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THURSDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER 2026

CALENDAR

Friday, 4th September

Monday, 7th September

Wednesday, 9th September

Thursday, 10th September

Monday, 14th September

Wednesday, 16th September

Thursday, 17th September

FRIDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER

Year 3/4 Camp returns to Bendigo Train Station at 4:00pm

Senior Unit Gym concludes

Something Special Whole School Incursion-please consent/pay on Compass

Junior Unit Gym concludes

Division Basketball – selected Year 5/6 students only (transport by parents please)

Foundation Gym continues

R U OK? Day

Division Athletics – selected students only (transport & supervision by parents please)

RACV Safety Squad Incursion - Foundation & Junior Unit

LAST DAY TO ORDER PIZZA – BY 9:00AM

Foundation Gym concludes

**Pizza Day – no normal food items available but ICED TREATS WILL BE
LAST DAY FOR TERM 3 – EARLY DISMISSAL 2:30PM**

Monday, 4th October

Friday, 9th October

Wednesday, 28th October

Monday, 2nd November

Monday, 23rd November

First Day for Term 4 – no hat, no play back in effect

2027 Class Placement requests in writing due to Matt

Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

Pupil Free Day – Report Writing

School Organisation

Dear Parents, Carers and Greater Community, welcome to the rundown on all that is Week 8 of Term 2!

STAFFING

We've had much more settled staffing this week, with much of our team well and onsite working hard. Fingers crossed this continues until the end of term.

GYM PROGRAMS CONTINUE

Our Junior Unit continued their gym this week on Monday and will return next week on Monday at the same time. Our Senior Unit have had a double visit this week with one on Wednesday and another tomorrow (moved due to the clash with Division Basketball). Foundation also enjoyed a visit to their gym program today and will continue next Thursday also. From all reports the students are really enjoying their sessions, and their behaviour has been excellent.

YEAR 3/4 CAMP – PIONEER SETTLEMENT, SWAN HILL

Most of our Year 3/4 students departed this morning on a train to Swan Hill to begin their camp at the Pioneer Settlement. A ride of the PS Pyap Paddle Steamer will be enjoyed as well as ample time to explore the historic attraction seeing old trains, an active blacksmith at work, rides in an old car and horse-drawn carriage, exploring a drop-slab homestead, viewing the night sound and light show and much more. Keep an eye on COMPASS for photos of the trip to get a sense of the fun! We return tomorrow at 4:00pm, so families are reminded to please be at the Bendigo Train Station just before this time and be ready to take your tired loved one/s home for a good rest. If your child did not attend, please still send them to school as learning is planned for the two days and should not be missed. A big thank you to Dean, Pauline, Emma, Wendy & Jenny for their collective organisation as well as parent helpers Cassie and Melissa who gave up their time to volunteer.

R U OK? DAY

Next Thursday, 10th September is R U OK? Day across the country. At Big Hill PS we will recognise the day and remind students of checking in with their friends and loved ones, whilst also monitoring one's own mental health and to talk to someone if needed. As a staff we will also be reminded of the importance of checking in with others and also being aware of how we are travelling – as mental health affects everyone... and we want to ensure our community know they are not alone and can reach out if support is required.

DIVISION BASKETBALL

Next Wednesday, 9th September Brett and Dean will take two teams of Year 5/6's to represent Big Hill PS at the Division Basketball tournament. This will be held at Red Energy Arena and will see our students competing against many local schools in a fun but competitive day of basketball games. Good luck to those chosen and a big thank you to Brett for his organisation. If your child is attending, please attend to payment and consent on COMPASS and note the drop off and pick up requirements for the day.

PARENT CARER OPINION SURVEY

Each family has the opportunity to participate in the Parent Opinion Survey. Details of the survey, how to access and the pin have been shared with the community on Compass as a post. Please try and take 15 minutes of your time to complete this survey and ensure each family only does it once. At this stage **ONLY 10 families** have undertaken the survey. Thank you! We'd love to get more voices also and it's not too late. If you could, please attend to this in the coming days.

