



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

## CALENDAR

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

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November  
**Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**MIDDLE UNIT SWIMMING PAYMENT OF \$20 DUE**

Second Hand Uniform Shop open 3pm – 3:30pm all items \$2  
Middle Unit Swimming commences  
Middle Unit Swimming continues  
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**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**

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

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

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

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

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December

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

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

**Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**CURRICULUM DAY – no students at school**

First Kinder to Foundation (Prep) Transition Day Visit 10:00am – 11:00am  
School Council Meeting  
**Year 1 FREE Stay & Play at school**  
Evening Kinder to Foundation (Prep) Transition Visit 5:00pm – 6:00pm  
**LAST Second Hand Uniform Shop for 2023 open 3pm–3:30pm items \$2**  
**Payment of \$18 due for the Year 2 Sleepover**  
Second Kinder to Foundation (Prep) Transition Day Visit 10:30am – 12:15pm  
**Year 2 Sleepover**  
**LAST NORMAL CANTEEN DAY FOR 2023**  
**Payment of \$55 due for the Middle Unit Werribee Zoo Excursion**  
Year 6 Graduation – more details to follow  
**LAST DAY FOR PIZZA DAY ORDERS**  
**Payment of \$20 due for Senior Unit Swimming**  
Final Kinder to Foundation (Prep) Transition Day Visit 10:30am – 12:15pm  
**WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION, INCLUDING YEAR 6-7 SECONDARY VISITS**  
**Middle Unit Werribee Zoo Excursion**  
Senior Unit Swimming commences  
**First Steps Teddy Bears Picnic Break Up - more information to follow**  
**NO CANTEEN**  
Senior Unit Swimming continues  
PIZZA DAY – no normal food items, iced treats will be available  
Senior Unit Swimming continues – NO PIZZA – apologies  
**Junior Unit Break Up – more information to follow – approx. cost \$16**  
**END OF YEAR PICNIC AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS – more information to follow**  
Senior Unit Swimming concludes  
**Senior Unit Break Up – more information to follow**  
**LAST DAY FOR 2023 – early dismissal**

## School Organisation

Dear School Community,

As we navigate all that is Week 6, I must say it has been very busy with the PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY on Monday, our BIG HILL MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY on Tuesday, a visit from the CRUSOE COLLEGE ROCK BAND yesterday and now a couple of days where we can settle the children back into routines... where they are more settled and happier.

### MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY

A big thank you to organiser Catherine Kelley, our P&F for an excellent BBQ, our staff for a big day's work out in the heat... and to the children who did a great job of hats, fashions and as competitors during our long distance races (held earlier due to the heat) and picnic races (egg and spoon, sack, sprint, hobby horse) during the last part of the day.

We had a great crowd on site and it was wonderful to finally get a proper day off the ground after cancelling much of last year's due to the wet weather and two year's of COVID lockdowns spoiling the two years earlier. It's nice to say that after 4 years, the Big Hill Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day is back, with a vengeance! Now our families will have a good idea of hat categories, fashion ideas and the way we run our sports day. I look forward to next year's event 😊.

## **OSHC – UPDATE AND OUTSOURCING IN 2024**

This week a lot of work has happened on the old school building, with restumping well-and-truly underway! Due to this, OSHC has naturally continued to operate out of the portables and will do so until further notice. Next year, our OSHC will be handed over to an independent supplier, meaning that the school won't run the service, take bookings etc. Our School Council, under the lead of Assistant Principal Sharyn Burnett and School Council President Annette Robinson, is currently looking at our options and seeking information about who we make the change to. I expect an announcement in the coming weeks, to enable families to be aware of the changes coming at the start of the 2024 School Year.

## **STAFFING**

This week it has been wonderful to welcome May McLean back to the school after several months away. May returns for 5 weeks and will focus her tutoring program on our Foundation (Prep) students, particularly those who might just need a little extra TLC to get them ready for Year 1.

