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THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 2023

CALENDAR

Thursday, 2nd November

Senior Production Mission Implausible 6pm

Tickets on sale at the door-CASH only & DVD / USB orders at the door or on Qkr

Monday, 6th November

Professional Practice Day – no students at school

Tuesday, 7th November

Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day – all welcome - see back page

Friday, 10th November

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

Monday, 13th November

Middle Unit Swimming commences

Tuesday, 14th November

Middle Unit Swimming continues

Wednesday, 15th November

Middle Unit Swimming continues

Thursday, 16th November

Middle Unit Swimming continues

Friday, 17th 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, 20th November

CURRICULUM DAY – no students at school

Tuesday, 21st November

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

Monday, 27th November

School Council Meeting

Tuesday, 28th November

Year 1 Stay & Play

Friday, 1st December

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

Tuesday, 5th December

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

Thursday, 7th December

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

Friday, 8th December

Year 2 Sleepover

Monday, 11th December

Last normal Canteen Day for 2023

Tuesday, 12th December

Year 6 Graduation – more details to follow

LAST DAY FOR PIZZA DAY ORDERS

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

Wednesday, 13th December

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION, INCLUDING YEAR 6-7 SECONDARY VISITS

Middle Unit Werribee Zoo excursion – more information to follow

Friday, 15th December

NO CANTEEN

Monday, 18th December

PIZZA DAY – no normal food items, iced treats will be available

Wednesday, 20th December

END OF YEAR PICNIC AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS – more information to follow

LAST DAY FOR 2023 – early dismissal

School Organisation

Dear School Community,

Week 5 has been a very busy one indeed with an excursion Monday for our Preps to the Kyabram Fauna Park, rehearsals for our Senior Production Tuesday, a shire holiday yesterday (Bendigo Cup Day) and Senior Production today! Of course, woven amongst all of this are our important curriculum lessons covering literacy, numeracy etc. With shorter weeks, we need to move time around to ensure we cover the basics, whilst enjoying extra-curricular activities.

DAY FOR DANIEL

I just wanted to thank everyone who wore red for our DAY FOR DANIEL last Friday. My walk to school Friday morning was certainly a highlight of the week, with so many children walking, scooting, riding etc, as well as some parents too! Honestly – the school was a sea of red during our breaks outside. Well done to all who supported 😊.

OSHC

Our OSHC program continues to operate out of the portables for the time being, as we await renovations to occur in the old school building. Currently we are also exploring moving our OSHC program over to an independent provider in 2024, meaning that the school won't be running the service anymore. This will mean that OSHC will still be available to all next year, but bookings, payments etc will be made directly with the provider, not our school. More information to come 😊.

STAFFING

This week Eve Acquisto has joined the Big Hill PS Team once again... and will work in Leisha's class until the end of the year. Those with children in Eve's class (Leisha) should contact Eve via email Eve.Acquisto@education.vic.gov.au if they have any questions, concerns or to say hello / introduce themselves. Also feel free to drop in at the start or end of day to say hi. Roberta Mathers is also enjoying working full time in Junior Ainsley/Roberta this week (and next) while Ainsley enjoys some sunny weather up north with her family.

BENDIGO SHOW



Last weekend was the Bendigo Show. This year we had some school entries (some done by us, others privately) and I'm pleased to announce there was not only success... but blue ribbons awarded! Congratulations to our Art Teacher (Alice) and the large group of student artists who took out the BEST SCARECROW / BEST EXHIBIT awards at the show this year. The winning scarecrow is on display in our foyer at the moment, providing a welcome addition just as Halloween hit! In addition to this, Year 4 student Samuel S won first prize for his amazing photo of a spotted pardalote - one of our tiny local native birds. Well done Sam – I would be happy to hang that photo in my house! Beautiful! I've included



some photos for your enjoyment – you might have also seen these on our COMPASS feed also. Well done to all winners - even those I may not yet know about!

ROAD SAFETY

Sadly, a couple of our students have been a little eager to get out of the school at the end of the day... and have been crossing the McInnes Street carpark with little care. If your child/ren walk through the top carpark regularly to head home or walk to your car, please review basic pedestrian road safety with them - look left and right, walk – don't run, pause and ensure the driver has seen you and has slowed etc. We want children to be safe at school, so ensuring they are receiving this message from school and home is important. We are revisiting with children and if you can too, that would be most helpful! A big thank you to all drivers who remember to drive at a walking pace and keep an eye out for unpredictable children - keep up the good work!

GOOGABINJ

On Friday, at 2:20pm, the whole school will have the chance to watch the GOOGABINJ performance in the Multipurpose Room. GOOGABINJ features an indigenous performer, sharing music and culture from Aboriginal Australia. Whilst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives are woven throughout the curriculum, it's also wonderful to stop at times and enjoy a culturally rich performance such as this one... so Friday afternoon, please talk to your child about GOOGABINJ. Please check your Compass app to see if you still need to pay. Thank you.