THEIRCARE ONSITE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Users of our OUT OF SCHOOLS HOURS CARE (OSHC) program provided through TheirCare should have received communications around them reoffering a two-week school holiday program, onsite at Big Hill Primary School. This is a new offering after families received an earlier communication that a service isn't running – I can confirm that it is if people book in! Our sub-committee have fought hard to have this offered to our community, so if you want holiday programs to continue in other school holidays, please book in ASAP. We need numbers booked for it to run, so please support the service if it is helpful to you and your family. Information about the program is included in today's newsletter.

FATHERS DAY STALL AND RAFFLE

Our Father's Day stall was a great success with many of our mothers working hard on Monday and Tuesday setting up... and then selling items to students all day on Wednesday. It was lovely to see many of our students purchasing gifts for their dad, uncle, grandfather or special friend – they were so excited! We are so lucky to have such an amazing PARENTS AND FRIENDS (P&F) group – and I thank them profusely for their voluntary time that is so valued by our students, staff and community. If you would like to be part of the gang and help out at future events, please give our Office a call and we can connect you to the team. Our Father's Day Raffle was also a huge success and was drawn yesterday with one lucky family winning the Medallion Club Seat tickets (x4) for an AFL game of choice next year at the Marvel Stadium. Winners were announced over the PA at the end of the day, yesterday, and are included in the newsletter today also.

CHANGES TO WHAT BIG HILL DOES ON AN EXTREME FIRE DANGER DAY THIS SEASON

The Department of Education works with the CSIRO to assess bushfire risk for schools and early childhood services every year. The assessment uses current data from national and state bushfire authorities. All facilities are assessed on a scale of 0 (highest risk) to 6 (lowest risk). Categories 0-3 are placed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register. As a result of this year's review, our school's bushfire risk category has increased. Our school is now assessed as Category 2. This change is based on the latest risk information and updated data. This means our school will develop a relocation plan for days when the fire danger rating in our local government area is Extreme. We are currently developing our pre-emptive action plan with the support of the Department of Education. On Extreme Days we plan to relocate to Kangaroo Flat Primary School. The safety of students and staff remains our priority, and the school will continue to be supported in its [bushfire preparedness](#). We also encourage families to develop and follow their own [bushfire survival plans](#). To help families distinguish what school looks like for Big Hill PS on different fire danger days, we will be using this graphic below to help communicate clearly:



MODERATE: Big Hill Primary School will **OPERATE** as usual

HIGH: Big Hill Primary School will **OPERATE** and Monitor Conditions

EXTREME: Big Hill Primary School to **RELOCATE** to Kangaroo Flat Primary School

CATASTROPHIC: Big Hill Primary School will **CLOSE**

We shared an event last week on COMPASS encouraging all families to indicate if they would usually send their child to the relocated school OR keep them at home or with carers on an Extreme Day. Thank you to those families who attended to this event. On such a day instead of dropping your children off at Big Hill PS, you would drop them off at Kangaroo Flat Primary School where they would be met at the gate by Big Hill PS Staff. Classes would then run with Big Hill PS students only. We would also have separate play times to Kangaroo Flat PS students - in essence we run a Big Hill PS day with students and staff onsite at Kangaroo Flat PS, but have separate work areas and play times, including different drop off and pick up times. We are not allowed to have anyone, including staff, onsite at Big Hill PS on an Extreme Day. The event was just a guide only and of course we expect families will either send or keep home depending on work schedules and what else is happening for the family on such days. More information will be shared in the coming weeks in preparation for the fire season, including what will happen to our Ravenswood Bus Service etc. Also understand this decision is made by the Department of Education under guidance from Emergency Management and in the best interests of keeping students, staff and community safe. Keep an eye out for more information soon.