After 2 weeks, Roberta will return to her usual role next week as STEM and JA/R teacher on a Monday... meaning that Ainsley will return to her class from Long Service Leave.

Next week will see Jenny Brown taking a week's Long Service Leave... and we welcome Education Support Officer Amy Grimes onto the staff at this time to cover Jenny's duties.

## **STRUCTURE FOR 2024**

Next year we will be running a 10 class structure, with an expected enrolment of 230 students. Our structure will include two Foundation (Prep) / Year 1 classes (FIRST STEPS), two Year 1/2 classes (JUNIOR UNIT), a Year 2/3 class and two Year 3/4 classes (MIDDLE UNIT) and a Year 4/5 class and two Year 5/6 classes (SENIOR UNIT).

This has been shared before, however I can advise that staffing for each unit includes Nicole Peach and Jayden Sheean in FIRST STEPS, Ainsley Stanley and Wendy Hicks in the JUNIOR UNIT, Pauline Mulcair, Dean White and Catherine Kelley in the MIDDLE UNIT and Emma Tuckwell, Brett Strange and Kate Dole in the SENIOR UNIT.

We welcome back, after family leave, Amanda Bateman, who will work with Wendy's class 1 day a week. Roberta, like this year, will also teach one day in Ainsley's class. We will have specialists continuing with Alice delivering Visual Arts, Nick Reid with Performing Arts, Yilin Lewis teaching Chinese and Roberta delivering STEM (Science Technology Economics Mathematics) to the Senior Unit. As previously announced, we farewell Jen Nicholls for 12 months as she joins the staff of Eaglehawk Primary School.

## **PARENT PAYMENT POLICY**

This week we have sent out the new PARENT PAYMENT POLICIES to families on Compass. Next year, the policies relate to each Unit of the school, meaning that there is a FIRST STEPS – Foundation (Prep) / Year 1, JUNIOR UNIT – Year 1/2, MIDDLE UNIT – Year 2-4 and SENIOR UNIT – Year 4-6 Parent Payment Policy provided. Once a family finds out what class and more importantly what Unit their child/ren are in next year, the correct booklist and additional subscriptions / items can be worked out. They are sent home now to allow families to look through and prepare themselves for potential costs.

## **CRUSOE BAND**

Our students absolutely loved the CRUSOE BAND visit yesterday... with the talented crew performing multiple songs to the students during their play time. A huge crowd formed and danced the break away! Such a great sight to see 😊. A big congratulations to the CRUSOE students and teacher Lazarre for their excellent performance... and to Nick Reid who helped coordinate this at such a busy time.

## **SENIOR PRODUCTION**

Last week's SENIOR PRODUCTION "MISSION IMPLAUSIBLE" was a huge hit with the crowd. The students should be very proud of their skill sets - well done to all! A special mention once again to Nick Reid for his attention-to-detail whilst ensuring the production was well-organised and very enjoyable. Thanks also to staff, parents and family members who assisted and came along for the matinee, evening performance or both! DVD / USB's for both the Junior and Senior Productions can still be ordered at the Office or on Qkr with the cutoff date being Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November. For now, the acting robes can be hung up for a rest as we await 2024 to see what is on offer.

## **CURRICULUM DAY**

The final Pupil Free Day of the year is our fourth Curriculum Day and it will occur on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November. On this day teachers will be working on reporting requirements and there will be no children on site. Please make a note of Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November as Pupil Free Day.

## **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

This Saturday is Remembrance Day. At 11:00am, the nation will stop and pause to reflect on the sacrifices made for us all by those in war – all to keep us safe and make Australia what it is today. Sharyn Burnett and some of our school leaders will attend a short service at the KANGAROO FLAT CENOTAPH... meeting at 10:40am for an 11:00am service. All are welcome to attend and if doing so, encourage your child to wear their school uniform and wear family war medals with pride. Sharyn and leaders will lay a wreath and participate in the service. Lest we forget.

