



Black Hill
Primary School

Wednesday October 30th 2024

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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:15pm

Friday: 8:30—4:00pm

School Hours: 8:50am—3:30pm



Dates for the family diary

Mondays	P-2 Swimming
Mon 4th Nov	Student Free Day
Tuesday 5th November	Public Holiday—Melbourne Cup
Fri 8th Nov	Preps—Museum of Art & Play Geelong
Fri 15th Nov	Preps Fairytale Dressup Day

Forward Notice :

- Wed 20/11-Fri 22/11 5/6 Camp—Roses Gap

Term 4 Assembly Roster

Fri 1st Nov	3-6 Assembly
Fri 22nd Nov	P-2 Assembly
Fri 6th Dec	Whole School
Fri 20th Dec	Whole School 11:30am

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TOUCH OF HALLOWEEN

by adding one item of costume to their normal school uniform.

Electronic Excursion Permissions Due:

- Movement of Play and Art (MOPA) - Preps
- 5/6 Camp—Roses Gap
- Sovereign Hill Y1 visit and Y2 sleeper.

For the safety of our students, when entering or leaving our school grounds, please ensure you always shut the gates.

Principal's Column

Remembrance Day

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minute's silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who have died in war.

At 11am on 11 November 1918, the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare. The Germans called for an armistice (suspension of fighting) in order to secure a peace settlement. They accepted the allied terms of unconditional surrender.

The conflict had mobilised over 70 million people, left between 9 and 13 million dead, and as many as one third of these with no grave.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month attained a special significance in the post-war years. It became universally associated with the remembrance of those who had died in the war.

Originally known as Armistice Day, it was renamed Remembrance Day after World War Two to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars.

Today the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts is commemorated on Remembrance Day.

At Black Hill Primary School, we will be observing a minutes silence before the students go out to play on Monday 11th November. We are also supporting the RSL in the annual Poppy Appeal by selling \$2 poppies and \$5 badges. Our

student leaders will be visiting classrooms selling these. Proceeds from the Poppy Appeal are used to support veterans and their families.



What's the easiest building to lift?
A lighthouse.



A touch of Halloween

Tomorrow, Thursday 31st October, our students are invited to include a touch of Halloween to their uniforms. It will be fun and the tiny additions to the uniform will be entertaining for us all. Please do not send your child in a mask as these can be quite frightening for young children.

Student Absences

We really appreciate the phone calls and messages regarding absences. It assists us to ensure our data is accurate. Please select the Absence Line when ringing the school and remember to include your child's name, dates and reason for the absence so that we can enter accurate information on our system.

Early Arrivals

Just a reminder that school begins at 8:50am and teachers are on duty from 8:40am in the yard. Children who need to attend prior to 8:30am should be enrolled in Before School Care which is offered by Camp Australia on site at our school.

Lost Property

Don't forget to come and check lost property if your child has misplaced any clothing or personal items. There are many jumpers with no name on the rack as well as other personal items. If your child's property and uniform are named, they are returned to them.

Some important Term 4 dates for families include:

4th November: Student Free day – Camp Australia will be operating

5th November – Public Holiday

13th November: School Council

20th December: 2024 last day - early finish.

Camp Australia will be operating on student free days for families who work.

Transition dates for 2025

Prep transition dates:

27th November 9:15am – 10:30am

3rd December 9:15am – 10:30am

Whole school Transition Day

10th December 9:00am – 12:30pm Year 1 – 6
2025

9:15am – 12:00pm Prep 2025

Government's consultation on new national laws around age limits for social media.

The Victorian Government is working with the Commonwealth to introduce age limits for social media use. An online survey has recently opened to give parents, teachers, young people and the general public the opportunity to share their experiences and concerns about social media use. Groups can also participate through self-guided discussions, using an online guide. But age limits are only part of the equation. Social media is a reality of modern life, and we need to make sure young people have the tools to navigate it safely. Findings from this consultation process will shape a new social media safety program.

Safe Socials will be delivered in schools as a resource for students, teachers and families about how to navigate social media. The survey can be found at www.engage.vic.gov.au/safesocials and will be open until November 1.

Planning for 2025

We are well into our planning for 2025 and while this is very exciting, it can sometimes be a little daunting for some children. We will attempt to make it as smooth as possible for everyone so that at the end of the year all students have a clear idea of their teacher, class and classmates.

Transition 2025

While we are not sending home friendship slip requests, we will be taking requests from parents regarding a particular friendship if this is something you have strong feelings about – these can be emailed to black.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au by **this Friday 1st November**. We cannot accommodate requests about teachers so please do not ask.

Student Leadership 2025

The process of Student Leadership selection for 2025 is well underway and the application due date was on Monday. Staff are now undertaking the process of selection for each of the leadership positions. This is an exciting time for all those who have applied. We are thrilled with the number of students who have shown aspiration by putting their hand up to be considered. I wish them all the best for the process.

Birthdays

I would like to acknowledge all those students who have had birthdays this week.

Happy birthday to:

Archer	34A
Evie	34A
Maddie	34A
Archer	12C
Joe	0PA
Zeb	0PA

Donna Bishop
Principal



Team News

Prep/1/2 Team

Another week filled with learning and activities in Prep, 1 & 2. We have been exploring shapes in Maths in Year 1/2; finding 2D shapes in our environment and learning about features of 2D and 3D shapes including their names, number of sides, number of corners / vertices, number of edges and number of faces. Teaching and learning about shapes is a highlight for our teachers and students as there are so many opportunities to learn through building and creating.

Reminders:

Swimming program every Monday. Sunhats required every day. Please name all clothing.

Dates:

Thursday 31st October - Mini dress up day - A touch of Halloween.

