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THURSDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

CALENDAR

Monday, 14th September	**Division Athletics – selected students only** (transport & supervision by parents please) RACV Safety Squad Incursion - Foundation & Junior Unit
TUESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER	LOCKOUT DRILL - MIDDAY
Wednesday, 16th September	**LAST DAY TO ORDER PIZZA – BY 9:00AM**
Thursday, 17th September	Foundation Gym concludes
FRIDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER	**9:00am assembly – Students of the Term – all welcome** 😊 **Pizza Day – no normal food items available but ICED TREATS WILL BE OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – PJ DAY – gold coin donation please** **LAST DAY FOR TERM 3 – EARLY DISMISSAL 2:30PM**

Monday, 4th October	**First Day for Term 4 – no hat, no play back in effect**
Friday, 9th October	2027 Class Placement requests in writing due to Matt
Wednesday, 28th October	**Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday**
Monday, 2nd November	**Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day**
Monday, 23rd November	**Pupil Free Day – Report Writing**

School Organisation

Dear Parents, Carers and Greater Community,
Week 9 has been very busy once again as we approach the end of Term 3 next week. Here's a rundown of some of the major events and reminders:

STAFFING

Like last week, staffing has been settled with our teacher and education support generally onsite fulfilling their normal duties each day 😊. We also welcomed Charis Wong from Creek Street this week. Charis has worked across the school supporting different classes as part of her work experience program.

GYM PROGRAMS

Our Junior Unit had their final gym session this week on Monday and our Senior Unit last Friday. Foundation also enjoyed a visit to their gym program today and will have their final visit next Thursday.

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 restocked honey, vegemite, muesli and soups 😊

YEAR 3/4 CAMP – PIONEER SETTLEMENT, SWAN HILL

Our Camp last week was a great success with wonderful activities, good weather and pleasing behaviour. Highlights from the children's perspective included the Sound and Light show on the Thursday night and the chance to buy lollies from the souvenir shop. Other favourites were rides in the horse and carriage or old car, PS PYAP paddle steamer trip and exploring and completing activities around the Pioneer Settlement. Due to the manic drop off at the station last Friday afternoon (with a platform full of people going to the AFL finals) some medications were not handed to families. These were taken to school and if not collected on the Monday, were sent home in school bags. Please check if you have not received yours. As the dust settles on another successful camp, I'd again like to thank the Middle Unit staff for their organisation of the camp and willingness to take part over the two days and night. Thanks again to Cassie and Mel for volunteering and helping also. Much appreciated!

R U OK? DAY

Today, Thursday, 10th September, is R U OK? Day across the country. At Big Hill PS we recognised the day and reminded 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 also focused on the importance of checking in with others and 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

Yesterday Dean and Brett took a group of willing and able students from the Senior Unit to participate in Division Basketball. Held at Red Energy Arena, both teams were able to play many games and were competitive on the day. Behaviour was excellent and good sportsmanship was shown. Well done to all who participated and thanks to Brett for organising, Dean & Amy for supporting and Charis (work experience) who also helped on the day.

PARENT CARER OPINION SURVEY – HAVE YOU HAD YOUR SAY?

To date I've only had 10 families complete this survey. If you could, please attend to the survey which is housed on Compass under the NEWS FEED. Each family has the opportunity to participate in the Parent Opinion Survey. Please try and take 15 minutes of your time to complete this survey and ensure each family only does it once. 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 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM – HAVE YOU BOOKED IN?

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 PS. This is a new offering after families received an earlier communication that a service isn't running – I can confirm that it will be operating. Our sub-committee have fought hard to have this offered to our community, so if you want holiday programs to continue in other holidays, please book in ASAP. Please support the service if it is helpful to you and your family. Information about the program is included in today's newsletter.

PLANNING WEEK – NEXT WEEK!

Teachers will spend a day next week doing planning for Term 4. Due to this, our specialist program will be modified to create blocks of time to release teachers in Units to plan and some classes may have an alternative to their usual Music, Chinese or Art lessons as a result. Some CASUAL RELIEF TEACHERS will also be employed to ensure this is possible. Planning for our MIDDLE UNIT / FOUNDATION classes will be on Tuesday, JUNIOR UNIT on Wednesday and SENIOR UNIT on Thursday. Hopefully this helps you prepare your child/ren before next week.

