

# Calder Chronicle

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#### THURSDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2023

#### CALENDAR

Senior Unit Swimming continues Thursday, 14th December

Individual Junior Unit Class KK presents handed out

Friday, 15th December 9:00AM ASSEMBLY - STUDENT & READING AWARDS - all welcome 3

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

Senior Unit Swimming continues - NO PIZZA ORDERS - apologies

FRIDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER BOOKLIST ORDERS DUE ONLINE

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December Junior Unit Break Up - cost \$16

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

Senior Unit Swimming concludes

Tuesday, 19th December Senior Unit Break Up

Wednesday, 20th December LAST DAY FOR 2023 - early dismissal of 1:30pm

NO Kangaroo Flat bus, but Ravenswood bus will run at earlier time

2024

Friday, 19th January Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January

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

Thursday, 1st February

**Booklist Collection Day at School Teachers & Education Support Start** 

Student Launch Interviews / Student Assessment

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

Foundation / Year 1 Students Start

#### **School Organisation**

Dear School Community,

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year! 2023 has just flown past... and to be honest... it's been a very productive year... probably the first year since before COVID where we have been able to run all programs and work consistently with children over the year. Due to this, I feel that the year has been very rewarding. Sure there are challenges, but overall, the end product is children finishing the year with a full year of learning and experiences under their belt. As we navigate the remaining days, please be conscious of how you child is travelling. Most are extremely tired after the long term and all of the hard work and are ready for a break. Keep children rested as we approach the end 😊.

A final reminder to please order these by TOMORROW, Friday, 15th December. You don't have to pay now - rather order and choose to pay on collect to avoid a late ordering fee. If you are having any issues or have questions, please contact Education Plus directly for assistance.

#### **OSHC - NEW PROVIDER**

Information relating to THEIR CARE, our OSHC provider for 2024 has begun to be shared. Flyers are available from the Office with more information as well as within this newsletter. Remember, OSHC becomes independently run, so bookings are made with THEIR CARE, not us. Issues relating to THEIR CARE are also to be fielded and worked out directly with the business (ie: THEIR CARE) that is running the service.

#### **STAFFING**

Next Wednesday will be our final day with Jen Nicholls as she will be heading to Eaglehawk Primary School next year to pursue teaching in a different setting. She may return, however... we wish her all the best for 2024 as she begins the next chapter of her teaching career at Eaglehawk PS. On Tuesday we welcomed Emma Tuckwell to school, where she met her class for 2024. We look forward to welcoming Emma to Big Hill PS next year - as she brings with her a lot of experience from her time at Kennington PS, Melton PS and overseas in London.

#### **CLASS PLACEMENTS**

By now you will know your child's class and teacher for next year, as they shared time together on Tuesday during our Transition/Step Up Morning. All children were also sent home with a slip advising of their teacher/s for next year - this is to ensure there is absolutely no confusion 😊. If you missed the slip, still don't know what class your child is in, please ring the Office or contact your current teacher for clarification.

#### **ENROLMENTS**

We have classes set for 2024! If you know of someone intending to come to Big Hill Primary School next year, please ensure they have contacted the Office to explore enrolment.

#### MIDDLE UNIT WERRIBEE ZOO EXCURSION

We had a great excursion yesterday to the Werribee Zoo! Whilst we dodged showers and a thunderstorm, this didn't dampen the day with the students enjoying the safari tour and chance to walk around the zoo to view the lions, hippos, cheetahs, vervet monkeys and much more. A big thank you to Dean, Pauline and Catherine for organising and to all staff (and a parent) who came along to assist on the day.

#### PIZZA DAY TOMORROW / NO NORMAL CANTEEN UNTIL 2024

Don't forget that tomorrow we have Pizza Day − by now families should have ordered to avoid missing out ♥ . A reminder also that the canteen has now closed for 2023 and will recommence next year!

