



**Wednesday November 8th 2023**

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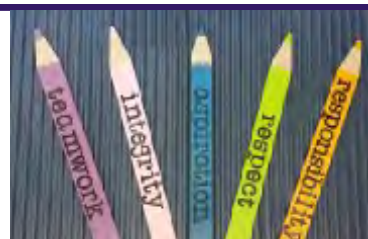
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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:15pm

Friday: 8:30—4:00pm

**School Hours: 8:50am—3:30pm**



## Dates for the family diary

<b>Mondays</b> 9/10 - 11/12	<b>P-2 Swimming Program</b>
<b>Tuesday 5/12</b>	<b>Curriculum Day Student Free</b>
<b>Thurs 7/12</b>	<b>Year 2 sleepover Sov. Hill</b>
<b>Tues 12/12</b>	<b>Statewide Transition Day</b>

### Forward Notice:

- 13th December Year 6 Graduation speeches
- 14th December Year 6 Graduation dinner
- 19th December last day for students—3:30pm dismissal
- 20th December last day of year **student free**

### Term 4 Assembly Roster

10th November	P-2 Assembly
17th November	3-6 Assembly
24th November	Whole School Assembly
1st December	Whole School Assembly
8th December	3-6 Assembly
15th December	House Carols
19th December	Farewell Celebration

### Electronic permissions due on Compass:

- Year 2 Sovereign Hill Sleepover
- Indoor soccer (selected students)
- Remembrance Day (School & Vice Captains)

## Library News

Borrowing of library books will finish on  
27th November.

Please return all books ASAP.

## Principal's Column

### Fundraising News

Last Saturday our fundraising team was at Bunnings selling sausages. We had a wonderful group of volunteers from our community that worked all day. The weather was kind to us as well and overall it was a successful fundraising event, raising approximately \$2000 towards our fundraising goal.

We would also like to thank Steven Rumble from Evans Bakery for donating the bread for both the Referendum and Bunnings sausage sizzles.



### **Crazy Camel**

The Crazy Camel orders have now closed. Orders will be shipped to the school in approximately 3-4 weeks. Thank you to all those who ordered.

Fundraising money is allocated the year before in the school budget which is approved at school council. In 2023 our fundraising money has gone towards our new solar panels and an annual commitment to pay for these over the next five years of \$ 8,946.78 / per year as well as Ground / building Works including:

- Rebuilding the vegetable garden which is looking wonderful
- Sherrard street garden and Prep classroom garden bed edging
- Flag poles have been moved to the ANZAC memorial.

### **End of Year Raffle**

We are excited to once again have an end of year raffle with some excellent prizes. Tickets have been sent home with students. Prizes include:

- ✓ \$200 voucher for booklists/excursions and \$100 Noone uniform voucher (to spend at Crockers).
- ✓ \$190 voucher for Ballarat Dojo (5 martial arts classes and uniform)
- ✓ \$90 cookie Dough pack
- ✓ \$70 cookie Dough pack

### **2024 Booklists**

The 2024 booklist packs were sent home on Monday with the eldest child in the family. Each pack contains a letter from the School Council President regarding parent payments, an information pack and enough booklist slips for each of your children who will be attending in 2024. The booklist slips are due back at school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to our families who have already arranged payment plans. The ongoing support of our families ensures that our school can offer the best possible education for our students.

Book packs can be picked up during the Student Assessment days on 30<sup>th</sup> January, 31<sup>st</sup> January or 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### **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:**

**8<sup>th</sup> November** – School Council

**5<sup>th</sup> December:** Student free day

**19<sup>th</sup> December:** 2023 last day normal 3.30pm finish

**20<sup>th</sup> December:** staff planning day - student free day

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

### **Transition dates for 2024**

#### **Prep transition Dates**

**21st November 5:00-6:00pm Prep Welcome picnic**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November** 9:15am – 10:30am

**28<sup>th</sup> November** 9:15am – 10:30am

#### **Whole school Transition Day**

**12<sup>th</sup> December** 9:00am – 12:30pm Year 1 – 6 2024  
9:15am – 12:00pm Prep 2024

I am currently finalising staffing for 2024 and the class structures are almost completed. I will share the teachers who will be in the school in 2024 very soon. It is imperative that we know of any changes to the enrolments. If you know that you might be moving or you know of someone in our community considering enrolling for 2024, encourage them to let us know or to make an appointment as soon as possible to come in for a tour or collect an enrolment pack from the office. Parents can also access the online tour from our school website. [www.blackhillps.vic.edu.au](http://www.blackhillps.vic.edu.au)  
If you are not sure if your preferred school is in your designated neighbourhood school, you should [read about school zones and how they work](#). You can also use [findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://findmyschool.vic.gov.au) to find your local school.