UPDATED INFORMATION!

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

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**

On an Extreme Day, instead of dropping your children off at Big Hill PS, you would drop them off at KFPS where they would be met at **GATE 4** by Big Hill PS staff who would then run classes with Big Hill PS students only in the KFPS gym.

We would also have separate play times to KFPS students - in essence we run a Big Hill PS day with students and staff onsite at KFPS, 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.

It is important to note two additional considerations for families:

1.) OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE will be cancelled. There will be no option on an EXTREME FIRE DAY for OSHC as a result. Families would need to drop off at KFPS **after** 8:50am and pick up soon after 3:15pm.

2.) Both buses – the town Christians Bus and our Ravenswood bus **will not run**. For those who use the buses, you would need to also drop off and pick up during the above times too.

These factors may or may not change your ability to get to KFPS …so your family then has the decision to make – send to KFPS between 8:50am and 3:15pm OR make other arrangements for them to stay home or spend the day with a family member. Also understand that this decision to relocate on EXTREME FIRE DAYS is made by the Department of Education under guidance from Emergency Management and in the best interests of keeping students, staff and the community safe. We will continue to keep you updated as we approach the official FIRE DANGER SEASON which commences on October 1st.

If an Extreme Day is called in Term 4, we must close and relocate. We won't know when this is occurring until 4:00pm the day before an Extreme Day, so please commence checking Compass each afternoon as we move into Term 4 and beyond.

STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP (SSG) MEETINGS NEXT WEEK
Today and Friday (10th and 11th of September) Ainsley, our Disability Inclusion Lead, has met/or 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 and we can do a phone appointment if needed.

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 Year 3/4 class over a Year 2/3 or a Year 5/6 class over a Year 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!

DIVISION ATHLETICS MONDAY
Monday, 14th September will be a busy day for some of our selected Year 3 – 6's when they take part in the Division Athletics at the Spring Gully Athletics Track. As only a few students are attending, individual families are asked to transport and supervise their children at the event if selected. We aren't sending a staff member due to low numbers. Good luck to selected students who have been chosen to attend 😊.

RACV SAFETY SQUAD INCURSION
Our Foundation and Junior Units will enjoy an incursion next Monday, 14th September with the RACV Safety Squad visit to work with our students. This will occur throughout the day for each class… and will focus on road safety etc.

LOCKOUT DRILL
We have a Lockout Drill next Tuesday at midday. This will be a rehearsal for one building only… and we expect to practice this with our Year 5/6's evacuating to the undercover area. As part of Emergency Management, we also need to practise evacuating only a small area of the school and this drill is that opportunity. Please remind your child if they are in Year 5/6 that there will be a short drill on Tuesday.

END OF TERM AWARDS
Next Friday, 18th September will see us awarding our END OF TERM STUDENT AWARDS in each class to students who have worked well in ENGLISH, MATHS and SPECIALIST classes or have demonstrated OUTSTANDING SCHOOL VALUES. Winners will be announced in our final newsletter next Thursday, 17th September, enabling parents / carers to come along if they can on the Friday morning. The assembly will be at 9:00am in the undercover area, weather permitting. If wet, we will advise alternate arrangements for the same morning and times.

EARLY DISMISSAL / END OF TERM
Next Friday, 18th September we will dismiss for the holidays at 2:30pm. Buses will run at this earlier time and OSHC is available for those that need it. Outside of buses and OSHC, families are asked to pick up at 2:30pm. Our Office will close at 3:00pm ready for the holiday period. The school holidays will then run from Monday, 21st September until Sunday, 4th October when Term 4 commences on Monday, 5th October.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS
The Department of Education manages a range of student scholarships.

These are available for students who:
- complete Year 4 to Year 11 in 2026,
- are enrolled in Year 12 in 2026 and plan to do tertiary studies in 2027.

The department will evaluate applicants on their:
- academic achievement,
- participation in school and community activities,
- financial need.

Scholarships are either one-off payments or cover the duration of the student's course.