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

Next Thursday and Friday (10th and 11th of September) Ainsley, our Disability Inclusion Lead, will meet with families and class teachers to run important SSG meetings for Term 3. If you have booked in for a meeting, please make sure you keep the appointment as the two days are fully booked and times are scheduled to run on time. If you can't make it, please ring beforehand to advise.

CLASS PLACEMENT FOR 2027 – PARENT / CARER REQUESTS ARE OPEN

Next year might be a little way off, but planning for our classes and structures is underway. Each year we give families the chance to inform / persuade us by seeking your opinions about where your child is best placed. At this stage we anticipate a similar structure to this year with a FIRST STEPS / FOUNDATION, JUNIOR, MIDDLE and SENIOR UNITS, however we cannot predict where teachers will be in 2027 yet. If you are emailing me to put in a request, please read through the attached CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY before doing so, to ensure your request is in line with the policy. Some of the usual requests might be children to be placed with or placed away from children, changing teacher because your child has worked with that teacher already, academic stretch (eg: a 3/4 over a 2/3 or a 5/6 over a 4/5), remaining with a teacher because it's been very beneficial, requesting your child's first male / female teacher etc. It's not a I DON'T WANT opportunity. Past requests are null and void, so if there is a historical reason we need to consider, please email me. If you have spoken to a teacher about your request, still email me. If it's not in writing to me, it won't be considered – so please email Matthew.Pearce@education.vic.gov.au before the closing date to be considered. All class placement requests need to be received by the first Friday of Term 4 – Friday, 9th October. Not trying to be difficult 😊 just making sure your request is received and considered and for that to occur... please ensure you email me directly. Thanks for your support!

FREE HAMPERS OR INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

On the foyer table we have all the items pictured available for FREE to any family who would like them 😊. Stock is renewed every Thursday, so please come and help yourself – we all can use some help sometimes and we get the items for free, so please come and have a look! If you can't make it in, please let us know and we can send home items with your child if you prefer. This week we have MUESLI, SOUPS, VEGGIE RICE & DAHL, long-life full cream & lactose free milks, along with vegemite and honey, spaghetti, baked beans and more 😊



MCKERN FRESH FRUIT

We would like to thank the McKern Steel Foundation and sponsors for supplying the fruit, the students love receiving this delivery each week.

Here are Carter and Phoebe with their:



Balancing orange & pear

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to Raven, Ada, Kayden, Oliver B & Luken.

With two weeks of term left, it won't be long before we are awarding Term Awards and dismissing school for students to commence the holidays! Until then I hope you have a lovely Friday and an even better weekend!

Until next week...

Matt Pearce, Principal

FOUNDATION NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For enthusiastically participating in our Gymnastics Program:

FC *Raven O*
FN *Piper C*

Catherine, Nicole & Nick

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

*For using their **class time efficiently** and completing their work tasks to the best of their ability:*

JAR *Charlotte Q*
JJ *Mason M*

Ainsley, Roberta & Lauren

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing enthusiasm towards reading:

MED *Benji T*
MP *Cooper M*
MWA *Tithorpi P*

Emma, Dean, Pauline, Wendy & Amanda

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

For showing appreciation through a positive mindset and encouraging others:

SB *Patrick R*
SJ *Sonny H*
SK *Mason P*

Brett, Jayden & Kate

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

Staff have chosen the following students to receive this week's GEM award for:

Empathy

Foundation	Marcus K
Junior Unit	Willow S
Middle Unit	Mason EH
Senior Unit	Evelynne K
Specialist	Christopher W

BIG REWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following students who have received 15 Big Rewards, well done 😊 :

🏆 *Lucy M*

🏆 *Charlotte S*

SOCIAL MEDIA & CYBER SAFETY

Navigating the Digital World: Your GPS for the Online Adventure

Hang On... Are Those Glasses Recording Me?
Smart glasses have arrived and our kids need a whole new lesson about privacy.

