



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

## CALENDAR

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

**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 - see back page**

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

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

Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November

School Council Meeting

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

Year 1 Stay & Play Day

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

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

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

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

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December

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

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 2 Sleepover – more details to follow

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

**Last normal Canteen Day for 2023**

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

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION, INCLUDING YEAR 6-7 SECONDARY VISITS

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December

Middle Unit Werribee Zoo excursion

NO CANTEEN

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December

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

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December

END OF YEAR PICNIC AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December

LAST DAY FOR 2023 – early dismissal

## School Organisation

Dear School Community,

With Week 4 well underway, we are certainly busy at Big Hill PS. This week has of course continued focus in classes on the basics of literacy and numeracy, however we have had swimming occurring for 5 of our classes (First Steps and Junior Unit), a cricket carnival for some of our Year 5/6's and Production Rehearsals for our Year 3 – 6's (Middle and Senior Unit). With 7 and a half weeks left and so much still to do, things are only going to get busier. Fortunately with a public holiday next week and pupil free day the week after, our students will have chances to recharge their batteries mid-term.

### COVID

As mentioned last week, we have a bit of COVID in the school. If your child is symptomatic and unwell, please test using a RAT and rest at home until well / negative. RAT's are available at the Office if you need to restock 🧐.

### STAFFING

Tomorrow is Leisha Morrison's last day before taking maternity leave. Leisha will be sadly missed; however, we wish her all the best with her new addition. We will all wait excitedly for the good news! We welcome Eve Acquisto, who has worked in the Senior Unit quite a lot this year, into the class until the end of term/year. Ainsley begins two week's Long Service Leave next week, with Roberta stepping into their shared class to provide consistency over the next two weeks. We welcome Roberta to 5 days a week for a little while and wish Ainsley all the best for a lovely break and rest interstate.

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

We now have bandannas for sale at the Office for \$5 each. Bandanna Day is TOMORROW along with DOUBLE DONATIONS DAY – ALL ONLINE DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED. Please go to our 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 until the works are complete.

### **PAYMENTS**

Term 4 is a busy time, with lots happening. If you are having trouble with payments, please set up a payment plan with the Office to cover the costs of excursions and programs like swimming. As we head to the end of the year, booklists are not far away. There will be options to pay when ordering or on collection day at the end of January, but we encourage families to start putting a little bit away each week to try and help prepare for these costs with Christmas approaching. Also, if you are unsure if you have either CSEF or Credit when going to pay on Compass, please click the circle that says: Pay with CSEF or Credit balance and the Office can check when the notification comes through to us. We will then be in touch to advise you if you don't have any or enough CSEF / Credit. Thank you.

### **WORLD TEACHERS DAY & EDUCATION SUPPORT APPRECIATION DAY**

Tomorrow is International World Teachers Day. Recently it was also Education Support Officer Appreciation Week. At Big Hill PS, like several of our neighbouring schools, we like to celebrate our staff as one... so tomorrow we are celebrating our TEACHERS and EDUCATION SUPPORT (Business / Administration Officers and Integration Aides) with a special something / surprises for staff thanks to our P&F. If you want to acknowledge your child's teacher or ES tomorrow with a card, note, comment, act of kindness, feel free 😊. We have great staff at Big Hill PS, so it will be lovely to recognise their contributions tomorrow 😊.

### **SWIMMING**

One more day of swimming tomorrow for our FIRST STEPS and JUNIOR UNIT classes. The children have done very well this week, learning new skills under the guidance of qualified instructors. Please consider continuing private lessons for children over the summer - water safety is honestly one of the most important skills you can develop in your child/ren. Our Middle Unit will be swimming in a few weeks' time and then the Senior Unit in the final week of school.

### **CRICKET**

Well done to our girls team who won half of their games... and to our boys who won all of their games at the cricket tournament. Both teams did very well, and the children had a wonderful time representing the school, staying active and developing their cricket skills further. A big thank you to Brett and Leisha for taking the Year 5/6's out of the school for the day to compete.

### **SENIOR PRODUCTION**

MISSION IMPLAUSIBLE, the Senior Production is set to shine **NEXT THURSDAY**. The Year 3-6's will present a matinee at 1:00pm and evening performance at 6:00pm at the Bendigo Baptist Church, Junortoun. Tickets are on sale now via Qkr or at the Office, so don't miss out. Nick has been working hard to fine tune our cast and prepare all classes for their performances – with last minute tweaks happening this week and early next. The production will be shown to our Prep – Year 1/2's on Tuesday as a dress rehearsal, before delivering to the public twice on Thursday. If your child has a major part, please continue to support them with learning and practicing lines etc before the big day. I look forward to seeing the performance next week and hopefully seeing many of you at the performance.

