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THURSDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER 2024

CALENDAR

Wednesday, 13th November

Friday, 15th November

TUESDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER

Monday, 25th November

TUESDAY, 26TH NOVEMBER

Monday, 2nd December

TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER

TUESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER

Thursday, 12th December

Monday, 16th December

Tuesday, 17th December

FRIDAY, 20TH DECEMBER LAST DAY FOR 2024

Year 5/6 Camp departs

Year 5/6 Camp returns

FIRST 2025 FOUNDATION TRANSITION VISIT 10:00AM – 11:00AM

CURRICULUM DAY – STUDENT FREE DAY

2025 FOUNDATION FAMILY ACTIVITIES NIGHT 5:00PM – 6:00PM

Year 1 Stay and Play (more details to follow – FREE)

SECOND 2025 FOUNDATION TRANSITION VISIT 10:30AM – 12:15PM

LAST 2025 FOUNDATION TRANSITION VISIT 10:30AM – 12:15PM

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY–All Year Levels & 2025 classes announced

Year 2 Sleepover (more details to follow, approx. cost \$30)

Junior Unit Break Up – Bendigo Cinemas (approx. cost \$20)

END OF YEAR PICNIC (more details to follow)

School Organisation

Dear Families,

We have reached over the halfway mark of Term 4 and what a massive few weeks we have had and still have in front of us!

CURRICULUM DAY

Monday was spent by our staff unpacking the new Mathematics Victorian Curriculum that will be implemented across Victorian schools in 2025. Staff are well prepared to be able to continue to deliver quality Mathematics programs across the school.

MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY

Our long running tradition of holding Fashions on the Field, Picnic Races and Long-Distance Races continued this year with some amazing hats and personal bests achieved. Thank you to our staff for supporting the day, to our students for participating in the events and to our community for attending! Also, a special mention to our wonderful P&F group for running a very yummy BBQ during the day!

YEAR 6 TO 7 TRANSITION

Transition for 2025 has started this week with 33 Year 6 students attending the Big Day Out at Crusoe Secondary College yesterday. I have also attended a transition with a smaller group today to engage with key staff to help make the start to Secondary school smooth for all. The statewide transition day will be on Tuesday, 10th December and this will mean families will need to support students to attend the day at Crusoe.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Next week our Senior Unit staff and students will enjoy Halls Gap during their 3-day camp commencing on Wednesday. This is a great camp experience with a variety of engaging activities, which allows for our Senior students to spend time together before transitioning into Year 6 or 7 next year!

CRUSOE BAND VISIT

Nick was able to facilitate a visit from the amazing Crusoe Band this week, it was a lovely addition to our second break, and it was great to see students from the secondary setting performing for our kids!

BIKE SHED

It has come to the school's attention that a scooter was accidentally left behind in the bike shed a couple of weeks ago, and it was damaged. This is disappointing news not only for the family involved but also for Big Hill PS community as a whole as this does not align with our values of RESPECT or RESPONSIBILITY. I wanted to remind all families that the Bike Shed is unlocked before the end of the day so students can retrieve their bike or scooter and is not locked until the following school day. Unfortunately, we cannot control who comes on site after hours but if anyone does have information about this incident, we would appreciate you getting in touch.

LEAVING STUDENTS

If there are any students who are leaving Big Hill PS at the end of this year, please advise the Office as soon as possible to assist in class planning. Thank you.

2025 ENROLMENTS

If there are any current families who know of outside families who wish to enrol here at Big Hill PS, please remind them to enrol before 12th November or they will miss out on the \$400 School Saving Bonus. Thank you.

2025 PARENT PAYMENT POLICIES

These will be sent out tomorrow via Compass. No payment will be required until next year. Class placements along with what unit your child/ren will be in will be announced on the 10th of December during the Statewide Transition Day. Booklists will also be issued on this day.

The School Saving Bonus can be used towards the Extra-Curricular Items and Activities listed in the Parent Payments, such as camps and excursions. Unfortunately, it cannot be used towards Curriculum Contributions or the Educational Items (booklist). More information will be sent out about access to your portal and how to use the portal in the coming weeks.

THANK YOU

With Matt returning next week on Monday, I wanted to say thank you to our school community for your support over the last 5 weeks. It has been lovely to work with staff, students and families in this role!

MCKERNS FRESH FRUIT

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

Here are Everly and Harry enjoying their pear and banana 😊



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Ezra B, Sophia C, Scarlett N, Lewis T, Mia M, Jaime G, Mav H, Addi H, Ava C, Lily C, Sienna B, Callum V, Charlotte A, Willow W, Heath G, Wade G, Kelson G & Brax B.

Finally, this week we unfortunately finalised our 2024 tutoring program with the amazing Giovanna, she has worked with a range of students across Years 3-6 to support student learning. We will still see Giovanna most Tuesdays until the end of term. Thank you Jo 😊

Ainsley Stanley, Acting Principal

FIRST STEPS NEWS

STARS OF THE WEEK

For displaying the School Value of "Respect" and a positive attitude during our Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day:

FSN Everly F
FSJ Eh Say O

Nicole, Nick & Jayden

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For great participation in the Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day:

JA/R Mia M
JW/A Marlee M

Roberta, Wendy & Amanda

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing the School Value of 'Respect' during our Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day:

MD Sonny H
MC Jackson B
MP Rami A

Dean, Catherine & Pauline

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For being a positive role model:

SB Xavier D
SK Ava H
SM Harper O

Kate, Tracy & Michelle

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

MELBOURNE CUP BBQ

Thank you to everyone who pre-ordered and bought on the day, it was a great success 😊.