Remember when you could tell someone was filming you? They'd pull out their phone, hold it up in front of them and point the camera in your general direction. Subtle as a bull in a China shop. Well... those days may be disappearing. Smart glasses containing cameras, microphones and even AI are becoming increasingly available in Australia and suddenly the person standing beside you looking like they're wearing an ordinary pair of sunnies may also be carrying a camera.

And that raises one rather uncomfortable question:
How do you know when you're being recorded?

That's the question Australian regulators, privacy experts, schools, councils and families are now having to grapple with. And frankly, technology has once again galloped several paddocks ahead while the rest of us are still trying to shut the gate.

They're not just expensive tech toys anymore. Until recently, smart glasses were something many families could probably file under: *"Fancy expensive gadget that somebody on YouTube owns."* Not anymore. Kmart recently released its own Anko camera glasses for \$89. And they sold out. Not eventually. They sold out across Australia within days of their release!

For less than the price of many kid's sneakers, people could buy glasses capable of taking photos, recording HD video and audio and transferring that content to a phone. That's an important turning point. Because we're no longer talking about technology accessible only to people prepared to spend several hundred dollars. We're talking about something that could quite realistically appear in the schoolyard, shopping centre, skate park, footy club or swimming pool. In fact, Brisbane City Council has already moved to ban covert filming using camera-enabled devices, including smart glasses, at its 21 public pools.

But we've always had cameras. What's different?

Fair question. Every parent standing at assembly with their phone held approximately three metres above their head trying to photograph their child receiving an award is carrying a camera. The difference is visibility. When somebody points a phone at you, there's a reasonable chance you'll realise you're being photographed or filmed. Smart glasses point wherever the wearer is looking. You might be having a perfectly ordinary conversation with someone without realising that conversation, and you, could be recorded. Some models have recording indicator lights. But you've got to notice them first. And that's precisely why privacy advocates are worried.

And this isn't just hypothetical

There have already been cases overseas of people using smart glasses to secretly film interactions with strangers and then posting the footage online. ABC's 7:30 recently reported the experience of an 18-year-old woman who discovered that she'd been filmed at a train station using camera glasses and that the video had subsequently been uploaded online. She had been 17 at the time she was recorded. That's where this becomes particularly important when we're talking about children. Imagine a child:

- * at the swimming pool,
- * in the change-room area,
- * having a meltdown,
- * making a mistake,
- * talking privately with a friend,
- * walking home from school,
- * or simply being silly with their mates.

Now imagine them discovering later that someone was recording them. And worse: that the footage has been uploaded! Suddenly, this isn't just a conversation about clever glasses. It's a conversation about consent.

Our kids need to understand BOTH sides

This is the part I'd really like parents to talk about. We need to teach our children what to do if they think someone else is recording them. But we also need to talk about what happens if they're the person wearing the glasses.

Because: Being able to record someone doesn't automatically mean you should.

That's a pretty important digital citizenship lesson.

Before recording, ask:

- *Do they know I'm recording?*
- *Have they agreed to it?*
- *Would I be comfortable if someone secretly recorded me doing this?*
- *Where will this recording end up?*
- *Who else might appear in the background?*

And the big one:

- *Would I still press record if everyone around me knew I was doing it?*

If the answer suddenly changes... that's probably your answer, then.

Then throw AI into the mix...

Because apparently ordinary privacy wasn't complicated enough. Some smart glasses also incorporate AI assistants. That opens an entirely different conversation about what these devices can potentially see, hear, process and interpret. And as the technology improves, the capabilities will improve with it. Today's smart glasses aren't necessarily what we'll be dealing with in two years. Which is why Australia's eSafety Commissioner is arguing that safety needs to be built into the technology, rather than simply expecting every person who buys it to behave appropriately. That's a sentiment I suspect most teachers and parents can get behind. Because *"Surely nobody would misuse that"* has never been a particularly successful child-safety strategy.

So do we panic and ban the glasses / sunnies?

