



# Calder Chronicle

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## THURSDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023

### CALENDAR

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October

Second Hand Uniform Shop open 3pm – 3:30pm all items \$2

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE BY 3PM**

Items due for the plastics collection for the Art Room

SATURDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

POLLING PLACE FOR THE VOICE REFERENDUM

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October

School Council Meeting 7:00pm

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October

P&F Mango Drive orders due at the Office

Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Payment of \$20 due for First Steps / Junior Unit Swimming

Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October

FS / JU Swimming commences

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> October

Division Cricket Carnival – selected Year 5/6 students

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> October

FS / JU Swimming continues

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October

FS / JU Swimming continues – **NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR JUNIOR UNIT**

FS / JU Swimming continues

**DAY FOR DANIEL – WALK/SCOOT TO SCHOOL OR WALK ON OVAL**

FS / JU Swimming concludes – **NO LUNCH ORDERS FOR JUNIOR UNIT**

Second Hand Uniform Shop open 3pm – 3:30pm all items \$2

Payment of \$43 due for First Steps Kyabram Fauna Park Excursion

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October

**First Steps Kyabram Fauna Park Excursion**

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Bendigo Cup Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY – no students at school**

Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Senior Production Mission Implausible (tickets & DVD/USB's on sale now)

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Professional Practice Day – no students at school**

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day – all welcome**

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November

Second Hand Uniform Shop open 3pm – 3:30pm all items \$2

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November

Middle Unit Swimming commences (consent/payment available on Compass soon)

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November

Middle Unit Swimming continues

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November

Middle Unit Swimming continues

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November

Middle Unit Swimming continues

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November

FINAL DAY TO ORDER JUNIOR & SENIOR PRODUCTION DVD/USB's

Middle Unit Swimming concludes

Second Hand Uniform Shop open 3pm – 3:30pm all items \$2

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**CURRICULUM DAY – no students at school**

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November

First Kinder to Foundation (Prep) Transition Day Visit 10:00am – 11:00am

Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November

Evening Kinder to Foundation (Prep) Transition Visit 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

**LAST Second Hand Uniform Shop for 2023 open 3pm–3:30pm items \$2**

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December

Second Kinder to Foundation (Prep) Transition Day Visit 10:30am – 12:15pm

Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December

Year 6 Graduation – more details to follow

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December

Final Kinder to Foundation (Prep) Transition Day Visit 10:30am – 12:15pm

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION, INCLUDING YEAR 6-7 SECONDARY VISITS

### School Organisation

Dear School Community,

I've been away sick until this morning, so there is not much of an update newsletter-wise this week from me. I have, however, included reminders below of pertinent information for the coming weeks.

#### **STAFF CAR PARK**

We would like to remind parents that the car park behind the Multipurpose Room / Art Room area is a staff car park only. This is to ensure safety of children so they are not running through the car park to get to parent cars whilst staff may be exiting. Please refrain from parking there as we have the top car park with gravel end extension, McInnes Street and also street parking available for parents. Thank you.

#### **BANDANNAS FOR CANTEEN CANCER FOUNDATION**

We now have bandannas for sale at the Office for \$5 each. We also have a fundraising page if you would like to donate: <https://www.bandannaday.org.au/s/17848/20562/e>.

### MAINTENANCE TO OSHC

No word yet as to when this work will be complete. For now, we will continue to run our OSHC program from the portables.

### AEC USE OF THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

Our Government School facilities are often used during elections to provide spaces for voting. On Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October, this will once again occur with the school's Multipurpose Room being used by the AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION (AEC) for the VOICE REFERENDUM. Tomorrow, the AEC will begin to set up in the Multipurpose Room for the voting day. Perhaps you may choose to come to Big Hill PS to do your vote now that you know that it is an official site.

### REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Beau who finished 9<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m, Indigo who finished 4<sup>th</sup> with a personal best in the Triple Jump, Chase finished 4<sup>th</sup> with a personal best in High Jump, and a BIG congratulations to Sonny who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in hurdles and now moves onto the State Athletics – well done 😊.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Just a reminder to School Council members that our October meeting is being held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm.

