



# Calder Chronicle

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## THURSDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

### CALENDAR

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

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

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May

Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May

Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> June

**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – MEET AT PHILLIS STREET 8:30AM**

Payment / Consent due for FS Ballarat Wildlife Park on Compass

Payment / Consent due for Years 3 & 4 Camp on Compass

EDUCATION WEEK commences – see attached flyer

First Steps Ballarat Wildlife Park excursion

Years 3 & 4 Camp (includes SE Year 4's) departs from Bendigo Train Station

Years 3 & 4 Camp (includes SE Year 4's) returns to Bendigo Train Station

Junior Unit Gym Program consent and payment due on Compass

Junior Unit Gym Program commences – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

**Student Free Day – PPD**

Junior Unit Gym Program continues – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

P&F Walkers Doughnut Orders Due

Junior Unit Gym Program continues – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

**Kings Birthday Public Holiday**

Junior Unit Gym Program concludes – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

P&F Walkers Doughnut Delivery Day

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, more information to follow – **NO SCHOOL**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2 – early dismissal of 2:30pm**

### School Organisation

Dear School Community,

#### ATTENDANCE

Please remember to contact the school via Compass to advise why your child is absent. We have a goal of 2 days or less absence for Term 2 - enabling children to miss up to two days with appointments or illness. See if you can make a plan with your child to try and meet this target. It is a good incentive! Many students got 100% last term :)

#### AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENTAL CENSUS (AEDC)

Nicole and Jayden will complete the AEDC census on all Foundation students in the coming weeks. The AEDC runs every few years and involves all Foundation students in the country being screened by their teachers. If you would like more information about the AEDC, please contact me. A Compass event has been posted that will have questions for parents to complete ASAP. Thank you.

#### MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Our P&F did a fantastic job as always with our stall on Tuesday. Well done to the students for choosing great gifts for their mothers / special friends and we hope you have a wonderful day on Sunday.



#### WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY (WSTSD)

TOMORROW Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May is National "Walk Safely to School" Day. This is the 25th year of WSTSD - an event that encourages children and families to regularly travel to school on foot for health and fitness reasons. We will meet at Phillis Street at 8:30am and Brett Strange will send children safely down the path - before riding behind them as he returns to school. Other staff will also be there assisting and supervising. We will also run a loop on the oval for those at OSHC on the day! Children can walk, scoot or ride on the day - so looking forward to seeing students and some families on the path TOMORROW morning.

## **EDUCATION WEEK – NEXT WEEK**

This will launch at 10:00am on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. Nick Reid has some musical numbers ready to wow the crowd at a 10:00am assembly. Families are welcome to come along, particularly for grandparents/special friends... with classes open for a visit from 10:30ish – 11:15am and a lovely morning tea opportunity outside from 11:15am – 12:00pm. Our P&F will be selling hot foods and cakes for a small fee - so bring your wallet and some cash. As always - we don't have seating other than student chairs so please BRING A CHAIR, especially for the elderly.

## **STAFFING**

Roberta Mathers has commenced Long Service Leave from the 8<sup>th</sup> of May for 4 weeks, which will impact her STEM classes of a Wednesday and JA/R on Fridays. Sharyn Burnett commences full time Long Service Leave in Week 6 - but will work each Wednesday and Thursday until this time.

## **KINDER / FOUNDATION 2025**

On Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, as part of Education Week, a school tour will depart from the Office at 10:00am, visiting rooms as part of our first look at Big Hill PS for those thinking of enrolling their child into Foundation for 2025. The same tour is repeated on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00am. On Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 5:30pm, our Foundation 2025 Information Evening for families will occur - please visit the Office to be directed to the meeting that will run in Nicole's room. We welcome new and existing families to this event that focuses on schooling for Foundation students at Big Hill PS.

