Pool Production:

JA/R Charlie L
JW Brax B
JJ Celeste N

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of "Respect":

MD Jack E
MC Sienna B
MP Otis M

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For being a good role model and leader in the yard:

SB Tom C
SK Oscar G
SL Josh V

Brett, Kate & Leisha

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

MANGO DRIVE

We will be running our famous Mango Drive again today, but due to supply issues, the tray size is smaller than previous years, with a slightly reduced price. Order forms will be sent out next week.

Thanks again for your ongoing support

LOST PROPERTY

We have 2 beanies in lost property that are blue – if you have lost one, please claim it from the Office.

We also have a pair of pink children's prescription glasses at the Office, again, please claim from the Office.

Thank you

COMMUNITY NEWS

LA TROBE SPORT

School Holiday Programs
Bendigo



latrobe.edu.au/sport

For more information and to register, scan the QR code!

Looking for something fun for the kids during the School holidays?

Come and experience La Trobe Sport's fun-filled School Holiday programs!

- When: September School Holidays
- Where: La Trobe Indoor Sports Centre (Bendigo)
- Cost: \$50 per child for the ENTIRE day!



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- MAIDEN GULLY (MARIST COLLEGE)
- MARONG TENNIS CLUB
- SOUTH BENDIGO TENNIS CLUB

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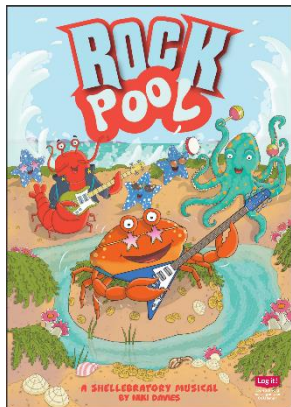
BHPS 2023 School Productions



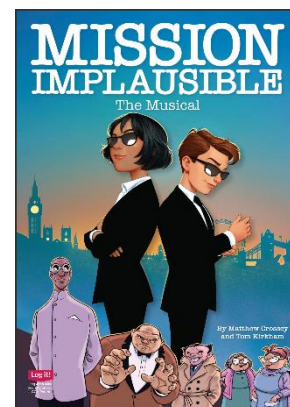
Junior Production – Thursday 14th September

Senior Production – Thursday 2nd November

Dear Parents,



There will be two productions, one for First Steps & Junior Unit and one for Middle Unit & Senior Unit. The Junior Production is called 'Rock Pool' and is a musical based on sea creatures and rock and roll music. The Senior production is called 'Mission Implausible' and is a secret agent/spy-parody musical taking influence from Mission Impossible and the James Bond films.



Venue Location

The Bendigo Baptist Church, 757 McIvor Hwy, Junortoun

Dates / Times

Junior Production:

Thursday, 14th September 1:00pm Matinee 6:00pm Evening

Senior Production:

Thursday, 2nd November 1:00pm Matinee 6:00pm Evening

Each production is expected to run between 40 to 60 minutes.

Buses / Transport

Matinee: All students will travel by bus to and from the Baptist Church on the day of their respective Production to perform the Matinee. They will require lunch, snacks, a water bottle, any required medication, and costumes/props to be brought with them.

Evening Production: Families are required to transport their students to the venue, as well as bring any costumes and props required. Students can wear their costumes to the venue or get changed after they arrive, although please ensure enough time is allowed prior to the performance for preparation of props and costumes. There will be plenty of parking at the front and the back of the venue for parents and guests. Entry into the venue is via the front main entrance. On arrival to the production, it is asked that students performing are dropped off into the function room (immediately to the right after walking in the main entrance). This is where the student performers will wait with a teacher and get organised in their groups until they are ready to walk backstage, ready for their performance.

Tickets

Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks at the Office.

There will only be a limited number of cash only tickets available at the door for each performance.

Auditions

Auditions will take place during school time in the next few weeks. It is important that students have in mind what their highest priority role / character is, as well as at least 1 or 2 other roles that they would be happy to do. It is not guaranteed that they will get their first pick. The character list is on display in the music room and will be discussed during school hours this term.

Roles

Each student will be taking on one or two roles for the production. Some of the roles require a large amount of practise and hard work in order to memorise the lines and play the role convincingly. Some students will require less rehearsal time, but will still require time to memorise certain song lyrics and choreography. If your child has a special exemption from performing, or will be absent on the day, please let me or their classroom teacher know as soon as possible. All students are expected to participate, as involvement is part of the Assessment for Semester 2 in Music. There will be plenty of variety in roles to suit the needs of all students, including many non-speaking parts for extras, as well as ensemble members who will primarily be involved in the song performances.

Costumes / Props

Many of the props and finer details of the costumes will be supplied by our Art teacher Alice, as well as our classroom teachers, however some clothing basics will be required of families to provide.

