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THURSDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER 2023

CALENDAR

Thursday, 14th September

Friday, 15th September

Monday, 2nd October

Friday, 6th October

Wednesday, 1st November

Thursday, 2nd November

Monday, 20th November

Junior Production –Evening Tickets on sale at the door – CASH ONLY

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 2:30PM

(No Second Hand Uniform Shop today – apologies)

First Day for Term 4

Class Placement Requests for 2024 due at the Office

Bendigo Cup Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY – no students at school

Senior Production Mission Implausible – tickets on sale early Term 4

CURRICULUM DAY – no students at school

School Organisation

Dear School Community,

We are officially at the last gasp in Term 3, with schools breaking for two weeks tomorrow at 2:30pm. Ten weeks has flown by... and all that is left is Term 4. Before we head there, here's some reminders:

PRODUCTION

By the time you read this, our 1:00pm matinee of ROCK POOL, by our First Steps / Junior Unit will be over... with the 6:00pm evening performance still to occur. I've seen the effort put into the production by Nick Reid, music teacher, the students, families at home and our staff. Helping such young students to take to the stage is a lot of work, however, we have done it... with our students learning lines, songs, dances and performing for their loved ones! A huge feat for those so young - so be proud... very proud... of the challenge your child/ren faced and conquered.

Our Productions are always a highlight of the calendar, so I thank the First Steps / Junior Unit for putting on a performance for our community... and also congratulate Nick Reid for putting it all together. I think he will sleep well tonight!

MAINTENANCE TO OSHC

Works in the old school building are likely to occur over the holidays or during Week 1 - 2 of Term 4. Due to this, we will continue to run our OSHC program from the portables until the works are complete.

STUDENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Don't forget that tomorrow, Friday, 15th September, we will host our STUDENT AWARDS ASSEMBLY at 9:00am. This will be outdoors, as the weather will be lovely! 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 are included in today's newsletter (congratulations to those who got an award) so parents / family / friends can make plans to attend if they are able 😊.

END OF TERM – 2:30pm TOMORROW

Don't forget that we dismiss tomorrow at 2:30pm. Please don't be late and make a note of this earlier end to the day. Both Ravenswood and Kangaroo Flat buses will operate earlier too, so please adjust your pickup times from bus stops.

SECURITY OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Our school grounds are quiet over the break - so having a community nearby watching / checking is amazing! If you could always look in as you drive by... or check by driving up McInnes St etc when in the area... that would be great. Just look for suspicious activity and if you see any, ring the Police to come and check. We really appreciate your support here... and rest assured, as a staff... we do the same thing 😊.

GARDENING

If you ever feel like you want to do something for the school, but can't find the time... how about coming to school and doing some gardening at your leisure? We would love some volunteers to water if hot, pull weeds, sweep stones into gardens, remove rocks from grassed areas (these are smaller drain stones) and put them back in the swail drain, collect fallen sticks etc, and return to bushland. We have some mowing scheduled... however, would encourage any family who might like to spend an hour to come and work your magic!

UNIFORM POLICY

Our Uniform policy has been updated at School Council. I will send this out to families via COMPASS. Please look for it, have a read and ensure your child comes to school each day in the correct items of uniform. We have no brands to help all children feel equal... therefore there are no branded jumpers allowed. Please ensure you send your child to school in uniform, so children feel uniform. No one feels left out... or not good enough. Individual choice comes after school. Thanks for your consideration and cooperation.

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.

HATS NEXT TERM

Term 4 means HATS on at school. **From Day 1 of Term 4**, all children must wear our broad-brimmed black school hat when outdoors. These are sold at the Office or on Qkr under the Donations tab if you have misplaced your child's hat - \$10 each. Children without hats will play undercover following our SunSmart Policy.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all whom represented Big Hill PS on Monday... and well done to those whom placed or got a ribbon! Amazing! Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Regional Athletics to be held in Term 4:

🏆 Beau B – 1500m

🏆 Indigo B – Triple Jump

🏆 Chase D – Long Jump

🏆 Sonny D – High Jump & Hurdles

STAFFING

At the start of Term 4, Dean White will be taking some Long Service Leave for the first two weeks. Eve Acquisto will be working in Dean's room during this time.

OUT OF UNIFORM / GOLD COIN DONATION

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

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

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

Here are Sophie & Harvey enjoying their banana and apple 🍌.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Teddy R, Beau B, Hannah G, Phoenix B, Nathaniel S, Arlow D, Archer B, Ainslee S, Lucas Q, Tyler W, Evelynne K, Harvey B, Mitchell G, Chelsea A, Zoe B & Lleyton H.



Have a wonderful break, keep safe and we'll see you back on Monday, 2nd October.

Until next term,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

Have a great break everyone, and keep up with your reading 😊

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We would like to say congratulations to our students for their wonderful efforts during Term 3. We have also enjoyed a Lego incursion, an excursion to the Kangaroo Flat Library, a visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership team and of course our Rock Pool Production!

Next term we have a lot to look forward to – the Year 2 Sleepover, Year 1 Stay and Play, swimming lessons, the Family Fun Day and our Junior Unit End of Year celebration at the pool.