#### **YEAR 6 GRADUATION**

We had a super day on Monday with our Year 6 Graduation. The students enjoyed a lunch and disco... as well as being presented certificates and awards in front of loved ones. A big congratulations to all winners and to the Year 6 group in general for being such an amazing group! I've included some photos for your enjoyment. A huge thank you to Kate, Brett and Eve for their coordination of the event.

#### **END OF TERM AWARDS – TOMORROW**

We will be having our END OF TERM AWARDS tomorrow, Friday, 15th December from 9:00am. This is expected to be outdoors and families are invited to attend. At the event we will award from each grade EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH, MATHS, VISUAL and PERFORMING ARTS, ENDEAVOUR in ENGLISH and MATHEMATICS, OUTSTANDING DEMONSTRATION OF SCHOOL VALUES, THE PRINCIPALS AWARD and 225 NIGHTS OF READING. Congratulations to the winners who have been announced in today's newsletter to enable families to be prepared.

#### YEAR 6 AVENUE OF HONOUR - TOMORROW AFTER THE AWARDS

Following our END OF TERM AWARDS tomorrow will be our YEAR 6 AVENUE OF HONOUR where we announce our Year 6's one-by-one as GRADUATES and they run down an avenue of staff and students who applaud them. We are holding this event tomorrow as the final week is very busy and we wanted to ensure we have the majority of students onsite to enjoy the event. Families are once again invited to stay on and witness / enjoy this special occasion



#### **END OF YEAR PICNIC & CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Next Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, families are invited from 5:00pm to come to school with their children and enjoy a picnic tea – bring your own or order from the P&F BBQ . At 6:00pm, we will hold a CHRISTMAS MINI CONCERT. Each Unit will sing two Christmas Carols / songs each... before we finish up just after 6:30pm. Please feel free to come dressed in festive colours etc for a bit of fun

#### **END OF TERM DISMISSAL**

We dismiss on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm. Ravenswood bus will operate at this earlier time, with families using the service asked to adjust pick up times from their drop-off point to ensure children are safely collected. Unfortunately, the KANGAROO FLAT BUS will not operate at this earlier time. Those using the KANGAROO FLAT BUS will need to make alternative arrangements. Children must be collected at 1:30pm and if work is a concern, please book into our OSHC service. The office will close at 2:00pm on this day.

#### BREAK UPS. ALTERNATIVE TIMETABLE NEXT WEEK

Monday our Junior Unit will enjoy a day at the pool for their Break Up, with the Senior Unit also finishing their Swimming Program. On Tuesday our Senior Unit go to the pool for the morning as part of their Break Up, but will also visit the cinemas to watch a movie in the afternoon. We have an alternative timetable in place due to the short week and some festive celebrations occurring. This will mean that your child will most likely not have specialist programs next week. It's only a 2 and a half day week, so not a lot is going to be happening with Break Ups, cleaning up and preparations for next year. Wednesday will be very quiet also being a much shorter day... with staff and students cleaning up classrooms ready for an early dismissal.

#### **MOBILE PHONE BAN IN SCHOOLS**

A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobiles phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours. The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year. The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state. This helps ensure that school is a learning environment, free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions. By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause. I ask for the support of all our families, staff and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school. Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school Office who will pass on a message as required. School mobile phone policy: A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available on our school website.

#### **BOOKLIST COLLECTION DAY**

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January is Booklist Collection Day. Families can choose to come along, check through their book pack and leave it for the classroom teacher to sort OR take home for a week and return on Launch Interview Day. Payment is due on this day, unless you have paid when ordering. Payment of CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS can be taken on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, with Janet onsite at the Office to take payments. Alternatively, payment can be made on Compass.

#### **TEACHERS RETURN DATE**

Staff return to work on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January (Pupil Free Curriculum Day – Statewide) and will spend this day preparing for the 2024 school year. This will be the first opportunity staff have to respond to emails received over the Summer break, with all staff taking a well-earned rest during the holidays.

