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THURSDAY, 16TH MAY 2024

CALENDAR

Friday, 17th May
Monday, 20th May

Wednesday, 22nd May
Monday, 27th May

Wednesday, 29th May
Friday, 31st May

Wednesday, 5th June

Monday, 10th June

Wednesday, 12th June
Tuesday, 18th June

Monday, 24th June

Friday, 28th June

Years 3 & 4 Camp returns to Bendigo Train Station at 4:00PM
Junior Unit Gym Program consent and payment due on Compass
Bookings open for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 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 – NO SCHOOL

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

School Organisation

Hello Big Hill Community,

Welcome to Week 5 - EDUCATION WEEK! The school has certainly been a busy place this week with our celebrations for EDUCATION WEEK 'Spotlight on STEM' well underway.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to submit an absence / reason on Compass when your child is away. 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 :)

EDUCATION WEEK LAUNCH

We had a great launch to Education Week on Monday morning, with Nick Reid and our students wowing the crowd with some musical numbers. The weather was fine and we made the most of it, with a chance to have GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIENDS visit classrooms, before enjoying morning tea outdoors in the sunshine. A big thank you to P&F for running an amazing hot food / drink / cake stall for our community, and to the families who baked up a storm, well done! A big thank you to Nick and the students for the great performance too! What a way to start the week!

COVID CASES

We are starting to see a number of COVID cases doing the rounds. If you have an unwell child, please do a RAT to double check it isn't COVID. We have limited spare oral only tests at the Office - please call to have a box sent home.

STAFFING

Illness has struck this week, with Amy and Tammy absent all week... and other staff needing a day here or there. It's certainly that time of year. Until the end of the term, Yilin Lewis remains on Maternity Leave with Cameron Salmon providing PE / Health lessons across the school instead. Sharyn is also on Long Service Leave each Tuesday, with Eve Acquisto working each week to provide some library lessons to particular classes as part of their specialist program. Roberta has commenced LSL for a few weeks... and is replaced Wednesday for STEM by Eve Acquisto and on Fridays in the classroom by Mel Lademann.

FIRST STEPS EXCURSION

Yesterday our First Steps students travelled to Ballarat to visit the BALLARAT WILDLIFE PARK as part of their major excursion. The weather was pleasant, and the children had a great day seeing so many Australian animals on show. A big thank you to Nicole and Jayden for their organisation AND to those parents and staff who helped out on the day.

YEAR 3/4 CAMP TO SWAN HILL

Our Year 3/4's headed off to Swan Hill today, leaving Bendigo at 10:00am to travel to Swan Hill by train. This was a great experience for the students who are now staying overnight at the Pioneer Settlement. As part of the camp the students will have a PYAP Paddlesteamer cruise, view the SOUND AND LIGHT SHOW in the evening and explore the many shops, exhibits and activities available within the settlement. Tomorrow will be another day of excitement, before the travellers return by train to Bendigo by 4:00pm. Families are reminded to please ensure they are at the Bendigo train station at 4:00pm to pick up their child.

SCHOOL TOURS ON THIS WEEK

I've run a couple of well-attended school tours already and tomorrow there is one final chance this week, with a third tour operating at 10:00am. Ainsley, our Learning Specialist, will tour new families / families of 2025 Foundation students around the school... outlining features of our school and explaining some of our programs. This will conclude a great week of transition activities, including an information night for Foundation 2025 families on Tuesday night. If you missed a tour or the information evening, don't stress... please contact the school to make your own private tour booking in the coming weeks 😊.

EDUCATION SUPPORT (ES) APPRECIATION DAY

Today our ES were 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 we made sure they knew that! We even made sure those ES at camp felt the appreciation too 😊.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEXT WEEK

Just a reminder to all School Councilors that our May meeting is next Tuesday night, commencing at 7:00pm in the library. Online via Webex is also available. Materials for the meeting will be sent home over this week via email or in school bags – keep an eye out 😊. Finance will of course meet half an hour earlier at 6:30pm.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY (AToSS)

I've messaged the families of children in Years 4-6 to advise that the survey period for AToSS is fast approaching. We will run the survey over the three-week period commencing on Monday, 20th May. The survey gathers the opinion of students anonymously and collates the responses to give our school a ranking of how we are going. The data is rich and is used to measure our success in both the classroom, but also the yard and in our relationships with students. If you don't want your child to participate, please advise me in writing by Monday, 20th May.