Please stay safe over the upcoming holidays and we look forward to seeing our students return next term, refreshed and ready for a great Term 4.

Junior Unit Team

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

Enjoy the holidays everyone, we'll see you in October for a great last term.

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

Have a safe and fun holidays, and we'll see you next term for our wonderful Camp!

Brett, Kate & Leisha

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

MANGO DRIVE

Sorry, the note had the incorrect weight of the mangoes - it should only be 4.5kg due to a bad season this year, so there will only be approx 8-10 in a tray. The price was correct of \$22. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thanks 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

ART ROOM NEWS

PLASTICS COLLECTION FOR THE ART ROOM!

Hello everyone, during the holidays could we please save some plastic items for the art room to bring back in Term 4? They can be any colour plastic, soft or hard and mostly bottles or lids would be terrific. Don't worry about the labels, but a quick wash would be great!

Thank you and I hope all our students enjoy the break, Alice.



COMMUNITY NEWS

A CELEBRATION DAY FOR GIRLS

A Celebration Day for Girls is a one-day workshop for girls aged 10-12 years, and their mother or female carer. Designed to support you both at this special threshold in your lives, and to provide an affirming, grounded and connected celebration of the journey to womanhood



Sunday 1st October
10am-4pm
Castlemaine

Includes 2 hr Online Mothers session
Wednesday September 27th 7-9pm

Bookings at
Eventbrite

For more information contact
Rachel Pilgrim 0430 450 967
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www.rachelpilgrim.com.au

www.celebrationdayforgirls.com

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2023 FINALS SERIES

16 & 17 SEPTEMBER
RED ENERGY ARENA
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JOIN THE FUN!

NAB AFL AUSKICK IN TERM 4!

Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

Tuesday's 4:15pm - 5:15pm for 4 weeks

Commencing 17th October

The perfect introduction to Auskick!

REGISTER
NOW



PLAY FOR KICKS

Superkick is next level fun for
8 to 12 year olds who are new
to footy, or want to continue to
grow their skill levels.

EPSOM HUNTLY RESERVE

TUESDAYS 4:15PM FOR 5 WEEKS

COMMENCING 17TH OCTOBER



PLAY

Superkick



LODDON CAMPASPE

MULTICULTURAL SERVICES PRESENTS:

ZINDA

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

SAT 7TH OCT 2023

11AM - 4PM | GARDEN FOR THE FUTURE,
BOSQUET ST WHITE HILLS

LIVE MUSIC • FOOD • CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
KIDS' ACTIVITIES • ARTS & CRAFTS

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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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

STUDENT AWARDS – TERM 3, 2023

Outstanding Achievement in English:

FSJ:	Mila C	FSN:	Mia M		
JA/R:	Axel N	JJ:	Hunter G	JW:	Valentine J
MC:	Makenzie B	MD:	Grace V	MP:	Logan O
SB:	Addisyn J	SK:	Jack E	SL:	Caitlyn B

Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics:

FSJ:	Seth P	FSN:	Harvey B		
JA/R:	Charlie L	JJ:	Conor F	JW:	Vincenzo P
MC:	Jarryn S	MD:	Sophia C	MP:	Brady M
SB:	Korbin H	SK:	Henry P	SL:	Connor W

Endeavour Award in English:

FSJ:	Mason E	FSN:	Paige A		
JA/R:	Callum V	JJ:	Kayden M	JW:	Sonny H
MC:	Nikirra S	MD:	Samuel S	MP:	Hannah G
SB:	Skye D	SK:	Hailee H	SL:	Xavier D

Endeavour Award in Mathematics:

FSJ:	Sophie H	FSN:	Wade G		
JA/R:	Jackson B	JJ:	Bonnie E	JW:	Archer B
MC:	Benji S	MD:	Mason P	MP:	Jacob F
SB:	Mia McG	SK:	Levi B	SL:	Angus C

Outstanding Display of School Values:

FSJ:	Imahni V	FSN:	Hudson M		
JA/R:	Lleyton H	JJ:	Celeste N	JW:	Marlee M
MC:	Georgia E	MD:	Ryan W	MP:	Christopher W
SB:	Olivia K	SK:	Chad S	SL:	Cayden H

Principal's Award:

FSJ:	Ash W	FSN:	Layla R		
JA/R:	Sienna D	JJ:	Sofia D	JW:	Zoe B
MC:	Rhett C	MD:	Milly B	MP:	John C
SB:	Dustan H	SK:	Samuel H	SL:	Arya B

Outstanding Achievement in Art:

FSJ:	Clementine W	FSN:	Lily C		
JA/R:	Anna S	JJ:	Jax N	JW:	Valentine J
MC:	Eli V	MD:	Milly B	MP:	Otis M
SB:	Zoe W	SK:	Erica K	SL:	Thalia M

Outstanding Achievement in MUSIC:

FSJ:	KELAHNI C	FSN:	HARPER A		
JA/R:	CHARLIE L	JJ:	CONNA B	JW:	COOPER M
MC:	JOBE D	MD:	MICA B	MP:	DANTE D
SB:	ALAENA H	SK:	XAVIER P	SL:	BEAU B