



# Calder Chronicle

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## THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023

### CALENDAR

Thursday, 30<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

**FRIDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

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

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

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

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February

2024 Booklists were handed out to students – also available on Compass

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

Payment of \$18 due for the Year 2 Sleepover

Payment & Order due for Year 6 Graduation Lunch

Last day for Junior Unit Take Home Reader borrowing

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

Year 2 Sleepover – drop off at 5:00pm, pick up by 7:30am

LAST NORMAL CANTEEN DAY FOR 2023

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

Payment & form due for 2024 Year 6 Graduation Tops

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

Junior Unit KK presents due in classrooms

Senior Unit Swimming continues

Individual Junior Unit Class KK presents handed out

9:00AM ASSEMBLY – STUDENT & READING AWARDS – all welcome 😊

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

Senior Unit Swimming continues – NO PIZZA ORDERS – apologies

**BOOKLIST ORDERS DUE ONLINE**

Junior Unit Break Up – cost \$16

END OF YEAR PICNIC & CHRISTMAS CAROLS 5:00pm to approx 6:40pm - see inside

Senior Unit Swimming concludes

Senior Unit Break Up

**LAST DAY FOR 2023 – early dismissal of 1:30pm**

### 2024

Booklist Collection Day at School

Teachers & Education Support Start

Student Launch Interviews

Year 2 – 6 Students Start & Foundation / Year 1 Testing – more info to follow

Foundation / Year 1 Students Start

### School Organisation

Dear School Community,

Not only is Week 9 almost complete, but tomorrow will see us formally tick-on-over to December! Counting tomorrow, there are 13 and a half days of school left and there's still so much to do!

#### **BOOKLISTS**

2024 booklists for Foundation (Prep) to Year 6 were handed out yesterday. Please take note that orders are due by Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, with payment either then, or on collection day – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January. Note that you don't have to pay now... just order now and pay later if you'd prefer. This will be beneficial for many I'm sure, with the cost of Christmas and holidays.

Families, **please note what Unit your child is ordering from**, particularly for 2024 Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4. Year 1's can be in either the FIRST STEPS UNIT or JUNIOR UNIT, Year 2's in the JUNIOR UNIT or MIDDLE UNIT and Year 4's in the MIDDLE UNIT or SENIOR UNIT. Order from the Unit suggested on the booklist sent home. If unsure, please check at the Office.

## **OSHC – WORKS AND NEW 2024 PROVIDER**

Works, including defects, are still incomplete in OSHC, so due to this, I imagine we will finish the year in the portables. **Next year, OSHC will be handed over to THEIR CARE...** and will not be managed by Big Hill Primary School. All bookings, cancellations etc will be made through THEIR CARE directly. The Office will no longer have anything to do with OSHC. Please expect information from THEIR CARE to enroll etc in the coming weeks.

## **STAFFING**

Catherine has been quite unwell again this week and has been covered by Jasmine Cordy for most of the week. Fingers crossed we see Catherine return next week. Alice has also fallen ill once again and tomorrow we have Kate away (covered by Meg West) and Wendy (Rhys). Wendy is also absent Monday and Tuesday with Grant Andrea working in her class for these two days.

## **TUTORING**

Next week will be our final week of Foundation (Prep) tutoring, with May McLean finishing her 6 week focus work on this year's Foundation (Prep) students. We'll see May again next year 😊.

## **CLASS PLACEMENTS**

You will find out your child's class and teacher on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. This is the Statewide Transition Day, with our Kinder children coming for their last visit and Years 1-5 moving up a Year level for the morning... meeting their 2024 class teacher and classmates. Our Year 6's step up into Year 7 on this day spending the full day at their 2024 Secondary School.

## **PLANNING WEEK**

Next week is planning week, with teachers meeting in their 2024 teams and preparing plans for 2024 learning. Tuesday will see Dean, Catherine and Pauline planning (current Middle Unit), Wednesday Nicole and Jayden (current First Steps), Thursday Kate and Brett (Senior Unit) and Friday Junior Unit (Ainsley, Jen and Wendy). Due to planning, specialist classes won't run for all Year levels or at the normal times. Prepare your child to have their teacher every day next week except the planning day above who might be a Casual Relief Teacher or one of our specialists (Nick, Alice, Yilin, Sharyn or Roberta).