#### LAUNCH INTERVIEWS YEARS 2 – 6, TUESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Like this year we will run Launch Interviews for Year 2 – 6 on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January. Bookings have now opened on COMPASS for you to select a time. If you aren't on COMPASS, please contact the Office to secure a time. Children do not attend school this day – rather attend the interview with their parent, then return home. Sharing this date for your calendars so you are prepared  $\odot$ .

#### FOUNDATION (PREP) AND YEAR 1 ASSESSMENTS

On Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January and Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January Foundation (Prep) and Year 1 students will attend an interview (on one of the days) with their class teacher to complete mandatory testing from the Department. Students in Foundation and Year 1 will participate in the ENGLISH ONLINE INTERVIEW, with an appointment required for at least 30 minutes up to an hour. This testing period will also provide parents of Foundation and Year 1 children the chance to meet with teachers. Bookings for these testing periods have now opened on COMPASS also. Please contact the Office if you have any trouble booking.

#### **OFFICIAL START DAYS AT BIG HILL - 2024**

Years 2 – 6 begin school on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January, with Foundation and Year 1 beginning on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please note that Foundation students have Wednesdays off school for the month of February.

#### MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

Thank you so much for our latest mix of yummy fruit that was delivered yesterday. Here are Evlyn and Winston enjoying their pear and apple .

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Sonny H, Ryan W, Conor O, Georgia E, Jacob V, Emma P, Malachi B, Hailee H, Bobby S, Skylah D, Elaina H, Edward M, Claudia K & Hudson W.



As we approach the end of the year I'd like to thank you for your support of your child/ren and of the Big Hill PS staff. I always say that there is a triangular relationship between student, home and school... and as we know, triangles are strong... and just like a triangle, a positive relationship between student, parent/carer and school is the key to success. Always make it a priority to build a strong and positive relationship with your child's school over the years... as the reward is in how the child grows. At Big Hill PS we have an amazing and dedicated team of teachers and Education Support Staff and would like to thank them for all that they do to provide a very high standard of education for our children. Thanks also to our PARENTS AND FRIENDS and SCHOOL COUNCIL who do such amazing things for our students in a voluntary capacity! Finally – farewell to our Year 6's - the future is bright and in very good hands ...

If you celebrate Christmas, may it be merry. If you don't, may you enjoy the calm that can come from this time of year when routines cease for a while. If you are travelling, or holidaying... I hope you have a wonderful time, but most of all... I trust that you stay safe and sound. Be careful on the roads. For those not returning - farewell and all the best  $\odot$ . To the many that return - I look forward to working with you again in 2024.

Happy Holidays and here's to an amazing New Year for you and yours!

Kind regards,

Mall Pearce, Principal

#### PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

#### **MANGO DRIVE**

Delivery day is Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December. We will update you once we have a confirmed time for pick up. Apologies for any inconvenience.

#### **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

This year we will be selling the raffle tickets on the night of the BBQ only. We have some great prizes to win, so don't forget your cash for tickets on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December .

# 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

Jinale Bells

We Wish You a Merry Christmas

**6:10pm** Junior Unit Performance

Deck the Halls

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

**6:20pm** Middle Unit Performance

Winter Wonderland

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the

Year

**6:30pm** Senior Unit Performance

Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree

Jingle Bell Rock

**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 - <a href="https://linktr.ee/bhpsmusic">https://linktr.ee/bhpsmusic</a> - 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, 18th December.

If you have credit with the school (not CSEF) and wish to use it, please email Janet with your child's order.

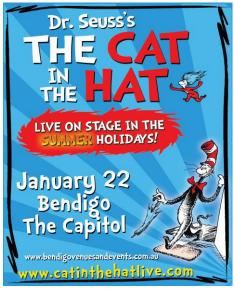
We have sausages in bread with or without onion, loaded baked potatoes with 3 toppings or fully loaded baked potatoes with 6 toppings, cans of drink, juice boxes, bottles of water and zooper doopers available.