SENIOR PRODUCTION – TODAY / TONIGHT MISSION IMPLAUSIBLE

The Senior Production is underway today! The students presented a matinee at 1:00pm and there will be a follow up evening performance tonight at 6:00pm, at the Baptist Church, Junortoun. Tickets are on sale (CASH ONLY) at the event if you haven't already purchased them online - \$15 for Secondary aged and over. Our First Steps / Junior Unit were a great audience on Tuesday for our dress rehearsal and from all reports, the production was enjoyable! Nick Reid and the students involved have worked really hard to bring this performance to life, so we're hoping you have had the time to come along and see it. Well done to all involved!!!

CURRICULUM DAY AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAYS - PUPIL FREE DAYS

Don't forget our PUPIL FREE DAY is this coming Monday, 6th November - the day before our Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day. This date is the combined PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY for teachers for Semester 2. The next pupil free day is our final Curriculum Day for 2023 and will occur on Monday, 20th November - this date is set aside for teachers to work on reporting requirements.

MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY

As we are a Bendigo School, our Shire Holiday was taken as Bendigo Cup Day (yesterday). We do not get Melbourne Cup Day as a public holiday, 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 families usually come along and enjoy the afternoon in particular... as well as buy lunch. The P&F will run a BBQ (preorder via Qkr available now) if you need lunch on the go also, so why not bring a camping chair and sunhat and enjoy yourself? You are also welcome to bring a picnic lunch if you prefer 😊. New families are encouraged to speak to their teacher or the Office if they have any questions or wonderings about the day. Looking forward to seeing you next Tuesday, 7th November - as it will be a great day of fun at Big Hill PS and the first time in a while where we have been able to run a fully-fledged BIG HILL PS MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY! For a full run down of the day, please see the back page.

CRUSOE ROCK BAND

For the third year in a row, we look forward to welcoming the CRUSOE ROCK BAND back to Big Hill PS next Wednesday, 8th November. The band will put on a performance from our outdoor stage from 1:50pm, serenading the students whilst they enjoy their play. This is always thoroughly enjoyed by our students and showcases where a rich music program can take you, with a couple of members of the band being past students.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year. Like past years, I hope to attend with some (or all) of our student leaders – meeting at 10:40am for an 11:00am service. This will occur at the Kangaroo Flat Cenotaph - all are invited.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Due to the public holiday yesterday, there was no fruit delivery, but tune in next week to see who the lucky ones are to get their photos taken.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Lewis T, Mia M, Snow Win T, Addison H, Ava C, Lily C & Sienna B.

As we move toward the end of Week 5 and face the commencement of Week 6 - it's sobering to realise that there are only 6 1/2 weeks of school left! On that note, enjoy your Friday and the weekend ahead. Stay safe until next time!

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating our School Values on our excursion to the Kyabram Fauna Park:

FSN Elena T
FSJ Poppet B

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For being an active and respectful listener during the Senior Production rehearsal:

JA/R Elaina H
JW Emma P
JJ Bradley H

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Safety':

MD Poppy S
MC Abby M
MP Mia Tr

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating excellent theatrical skills during the Production:

SB Rydder G
SK Levi B
SL Caitlyn B

Brett, Kate & Leisha

PRODUCTION NEWS

The **JUNIOR** Production DVD / USB orders are NOW AVAILABLE TO COLLECT FROM THE OFFICE.

These will remain on sale via Qkr or at the Office until Friday, 17th 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, 17th November.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

The city is recruiting School Crossing Supervisors

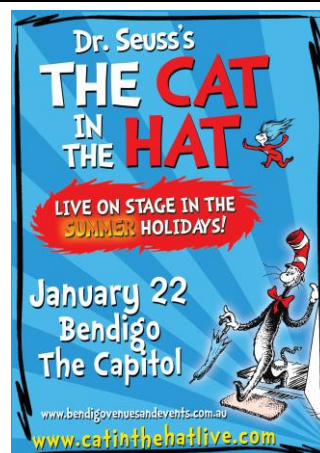
We currently have great opportunities for suitable applicants to join our team as part time and casual School Crossing Supervisors in the Greater Bendigo region.

School Crossing Supervisors are responsible for ensuring the safe and orderly use of the school crossings used by children and other customers at schools across the City of Greater Bendigo.

Each shift is up to 60 minutes in duration, but normally 45 minutes between the hours of 8am – 9am and 3pm – 4pm. Each 45 minute shift is paid minimum approx. \$27 (plus superannuation).

We try and allocate a school crossing close to your home. Small daily travel allowance is paid.

For more information and to apply please visit the City of Greater Bendigo website.



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WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM 

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Mellourne Cup

Family Fun Day

Tuesday, 7th November

All families are invited to come and join in
the day of fun and festivities!



The morning program will begin at 9:10 am and
will include **Fashions on the Asphalt** and the **Hat
Parades**.

Parents are invited to **Morning Tea** which will be
held in the Multipurpose Room at 10:30 am.



From 11:00 am there will be **Picnic Races** for all
ages (including toddlers and parents).



For lunch the Parents and Friends club will be
running a fundraising **BBQ** or feel free to
bring along a rug and a picnic basket.



After lunch the **Long Distance Races**
will be held for boys and girls in each year level.



BBQ preorder available on Qkr now