### **School Review**

Black Hill Primary School will be undergoing a school review in Term 1 of 2024. School Council will play a key role in that review. For the remainder of the year, we will be completing a school self-assessment.

We are asking our community three key questions:

- What do you value about our school?
- What could we further improve?
- Where would you like the school to be in 4 years' time?

You can complete these questions via this link <https://forms.gle/PX8gVAs3fxAoqdB5A>

### **Uniform**

Our **school uniform is compulsory at Black Hill Primary School** and School Council, with consultation with the community, developed a uniform policy which is



reviewed every three years. That policy was reviewed in 2022 and will be due for review again in 2025.

Please note our school shorts and skorts have **no logos and are longer than sports shorts**. Adidas or sports shorts and leggings **are not school uniform**.

We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is wearing the correct school uniform and appropriately dressed for the weather conditions.

If you are having any concerns or need assistance with uniform, please see myself, Mandy or Julie at the office and we may be able to assist you.

You can find our uniform at Crockers in Armstrong Street and can even shop online for convenience.

<https://www.noone.com.au/school/black-hill-primary-school/shop>

Crockers and Noones remain committed to meeting and exceeding our school community's expectations of quality, value for money, sustainable eco uniforms and personalised customer service. They have informed us that the 2023/24 pricing will be held until 30 June 2024.

We strongly recommend that you **name all uniform** as we take a lot of unnamed and unclaimed uniform to the op shop every year. Check our lost property rack in the office. All named uniform is returned to the student.

## Birthdays

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

Happy birthday to:

Emma	56C
Sicheng	34B
Zaiden	34B
Harper	12C
Penny	12E
Alice	12C
Charlie	0PC
Emilienne	0PB
Arlo	0PB

**Donna Bishop**  
Principal

## Team News

### Prep/1/2 Team

The Preps are having a fantastic time reading and listening to Fairy Tales this term. So far, we have heard Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Little Pigs, Jack and the Beanstalk and Little Red Riding Hood. We have enjoyed making puppets, beanstalks that show the characters, setting and sequence of events, pigs that we can use to retell the story, and wolves that we had to order the main events in the story correctly.



Some advance notice...our Prep Fairy Tale Dress up day will be held on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This is always a wonderful day!

We are currently in the middle of a rotation of three science experiments. The Prep classes have enjoyed making ooblek with Erin, a Skittles experiment with James and Invisible Ink with Lisa. These lessons have been extremely popular.

As part of their 'Science as a Human Endeavour' Unit, Prep B made a Book of World Records where the class competed in many activities to be included in their class book. It was loads of fun.



## Team News

### 3/4 Team

This week the 3 /4 team have enjoyed finishing up some Halloween crafts from last week!

In Maths, we have been focusing on adding and subtracting like fractions and are now revising our knowledge of analysing graphs and data sets.

In Writing, we have been following the writing cycle to produce explanation texts. We have boosted our word choice by using technical language related to the process we are explaining.

For our inquiry topic, we are delving into the impacts the arrival of the first fleet had on Australia's First Nations Peoples.



### 5/6 Team

On Thursday last week, some of our girls and boys participated in a school cricket competition. Our boys played 3 pool games, winning all of them. They then went up against Buninyong in a semi final, unfortunately losing in a tight contest. Our girls won both of their pool games and went straight through to the final. They came up against Beaufort where they had a great win and progress to the Regional finals.



Our DASH program has also been continuing where students are getting closer to coming up with a community issue that they would like to help make an impact on. We look forward to seeing these ideas put into action.



# Magazine Cover Art Submissions

Hayley Evans, 12A



Henrietta Govan, 12D



Imogen Belcher, 34D



Iris Young, 12D







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[lavic.com.au/centres/buninyong/](http://lavic.com.au/centres/buninyong/)





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