### CURRICULUM DAY AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS – PUPIL FREE DAYS

As always, I like to give families as much notice as possible of upcoming Pupil Free Days. We have two this Term, with the first on **Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November** - the day before Melbourne Cup. This date is the combined PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY for teachers for Semester 2. The second pupil free day is our final Curriculum Day and will occur on **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November** - this date is set aside for teachers to work on reporting requirements.

### BENDIGO CUP HOLIDAY & MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY

As we are a Bendigo School, our Shire Holiday is taken as Bendigo Cup Day, which is on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. We do not get Melbourne Cup Day as a Public Holiday, so instead we run a FAMILY FUN DAY at school, which is a morning of fashions on the field and hats... and an afternoon of races (our sports day). It's lots of fun and the program was shared with families earlier this week. If you didn't receive one, please let the Office know and we can arrange one to be sent home with your child/ren. Pencil in Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November as a day of fun at Big Hill PS for the Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day!

### MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you once again for our great selection of fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Mason & Poppet enjoying their banana and apple 😊.



### BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Allyera G & Jake F.

Until next week,

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## FIRST STEPS NEWS

### STARS OF THE WEEK

*For being a responsible independent learner in the classroom:*

**FSN** Otis J  
**FSJ** Franklin B

**Nicole, Nick & Jayden**

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

### 3 STRIKE POLICY

Dear Families,

To support students in making positive choices and to be able to attend extra-curricular events, we will be implementing our 3 Strike Policy. This means that students who are struggling to make positive choices in class, the yard or in specialist will be placed on a behaviour chart and will have their behaviour monitored to support positive choices to ensure their attendance to special events (Year 2 Sleepover, Year 1 Stay and Play and the end of year celebration).

If your child receives a strike, we will be endeavoring to support them to redeem themselves. If your child has been placed on a chart, please expect an email from their classroom teacher. If you have any questions, please get in contact with your child's classroom teacher.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For playing safely in the yard by treating their peers with fairness and respect:*

**JA/R** Logan H  
**JW** Lucas Q  
**JJ** Elias S

**Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen**

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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

**MD** Linken A  
**MC** Kelson G  
**MP** Ainslee S

**Dean, Catherine & Pauline**

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For demonstrating a positive attitude towards activities at camp:*

**SB** Chase L  
**SK** Sierra S  
**SL** Xavier D

*Brett, Kate & Leisha*

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### MANGO DRIVE

Thank you to those who have already ordered.

Just a friendly reminder to get your orders in by **NEXT FRIDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER!**

If you place an order using Qkr, could you please still send your order form into the Office? That way we have contact details of who is making the purchase. Thank you.

*Thanks for your ongoing support*

## PRODUCTION NEWS

The Junior Production DVD / USB's are NOW AVAILABLE TO COLLECT FROM THE OFFICE.

They will remain on sale via Qkr or at the Office until Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November.

The Senior Production tickets are now available on Qkr or at the Office - \$15 per ticket for secondary aged and over, with Primary aged and under needing a free ticket to keep track of numbers.

The DVD / USB's are also available to preorder now on Qkr or at the Office for \$15 each and the cutoff date for ordering is Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November.

All orders for both Junior and Senior Productions will hopefully be fulfilled by Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open fortnightly on Fridays from 3:00pm to 3:30pm in the Art Room / Canteen building, entrance is 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 😊!

## OSHC / CCS NEWS

Dear Parents,

### **CHILD CARE SUBSIDY BALANCING BASICS**

At the end of each financial year, Services Australia balances your CCS. They do this to make sure you got the right amount of subsidy for the year.