No. There are legitimate and genuinely exciting uses for wearable technology, including accessibility benefits for people with disability. Smart glasses can potentially help people understand their surroundings and access information without needing to use a phone. The technology itself isn't automatically the villain.

How we design it, regulate it and use it matters.

And our kids are going to grow up in a world where cameras, microphones and AI become smaller, cheaper and increasingly difficult to see. That's why this conversation matters now.

The Parent Tip Box

Talk to your kids about smart glasses before they encounter them. Show kids what camera-enabled smart glasses can look like and explain that some glasses now have built-in cameras. This means a person wearing them may be able to take photos or record video without holding up a phone, making the recording less obvious.

At the same time, remind them not to jump to conclusions. Not everyone wearing glasses is wearing smart glasses. And, let's face it, some of us are just getting older and can't see quite as well as we used to! Most are simply prescription glasses, sunglasses or fashion glasses, so someone wearing glasses should never automatically be assumed to be recording.

Teach them that consent still matters online and offline. If they feel uncomfortable about being recorded, encourage them to move away and tell a trusted adult. And if they ever use wearable technology themselves, make your family expectation very clear: We don't secretly record other people. Not because we're frightened of technology. But because we respect people.

THE BOTTOM LINE

For years we've told kids: *Think before you post.*

Then it became: *Think before you photograph.*

Now perhaps we need to add: *Think before you record.*

The camera is no longer necessarily the rectangle in someone's hand. It might be their watch. Their glasses. Their wearable. And eventually something we haven't even thought of yet. Our job isn't to raise children who are frightened of technology. It's to raise children who understand that just because technology allows us to do something doesn't mean we have the right to do it.

So next time someone looks at you through a particularly fancy pair of specs, you might find yourself wondering: *Hang on... are those glasses recording me?* And unfortunately, that's no longer a silly question.

HANG ON... ARE THOSE GLASSES RECORDING ME?

THE NEW REALITY
Smart glasses with cameras are now cheap, easy to buy and disappearing fast.
AI/NO CAMERA GLASSES \$89
SOLD OUT!
They can take photos, record HD video and audio, make calls and even use AI.

WHAT ARE SMART GLASSES?
• Photos & videos
• Audio recording
• Calls & messages
• AI assistants
• Share to phone or the internet
Small on the outside. Powerful on the inside.

WHY THIS IS A BIG DEAL
• Harder to see when someone is recording
• People may not give consent
• Private moments can be captured
• Footage can be shared or posted online
• Can be used for bullying or harmful behaviour
It's not just a privacy issue. It's a child safety issue.

REAL RISKS FOR OUR KIDS
• At the pool or change rooms
• At school, on the way home or in the community
• Having a meltdown or private chat
• Embarrassing or mean moments
• Footage uploaded for likes or laughs
Once it's online, it's out of your hands.

IT'S NOT ALL BAD...
Smart glasses can have amazing benefits, especially for people with disability.
The technology isn't the villain. How we use it matters.
And safety needs to be built in - not left up to luck.

AI MAKES IT COMPLEX
Some smart glasses have AI. That means they can see, hear, process and even interpret what's happening around them.
Today's tech is just the beginning.

BEFORE YOU RECORD, ASK:
• Does the person know I'm recording?
• Have they agreed to it?
• Would I be OK if someone recorded me?
• Where will this go?
• Who else might be in the background?
• Would I still record if everyone knew I was?

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO
• Talk to your kids about smart glasses now.
• Show them what they look like - they might not recognise them.
• Remind them that consent still matters online and offline.
• Encourage them to walk away and tell a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable.
• Know the apps and settings on devices your child is using.
• Keep the conversation going - technology changes fast!
We don't secretly record other people. We respect people.

WHAT KIDS CAN DO
• Be aware of your surroundings.
• Look for recording lights, but remember they can be small or easy to miss.
• If something feels wrong, move away and tell a trusted adult.
• Think before you record. Treat others how you'd like to be treated.
Just because you can record something, doesn't mean you have the right to.