Monday 4th November - Student free day - Professional Practice Day for teachers.

Tuesday 5th November - Melbourne Cup public holiday.

Friday 8th November - Prep - Museum of Art and Play.

Friday 15th November - Prep - Fairytale dress up day.

Friday 22nd November - P-2 Assembly.

Thursday 12th December - Year 2 Sleepover - Medical forms due ASAP.

Friday 13th December - Year 1/2 Sovereign Hill excursion. Information on Compass.



Team News

3/4 Team

This week, we've had a blast sharpening our editing skills and focusing on using conventions to make our writing even better! Our Writer's Notebook time has let students get creative with their ideas and write interesting stories. In Reading, we enjoyed a fun poem called "*The Hist*" and started learning about why volcanoes erupt—very exciting! Some of our reading groups are enjoying participating in Literature Circles on some great novels. In Math, we're practising multiplication strategies, so any extra practise at home would be fantastic. Our Inquiry has taken us to explore Australian habitats, with some students creating an amazing triarama of a desert landscape. Great work, everyone!



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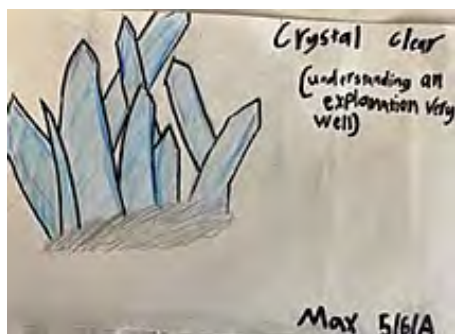
Team News

5/6 Team

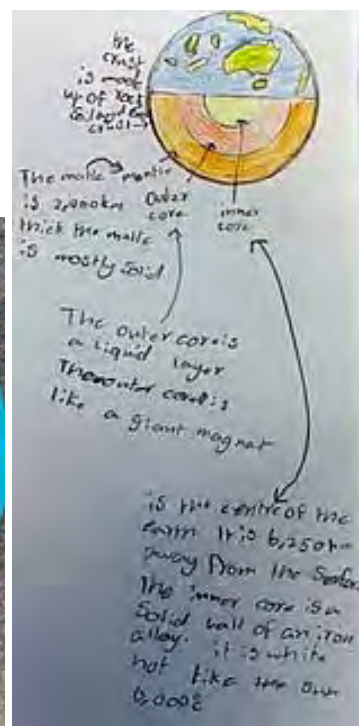
It is wonderful to see our students well and truly settled back into the school routine. There has been lots of fabulous work being produced across all of our topics this term.



In reading we have enjoyed illustrating some of our favourite similes as part of our figurative language topic –



We are also enjoying our Earth and Space Science topic, particularly when we can get our craft on and create an interactive model of the Earth's layers –



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-Order keepsakes featuring your child's artwork-



ORDERS CLOSE
Friday
8th
November

Celebrate your child's creativity by ordering keepsakes you'll treasure forever!

View your child's artwork and order keepsakes at:



www.crazycamel.com.au/11188

All orders will be processed and sent to the school after the closing date.

Child's details entered during purchasing will determine which artwork has been ordered.

Every purchase benefits your school!

Product	Cost
Calendars	\$15
Greeting Cards	\$15
Diaries	\$20
Notebooks	\$20
Sketchbooks	\$20
Pillowcases	\$25
Tea Towels	\$25
Tote Bags	\$25



Calendars

- A cherished reminder of your child's artistic achievement featuring one laminated artwork, wire bound with 12 tear off months on quality silk paper.
- School term and public holiday dates, activity stickers along with plenty of room for noting special occasions.
- Name and age as created by the artist is printed under the artwork along with the School/Centre name and/or Logo.
- Printed artwork A4 (300 x 210mm) with A4 calendar attached below.

Greeting Cards

- Beautifully presented quality A6 (155 x 110 mm) cards featuring your child's artwork per pack of 8 cards.
- Name and age as created by the artist is printed on the back of art cards along with the School/Centre name and/or Logo.
- Blank inside for your personalised message.
- Shrink wrapped in packs of 8 including red envelopes.

Diaries, Notebooks & Sketchbooks

- Convenient A5 (210 x 150mm) featuring your child's artwork, printed and laminated on a hard cover wire bound book designed to lie flat and stay open.
- Name and age as created by the artist is printed on the front inside cover.
- Diaries have a view of the week at a glance, each double sided page displays a full week and includes public holiday and school term dates along with a year planner.
- Notebooks have 150 ruled pages.
- Sketch Pads have 150 blank pages.

"every child is an artist"
PABLO PICASSO

Pillowcases

- Quality pillowcase featuring either an individual artwork.
- Pillowcases are 760 x 500mm with the image size up to 500 x 400mm on 100% cotton.
- Name and age as created by the artist is printed under the artwork.

Tea Towels

- Fantastic tea towel featuring either an individual artwork or group artwork.
- Tea towels are 700 x 500mm with the image size up to 500 x 400mm digitally printed on 100% cotton.
- Name and age as created by the artist is printed under the artwork.

Tote Bags

- Amazing tote bag featuring either an individual artwork or group artwork.
- Tote bags are 100% Cotton Calico. 370 x 420mm, 100mm gusset, with 550mm Handles.
- Practicable library bag, shopping bag, or day bag.
- Name and age as created by the artist is printed under the artwork.

FOR MORE INFORMATION FREECALL 1800 141 239

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Lions Christmas Cakes & Puddings



Large cake 1.5 kg. **\$20.00**

Small cake 1 Kg. **\$16.00**

Puddings **900g \$16.00**

Mini cake pieces \$2.00

400g \$10.00

(good small Xmas gifts)

Contact Julie on 0430 187 768
to order and arrange delivery.