Applications for these scholarships open on Thursday, 1st October and close on Monday, 1st February 2027. To view all available scholarships and for more information on each, including how to apply, refer to Student scholarships.

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 Harry and Poppy with their pear & banana -

BIRTHDAYS
Happy birthday to Harry E, Teddy R, Evie O, Ollie Q & Hannah G.

With only Week 10 remaining, it's almost time for the children to have a well-earned rest. It's been a long term with short days and wet + cold weather contributing to the long journey, but overall, the students have travelled really well and have continued to make great academic and social progress.

Have a lovely Friday tomorrow with some sunny weather and I hope to cross paths with you throughout Week 10.

Until next week…

Matt Pearce, Principal

FOUNDATION NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
For showing Respect by listening at the Something Special Incursion:

FC ***Austin V***
FN ***Ada M***

Catherine, Nicole & Nick

JUNIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
For looking for extra ways to extend and ***challenge themselves*** *in their learning:*

JAR ***Levi D***
JJ ***Huxley T***

Ainsley, Roberta & Lauren

MIDDLE UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
For displaying the School Values at Camp:

MED ***Imahni V***
MP ***Lleyton H***
MWA ***Levi K***

Emma, Dean, Pauline, Wendy & Amanda

SENIOR UNIT NEWS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
For showing appreciation through a positive mindset and encouraging others:

SB ***Conna B***
SJ ***Macy F***
SK ***Abbi-Rose L***

Brett, Jayden & Kate

THE RESILIENCE PROJECT

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

Mindfulness

Foundation	Will W
Junior Unit	Cohen B
Middle Unit	Mitchell G
Senior Unit	Ezra B
Specialist	Tyler G

BIG REWARD WINNERS

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

- *Axel P*
- *Cohen B*
- *Ollie Q*
- *Oliver B*

SOCIAL MEDIA & CYBER SAFETY

Navigating the Digital World: Your GPS for the Online Adventure

Discord: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

Your child says they're "just chatting with their mates"… but what exactly is this Discord?
If you have a tween or teen in your house, there's a fair chance you've heard the word Discord floating around.

Perhaps you've even asked what it is and received that wonderfully detailed teenage explanation:
"It's just where we talk."
Righto. Thanks for clearing that up!

But Discord is worth knowing a little more about, particularly as Australian kids navigate a changing online world following the introduction of the under 16 social media restrictions. Because Discord isn't simply somewhere kids send the occasional message to a mate. They can chat, game, share, create, watch, listen and hang out in entire online communities. So, saddle up. In true Western fashion, we're taking a look at...

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

The Good

Let's give Discord a fair go first. For plenty of young people, Discord can be a genuinely positive place. Kids can chat with their real-life mates while gaming, work together on projects and join communities based around things they love, whether that's gaming, art, coding, sport, music, animals or something so incredibly specific that the adults in the house have absolutely no idea what they're talking about.

For some kids, finding other people who get excited about the same things they do can provide a genuine sense of connection and belonging. So, Discord itself isn't automatically the villain wearing the black hat. Where kids go and who they interact with makes a huge difference. Which brings us neatly to...

The Bad

Discord works a little differently from the social media platforms many parents know. Users can join online communities called servers. Think of a server as a giant digital clubhouse. Your child's mates might be inside. There might be a room for gaming, another for footy, another for music and another dedicated entirely to some game character you've apparently committed a major parenting offence by not recognising.

But depending on the server, there could also be a whole bunch of people your child has never met wandering around that clubhouse.

Users can communicate through text, voice and video. They can share images, files and links, and conversations can move from public channels into private direct messages.

Suddenly... *"I'm just chatting with my mates"*
...covers a fairly large paddock.

And there's another thing worth knowing. Discord can be accessed through phones and tablets, but also on computers and through a web browser. So, checking your child's phone and declaring "No Discord app here, beauty!" doesn't necessarily mean they aren't using it.
And then we mosey on over to...

The Ugly

Unfortunately, just like almost every large online space, Discord has people who use it for all the wrong reasons. Young people can encounter inappropriate or explicit content, cyberbullying, scams, fake accounts and strangers pretending to be someone they're not.