## **KINDER TRANSITION – CONTINUES NEXT TUESDAY!**

Next Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, our Kindergarten children (2024 Foundations (Preps)) will visit Big Hill PS for their third visit - this time visiting longer from 10:30am – 12:15pm. This visit will once again have Kinder children in classrooms, getting familiar with different tasks and the environment, as well as having the chance to play outside for the first break. We have one more visit after this one, with the final Kinder visit on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## **ENROLMENTS / DEPARTURES**

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.

## **MAREE EDWARDS MP – VISIT TO BIG HILL PS**

On Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December, Maree Edwards MP will visit Big Hill PS for a tour, a look at some of our facilities and chance to speak to some of our Student Leaders. We appreciate Maree's time and willingness to come and visit Big Hill Primary School once again.

## **YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER**

Next Thursday will see our Year 2 students staying overnight at Big Hill Primary School. Students will head home after school Thursday... and return at 5:00pm for a night of fun... and a Sleepover in the Multipurpose Room with staff including Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy, Jen and Caleb. It's bound to be lots of fun and I'm sure there will be a few tired ones the next day. Due to this we have made the following day planning day for staff involved, which may also support families if they feel their child is overtired and need to rest at home. School is of course operating for those that need and want to come to school after the Sleepover.

Families are reminded to make consent and payment via Compass, and send children along with the appropriate bedding and sleepwear requested, along with required medications for overnight. Children need to be picked up early the next morning (by 7:30am), taken home for a shower etc, and returned to school when ready, unless of course they are staying home to rest... just advise the school if this is the case.

## **CANTEEN – LAST DAY FRIDAY**

Tammy and her wonderful volunteers have done an amazing job of running our canteen this year. It's a great service and the food on offer is very reasonably priced and great quality! I wanted to remind you all that next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December is the final normal canteen day of 2023 - so don't miss out on your last chance to enjoy lunch from the canteen 😊. It will be open for one extra day – our Pizza Day (with no normal menu items available) on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December and orders are due in by Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. A huge thank you to our volunteers and in particular, Tammy Fear for the excellent work done in the Canteen in 2023. It's very much appreciated 😊.

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The Year 6 Graduation will be held from 12:00pm on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December. Parents / families can come to our event, held outdoors, to see students presented with awards and graduation certificates. Please bring your own chair and sunhat! After the service, visitors will head home and Year 6's will enjoy a special lunch prepared by our PARENTS AND FRIENDS (orders available on Qkr now). A graduation meal will occur for graduates in the Senior Unit... and some of our Year 5's will provide expert service during this event as they take on the role of waiters. Following the meal the Year 6's will enjoy a disco for the last hour of the day in our Multipurpose Room. Once again, the P&F will be working hard to set up the room to look amazing for our Graduates. It's set to be a big day indeed!

## MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you so much for our latest mix of yummy fruit that was delivered yesterday.

Here are Elena and Hudson enjoying their pear and apple 😊.



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Alissa M, Isabella G & Alexis C.

Two and a half weeks to go! Whilst not a lot of time, there's still so much to do before dismissal at 1:30pm on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December. As the time left is extremely busy, can I remind families once again to keep children rested and in routine to help them manage the very long term and frantic ending.

Have a lovely Friday and an even better weekend!

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### STARS OF THE WEEK

*For always contributing to class discussions and activities with a positive attitude:*

**FSN** Ryan B  
**FSJ** Kelahni C

*Nicole, Nick & Jayden*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### JUNIOR UNIT FUN

On Monday night we held our first Year 1 Stay and Play event. Our students had a great time dancing, playing games and colouring and ended the afternoon with a delicious treat. The afternoon was an opportunity for the students to mix up and spend some additional time with their teachers for 2024. We look forward to running this again next year.

### YEAR 2 SLEEPOVER

Next Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, will be our Year 2 Sleepover here at Big Hill PS. We will be having an exciting time completing some sporting rotations with Kelly Sports, enjoying pizza and ice-cream for dinner and finishing off our evening with a movie. Thank you to those parents who have already provided their consent and payment, if you have yet to attend to this more information can be found on Compass. Thank you.

