



# Calder Chronicle

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**THURSDAY, 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

## CALENDAR

**Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November

Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> November

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November**

**Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Day for Daniel—walk/ride/scoot to school, wear red, gold coin donation**  
Whole School Swimming concludes (NO LUNCH ORDER FIRST STEPS)

**CURRICULUM DAY – WELLBEING APPROACHES**

MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY – ALL WELCOME (see back page)

Division Cricket – selected Year 5/6 students

Year 2 Sleepover

2026 Year 6 Grad tops ordering closes (online only)

School Council

**CURRICULUM DAY – REPORT WRITING**

**Year 6 Graduation – order lunch on Compass**

**Statewide Transition Day**

**LAST DAY FOR 2025**

## School Organisation

Dear Parents, Carers and Greater Community,

Week 4 has been very busy particularly due to swimming happening across the school. In addition to this, having yesterday off for the Bendigo Cup Public Holiday made the week much shorter. As we soldier forward, we head towards Week 5 and will soon reach the halfway mark of the term. It's certainly worthwhile in reminding your child/ren that there isn't much of the year to go and to enjoy every minute... as the long break isn't far away!

### **DAY FOR DANIEL TOMORROW – WEAR RED**

Tomorrow, Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, is DAY FOR DANIEL. To recognise this important day, we will deliver AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST CHILD SAFETY LESSON and participate in active travel to school. Your child can meet staff at Phillis Street at 8:30am and walk, ride or scoot to school. If at OSHC, students can walk laps of the tiger turf. We encourage all children to wear red and donate a gold coin to the DANIEL MORCOMBE FOUNDATION. School Leaders will collect gold coins from classrooms in the morning. Please note that out of uniform is wearing red coloured clothing and NOT Halloween themed clothes.

### **SWIMMING FINAL DAY TOMORROW!**

Our final day of swimming is tomorrow, with all classes having their last lesson at Gurri Wanyarra. Behaviour at the pool has been excellent and I thank our staff for their excellent work ensuring expected behaviours are in place at the pool and to/from. A big thank you to the staff involved for their organisation, particularly Pauline Mulcair who carried a large portion of the load. If your child enjoyed swimming, why not look into formal lessons over the summer? If they missed out on the program... perhaps explore as a family how you might improve your child/ren's water safety knowledge and swimming skills by also looking into lessons and making a habit of visiting Gurri Wanyarra? It's the perfect time to do this before summer.

### **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY TOMORROW**

Tomorrow, Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, is World Teachers' Day... a chance to stop and recognise the contributions of our teachers. We are blessed with the best at Big Hill PS, so tomorrow we will be recognising our teaching staff with a morning tea to celebrate. If you would like to acknowledge a particular teacher or teachers tomorrow, feel free. A lovely message, handmade card etc, always are well-received 😊.

### **DIVISION CRICKET (repeat from last week)**

We have had a change of date for division cricket, now set to occur on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November. A team of Year 5/6 boys and Year 5/6 girls will head off to represent our school at the Division Cricket tournament based at Catherine McAuley College in Junortoun. Brett Strange and Roberta Mathers will be in attendance to supervise and coach the teams... and a great day is set to unfold. If your child has been lucky enough to be selected to participate, please attend to consent / payment on Compass.

### **CURRICULUM DAY – NEXT MONDAY**

Next Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November is a Curriculum Day. Our staff will be working on student wellbeing and our SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORTS (SWPBS). There is no school for students, so please arrange alternative care next Monday.

## **MELBOURNE CUP FAMILY FUN DAY!**

Next Tuesday is a school day for us in Bendigo, having taken yesterday as the Bendigo Cup Holiday (in line with our shire). Due to this we will have school for all our students. To make the day fun, we always have a PICNIC RACES DAY onsite. This includes hats and fashion competitions in the morning, competitive long-distance races mid-morning (before it gets hot) and shorter picnic style races like egg & spoon, sack races, three-legged races etc, focused around fun and inclusion – everyone can have a go!

New this year is an art show in the Multipurpose Room, showcasing The Arts as an area of excellence. Families can visit during our two breaks throughout the day. Our P&F are running a BBQ if you choose to not bring your own picnic, the school is providing a light morning tea for parents (no children) in our Library, and a coffee van will be onsite for members of the community to buy their preferred beverage too!