There are also more serious risks, including grooming and extortion, where someone builds trust with a young person or pressures them into sharing intimate images and then uses those images to threaten or manipulate them. Another big red flag is someone encouraging a child to keep a conversation secret, move into private messages or jump across to another app where there may be fewer protections.

That's when our kids need to know:

- You can leave.
- You can block.
- You can report.
- And you can tell an adult.
- Even if you replied.
- Even if you did something you know you shouldn't have.
- Even if you're sitting there thinking, Mum or Dad is going to absolutely lose it.
- Getting help is more important than getting into trouble.
- EVERY SINGLE TIME.

Hang on... I thought under 16s were banned from social media?

Here's the curly bit for Australian parents. Australia's under 16 social media restrictions *do not currently include Discord.* Discord is treated differently because it primarily operates as a messaging and gaming communication service rather than one of the age restricted social media platforms. That doesn't mean it's a free for all. Discord's minimum age in Australia is *13*. So while your 13, 14 or 15 year old may no longer be allowed an account on some social media platforms, they may still be using Discord. Basically, the Government has shut the front gate on several social media platforms.

That doesn't mean there aren't a few side gates still open.

And anyone who has ever tried to keep a determined kid, dog or chook contained knows that the side gate is usually where you need to be looking.

But surely Discord has safety settings?

It does. Discord has safety features designed to protect younger users, including sensitive content filters, warnings around potentially unfamiliar friend requests, reporting tools and age assurance measures. Those things matter. But no amount of whiz bang technology replaces a young person knowing when something doesn't feel right and knowing what to do about it.

That's where we come in.

The Parent Tip Box

You don't need to march into the lounge tonight and announce:
"RIGHT. EVERYONE HAND OVER YOUR DISCORD."

Nothing opens the lines of communication with a teenager quite like an unexpected digital raid by Mum or Dad. Instead, try curiosity. Ask them to show you Discord. Ask what they like about it. Ask:

"What servers are you in?"
"What are they about?"
"How did you find them?"
"Do you actually know the people you're talking to?"
"Can strangers message you privately?"
"Do you use voice chat?"

And one of the most important:

"What would you do if somebody sent you something that made you uncomfortable?"

Have a squiz at the privacy and safety settings together too. Make sure your child understands that someone being friendly online doesn't mean they automatically get access to personal information such as their full name, school, phone number, address or location. And make sure they know they can come to you when something goes pear shaped. Because "Mum or Dad's going to kill me" should never be the reason a kid stays stuck in an unsafe situation.

The Bottom Line

Discord isn't simply good.
It isn't automatically bad.
And it certainly isn't all ugly.
For many kids, it can be a fun, creative and social part of their digital world. But two kids using Discord can have completely different experiences.

Same app. Different servers.
Different people. Different risks.

We don't need to chuck on a gaming headset, pull up a chair and pretend we understand every meme, gaming reference and bit of teenage slang. But we probably should know which digital clubhouse our kids have wandered into. So have a yarn. Ask the questions. Keep the conversations low pressure. And make sure your kids know that if something online ever feels dodgy, uncomfortable or just plain wrong, they can come to you first and sort out the rest later. Because when it comes to Discord, and the whole digital world for that matter:

Curious conversations build trust.

And that's one safety feature you won't find buried somewhere in the settings menu.

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

Kate Dole

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

Check out what's on

Junior Rangers holiday program

Parks VICTORIA | Sharing Nature's Stories

Flora Explorer

Learn how to identify flowering plants in the Greater Bendigo National Park that can be found in the park at this time of year.

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Date and Times

Flora Explorer - Thursday 1 October 2026
Shadbolt's Picnic Area, 10am – 11.30am

Flora Explorer – Friday 2 October 2026
Greater Bendigo National Park 10am – 11.30am

Junior Ranger activities are free for all families. Activities take place in parks across Victoria during the school holidays. **Bookings are essential. Scan to find out more at juniorrangers.vic.gov.au**