## **BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK**

Our First Steps students will also get to enjoy an excursion in Education Week, travelling to the Ballarat Wildlife Park on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May. This exciting trip will teach our First Steps students all about Australian Animals and will be a great day out as part of our Education Week Celebrations. Please ensure you have given consent and paid on Compass. Thank you.

## **YEAR 3/4 CAMP**

Our Year 3/4's will head off on their camp for 2024 on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May to the Pioneer Settlement in Swan Hill. The event will run overnight, returning on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May in the afternoon. A PS Pyap paddle steamer ride, visit to the settlement and participation in the Sound and Light show at night are all part of the excitement. The camp will be a great way for us to end Education Week for 2024. Please ensure you have given consent and paid on Compass. Thank you.

## **EDUCATION SUPPORT (ES) APPRECIATION DAY**

On Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May our ES will be honoured at school with a morning tea. We couldn't get by without our Kerry, Erin and Janet team in the office OR Stacey, Jenny, Pam, Clare, Amy G, Amy M, Caleb and Tammy team in the classrooms. The ES staff are vital to our success as a school - so feel free in joining in with us on the 16<sup>th</sup> to acknowledge their contribution to Education :) )

## **SMILE SQUAD**

We have had Smile Squad back this week for follow up appointments and to catch up with those students who missed out when they were here the first time.

## **STUDENT DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

Just a friendly reminder to please report to the Office first to sign in / out your child when arriving late or departing early. Thank you.

## **SCHOOL HATS & BEANIES**

These are available to order on Compass – under the Canteen tile and are also available directly from the Office.

## **MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT**

Thank you so much for our latest mix of yummy fruit.

Here are Everly and Harry enjoying their apple and orange 😊



## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Phoenix B, Patrick T, Bonnie S, Poppy S, Dexter L, Henry P, Conor F, Grace V & Otis M.

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## FIRST STEPS NEWS

### STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying excellent *manners* in the classroom:

FSN *Ollie Q*  
FSJ *Abel L*

*Nicole, Nick & Jayden*

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For including others during playtime:

JA/R *Callum*  
JW/A *Winston*

*Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Amanda*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing responsibility by learning their times tables:

MD *Conna B*  
MC *Archie M*  
MP *Elias S*

*Dean, Catherine & Pauline*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating an excellent attitude in all subject areas:

SB *Kaylie A*  
SK *Kelson G*  
SE *Jazmine T*

*Brett, Kate & Emma*

## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### MOTHER'S DAY STALL / RAFFLE

Thank you to families who donated items for the stall / raffle – a special thanks to the Achammer family who made the beautiful cards and also donated items. It was very much appreciated. Congratulations to our raffle winners! We hope everyone enjoys their gifts on their special day.

### GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY CAKE STALL

If any of our families are able to please do some baking for our cake stall on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, collect a plate (or plates 😊) from the Office. We would greatly appreciate it.

### PIE DRIVE – GARLANDS BAKERY

Next month, order forms will be sent home for our pie drive, with delivery in July. Looking forward to that one!

## DOUGHNUT FUNDRAISER

Forms have been handed out. You can order on Compass under the Canteen tile or bring the order form to the Office and pay using cash or EFTPOS. If you order on Compass, please still send in the order form. Thank you.

Thanks for your support 😊

## COMMUNITY NEWS



**OPEN DAY**

Did you catch us at the Bendigo Easter Festival?  
Like what you saw?  
Come and find out more about our Lion, FuWa & Dragon Teams.  
Check out what we do and how YOU can get involved!