We encourage families to come along, bring a chair and be SunSmart with a hat and sunscreen. You are welcome to take children home early on the day also, please just ensure you sign them out at the Office and advise your child's teacher. Information about categories for hats and fashions is included in our flyer attached also – and feel free to talk to your child's teacher if you need more information. If your child is not attending, please ensure you have advised the school with a call or absence note on Compass.

## **CLASS STRUCTURES AND TEACHERS (repeat from last week)**

Next year we anticipate having the following staffing in place:

### **FOUNDATION**

Foundation – Nicole Peach (Monday – Thursday) and Nick Reid (Friday)

Foundation – Catherine Kelley

### **JUNIOR UNIT**

Year 1/2 – Jen Nicholls

Year 1/2 – Ainsley Stanley (Monday – Thursday) and Roberta Mathers (Friday)

### **MIDDLE UNIT**

Year 2/3 – Wendy Hicks (Monday – Thursday) and Amanda Bateman (Friday)

Year 3/4 – Pauline Mulcair

Year 3/4 – Emma Tuckwell (Monday – Wednesday) and Dean White (Thursday / Friday)

### **SENIOR UNIT**

Year 4/5 – Kate Dole

Year 5/6 – Jayden Sheean

Year 5/6 – Brett Strange

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Happy Birthday to Everly F, Ezra B, Sophia C, Lewis T, Mia M, Felix M.

As we move to Week 5, we have a shorter week with a Curriculum Day Monday and a day of fun on Tuesday with the Melbourne Cup Family Fun Day... making Wednesday to Friday down to business. With exciting times upon us please do your best to keep your child rested and at school each day as the remainder of the year flies by!

Until next week,

*Matt Pearce, Principal*

## **FIRST STEPS NEWS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For displaying our School Values when participating in our Swimming Program:*

**FSN** Izzy P  
**FSJ** Chloe V

*Nicole, Nick & Jen*

## **JUNIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For actively taking part in our swimming program, showing respect, responsibility, and safety:*

**JJ** Atlas D  
**JC** Poppet B  
*Jayden & Catherine*

## **MIDDLE UNIT NEWS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For displaying all the School Values during our Swimming Program:*

**MED** Jade L  
**MP** Hudson W  
**MWA** Celeste N

*Emma, Dean, Pauline, Wendy & Amanda*

## **SENIOR UNIT NEWS**

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

*For positive participation in the Swimming Program:*

**SA/R** Amber L  
**SB** Ethan M  
**SK** Mannix A

## GRADUATION LUNCH – YEAR 6 STUDENTS ONLY

- 6 nuggets, chips with tomato sauce OR gravy with prima \$13
- Burger with tomato, cheese, lettuce, mayo and chips with prima \$15
- Chips with tomato sauce OR gravy with prima \$10

Order on Compass by Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. If you try to order and it says it is closed, please choose the next date.

**Ainsley, Roberta, Brett & Kate**

## 2026 YEAR 6 GRAD SHIRTS

Dear Families,

It's that time of year when we begin organising for the year ahead.

Our current Year 5 students now have the opportunity to purchase their **Year 6 graduation shirts** for 2026.

As part of the process, students have voted on their preferred design, and we are excited to share that the shirts can now be **ordered and paid for online** through P&C Uniforms **ordering portal**.

All details, including sizing and ordering instructions, are provided in the **flyer attached**.

We strongly encourage families to consider purchasing **more than one shirt** where possible.

Prices may vary for any reorders placed next year, and having an extra shirt makes washing and daily wear much easier, especially as most students like to wear their graduation shirt every day.

Please note:

- **Orders close on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November,**
- **Sample sizes** are available to try on **before and after school**, please pop in and see **Kate** in the **Senior Office**,
- We recommend purchasing **at least one shirt in the next size up** to allow for growth,
- A **minimum order quantity** must be met for any future reorders, so getting your order in now is important.

Thank you for your support in helping our students celebrate their final year of primary school in style!

Regards

*The Senior Team*

## 2026 CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be losing quite a few volunteers from our departing Year 6 families, so we are in need of new volunteers.

No cooking experience required and it is only **ONE HOUR**, once or twice a term on a Friday (either 9:00am-10:00am or 12:45-1:45pm).

