



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**

## CALENDAR

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July**

**2025 FOUNDATION APPLICATION FORMS DUE -**

(Out of Zone families only)

School Nursing Program Foundation forms due at the Office

School Leaders on Phoenix FM at 1:00pm – listen in on 106.7

**TUESDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**P&F PIE DRIVE DELIVERY DAY**

School Nursing Program (Foundation students) visits start today - 1<sup>st</sup> August

Division Girls Football – selected Year 5/6 students

**Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July**

First Steps 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School Celebrations

Division Boys Football – selected Year 5/6 students

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> August**

First Steps / Junior Unit FREE Robotics Incursion was held 24<sup>th</sup> July-date change-apologies

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August**

Year 7 Placement Acceptance Slips due at the Office

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August

PAYMENT DUE FOR MIDDLE UNIT GYM

**FRIDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**CURRICULUM DAY**

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August

Book Week Parade – all welcome

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August

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

Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August

First Steps Gym commences

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August

Junior Unit Discovery Centre excursion – cost \$16.50

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August

Middle Unit Gym commences – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September

First Steps Gym continues

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> September

Middle Unit Gym continues – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> September

First Steps Gym continues

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> September

Middle Unit Gym continues – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September

First Steps Gym concludes

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

Middle Unit Gym concludes – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

Junior Concert 12:30pm Matinee 6:00pm Evening-see inside for full details

Senior Concert 12:30pm Matinee 6:00pm Evening-see inside for full details

## School Organisation

Hello Big Hill Community,

Our children have settled back into school routines, working effectively during Week 2 of Term. There's lots on as always, but generally settled classroom programs and lots of learning happening!

### ATTENDANCE

**Our Term 3 goal is 2 days or less absence.** This term there won't be attendance wristbands as a reward, instead there will be a mystery prize for all who meet the goal.

### STAFFING

This week we have continued to have Tracy Pengally working in Senior Unit Kate's class, as she has been away all week unwell. Fingers crossed Kate is better soon. Pam Farnell, Education Support, has also been unwell this week and will hopefully be back on Monday. Our First Steps and Junior Unit teachers have been doing mid-year MATHS ONLINE INTERVIEW assessments with their students this week and we have had Cameron Salmon and Jasmine Cordy working in the school to facilitate the time for our teachers to work individually with students on the test. Further testing days will occur next week for Roberta (Thursday) and Jayden (Monday). Finally, Sharyn Burnett is well-and-truly enjoying her Long Service Leave and will not return until Week 10 of this term. Stacey Murtagh has taken over the bulk of our Wellbeing portfolio and is your port of call if you have any questions – working each Wednesday and Thursday.

### NETBALL STARS!

Yesterday Brett Strange, Caleb Barras and Amy Mountjoy took a group of energetic Year 5/6 students to compete at the Division Netball Tournament. Whilst neither team won their section, both did exceptionally well with some great play and lots of enjoyment had! Their behaviour was exceptional, so we are very proud that our students showcased how great our school is to others there. Well done! A big thank you to Brett, Caleb and Amy M for their hard work supporting the teams on the day.

## **SCOOTER EDUCATION**

Our FIRST STEPS and JUNIOR UNITS continue Scooter Education this week – with Junior Unit participating on a Monday and First Steps on a Friday. Families are encouraged to bring scooters and helmets to school each day the program is run and take them home in the afternoon. Scooters can stay at school, however this prevents use and practice at home between lessons. If leaving at school we now ask that they are stored in classroom office areas as they are more secure than our bike shed overnight.

## **DIVISION FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

Next week selected Year 5/6's will have the chance to represent Big Hill PS once again in a division sports tournament – this time, football / AFL! On Tuesday our girls will compete, with boys then participating on Wednesday. Brett is once again leading the way, ensuring the students are well looked after at the event and ready to roll. I'm looking forward to seeing how they go on the day – as we do have a history of doing quite well in the football. Good luck and have fun to all involved!