#### Ordering closes on Friday, 15th December.

Thanks for your ongoing support,

Parents & Friends

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**



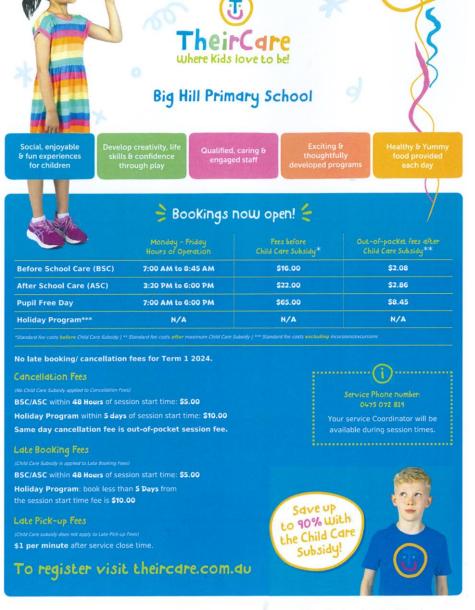












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on 1300 072 410 or info@theircare.com.au

# STUDENT AWARDS - TERM 4, 2023

# **Outstanding Achievement in English:**

FSJ: Franklin B FSN: Mitchell G

JA/R: Harry E JJ: Sofia D JW: Patrick T MP: MC: Mila M MD: Poppy S Mackenzie L SB: Tom C SK: Hope G SL:

## **Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics:**

FSJ: Harvey FSN: Harper W

JA/R: Oscar A JJ: Bradley H JW: Ezra B MC: Jacob S MD: Mica B MP: Abigail H SK: SB: Charlotte A Evie S SL: Connor W

# **Endeavour Award in English:**

FSJ: Zelda L FSN: Elena T

JA/R: Elaina H JJ: Connie P JW: Ruby S MP: Eden M MC: Mia Tr MD: Amber L SK: SL: SB: Jarrod M Summah J Thalia M

#### **Endeavour Award in Mathematics:**

FSJ: Evlyn S FSN: Lewis T

JA/R: Bailey F JJ: Jack L JW: Alexis W Sienna B MD: MP: Evelynne K MC: Allyera G SK: SB: Ty R Lacey J SL: Scarlett N

# **Outstanding Display of School Values:**

FSJ: Clementine W FSN: Ava M

JA/R: Arlow D JJ: Jake F JW: Cooper M MC: Oliver M MD: Lyla E MP: Abby M Tiffany H SL: SB: Liam W SK: Eh Doh Soe S

# **Principal's Award:**

FSJ: Claudia K FSN: Otis J

JA/R: Jade L Hunter G JW: Valentine J MC: Remi R MD: Ryan W MP: Gabrielle B SB: Mileah G SK: Max W SL: Tyler W

## **Outstanding Achievement in Art:**

FSJ: Zelda L FSN: Ryan B

JA/R: Harry E Conna B JW: Levi S \_J): Níkírra S Jack E claudía v MC: MD: MP: Alexís C SL: Cayden H SB: Harley N SK:

# **Outstanding Achievement in MUSIC:**

FSJ: SOPHIE-LEAH FSN: TEDDY R

JA/R: SIENNA D JJ: **BLAKE M** JW: **RHEMMI C** MC: MD: NATHANIEL S MP: COOPER C ISABELLA G WILLOW W SK: PHOEBE C SB: SL: ALISSA M

# READING AWARDS - 225 NIGHTS!

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FSJ: Seth P

FSN: Paíge A, Harper A, Harvey B, Ryan B, Líly C, Heath G, Wade G, Otís J, Archer M, Mía M, Layla R, Elena T, Harper W