## **MIDDLE UNIT SWIMMING NEXT WEEK!**

Children in Dean, Catherine and Pauline's classes will enjoy 5 days of swimming next week, heading to the pool in the first part of the day. Please remember to pack your child's bathers, a change of underwear, towel etc (all named please) for the days... and perhaps some extra food. Swimming makes children hungry!

## PLC COACHING

On Monday our SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM (SIT) will participate in the second of our coaching sessions with Graeme Luck. Ainsley, Jen, Catherine, Nicole, Kate and I will undertake training with the support of the coach to further improve our approaches to delivering PLC in the future. Due to this full day workshop, we have several CRT's working in the school to cover classes affected by staff involved being absent.

## KINDER TRANSITION

On Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, our Kindergarten children – 2024 Foundation (Preps) will visit Big Hill PS for the first time - enjoying a classroom visit between 10:00am and 11:00am. This is the first of 4 visits for our kinder children, helping them prepare for their big start at school next year.

## ENROLMENTS

Planning for next year is well-underway. As part of planning, we need to know enrolments or departures. If you have family or friends who intend to enroll, please contact the school ASAP. If families are moving away, we also appreciate a heads up for planning. Your support with keeping us updated is greatly appreciated.

## MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you so much for our latest mix of yummy fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Lily and Otis enjoying their orange and pear 😊.



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Callum V, Charlotte A, Willow W, Heath G, Wade G, Kelson G, Evlyn S, Brax B, Haize W, Gabrielle B, Tyler G & Jacob F.

As we prepare for Week 7, we note that there are only 5 and a 1/2 weeks left of the school year. Children are working well currently, but they are tired... and when tired, we don't often see the best in them at school or home... so the key is to ensure they remain rested. Have weekends as quiet as possible in the coming month... and try to have early nights. It makes a huge difference!

Enjoy the warm Friday ahead and the weekend beyond.

Until next week...

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### STARS OF THE WEEK

*For being respectful and displaying a positive attitude during our Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day:*

**FSN** *Mia M*  
**FSJ** *Mason E*

*Nicole, Nick & Jayden*

## **MIDDLE UNIT NEWS**

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**MD** *Allyera G*  
**MC** *Jaz T*  
**MP** *Mannix A*

*Dean, Catherine & Pauline*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### YEAR 1 STAY AND PLAY

After school on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, our Year 1 students have the opportunity to stay and play for one hour, finishing at 4:30pm. Please see Compass for more information on this fun FREE event.

### YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December will be our Year 2 Sleepover, here at Big Hill PS. Please see Compass for more details including consent and payment.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For active participation in our Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day:*

**JA/R** *Callum V*  
**JW** *Levi S*  
**JJ** *Blake M*

*Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen*

## **SENIOR UNIT NEWS**

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For demonstrating a willingness to give things a go:*

**SB** *Alaena H*  
**SK** *Bobby S*  
**SL** *Braxton L*

*Brett, Kate & Leisha*

## **PRODUCTION NEWS**

Both Junior & Senior Production DVD / USB's are still available via Qkr or at the Office until 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 😊!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### LOST

A \$50 note was lost on the Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day. If you have found one, please return to the Office.

Thank you 😊

**LOWES**

**3 DAY VIP EVENT**

**20% OFF EVERYTHING\***

**NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**INSTORE & ONLINE**

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The advertisement features a teal background with a central pink and purple graphic. At the top is the Lowes logo. Below it, a dark purple banner reads '3 DAY VIP EVENT'. The main offer is '20% OFF EVERYTHING\*' in large white text on a pink background. To the right of the offer are images of a 'LOWES zero' card and a 'LOWES REWARDS CLUB' card. Below the offer is a dark purple banner with the dates 'NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 16<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>'. At the bottom are three photos: a group of school children, a woman holding a sign that says 'DON'T HAVE A ZERO OR REWARDS CARD? APPLY INSTORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS.', and a group of people smiling. The text 'INSTORE & ONLINE' is at the bottom in large white letters, with a small asterisked note below it.

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