



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024**

## CALENDAR

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August  
Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August

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

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

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September

PAYMENT OF \$40 DUE FOR MIDDLE UNIT GYM  
School Council Meeting

**CURRICULUM DAY – PUPIL FREE DAY**

Book Week Parade – ALL WELCOME AT 9:00AM

Book Fair delivered to school – open from 3:25pm to 4pm daily 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

PAYMENT OF \$40 DUE FOR FIRST STEPS GYM

PAYMENT OF \$16.50 DUE FOR JUNIOR UNIT DISCOVERY CTR EXCUR

First Steps Gym commences

Junior Unit Discovery Centre excursion

Middle Unit Gym commences – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

First Steps Gym continues

Middle Unit Gym continues – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

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Middle Unit Gym continues – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

First Steps Gym concludes

Middle Unit Gym concludes – NO LUNCH ORDERS, apologies

LAST DAY OF TERM 3 – Out of Uniform day – see inside for more information

## School Organisation

Hello Big Hill Community,

Week 4 has been a delight in terms of weather. With the sun out, the girls and boys have really enjoyed the great outdoors... basking in the sunlight! Classroom programs continue to run smoothly this week too, with few disruptions occurring across all classes.

### STAFFING

It was great to welcome Kate Dole back onsite Tuesday, with a return to her class welcomed!

Ainsley is currently finishing her final week of placement at Camp Hill PS too – and we look forward to seeing her return on Monday. Roberta and Cameron have done a great job ensuring the class were settled and learning effectively during Ainsley's time away.

We welcomed Michelle Collins, student teacher, into Jayden's First Steps class this week. Michelle will work with them for the next three weeks, taking over teaching duties as part of her teacher training. Welcome Michelle!

Pam Farnell was away this week – enjoying some Long Service Leave and was replaced by Amy Grimes. We welcome Pam back onsite next week.

Finally, Caleb Barras has commenced his final teaching rounds at White Hills PS and will be back in 4 weeks – during his absence our Education Support Staff will cover Caleb's duties.

### CURRICULUM DAY NEXT WEEK

Don't forget that next Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August is our Term 3 Curriculum Day. This is a pupil free day, so no school for our students. Alternative care arrangements will need to be made and if you are stuck, contact THEIR CARE who are running the OSHC service on the day for those in need.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL TUESDAY NIGHT

Our August meeting of school council is next Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August. The meeting was moved a week earlier at our last meeting – so hoping to see all members onsite for a 7:00pm start. The Principals Report was sent out yesterday via email, with other documentation coming soon. If you need to join via Webex, I've shared details to do so in my email.

### KINDER / FOUNDATION ENROLMENT FOR 2025

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. Tours can be arranged also!

## PARENT / CARER OPINION SURVEY

Last week each family was sent a link to our PARENT / CARER OPINION SURVEY via COMPASS. Please locate this update and follow the links and use your code to enter and complete the survey. This survey gathers your opinions on how we are doing as a school, and we use the data collected each year to celebrate successes and improve. If you could take 20 minutes out of your busy schedule to complete the survey, we would really appreciate it. Remember one person from each household does the survey. You have a few weeks ahead of you to complete this too before it closes. If you can't access COMPASS, please contact me to discuss getting the link sent to you via email so you can complete. Phone the school or email [Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au). So far, we have had 10 families complete the survey – thank you if you took the time to do this 😊.

## MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

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

Here are Lucy and Heath enjoying their apple and banana 😊



## BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Abigail H & Levi K.

As we approach another Friday and the weekend... make the most of the great outdoors if you can. It's going to be quite sunny and warm on Saturday and Sunday, so soak up the sunshine and get some fresh air. It's a good way to shake off the winter blues!

Until next week...

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## FIRST STEPS NEWS

### STARS OF THE WEEK

*For being a responsible independent learner in the classroom:*

**FSN** Lucy M  
**FSJ** Maverick H

*Nicole, Nick & Jayden*

## JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For working hard in Mathematics:*

**JA/R** Oscar A  
**JW/A** Bonnie E

*Ainsley, Roberta, Wendy & Amanda*

## MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For displaying the School Value of 'Responsibility' by completing Times Table Rockstar challenges at home:*

**MD** Mason P  
**MC** Braxton B  
**MP** Rami A

*Dean, Catherine & Pauline*

## SENIOR UNIT NEWS

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For demonstrating a responsible attitude in the classroom:*

**SB** Liam W  
**SK** Henry P  
**SM** Remi R

*Brett, Kate & Michelle*

## OUT OF UNIFORM DAY NEWS

### ABBEY SOLO FOUNDATION

What is the Abbey Solo Foundation?

Established in 2016, a grass roots non-profit organisation that is dedicated to easing the journey of families at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) in Melbourne as they face the challenges of childhood cancer.

We were lucky enough to have Gerard Broadfoot, the president of the Abbey Solo Foundation, visit us to share with our Senior Unit students the amazing work they do and award a very special certificate. Jarrod M has been invited to be a member of the Youth Committee.



An amazing achievement Jarrod, you should be extremely proud of the great work you are doing, well done!

<https://www.abbeysofoundaion.org/>

We believe this is a great organisation so we will have an OUT OF UNIFORM gold coin donation on the last day of this term for the ABBEY SOLO FOUNDATION. Children can come out of uniform but please wear

**BRIGHT** socks!

# ASKA KARATE

# **OPENING**

## BENDIGO DOJO

**ENROL NOW AND  
RECEIVE YOUR  
FREE UNIFORM!**



**FREE FIRST LESSON**  
**ALL AGES WELCOME**

**9-11AM**

**SATURDAYS**

**BIG HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**5644 CALDER HIGHWAY, BIG HILL, 3555**

**SENSEI ALEX CARRASCO**

**BLACK BELT 4TH DAN**

**0403 727 129**



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