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For showing the School Values of 'Respect', 'Responsibility' and 'Safety' during our Year 1 Stay and Play:*

**JA/R** Benji T  
**JW** Elisabeth A  
**JJ** Sofia D

*Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Jen*

## **MIDDLE UNIT NEWS**

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For the School Value of 'Respect':*

**MD** Ethan M  
**MC** Sienna B  
**MP** Claudia V

*Dean, Catherine & Pauline*

## **SENIOR UNIT NEWS**

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For demonstrating a kind, polite and friendly nature :*

**SB** Kirra W  
**SK** Alexis C  
**SL** Melia H

*Brett, Kate & Eve*

## **PRODUCTION USB/DVD NEWS**

All orders for both Junior and Senior Productions will be ready for collection on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.

## **BOOKLISTS**

Booklists for 2024 were sent home with students yesterday. Our preferred supplier this year is Education Plus. Orders will need to be placed no later than Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Payment can be made when ordering online or on collection day in January.

2024 School Supplied Items as listed in the Parent Payment Policy can be paid at the Office. These will also be available to pay on Compass in the coming weeks.

Please endeavour to have all outstanding 2023 payments for camps/excursions and OSHC paid at the Office ASAP.



## END OF YEAR PICNIC AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

All families of BHPS are invited to join our END OF YEAR PICNIC AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS at school on **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December** in front of the Multipurpose Room.

Starting at 5:00pm, there will be a BBQ with food and drinks available for pre-order on Qkr now (BYO chairs and shade) and families are welcome to come and socialise and freely roam the school grounds.

Then, at 6:00pm, we will have a short Christmas Carol Concert on the steps of the Multipurpose Room. There will be two Christmas songs and dances performed by each unit, with 8 songs performed in total.

Students and families are encouraged to wear Christmas colours – Santa Hats, red and white clothes etc, however this is not compulsory.

### Timeline of the Evening:

5:00pm	BBQ Picnic
6:00pm	First Steps Unit Performance <a href="#">Jingle Bells</a> <a href="#">We Wish You a Merry Christmas</a>
6:10pm	Junior Unit Performance <a href="#">Deck the Halls</a> <a href="#">Santa Claus is Coming to Town</a>
6:20pm	Middle Unit Performance <a href="#">Winter Wonderland</a> <a href="#">It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year</a>
6:30pm	Senior Unit Performance <a href="#">Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree</a> <a href="#">Jingle Bell Rock</a>
6:40pm	Conclusion of Performances

If students would like extra time to practise their Christmas Songs at home, simply click the links above. I have also attached a QR code (or link) with all of those songs available - <https://linktr.ee/bhpsmusic> - including a document with all dance moves listed.

Regards,

**Nick (Music Teacher)**

## P&F NEWS – BBQ

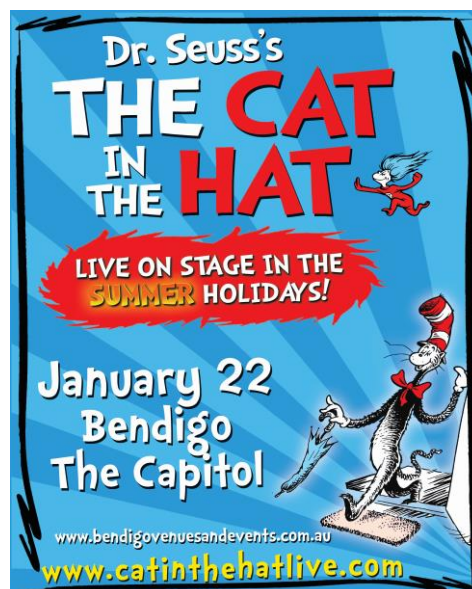
Pre-orders are now being taken on Qkr for the P&F BBQ, held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you have credit with the school (not CSEF) and wish to use it, please email Janet with your child's order.

We have sausages in bread with or without onion, loaded baked potatoes with 3 toppings or fully loaded baked potatoes with 6 toppings, cans of drink, juice boxes, bottles of water and zipper doopers available. Ordering closes on Friday, 15th December.

Thanks for your ongoing support,

**Parents & Friends**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**FRIDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**UNAVAILABLE TO SENIOR UNIT STUDENTS-**  
**DUE TO SWIMMING, APOLOGIES**

**PIZZA DAY MEAL**  
**\$5.00**

**HAWAIIAN**

OR

**MEATLOVERS**

OR

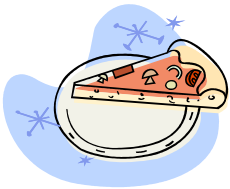
**VEGETARIAN**

**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, 12<sup>TH</sup> 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**



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