### **DAY FOR DANIEL – TOMORROW! WEAR RED AND ACTIVE TRAVEL TO SCHOOL**

Tomorrow, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, is DAY FOR DANIEL. Children are hopefully making the most of fundraising opportunities and will hopefully wear red (red t-shirt, jumper, cap, ribbon in hair etc) in support of the day. We will have an active travel morning with children able to meet a staff member at Phillis Street at 8:30am and walk/scoot to school. Those already at school can participate in a walk around the Tiger Turf. Teachers will deliver the CHILD SAFETY LESSON around stranger danger, talking to a trusted adult if they have worries etc. A good strategy for families to use is to have a person they trust for each finger – a mix of those at home and at school. Talk about what a trusted adult is and when it is appropriate to speak up. Thanks for helping us highlight the importance of child safety not only at Big Hill PS, but in our school community.

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

Don't forget our PUPIL FREE DAY on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> November (not next week, the week after) - the day before Melbourne Cup Day. 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 PUBLIC HOLIDAY & MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY**

As we are a Bendigo School, our Shire Holiday is taken as Bendigo Cup Day, which is NEXT Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. We do not get Melbourne Cup Day as a 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). New families are encouraged to speak to their teacher or the Office if they have any questions or wonderings about the day. We'll see you on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> November as a day of fun at Big Hill PS for the Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day!

## **MONDAY - FIRST STEPS BIG DAY OUT!**

Jayden and Nicole have organised an exciting day out as First Steps Major Excursion on Monday. The Preps will travel up to the Kyabram Fauna Park to learn all about a variety of Australian animals. The park has recently been taken under the wing of MELBOURNE ZOO, so it will be a wonderful chance to see what changes have been made to the park, as well as have the chance to see firsthand some of Australia's most unique fauna. This will be a big day, so please ensure your child is rested with an early night Sunday. Of course, check with your child's teacher requirements for the day, which would include a cut lunch, drink, backpack, broad-brimmed hat etc. I look forward to hearing all about the day!

## **MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT**

Thank you once again for our great selection of fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Levi & Ashlyn enjoying their apple and banana 🍌.



## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Macy F, Aleeah M, Maeson D, Ezra B, Sophia C & Scarlett N.

Whilst the weather has been a bit cooler over the last few days, it will be nice to see the weather warming up as we head into the weekend. Make sure it's a good one!

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **STARS OF THE WEEK**

*For displaying our School Values when participating in our swimming program:*

**FSN** Lily C  
**FSJ** Claudia K

*Nicole, Nick & Jayden*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **YEAR 1 STAY AND PLAY**

On Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November the Year 1 students have the opportunity to Stay and Play at school from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. We have organised games and activities for our students, which marks the beginning of our Camps program at Big Hill PS. Students will remain at school for one hour, supervised by the Junior Unit staff, building their resilience ready for their Sleepover in Year 2. Please see Compass for more information on this event.

### **YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER**

The Year 2 Sleepover is being held here at Big Hill PS on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, beginning at 5:00pm. We have organised rotating activities through Kelly Sports in the afternoon, with pizza and a movie in the evening. The cost of the sleepover will be \$18. Please see Compass for more information on this event.

### **SWIMMING**

Thank you to all families who have supported our swimming program through the endless washing and packing this week. Our students have had a great time at Gurri Wanyarra and learned some essential life skills amongst all the fun. The last day for swimming will be tomorrow.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For displaying our School Values of 'Respect', 'Responsibility' and 'Safety' during swimming:*

**JA/R** Axel N  
**JW** Sonny H  
**JJ** Celeste N

*Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen*

## **MIDDLE UNIT NEWS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

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

**MD** Patrick R  
**MC** Macy F  
**MP** Logan O

*Dean, Catherine & Pauline*

## **SENIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For demonstrating enthusiasm in the lead up to Senior Production:*

**SB** Liam W  
**SK** Ashley B  
**SL** Arya B

*Brett, Kate & Leisha*



## ART ROOM NEWS

Hello,

Thank you to everyone who brought in some plastics to the Art Room! We have been busy creating a recycled art scarecrow to enter into the:

### **Bendigo Show – this weekend!**

So, if you happen to be at the show this year check out Sally our scarecrow and our school display of Crazy Creatures.

We have some fish created by our Prep/ Year 1/2's, Papier-Mache animals by our Year 3/4's and some birds from our Year 5/6's.

You'll find them in the second shed on the right from the main entrance, number 32. Children under 16 are free this year!

## PRODUCTION NEWS

The Junior Production DVD / USB orders 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.

## 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.

# FAIR

**Saturday 4 Nov**

**8am-1pm**



**Craft**



**BBQ**

**Plants**

**Preserves**

**Baked Goods**

**Morning Tea**



**2nd Hand Clothes**



**Raffle**



**Books**



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[www.catinthehatlive.com](http://www.catinthehatlive.com)



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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# Big Hill Primary School

## 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.

