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THURSDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER 2023

CALENDAR

Friday, 17th November

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

Middle Unit Swimming concludes

Scholastic Book Club Orders Due

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

School Council Meeting

Year 1 FREE Stay & Play at school

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

Monday, 27th November

Tuesday, 28th November

Friday, 1st December

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

Monday, 4th December

Payment of \$18 due for the Year 2 Sleepover

Tuesday, 5th December

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

Thursday, 7th December

Year 2 Sleepover

Friday, 8th December

LAST NORMAL CANTEEN DAY FOR 2023

Payment of \$55 due for the Middle Unit Werribee Zoo Excursion

Monday, 11th December

Year 6 Graduation – more details to follow

Tuesday, 12th December

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

Wednesday, 13th December

Middle Unit Werribee Zoo Excursion

Senior Unit Swimming commences

First Steps Teddy Bears Picnic Break Up - more information to follow

NO CANTEEN

Thursday, 14th December

Senior Unit Swimming continues

Friday, 15th December

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

Senior Unit Swimming continues – NO PIZZA ORDERS – apologies

Monday, 18th December

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

Tuesday, 19th December

Senior Unit Break Up – more information to follow

Wednesday, 20th December

LAST DAY FOR 2023 – early dismissal

School Organisation

Dear School Community,

Week 7 has been extremely busy with Middle Unit Swimming occurring each morning, STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS (SSG's) running Wednesday to Friday and the continued focus on assessment and preparation for reporting in classes. With Week 8 looming, there isn't a great deal of the year left, however, I encourage you to stay up-to-date with what is happening at Big Hill PS and within classes, as the remaining weeks are full of great events, activities and learning, as well as opportunities for you to engage once again with us onsite at school.

CURRICULUM DAY – NEXT MONDAY!

Just a reminder that we have our final Curriculum Day for the year NEXT Monday, 20th November. This is a pupil free day - so no school for students that day.

OSHC

We are hoping for completion of restumping and flooring in OSHC, ready for a fresh start in 2024. We will also be able to announce our new OSHC provider shortly, taking over our service as an independent provider next year.

STAFFING

This week we have had a fairly smooth week staffing wise. Eve Acquisto has settled into the Year 5/6 room, guiding and teaching the students in Leisha's class until the end of the year. Ainsley has also enjoyed getting back to her Year 1/2's after some time away – although they were certainly in good hands with Roberta whilst Ainsley was away. In the coming weeks, staffing will hopefully remain fairly stable in the lead up to our dismissal on Wednesday, 20th December.

PARENT PAYMENT POLICY

Last week we 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.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

Our staff have begun placing students into 2024 classes, with this expected to be finalised in the coming two weeks. Parent requests (received early in the term in line with our policy) are being taken into consideration when placing students. Your child will know their class teacher by Tuesday, 12th December, when we have children working in their classes for the morning with their 2024 teacher. Year 6 will transition to Year 7 on this day also - unless attending a private or Catholic Secondary School.

TUTORING

This year we have been fortunate to have two excellent tutors working in our school. Giovanna (Jo) Totta has worked with our Year 3-6's and May McLean with our Foundation (Prep) - Year 2's. Next week will be Giovanna's last week with us this year, finishing tutoring for our Year 3-6's next Wednesday, 22nd November. May McLean is currently focusing her work on our Foundation (Prep) students and will work up until her final day on Wednesday, 6th December. Giovanna will return next year to work with the Year 3-6's and I anticipate May will work with some of our Foundation (Prep) - Year 2's again in-between enjoying some travel.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next Tuesday we will hold our November (and final meeting of the year) at 7:00pm in the staffroom or via Webex (invite to be sent out to members). Some of the meeting materials have been sent home - with further documentation to come via email in the coming days. We welcome Michelle Everett to School Council this month, after welcoming Steve Penno last month. It's great to have some new members 😊. Finance members are reminded that we are meeting at 6:15pm this month (before the School Council meeting) to give extra time to peruse budgets for 2024 etc.

REMEMBRANCE DAY THANK YOU

A big thank you to Harley N (School Captain) and Summah J (Senior Unit SRC Representative) who attended the Remembrance Day ceremony last Saturday in Kangaroo Flat - laying a wreath and showing their respects on behalf of our school. Harley also read part of a verse during the service! Thanks also to Sharyn Burnett for attending in my absence and ensuring there was a lovely wreath to lay.

KINDER TRANSITION – BEGINS NEXT TUESDAY!

Next Tuesday, 21st 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. We look forward to meeting our new Foundation students next Tuesday morning 😊.

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.

CRUSOE EXTRA TRANSITION

On Tuesday, 28th November, I will be taking 10 selected Year 6's to Crusoe Secondary College for an additional transition visit. Selected students will be advised in the coming days and a permission form sent home to those selected. There is no cost for those involved. Students will leave Big Hill PS at 12:15pm and return by 3:00pm. Travel will be organised through our school bus provider. If families of Year 6 are wanting extra transition visits to their Secondary Provider, please contact that school directly to investigate the possibility 😊.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you so much for our latest mix of yummy fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Clementine and Otis enjoying their mandarin and banana 😊.



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Jazmine T, Mila M, Isabelle O, Liam W, Sierra S, Benji S, Keenan S, Harper A & Otis E.

We now have 4 and a half weeks ahead of us, with still so much occurring, including a Year 2 Sleepover, Senior Unit Swimming, Class Break Ups / excursions, Year 6 Graduation, Kinder transition, whole school transition, End of Year Picnic & Christmas Carols and much more! Lots to come and so little time, so again... rest children as much as possible on weekends and early to bed at nights. Thanks for your support.

Have a lovely Friday and an even better weekend!