## **KINDER / FOUNDATION ENROLMENT FOR 2025 – APPLICATIONS DUE TOMORROW**

Out of Zone applications are due TOMORROW. If you know someone who is out of our zone, please advise them of the cutoff date. For current families, have you contacted the school to advise of your younger child starting school next year? We understand that most families will of course send their children to school with their siblings, but we still need to have them listed and enrolled, so if you could contact the school ASAP, that would be much appreciated.

## **YEAR 6 – 7 ENROLMENT FOR 2025**

This week families of Year 6 children should have received email notification from us of your child's Year 7 Placement Offer for 2025. Acceptance Slips need to be returned to us by Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August. All queries relating to this process should be directed to Janet Dean, our Administrative Officer.

## **EDUCATION STATE PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE**

On Monday I won't be onsite as it's the annual EDUCATION STATE PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE in Melbourne. All state school principals are expected to attend this one-day showcase where expert educational speakers share their wisdom with leaders across the State. I'm looking forward to learning from the best and seeing where I can tweak things at our school to make further improvements. If you have any queries on Monday, I am active on emails and will follow up issues if you leave a message at the Office. Alternatively, a member of our SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM should be free to support if you come onsite.

## **100<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL**

Our Junior Unit had a great 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School yesterday, celebrating in class with lots of activities and a special incursion. Next week on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July, it will be our FIRST STEPS turn to celebrate 100 days and will enjoy lots of 100-themed activities and coming dressed up as what they would look like if they were 100!

## **PHOENIX FM – TOMORROW!**

Tomorrow, Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, our 4 Student Leaders will accompany me as we go on air at 1:00pm on PHOENIX FM. This annual opportunity will allow our leaders to talk about themselves, their inspiration, our school and their leadership journey. Why not tune in to **106.7 PHOENIX FM** at 1pm to hear what our leaders have to say about our school?

## **WINTER CLOTHING AND EARLY DROP OFFS!**

With winter well-underway, families are reminded to send children to school in warm clothing – including having a jacket! School beanies are on sale in the Office for \$25 and they really help with keeping children warm when outdoors. Please don't drop children off at school earlier than 8:45am either – classrooms don't open until 8:45am – and you don't want children standing outside in the cold for long periods – this isn't kind. Staff are not on duty until 8:45am, so parents are also knowingly leaving their children unsupervised if they drop off before 8:45am. Please consider the safety of your child/ren by dropping them to school at 8:45am or after. OSHC is available for those who need earlier – please contact THEIR CARE. Alternatively, if your child is old enough to walk to school, drop them off at Phillis Street and get them to walk to school with other students (there are lots on the track from 8:30am) – the walk consumes time and keeps your child warm whilst exercising AND it's good for them 😊.

## **MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT**

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

Here are Poppet and Atlas enjoying their banana and apple 😊

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy birthday to Jack L, Rami A, Zaheyliya B, Avery F & Jarrod M.



Hoping your Friday is excellent and the weekend even better! Until next week,

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## FIRST STEPS NEWS

### STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by quickly following instructions:

FSN **Zaylan D**

FSJ **Mason M**

*Nicole, Nick & Jayden*

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

### ROBOTICS INCURSION



### 100<sup>TH</sup> DAY CELEBRATIONS



### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For great participation in our 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School celebrations:

JA/R **Kelahni C**

JW/A **Lily C**

*Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Amanda*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of 'Safety' during PE sessions:

MD **Ezra B**

MC **Axel N**

MP **Cooper M**

*Dean, Catherine & Pauline*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For demonstrating excellent teamwork and collaboration skills:

SB **Rydder G**

SK **Maeson D**

SM **Amber L**

*Brett, Kate & Michelle*

## ART ROOM NEWS

The Results Are In!

I'm very excited to announce the winners of this year's Charter Hall NAIDOC Week "Drawing us Together" Illustration Competition!

Please join me in congratulating:

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**Benji S**

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**Winston**

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**Ryan W**

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**Jack E**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to view and vote for their favourites, there was over 19, 000 individual votes for the competition! I already can't wait till next year!



## PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

### PIE DRIVE – GARLANDS BAKERY

Thank you to everyone who ordered pies. Get your freezers ready for delivery **NEXT Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> July.**

*Thanks for your support 😊*

OUR WEEKLY FREE FRESH FRUIT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY:

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