**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!**

**Sunday, 19 May**  
**10.30am – 2.00pm**

Quarry Hill Community Hall - Hamlet Street, Quarry Hill



### 1:1 ART THERAPY SESSIONS

EMBARK ON A PERSONALISED JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY WITH  
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- COMPASSIONATE, INDIVIDUALISED APPROACH
- ADULTS, ADOLESCENTS AND CHILDREN
- CASTLEMAINE BASED
- HOME VISITS THROUGHOUT CENTRAL VICTORIA BY ARRANGEMENT
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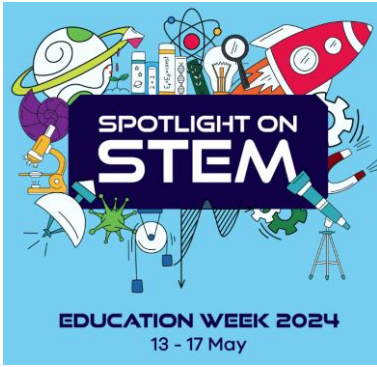
- REDUCE STRESS
- ADDRESS TRAUMA
- ALLEVIATE ANXIETY
- REGULATE EMOTIONS
- SUPPORT SENSORY INTEGRATION
- BUILD SELF-ESTEEM



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## CELEBRATE EDUCATION WEEK IN 2024



Education Week is an annual celebration of education in Victoria. In 2024, Victoria will celebrate Education Week from Monday 13 May to Friday 17 May.

This year's theme, *Spotlight on STEM*, highlights the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in our everyday lives, in the classroom and beyond.

Throughout Education Week, students, parents/carers, teachers, and school communities are encouraged to celebrate and share ideas to learn more about the endless possibilities of STEM.

Big Hill PS will be celebrating Education Week again this year. Please look at our calendar of events below to get an idea of all of the exciting events occurring this year!

<u>Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May</u>	10:00am – 10:40am	Education Week launch! <b>MUSICAL PERFORMANCE.</b> See below for schedule
	10:00am – 10:40am	<b>School Tour for 2025 Foundation parents</b> with Matt (Principal)
	10:40am – 11:15am	<b>OPEN CLASSROOMS</b> – Grandparents and Special Friends can visit classrooms to look at student work and see their classroom in action
	11:15am – 12 midday	<b>Morning Tea / Play</b> Grandparents/Special visitors stay on for morning tea... <b>BYO</b> or buy from the P&F food stall (soup etc) or cake stall. Don't forget to bring a seat!
<u>Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May</u>	10:00am – 10:40am	<b>School Tour for 2025 Foundation parents</b> with Matt (Principal) and school leaders
	5:30pm – 6:30pm	<b>INFORMATION EVENING</b> for parents / families of 2025 Foundation students
<u>Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> May</u>	ALL DAY	<b>FIRST STEPS UNIT EXCURSION</b> to Ballarat Wildlife Park
<u>Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May</u>	ALL DAY	<b>YEAR 3/4 CAMP</b> TO Pioneer Settlement, Swan Hill - Day 1 😊
<u>Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> May</u>	ALL DAY	<b>YEAR 3/4 CAMP</b> TO Pioneer Settlement, Swan Hill - Day 2 😊
	ALL DAY	<b>EDUCATION SUPPORT (ES) APPRECIATION DAY</b> – take some time to acknowledge our wonderful ES Staff!
	9:15am	<b>FREE AFL Clinic</b> for First Steps & Junior Unit
	10:00am – 10:40am	<b>School Tour for 2025 Foundation parents</b> with <b>LEARNING SPECIALIST</b> and school leaders

### MUSICAL PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

Approx Time	Students Singing/Dancing	Song / Item	Instrumental Music Accompaniment
10:00	First Steps Unit	'Hokey Pokey'	-Nick on guitar -Ukulele Students
10:05	Junior Unit	'Peaches' by The Presidents of the United States of America	-Nick on guitar
10:10	Middle Unit	'TNT' by AC/DC	-Nick on guitar -Guitar students -Brady on bass -Ryan on cajon drum
10:15	Senior Unit	'Call Me Maybe' by Carly Rae Jepsen	-Nick on guitar -Hope on bass -Willow on cajon drum
10:25	Drum Students	'7 Nation Army' by The White Stripes	-Nick on bass guitar -Lacey, Nathaniel & Sophia C on drums

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