PARENT TIP BOX
• Set screen time boundaries and be involved.
• Keep bedrooms device-free at night.
• Encourage offline activities - sport, hobbies, fresh air and real life!
• Model respectful digital behaviour.
• Celebrate the good choices as much as you talk about the risks.

TOGETHER WE GUIDE, SUPPORT & EMPOWER OUR LEARNERS

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE!

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and donated prizes.

Congratulations to the following winners:

1st	Ron (Ruby)
2nd	Maisie
3rd	Frankie
4th	Callum (Ava C)
5th	Layla
6th	Jaz
7th	Mannix
8th	Lily
9th	Hunter G
10th	Evie O

We hope all the dads / grandads / uncles / special friends have a wonderful day on Sunday 😊

Thank you so much for your support,

Parents & Friends

CANTEEN NEWS

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME 😊

Helpers are wanted between 9:00am - 10:00am or 12:45pm - 1:45pm on Fridays only, once or twice per term.

If you would like to help, please leave your details at the Office and I will contact you.

A current Working With Children Check is all that is required and can be applied online for FREE.

We appreciate all offers of help as this enables the continuation of the canteen and assists with economical pricing on our extensive menu.

Thank you,

Tammy Fear, Canteen Manager

COMMUNITY NEWS

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

PLAY.AFL/HOLIDAYPROGRAMS

BENDIGO AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER | 9AM-3PM

BACKHAUS OVAL, BENDIGO

BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-12

\$55 PER PERSON - FOOTY TO KEEP!

QR CODE

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

Kate Dole

JOIN THE 2026 CHINESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE SHOWCASE



The Bendigo Chinese Language Teachers Network is excited to announce two upcoming events celebrating our students' engagement with Chinese language and culture.

More info & consent forms: <https://bsscchinese.notion.site/2026competition>

Online Challenges – Submissions due Fri 18 Sep

- Colouring Competition (PrepGr2)
- Chinese Vase Design (Gr 3-4)
- Hanzi Design (Gr 3-6)
- FanDesign (Gr 5-6)



More info & consent forms: <https://bsscchinese.notion.site/2026competition>

Speech & Singing Competition – Sat 24 Oct @ BSSC

- Categories: Speech & Singing (individual/group)
- Winners may be nominated for the state competition!
- Winning performances will be shared on our event webpage.



For more info & consent forms, scan the QR code.

Celebrate creativity, language learning, and culture – we can't wait to see our students shine!



Asthma Week 2026 - Newsletter Article

1-7 September is Asthma Week, and this year Asthma Australia is shining a spotlight on the connection between women's hormones and asthma.

Did you know hormones can affect asthma? For many women, symptoms can change during their menstrual cycle, pregnancy, perimenopause and menopause, yet this connection is often overlooked.

Around 1 in 5 Australian women live with asthma. Overall, women are twice as likely as men to be hospitalised for asthma, and many go years without recognising that their symptoms could be connected to hormonal changes.

Understanding this connection can help women recognise when their asthma isn't well controlled and seek the support they need. This Asthma Week, Asthma Australia is encouraging women to learn how hormones can influence asthma, monitor changes in their symptoms throughout different life stages, and speak with their healthcare professional if their asthma changes or worsens.

By increasing awareness of the unique challenges women face, we can help more women understand their asthma, access the care they deserve and breathe easier.

Learn more at asthmaweek.org.au.

Being SunSmart in Victoria



When UV is 3+

- Slip on covering clothing
- Slop on SPF50, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
- Slap on a broad-brimmed hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on sunglasses (AS:1067)

Think UV, not heat! UV rays can't be seen or felt and can damage your skin on cool or cloudy days.

When UV is below 3 Sun protection isn't required unless you are outdoors for extended periods or near reflective surfaces, such as snow.