ADVANCE WARNING – PUPIL FREE DAY

Our next Pupil Free day is fast approaching, so reminding families of the date. **ON MONDAY, 27TH MAY, THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.** Due to this, families will need to make other care arrangements.

SMILE SQUAD

Smile Squad have now finished at Big Hill PS. They will be back to do the six-monthly fluoride varnish applications for those students who have provided consent and received fluoride varnish during their first visit. Fluoride varnish applications help ensure students have the best chance of preventing tooth decay, so they're excited to come back. Don't forget, if you missed them at school, you could still see them at the Bendigo Health dental clinic. Please call 03 5454 7994 and ask for a Smile Squad appointment.

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 Ash and Levi enjoying their banana and pear 😊



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Caleb, Harvey, Winston, Blake, Mason & Otis.

With the beautiful weather still with us, it's hard to believe we are two weeks away from the official start of winter. While it lasts, enjoy the sun and the great outdoors. Hoping your Friday is a happy one and your weekend enjoyable.

Until next week,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Values of 'Respect', 'Responsibility' and 'Safety' on our excursion to the Ballarat Wildlife Park:

FSN Everly F
FSJ Mason E

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating independent work behaviours:

JA/R Mia M
JW/A Emma P

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Amanda

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the BHPS value of 'Respect' during our Grandparents and Special Friends visit:

MD Linken A
MC Macy F
MP Luka H

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating attention to detail:

SB Tom C
SK Grace V
SE Caleb H

Brett, Kate & Emma

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY CAKE STALL

Thank you to the many families who baked some delicious goodies for our stall on Monday – we sold out of everything – thanks so much!

DOUGHNUT FUNDRAISER

You can order on Compass under the Canteen tile or bring the order form to the Office and pay using cash or EFTPOS. Orders are due in by Friday, 31st May. Thank you.

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!

Thanks for your support 😊

COMMUNITY NEWS



The City of Greater Bendigo have recently received a high number of incident reports in relation to:

- families parking across designated crossing lines to drop children off at school.
- number of cars driving through the crossing when the supervisor has an active crossing and is holding a stop sign.

Bendigo Police Highway Patrol have been notified regarding this increased number of incidents and near misses.

To ensure the safety of our children, parents and crossing supervisors, we are reminding families of the safety requirements when passing through school crossing zones.

Under the Road Safety Road Rules 2017, whenever the school crossing flags are displayed, it is illegal to stop or park:

- 20 metres before a school crossing
- 10 metres after a school crossing
- within 10 metres of an intersection

If school crossing flags are displayed, you must stop for pedestrians. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear.

During active school crossing times the speed limit is reduced to 40km/h.

FROM JUDO VICTORIA:

We are pleased to let you know that Clementine W has passed a Judo practical and knowledge test called a grading at the Judo Bendigo Club.

This is no easy task and requires a great deal of practice. The grade is awarded by the presentation of a coloured Judo belt.

Junior Judo belts are in varying colours signifying age and expertise. Clementine has been awarded a White-Yellow belt.

Malcolm Slade For Judo Victoria

Judo Victoria is the home of Olympic and Commonwealth Games Judo in Victoria

The Kangaroo Flat Community Enterprise is working hard with Crusoe College and other key community organisations to seek funding for the redevelopment of the JB Osborne Theatre, which will be beneficial to community and sports groups with the refurbished building and surrounds being available for use by all.

More information about the project and petition is on their website:

<https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/funding-for-the-refurbishment-of-jb-osborne-theatre/>

OUR WEEKLY FREE FRESH FRUIT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY:

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and wellbeing of our
Bendigo school children**

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WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO BE A PART OF THIS WONDERFUL PROGRAM 😊



Senior Kate students had the fantastic opportunity to welcome players from the Bendigo Strikers and Bendigo Braves on May 3rd. Their visit was incredibly inspiring as they promoted the importance of fresh fruit for maintaining a healthy mind and body.

We are fortunate to receive weekly donations of fresh fruit from McKern Steel Foundation and sponsors, which significantly contributes to our students' well-being and nutrition.

Their visit further emphasized the value of incorporating fresh fruit and water into our daily routines. Additionally, our students had the chance to learn about the excellent facilities available at the Red Energy area in Bendigo, providing them with valuable insights into local resources and opportunities.

Overall, it was an enriching experience for everyone involved, and we're grateful to the Bendigo Spirit, Bendigo Braves, McKern Steel Foundation and sponsors for their support and collaboration in promoting health and well-being within our school community.

We still have a few free tickets to the above double header – first in best dressed at the Office 😊

(One ticket per child only)