Please speak to your child to confirm their role in the performance. This will be finalised by Week 5 of Term 3 for the Junior Production and Week 7 of Term 3 for the Senior Production.

Please see the script / booklet document via the QR code or link below for details about costume / prop requirements for each of the characters and settings within the scenes. If families have any suitable costumes or props that they could help us out with, please email me at nickolas.reid@education.vic.gov.au. Any support we can get from the school community with costumes and props will be greatly appreciated.

Scripts and Rehearsing

Students will be able to do most of their practise during school hours in their music lessons, as well as in some class time with classroom teachers. Students are welcome to practice their singing, dancing, or instrumental roles at home as well. I will have a small amount of planning time available each week in which he can take certain groups of students for additional preparation for the Production where required.

Home Practise

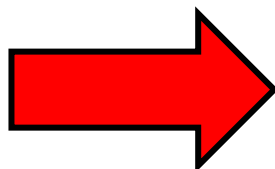
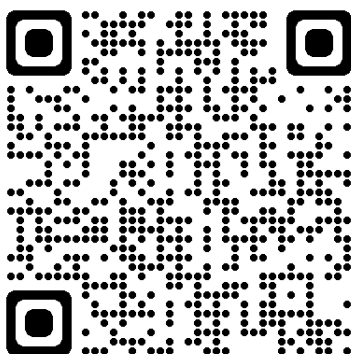
All documentation including scripts, costume, prop information, music and lyrics for both productions can be accessed at any time via the 'Booklet' or 'Songs' buttons in the Linktree page. The Linktree page can be accessed via the QR code or URL provided below.

Please note that these documents are for home use only and not for public consumption or replication.

Please support students by encouraging them to practise and use these resources regularly at home.

<https://linktr.ee/bhpsmusic>

or....



Please contact me at nickolas.reid@education.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Nick Reid
Music Teacher



CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

Purpose

To create the best possible learning environment, which is equitable, to all students and their families.

Guidelines

- 1. That the underlying principles are educational and in the best interests of all children,*
- 2. That involvement in the process is within the framework of specified criteria,*
- 3. That the final responsibility for class placement and / or pupil movement remains primarily with the Principal / delegate.*

Implementation

- The specified criteria for movement of a child from one class to another are as follows:
 - Special needs of children (ie: emotional, psychological, behavioural, disabilities),
 - Equitable distribution of children (ie: learning, gender, behaviour considerations),
 - Within Unit requests (ie: for children to be placed or not placed within a class for family groupings),
 - Flexibility in grouping will be encouraged in movement between Units or Year levels,
 - Children should have at least one friend accompany him or her to the next class,
 - Parents of a Preschool child are provided with the opportunity to indicate a friend with whom they would like their child placed as part of the enrolment process.
- People who may be involved in the class selection process are as follows:
 - The child's class teacher,
 - The school's transition teachers,
 - Parent(s) of a special needs child,
 - Parent(s) who have views regarding family grouping,
 - Other staff involved in the child's education, such as specialists who have specific special needs information,
 - Preschool staff,
 - First Steps, Junior Unit, Middle Unit and Senior Unit staff,
 - The Principal.
- Parents are to write to the Principal stating any educational considerations by **Friday, 6th October**.
 - Records of decisions which have been made regarding placement of children for various reasons, especially behaviour, will be kept,
 - The Principal / delegate will be responsible for keeping this information,
 - All requests will receive either a verbal or written reply so parents understand staff reasons for student placement.
- If there has been an ongoing concern during the year and there has been contact between the parent, teacher and Principal, a child could be moved to another class in the following year. This action should take place only after discussions with the Principal / delegate and the involved parties.
- In the event of new students altering the class structure or dynamics, some children may need to be moved to another class early in the school year.

Student enrolment numbers will be a major factor in determining class structures.

FRIDAY, 15TH SEPTEMBER

PIZZA DAY MEAL

\$5.00

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OR

MEATLOVERS

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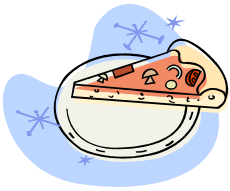
VEGETARIAN

WITH PRIMA OR MILK

(No choice in flavours, sorry, can only choose between prima or milk)

- ✚ If you wish to order an extra slice, the cost is \$2.00 per slice
- ✚ Orders can be cash and order details put in an envelope, or ordered on our Qkr app
- ✚ Orders need to be placed by 9:00am on Wednesday, 13th September.
Late orders cannot be accepted.
- ✚ Iced treats will be available as normal
- ✚ YOU CAN ALSO PREORDER ICED TREATS ON QKR!

THE CANTEEN'S NORMAL FOOD MENU IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY





Department
of Education

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
CLOSES TOMORROW, Friday, 8th September 2023.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **10-20 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.