Download the SunSmart Global UV app to find sun protection times for your location.



Scan the QR code or visit sunsmart.com.au/app to download.



NBL TAKES OVER BENDIGO

2-6 SEPT



10 TEAMS. 5 DAYS. 1 WINNER.

50% OFF
FAMILY TICKETS

The CODE Sports NBL Blitz takes over Bendigo from 2-6 September, bringing all 10 NBL clubs together for five days of elite basketball, live entertainment and family fun.

The McKern Steel community can score 50% off family tickets!

USE CODE: **MCKERN50**

NBLBLITZ.COM.AU

VICTORIA
EVERY BIT DIFFERENT



CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY FOR 2027

Purpose

To create the best possible learning environment, which is equitable, to all students and their families.

Guidelines

- 1. That the underlying principles are educational and in the best interests of all children,*
- 2. That involvement in the process is within the framework of specified criteria,*
- 3. That the final responsibility for class placement and / or pupil movement remains primarily with the Principal / delegate.*

Implementation

- The specified criteria for movement of a child from one class to another are as follows:
 - Special needs of children (ie: emotional, psychological, behavioural, disabilities),
 - Equitable distribution of children (ie: learning, gender, behaviour considerations),
 - Within Unit requests (ie: for children to be placed or not placed within a class for family groupings),
 - Flexibility in grouping will be encouraged in movement between Units or Year levels,
 - Children should have at least one friend accompany him or her to the next class,
 - Parents of a Preschool child are provided with the opportunity to indicate a friend with whom they would like their child placed as part of the enrolment process.
- People who may be involved in the class selection process are as follows:
 - The child's class teacher,
 - The school's transition teachers,
 - Parent(s) of a special needs child,
 - Parent(s) who have views regarding family grouping,
 - Other staff involved in the child's education, such as specialists who have specific special needs information,
 - Preschool staff,
 - Foundation, Junior Unit, Middle Unit and Senior Unit staff,
 - The Principal.
- Parents are to write to the Principal stating any educational considerations by **Friday, 9th October**.
 - Records of decisions which have been made regarding placement of children for various reasons, especially behaviour, will be kept,
 - The Principal / delegate will be responsible for keeping this information,
 - All requests will receive either a verbal or written reply, so parents understand staff reasons for student placement.
- If there has been an ongoing concern during the year and there has been contact between the parent, teacher and Principal, a child could be moved to another class in the following year. This action should take place only after discussions with the Principal / delegate and the involved parties.
- In the event of new students altering the class structure or dynamics, some children may need to be moved to another class early in the school year.

Student enrolment numbers will be a major factor in determining class structures.



Order on Compass using Friday, 18th September as order date
ORDERS DUE BY 9:00AM WEDNESDAY, 16TH SEPTEMBER

TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!

The place to be these holidays!
SPRING 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Pass the Popcorn!



Show your Team Spirit



Pickleball Creations



Epic School v School!

Book now at TheirCare.com.au
Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

Scan to find your
nearest holiday
program location



*Activities shown are just some of the fun activities available, check your service flyer for details!

Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details



Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.



Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.



TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles



Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

General daily advertised activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.



Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication



All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Child Care Subsidy



Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ
<https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/>
for further information and example.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am – 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.



Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	Less than 24 hours
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the session. If child does not attend and we are not notified in advance, full fee plus \$10.00 fee is applied.

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.



If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.



Excursion



Super
Excursion



Special
Activities



In-house
Fun



Public
Holiday

*With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. **Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. Please note all prices are current at the time of printing and may be subject to change without notice.

Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 8:00 am. Pick-up after 3:30 pm - please note this is an indicative time only, check with service coordinator to confirm pick-up times. Wear runners & socks.

There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Up to
90%
of Child Care costs
can be covered
by Child Care
Subsidy!

