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PREP 2021 ENROLMENTS

Our planned Information Evening and School Tours have been postponed due to COVID-19. When appropriate new dates will be organised.

At Big Hill Primary School we welcome inquiries for students enrolling for Prep in 2021. Our transition program aims to:

- ❖ Provide the opportunity for you and your child to develop familiarity with the school environment,
- ❖ Meet staff, students and other parents,
- ❖ Gain understanding of school programs and organisation.

Preschool transition at Big Hill Primary School also allows children to experience school routines and school activities.

There are normally a number of opportunities for families to visit the school and meet our Leadership team and current Prep classroom teachers during Term 2. These events will not go ahead due to the current Covid-19 restrictions.

As soon as we are able, a new plan will be made, and an email will be sent to anyone who has contacted Janet (email address below) to express interest in 2021 prep enrolment.

Enrolment Packs will be available from the Office from May 4th, 2020 or can be posted to parents who would like one. Please email dean.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au to request a pack to be posted.

At any time you are also welcome to send a completed enrolment form (with the required documentation listed via email - dean.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or by post - Big Hill PS, 5644 Calder Highway Big Hill 3555). We encourage new Prep students to enrol by the end of September to assist us with our planning.

Enrolments are not complete without proof of birth - birth certificate or passport, and a certificate of completed immunisation from the Australian Immunisation Register.

IMMUNISATION

New amendments to the No Jab, No Play legislation have tightened requirements for enrolment and impact acceptable documentation for school entry immunisation requirements: As of 28 February 2018, an Immunisation History Statement from the Australian Immunisation Register will be the only form of documentation accepted as proof of a child's immunisation status.

Documents produced by GP's or other immunisation providers will no longer be sufficient as a form of evidence.

Parents must provide an immunisation status certificate, from the Australian Immunisation Register, to the school regardless of whether the child is or is not immunised.

Medicare will usually automatically send you an Immunisation History Statement when your child turns 5.

Our school zone

Our school zone is available on www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au which hosts the most up-to-date information about Victorian school zones for 2020 onwards.

Students residing in the Big Hill Primary School zone are guaranteed a place at our school, which is determined on the basis of your permanent residential address.

The Department provides guidance through the Department's Placement Policy, found here: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/participation/Pages/placement.aspx> to ensure that students have access to their designated neighbourhood school and the freedom to choose other schools, subject to facility limitations. You can find more information and answers to frequently asked questions on the Department's website under School zones.

You may still be able to enrol at Big Hill Primary School if you are outside our zone. Please call the school on 5447 7022 to discuss the possibility of a place.

Remember please contact us via email dean.janet.j@edumail.vic.gov.au if you would like to be added to our distribution list for Prep enrolments 2021.

Our transition visits for children are still scheduled to take place in Term 4 the dates are:

- 1st Visit – Tuesday, 17th November
- 2nd Visit – Tuesday, 24th November
- 3rd Visit – Tuesday, 1st December
- 4th Visit – Tuesday, 8th December

Times and programs will be emailed to parents who are on our distribution list at the end of Term 3.

Thank you,

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Janet Dean

Principal

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