#### **How it works**

Services Australia look at your actual income for the 2022–23 financial year and compare it to the estimate you gave them. They then work out if you were paid too little, the right amount or too much. They'll send you a letter to let you know the outcome. Your outcome will tell you which of the following applies to you: You'll get a top up of subsidy because you were paid too little; You'll need to pay Services Australia back because you were overpaid; Nothing further because you were paid the right amount.

#### **What you need to do**

To balance your payments, Services Australia needs to confirm your family income for the 2022–23 financial year. They'll do this after you & your partner lodge your tax returns with the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

If one or both of you don't need to do this, you'll need to tell Services Australia you or your partner don't need to lodge and provide your actual income, even if you've already told the ATO. For 2022–23, you need to confirm your family income before 30 June 2024. Your subsidy can only be balanced once your income is confirmed.

#### **Telling Services Australia you or your partner don't need to lodge a tax return**

You can tell Services Australia you or your partner don't need to lodge a tax return and provide actual income in either your: Centrelink online account through myGov Express Plus Centrelink mobile app. Select **Advise non-lodgement** and follow the prompts.

If you separated during the financial year, we may use your ex-partners income to balance your payments. If your ex-partner has not lodged a tax return, or if you don't know if they have lodged one, you should call Services Australia on **136 150.**

#### **When Services Australia will balance your subsidy**

Services Australia will start balancing Child Care Subsidy payments from mid–August 2023. This is to make sure they have all your attendance details for the financial year.

#### **WHERE TO GO FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**To see when your subsidy has been balanced you don't need to call Services Australia.**

**Instead you can:** keep an eye on your myGov Inbox or myGov app, this is where Services Australia will send your outcome statement view the status of Child Care Subsidy balancing in your Centrelink online account through myGov or Express Plus Centrelink mobile app.

To find out more about balancing your Child Care Subsidy go to [servicessaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/ccsbalancing).



We will be holding the *Day for Daniel FUNraiser* again this year on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October. We're doing it in support of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, with funds helping them achieve their mission of keeping kids safe in Australia!

**Big Hill PS Day for Daniel Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Wear Red and Walk, Scoot and Ride to School**

**Event is only open to students from Big Hill PS**

**Or Wear Red and Walk AT School – 13 laps of the Oval**

- Organisation is the same as last year.
- Wear red on the day and make a gold coin donation.
- Meet at Phillis St from 8:30 – 8:45am and walk, scoot and ride to school.
- Or arrive at school and join in the walk on the oval 13 laps is approximately the same distance (only walking on the oval).
- Classroom activities centred around child safety thanks to the Foundation.

**How Does My Child Fundraise?**

Fundraising for prizes is completed online, so if you'd like to, please create your profile at [d4dFUNraiser.com.au](http://d4dFUNraiser.com.au). Share your link through social media, email and even text. As a bonus, all donations are tax deductible! For raising just \$10, students will receive a reward for their effort. The more they raise, the better the reward! Remember, the money raised will help the Daniel Morcombe Foundation raise awareness, so please share your fundraising link far, wide and often! It will guarantee the best results.

**About the Day for Daniel FUNraiser**

The *Day for Daniel FUNraiser* promotes awareness for child safety while raising funds for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. The Foundation works tirelessly to educate communities on child safety strategies and support victims of crime involving children. We're supporting by holding a *Day for Daniel FUNraiser* and we hope you will support us by participating in the fundraising and organise for children to wear red on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**What will the money raised go towards?**

This year the Foundation is hoping to raise \$200,000, which will allow them to create new educational programs to keep kids safe. It also means that no child victim of crime will need to pay for counselling through the Foundation. This program can educate millions of Australian children, so we hope we can help them get there! If not, the money raised certainly won't be wasted. In fact, \$1,000 provides counselling for one young victim of crime, \$2,000 - funds 20 schools with resources to help Keep Kids Safe and \$25,000 funds the creation of one Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson, which is free for everyone and educates children on relevant child safety.

**Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE**

Make sure you keep an eye on the website, as it will tell you when to order your prizes. If you have any questions, please call the FUNraiser team on 1800 386 786.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

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