2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is **extra support** for some families including:

- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies
via **myGov**

For more information, call Theircare on **1300 072 410**

MONDAY

21 SEP



Senses in Action

Get ready for Senses in Action, an exciting day where movement, creativity and sensory exploration come together! Get hands-on as you create Playdough Sports Balls, put your balance and teamwork to the test in a fun Balancing Relay, race through the colourful Colour Quest Challenge, and unwind with refreshing Spring Yoga.

From as low as \$6.87*
Full fee \$68.67**

TUESDAY

22 SEP



Table Top Soccer Stars

Get ready to build, boot, and score. Create a Tabletop Soccer Field, complete with finger boots and goals, then challenge your friends in exciting mini soccer matches. The action continues with Crab Soccer then enjoy a crafternoon making a Spring Sun Catcher Craft!

From as low as \$8.52*
Full fee \$85.20**

WEDNESDAY

23 SEP



Team Spirit

Show your champion team spirit and get ready for a day of sporting fun. Work together to design your very own team flag before putting it to the test in the action-packed Team Flag Relay. Challenge your skills with Numbers Soccer, create your own DIY Cheer Pom Poms, and get ready to cheer on your team with a Crafty Megaphone.

From as low as \$6.87*
Full fee \$68.67**

THURSDAY

24 SEP



Pickleball Creations

Design your very own Pickleball Kit using colourful marbled paint, then take your personalised paddle and set to the court for a fun-filled game. Keep the energy going with Victory Dance Challenges, before getting creative with Spring 3D Flowers to bring their artistic skills to life.

From as low as \$8.52*
Full fee \$85.20**

FRIDAY

25 SEP



Service
closed!

MONDAY

28 SEP



Craft Champions

Get ready for a day where imagination meets sporting spirit as you create and compete like a true team champion. Design a Puffy Paint Favourite Team Jumper, test your origami skills in the Pocket Hoops Challenge, play balloon rally a fun twist on volleyball and finish the day with a group game of Chain TAG.

From as low as \$6.87*
Full fee \$68.67**

TUESDAY

29 SEP



All Star Sports

A special guest is joining us today for the ultimate All-Star Sports Day. Bring your energy and competitive spirit as you take on a day packed with exciting sporting challenges and action-filled games. The fun continues back at the service with a creative Number 1 Fan Craft and a hilarious game of Principals Office.

From as low as \$9.73*
Full fee \$87.32**

WEDNESDAY

30 SEP



Fish are Friends Globe

Create your own underwater scene with a cute Lego clownfish at the center! Decorate your globe, fill it with swirls that drift like ocean currents. Give it a shake and just keep glowing as your clownfish swims through its shimmering sea. Afterwards, we have some super fun snow activities planned for us to get our STEM on!

From as low as \$8.52*
Full fee \$85.20**

THURSDAY

1 OCT



Fuel to Win

Fuel up and get ready to win. Discover how athletes power their bodies with sporty snacks, teamwork and action. Create your own Half-Time Energy Balls, blend up delicious Banana Power Boost Smoothies and enjoy a fun game of Fruit Salad before using your energy to take on the exciting Fuel to Win Relay Race.

From as low as \$6.87*
Full fee \$68.67**

FRIDAY

2 OCT

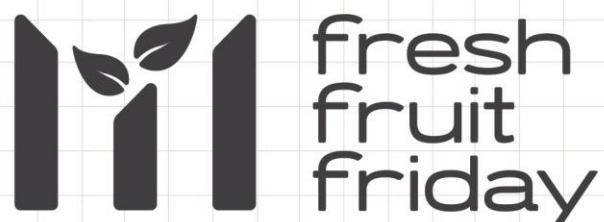


Epic Engineering

Get ready for an Epic Engineering Games Day. Team up to become a Human Machine, build Crash-Test Cars, and tackle the Mystery Engineering Box using surprise materials to solve exciting STEM challenges. Then race through the Engineer Relay, completing fun engineering missions with friends, followed by choose your own adventure.

From as low as \$6.87*
Full fee \$68.67**

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