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying our School Value of 'Be Respectful' by including others when playing in the yard:

FSN Mitchell G

FSJ Otis E

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD

The Junior Unit will be finishing off the term with a bang! Make sure to check Compass for more details on our fun events ahead, including our Year 2 Sleepover, Year 1 Stay and Play and our end of year celebration at Bendigo East Swimming Pool. There are still several families who have not accessed Compass and given their consent for these events, so please do so at your earliest convenience.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by working hard in the classroom:

JA/R Edward M

JW Marlee M

JJ Bonnie E

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Respect':

MD Caleb H

MC Mila M

MP Rami A

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating a neat and organised approach to all learning tasks:

SB Mia M

SK Phoebe C

SL Arya B

Brett, Kate & Leisha

PRODUCTION NEWS

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR Junior & Senior Production DVD / USB's via Qkr or at the Office is **TOMORROW**, Friday, 17th November.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

We are working to get (or keep) your children "hooked on reading" by recommending excellent authors and illustrators and books to read. This term our focus will be connecting picture story to Non-Fiction and the differences between the 2 different types of books.

Children can borrow books up until Friday, 1st December. After this date, all books should be returned to school.

A note will be sent home about overdue books. Please look at home for these books. If you can't find a book, ask your child's classroom teacher if they could look through the classroom library. Also, please let the Office know of the title and we will also check the shelves in case it has been returned to the library but not scanned.

Happy reading.

DAY FOR DANIEL NEWS

Big Hill PS raised \$1,094.50 for the Daniel Morcombe foundation.

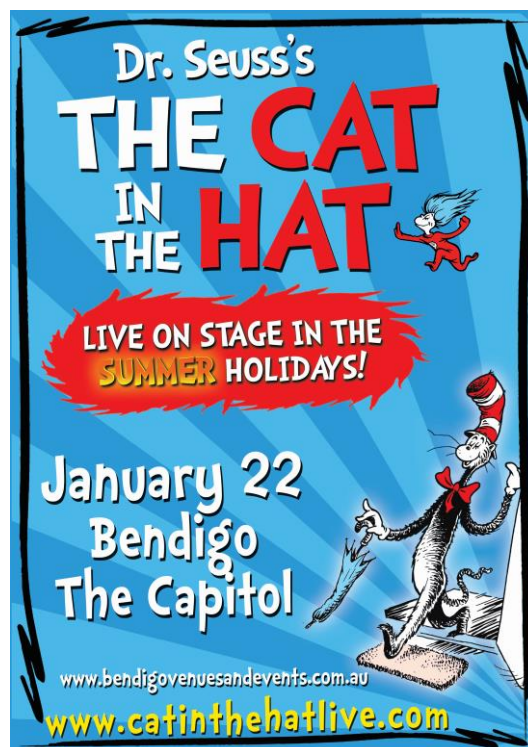
How does your donation help?

With your donation, the Daniel Morcombe Foundation can educate children, schools and families to recognise signs of harm, to react in a safe way and to report to adults who can help stop the abuse. Our Walk Tall counselling service helps young victims of crime on their journey to recovery. Your support no matter how big or small, can make a difference.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed. It was a fun day.

In the classroom teachers worked through activities centred around keeping children safe. For more information, please see the below website: <https://danielmorcombe.com.au/>

COMMUNITY NEWS





3 DAY VIP EVENT

20% OFF
EVERYTHING*



NOVEMBER 15TH 16TH & 17TH



INSTORE & ONLINE

*T&C's apply, no rainchecks, savings off original prices.



EAGLEHAWK CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

FREE
ENTRY

FRIDAY
NOV 17, 2023

3PM
TO 6PM

ANIMAL FARM ♥ THE ZONE ROCK CLIMBING WALL
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ♥ ART AND CRAFT ♥ JUMPING CASTLE
AIRBRUSH TATTOOS ♥ SPORTING ACTIVITIES ♥ CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
TZR REPTILES AND WILDLIFE DISPLAY ♥ LUCKY DOOR PRIZES
FACE PAINTING ♥ FREE SWIMS AT PETER KRENZ LEISURE CENTRE
AUSLAN SESSIONS WITH THE DEAF HUB ♥ FREE GIVEAWAYS!
BENDIGO BBQ SAUSAGES, VEGGIE BURGERS AND
MULTICULTURAL FOOD- ALL AVAILABLE FOR A \$2 DONATION

CANTERBURY PARK GARDENS
3 HIGH STREET, EAGLEHAWK



For more information contact Eaglehawk Community House on 5446 8322



Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day





FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER

UNAVAILABLE TO SENIOR UNIT STUDENTS-
DUE TO SWIMMING, APOLOGIES

PIZZA DAY MEAL
\$5.00

HAWAIIAN

OR

MEATLOVERS

OR

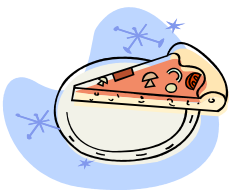
VEGETARIAN

WITH PRIMA OR MILK

(No choice in flavours, sorry, can only choose between prima or milk)

- ✚ If you wish to order an extra slice, the cost is \$2.00 per slice
- ✚ Orders can be cash and order details put in an envelope, or ordered on our Qkr app
- ✚ Orders need to be placed by 9:00am on **TUESDAY, 12TH DECEMBER.**
Late orders cannot be accepted.
- ✚ Iced treats will be available as normal
- ✚ YOU CAN ALSO PREORDER ICED TREATS ON QKR!

**THE CANTEEN'S NORMAL FOOD MENU
IS NOT AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**



OUR WEEKLY FREE FRESH FRUIT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY:

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School visits coming
in TERM 4

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