Thanks again for your ongoing support

Parents and Friends

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Due to a lot of our current volunteer families moving on in 2025, we are seeking new volunteers 😊.

You don't need any experience, or have any qualifications, just a valid WWCC and one or two Fridays free from 9am – 10am or 1pm – 2pm per term. Please consider helping next year, thank you.

If you can help and keep our Canteen running, please contact Tammy or leave your details at the Office. Thanks!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bendigo Telco's colouring competition has been drawn, and the winner is BONNIE S!!

She received a family pass to Discovery Centre, well done Bonnie 😊

Here is her winning entry

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAYS
Bendigo Telco



name: **Bonnie MD**
Big Hill PS

age: 10

Get creative for the Premier's Christmas Card Competition

Get your pencils, felt-tip pens and paint brushes ready. The Hon Jacinta Allan MP, Premier of Victoria, is looking for Christmas – inspired artwork to include in the Christmas card she will send to Victorians this year.

Children aged 12 and under can submit a drawing or painting that shows their Christmas experience. There is no criteria, so please get as creative as you like.

Entries are open until Friday 15 November

To submit an entry, send your artwork by:
email: jacinta.allan@parliament.vic.gov.au

OR

post: Office of the Premier, 1 Treasury Place, East Melbourne, Victoria, 3002.

Please also include your name, suburb & contact details.

Good luck!



Want to play junior footy at Golden Square?

You're invited

If you're considering joining a new club, we welcome you to Golden Square. Your feedback will help us to plan for anticipated player and team numbers in 2025.

Register your interest in joining our club now!

We will provide you with more information in December about the likely number of teams, the registration process and payment plans, as well as our approach to player selection.

About us

We are an inclusive family club, committed to an ethos of respect, player development and ensuring our kids have fun!

Our strong linkage with the senior club enables pathways from junior sport through to senior ranks, in a nurturing environment that feels like one big family.

Our home ground is centrally located at Wade Street, Golden Square and we wear the blue and the gold with pride.

Register your interest



SCAN CODE or access webform via <https://tinyurl.com/GSFNCJ>

2025 Age Groups (date of birth requirements)

Under 9
born 2016, 2017 or prior to 30 Apr 2018

Under 10
born 2015 or 2016

Under 12
born 2013, 2014 or 2015

Under 14 boys
born 2011, 2012 or 2013

Under 15 Girls
born 2010, 2011 or 2012

Under 16 boys
born 2009, 2010, 2011

Please email enquiries to: gsfn juniors@yahoo.com.au
www.gsfn juniors.com.au
GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB - JUNIORS

Beware the Fishy Friend: Spotting the Catfish Before You're Hooked

In the wild outback of social media, where everyone's chatting like it's a classic Aussie barbie, not every friend request is coming from a true-blue mate. Some of them are from a "catfish", a sly online imposter who's as fake as a kangaroo in a tutu. For preteens who are still learning the ropes of the digital world, catfishing can be more than just a bit of a laugh, it's a form of cyberbullying that can cause more confusion than trying to find your way out of the bush without a map.

Catfishing is social media's version of a 'doggy' bait-and-switch. Imagine you're out in the backyard, tossing a stick for your pup to fetch, and then, bam! The stick turns out to be a dead snake. Catfish do the same thing: they pretend to be someone they're not, all to fool or manipulate others.

It starts with a fake profile, photos, names, and even stories designed to make you think you're chatting to a friend.

But once you're hooked, it can lead to all sorts of confusion and hurt, leaving preteens feeling like they've been chewed up and spat out, just like a good ol' Aussie meat pie gone wrong.

How to Spot a Catfish Among Your Mates:

1. **Too Good to Be True:** If their profile looks like a never-ending holiday in the Whitsundays, with every post flashing their perfect life, it's about as believable as a bushfire during winter. Real life has its ups and downs, and if something seems too perfect, it's probably a setup.
2. **Fast and Furious Friends:** True friendships take time, like a slow-cooked roast on a Sunday arvo. But a catfish will try to reel you in quicker than a dog on a rabbit's tail, acting like they've been your best mate for years.
3. **The Houdini Act:** If they constantly dodge a video chat, even though you've given them every chance, it's like they've disappeared faster than a dingo after a snack. Real people are happy to chat face-to-face (even digitally), but a catfish is a master at vanishing into thin air.

How to Stay Safe from a Sneaky Catfish

Just like you'd slap on sunscreen before heading to the beach, it's important for preteens to stay protected online. Here are a few classic Aussie tips to keep them out of harm's way:

- **Trust Your Gut:** If something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. Tell your preteen to listen to their instincts. If a new "mate" seems dodgy, it's smart to be cautious. It's like checking if the barbie's turned off, if you're not sure, don't risk it.
- **Keep Personal Info Tight:** Just like you wouldn't leave your keys in the ignition at the shops, remind your preteen to be selective about what personal info they share online. Make sure privacy settings are in place, and encourage them to ask themselves, "Do I really know this person?"
- **Choose Your Mates Wisely:** Making friends online is great, but they should be just as careful as picking a seat at a crowded footy game. If someone feels off, don't add them to the list. It's better to have a small, solid group of mates than a bunch of strangers who might not have the best intentions.

At the end of the day, staying safe online is as crucial as watching out for crocodiles in the river.

With a bit of Aussie smarts, your preteen can surf the digital world and dodge the dodgy characters.

Remember, if something smells fishy or feels off, toss it back, you're better off without it!

Safe travels on the internet highway, where your data's the passenger, and you're the navigator!

Kate Dole

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children WEEKLY**



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