JA/R: Logan HF, Edward M, Harry E, Anna S, Lleyton H & Jade L

]]: Blake M, Malachí B, Jake F & Ava C

JW: Vincenzo P, Valentine J, Ezra B, Lucas Q, Ruby S,

Cooper M, Hendrix M & Zoe B

MC: Makenzíe B, Síenna B, Georgía E, Isabella G, Dexter L, Míla M, Bonníe S, Níkírra S, Jacob S, Jazmíne T & Mía Tr

MD: Linken A, Milly B, Lacey B, Mica B, Sophia C, Lyla E, Jack E, Avery F, Addison H, Caleb H, Amber L, Harper O, Patrick R, Poppy S, Nathaniel S, Samuel S, Grace VS & Ryan W

MP: Jacob F, Claudía V, Wíl G, Heath B, Manníx A, Abby M, Abígael L, Abígaíl H & Aínslee S

SB: Alaena H, Olívía K, Líam W, Zoe W, Chelsea A, Mía M & 1224 O

SK: Jack Eg Hope G

🕯 SL: Isla G & Caitlyn B



#### Who can attend: Boys & Girls aged 4-12 years old.

#### General Information:

We believe in giving children opportunities to do the things they love and enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. Our friendly staff are passionate about working with children. They are provided with training on behaviour management techniques, first aid and activity planning/delivery.

What do you need to bring: Appropriate clothing, jacket or sweatshirt, hat, drink bottle and food for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

#### Food

Please bring plenty of packed food and drink for morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea. Lunch will be from approximately 12.30pm to 1.30pm each day.

#### Programme activities:

Programme activities are adapted to suit children of all ages and children may be grouped by age depending on numbers. Programme activities may vary without notice dependent on weather conditions and programme numbers.

#### Payment details:

Payment is required up-front within 2 hours of your booking. A receipt will be issued when a completed booking is received. All details will be included on the receipt.

#### Please note:

Every care will be taken to ensure the safety of your child/ren and their property. However, organisers of Kelly Sports accept no liability for any injury sustained to your child/ren or any loss or damage to his/her property whilst on the programme.

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# SHOP 'N' DROP PRE XMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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#### Mon 18th Dec



DYNAMIC DODGEBALL
Dodge, duck, dip, dive
and....DODGE! Our holiday
Dodgeball Tournament is
back. Stretch up & come
along for our Day 1 fun!
Today is going to be an
absolute BLAST!!

#### Tue 19th Dec



BASKETBALL BONANZA
Each of our little superstars
will get the chance to show off
their basketball skills in our
basketball tournament,
activities and challenge games.
The kids will also participate in
loads of fun games & lunchtime

basketball activities.

#### Wed 20th Dec



WATER SPORTS
Water bomb wars, sponge races
and crazy water games. Today
will be a truck load of fun!
The kids are
also welcome to bring along
their own water guns! Today
will also include many other
sports-crazy activities!

#### Thu 21st Dec



INFLATABLE SPORTS
A truckload of fun is awaiting each of our little legends today! With supersized inflatable games such as Giant Inflatable Soccer, Inflatable Volleyball, inflatable challenge games & more, this is one you won't want to miss!

#### Fri 22nd Dec



CHRISTMAS GAMES
Join in the festive fun with our
Crazy Christmas Games. This
time, with a touch of Christmas
& festive cheer. Team games,
Santa sack races, prizes and
who knows, maybe Santa
Claus himself will pop in for a

visit.



8:30am - 5:00pm

KS SESSION: \$60

8am - 5:30pm

HALF DAY: \$35

8:30am - 12:30pm OR 1pm - 5pm

\*FULL WEEK DISCOUNTS
ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE



BOOK ONLINE NOW AT

PLEASE NOTE: THE THEME LISTED IS THE MAIN ACTIVITY FOR THE DAY. EACH DAY WILL ALSO INCLUDE OTHER SPORTS & GAMES THE KIDS WILL LOVE, OUR FULL DAILY SCHEDULE & ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION CAM BE



# YEAR & GRADUATION PHOTOS























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