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THURSDAY, 30TH MAY 2024

CALENDAR

Friday, 31st May

Wednesday, 5th June

Monday, 10th June

Wednesday, 12th June

Tuesday, 18th June

Friday, 21st June

Monday, 24th June

Friday, 28th June

Monday, 15th July

Tuesday, 6th August

Monday, 19th August

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

Division Soccer – selected Year 5/6 students only – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

P&F Walkers Doughnut Delivery Day

Reports available to parents on Compass at end of school day

Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews – NO SCHOOL (except interview time)

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

First Day of Term 3

First Steps / Junior Unit FREE Robotics Incursion

Book Week Parade – all welcome

Book Fair delivered to school (start date for sales tbc)

School Organisation

Hello Big Hill Community,

Week 7 has been a very busy one, with the PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY on Monday (with all teachers working on report writing), sports days, excursions, testing and assessment and normal programs all running. With 4 weeks left of the term, it's bound to be very busy!

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to contact the school (Compass or phone) 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 :)

There is a lot of illness around at the moment and we do understand that when children are sick, they need to stay home. If staying home for more than 2 days, please get a medical certificate from the doctor when you see them and send that in with your COMPASS advice or drop directly to the Office.

ANNUAL REPORT

After some time, our Annual Report has finally passed through the Quality Assurance Process. There are a lot of schools to do, so it does take time. Now that it is fully approved, I have shared the 2023 Annual Report with families via COMPASS. Please take the time to have a look at our performance over the last year. The report showcases areas of celebration and focus areas of improvement for the future. It highlights what is unique about our school and is a forward-facing document - available on our website for all to see. If you aren't on COMPASS, please access this from the website so you can have a read 😊.

COVID CASES

Cases continue to be present in the school - some detected and others possibly missed. We can no longer provide RAT's to families, as provision of them for free has stopped from our Department. I encourage you though to purchase tests where you can and screen your child when they have symptoms... then keep them home if unwell. By keeping positive children home, we can stop the spread. When staff test positive, they also stay home to prevent widescale spread in the school. As you can imagine, COVID can spread through classes like crazy, so we need to do our bit to limit the spread when we know we are positive. Thanks for your support.

STAFFING

Sharyn has commenced full time Long Service Leave for the rest of the term. Her teaching duties on a Tuesday will continue to be delivered by Eve Acquisto. Sickness has struck some of the staff this week too and we have been lucky enough to cover bases with some of our great CASUAL TEACHERS.

We welcomed Roberta back yesterday - she enjoyed several weeks in Europe and has returned refreshed, rejuvenated, and tanned! Caleb Barras has been on teaching rounds for the last 4 weeks and we look forward to welcoming him back tomorrow 😊.

REPORTS & PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT INTERVIEWS – BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE ON COMPASS NOW

Student reports will be released on COMPASS to families on Friday, 21st June. Please ensure you are ready on this date to download your child's report, ready for interviews on Monday, 24th June. We anticipate that reports will be released at the end of that school day. Interview times for student conferences are open on COMPASS now. Please book in a time on Monday, 24th June to see your child's teacher. Details of how to book are shared with families on your COMPASS landing page. If you don't know how to book, please contact the Office for assistance.

ATHLETICS

Yesterday many of our Year 4-6's attended the FLORA HILL ATHLETICS TRACK to compete in our Cluster Athletics. The behaviour of our students was excellent and was noted as a standout by many adults present! All students did their best with some qualifying for the next level of Athletics. Well done to all! A big thank you to Brett Strange for his coordination and to Dean, Jasmine, Pam and Amy who not only supported on the day, but worked hard with little rest to run events, or escort age groups around to all of the events. A great team effort! It was also great to see so many parents and families cheering students on when I visited in the afternoon!

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP (SSG) MEETINGS

Next week many of our funded students will have SSG's operating on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Typically, SSG's run for funded students (with an Education Support Aide attached), students in Out Of Home Care, students with complex medical needs and students who might be perceived by the school and home to possibly be considered for future funding. If you had an SSG in Term 1, but have not participated in one yet this term, please contact your child's teacher ASAP to see if we can book you in next Monday - Wednesday.

ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY (AToSS)

This survey commenced on Monday, 20th May and will finish next Friday, 7th June. The survey gathers the opinion of students in Years 4 – 6 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.

ADVANCE WARNING – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Our next PUBLIC HOLIDAY is fast approaching, so reminding families of the date. On Monday, 10th June, there is no school for students, staff and hopefully no work for you, as it is the Kings Birthday Holiday.

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

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

Here are Jaime and Mason enjoying their orange and pear 😊



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Levi D & Tommy W.

Whilst the weather could be switching to winter mode, there still seems to be some sunny days on the horizon... so an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of the great outdoors presents itself once again! With clear days comes freezing mornings, so please ensure you have your child/ren rugged up at the start of the day, especially coming into winter. Please ensure all clothing items are named so we can return them to their owner. Thank you.

Here's hoping your Friday is productive and the weekend beyond is wonderful.

Until next week,

Matt Pearce, Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For becoming a more confident learner by having a go at new challenges:

FSN Harper A
FSJ Jaime G

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For working hard during class time:

JA/R Otis J
JW/A Marlee M

Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Amanda

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing respect towards their friends:

MD Harry E
MC Haize W
MP Zoe B

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating being willing to give things a go:

SB Mia M
SK Izzy O
SE Mia T

Brett, Kate & Emma

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

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 **TOMORROW**.

Thank you.

PIE DRIVE – GARLANDS BAKERY

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

Thanks for your support 😊

CLUSTER ATHLETICS NEWS

Congratulations to all students who competed yesterday, well done! Those students who have qualified will be told over the next 2 – 3 weeks once the process has been completed.

Division Athletics, at this stage, will be held on September 16. Transport to the event will depend on how many students qualify. If only a few qualify, then parents will need to arrange transport, and we will advise as soon as possible. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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