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

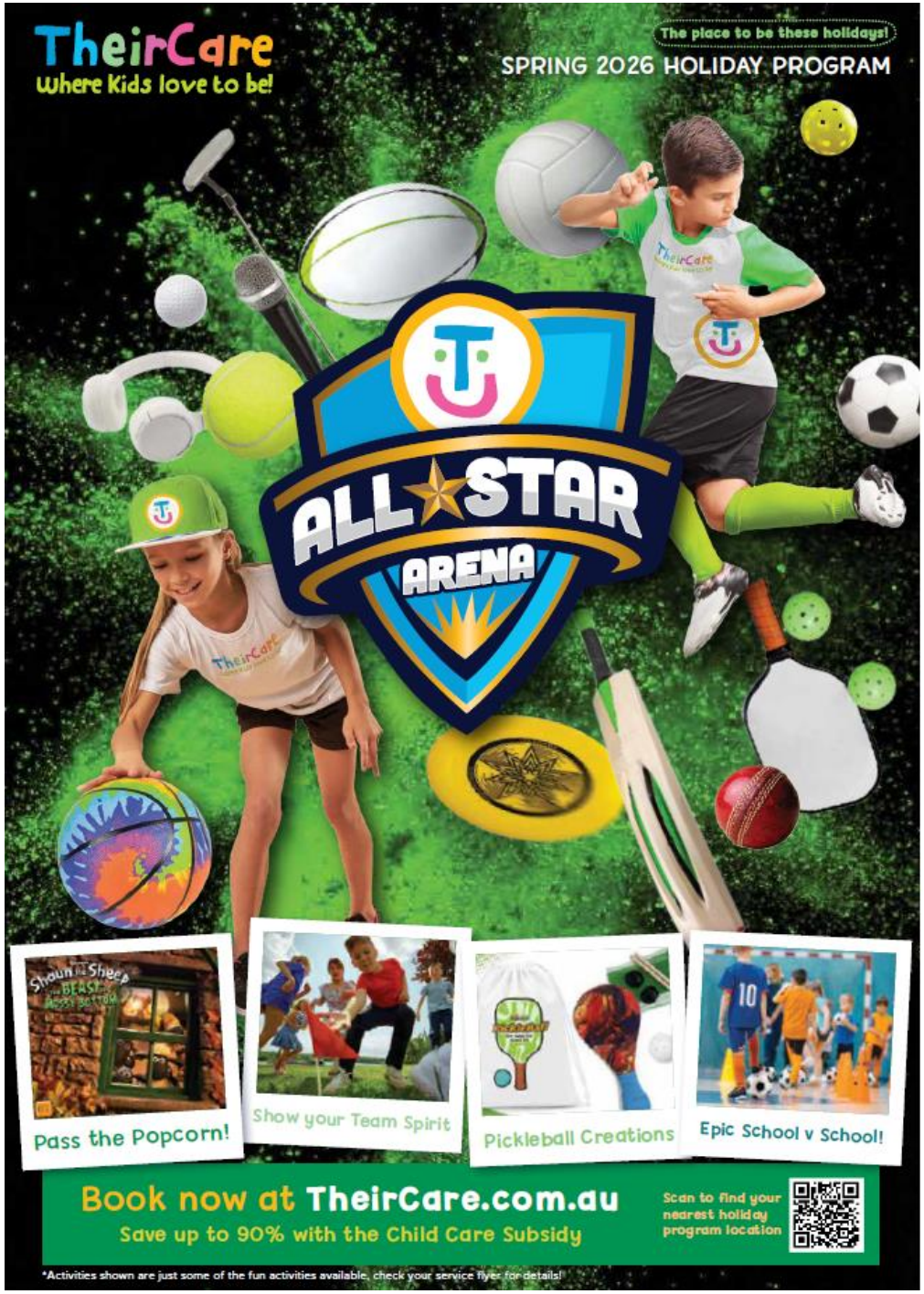
4. If there has been an ongoing concern during the year and there has been contact between the parent, teacher and Principal, a child could be moved to another class in the following year. This action should take place only after discussions with the Principal / delegate and the involved parties.

5. 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



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

- [x] Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- [x] Sunscreen
- [x] 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 eligibiligy.

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 6:30am – 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.

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

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Big Hill PS TheirCare

Times 7:00am - 6:00pm
Location 5644 Calder Hwy, BIG HILL VIC 3555
Call 0475 072 819

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 crafter noon 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.

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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** $97.32**

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.

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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.

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