Please leave your details at the Office if you would be interested. Thank you 😊

*Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager*

## INCIDENT REPORT NOTES (REPEAT)

We are now sending digital notifications for head injuries, asthma puffer administration, nose bleeds and bee stings to reduce paper usage.

So, instead of your child bringing home a note, a text message will be sent from Compass to advise you about any of the above.

As always, if it is a serious injury, we will call you straight away.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask, we're always here to help.

**Office & ES staff**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Join our team at Golden Square Pool

Want to do something fun this summer and be part of a great community?

We're looking for people to join the team and volunteer in the Kiosk this summer. You need to be school age and be joined by an adult in your family such as Mum or Dad, Grandparents, Aunty or Uncle or family friend.



**What to expect:**

- 2 hours per week during summer
- Free swim after your shift
- Be part of your community
- Learn new skills and meet new people

**Volunteer sign up day:**  
**Saturday 1 November**  
**At the pool 11am - 2pm**

**Golden Square Pool**

More information at  
[www.goldensquarepool.com.au](http://www.goldensquarepool.com.au)  
[volunteer@goldensquarepool.com.au](mailto:volunteer@goldensquarepool.com.au)



**FAIR**

**Saturday 1 Nov**  
**8am-1pm**

**Trash and Treasure**

**Baked Goods**

**Spinning Wheel**

**Craft**

**Raffle**

**Cash Only venue**

**Morning Tea**

**BBQ**

**Plants**

**Books**

**St Mary's Anglican Church**  
48-54 Church Street, Kangaroo Flat



# Day for Daniel

Join Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day.

Friday 31 October, 2025

WEAR RED educate DONATE



## It's all about keeping kids safe!

Register your school or early learning centre, or workplace today!

[DanielMorcombe.com.au](http://DanielMorcombe.com.au)

## IMPORTANT information on keeping kids safe

### RECOGNISE



"I feel yucky"

### REACT



"Run to find help"

### REPORT



"Tell someone"



Kids Helpline  
1800 55 1800  
Emergency  
000

### TALK

to the five grownups on your safety network until you get the **HELP** you need

Check out our FREE videos and resources at  
[DanielMorcombe.com.au](http://DanielMorcombe.com.au)

#DayForDaniel #KeepingKidsSafe #RecogniseReactReport





# SENIOR POLO ORDERING PORTAL NOW OPEN!

The cut-off date to order your senior polo is **16 November 2025** so be sure to get your order in on time.



PORTAL CODE: 1170



Scan to Shop Now!

## SIZE CHART

Unisex Fit

| YOUTH SIZES: | 2    | 4    | 6    | 8    | 10   | 12   | 14   | 16   |      |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ½ CHEST (CM) | 36   | 38   | 40   | 42   | 44   | 46   | 49   | 52   |      |
| BODY LENGTH  | 46   | 48   | 50   | 52   | 57   | 60   | 63   | 71   |      |
| ADULT SIZES: | S    | M    | L    | XL   | 2XL  | 3XL  | 4XL  | 5XL  | 6XL  |
| ½ CHEST (CM) | 54   | 56   | 58   | 60   | 62   | 64   | 66   | 68   | 70   |
| BODY LENGTH  | 72.5 | 74.5 | 76.5 | 78.5 | 80.5 | 81.5 | 82.5 | 83.5 | 84.5 |

\*Garment Measurements

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

# Big Hill Primary School

## Mellourne Cup

### Family Fun Day

Tuesday, 4th November

All families are invited to come and join in the day of fun and festivities!



The morning program will begin at 9:10am and will include **Fashions on the Asphalt** and the **Hat Parades**. Parents are invited to **Morning Tea** which will be held in the Library at 10:30am.

After first break, at 11:00am, the **Long Distance Races** will be held for each year level.

These are optional competitive races.



From 11:45am there will be **Picnic Races** for all ages (including toddlers and parents).

These races are for fun, participation and inclusion.

For lunch Parents and Friends will be running a fundraising **BBQ** (pre-order on Compass now open) or feel free to bring a rug and a picnic basket.



New this year is a wonderful art show, open in the Multipurpose at both breaks, showcasing excellence in another avenue - The Arts.



**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE RACES FORMAT FROM PREVIOUS YEARS**

**THIS IS TO BEAT THE HEAT BY HAVING THE LONG DISTANCE RACES BEFORE LUNCH INSTEAD OF AFTER LUNCH**