



Wednesday March 13th 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	Principal's Column
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Mondays 19/2—18/3	3-6 Swimming
Tuesday 19/3 & Monday 25/3	Three Way Conferences 1:30pm Dismissal Tues 19/3
Tuesday 26/3	School Photo Day
Thursday 28/3	End of Term 1 2:30pm dismissal
Monday 15th April	Curriculum Day Student Free
Tuesday 16th April	Students return for Term 2

Respect
Schools are positive places of learning and work where everyone has a right to a safe and healthy environment. Everyone in a school community plays a shared role in being respectful. If you see or hear anything that concerns you please let us know.

From Term 3, 2022, the School Community Safety Order Scheme (Scheme) came into effect in all Victorian schools. This Scheme allows principals and other authorised persons to issue ongoing or immediate school community safety orders that place limitations on certain parents, carers or other adults who act in a harmful, abusive or threatening way towards staff, students or others in the school community. Click [here](#) for more information about the Scheme, including a [short video](#) that provides an overview of the Scheme. This Scheme provides a range of safeguards for people who may be subject to an order, and their child. For example, before issuing an ongoing school community safety order, an authorised person must consider the person's response to the notice to issue an order and how an order may impact their child. Orders can only be issued as a last resort option if it is the least restrictive option to address the behaviour. To read more about the protections built into the Scheme for parents, carers and other adults who may be subject to an order (including information on appeal rights), access the [Department's website](#).

Everyone at school, particularly staff and parents/ carers, play a role in making school a better place for learning and work. The [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#) outlines the shared roles of parents, carers and school staff in creating a positive environment for learning.

Our mutual objective is to support your child's education. To do this, we ask that feedback and complaints are both constructive and respectful. Parents are reminded to follow the school's complaints policy or process or the [Department's Complaints Policy](#) if you wish to raise any constructive and respectful feedback. You can find the [Respectful Behaviours within the School Community Policy](#) and other resources to build a

Forward Notice :

- **Wed 17th April—3-6 Swimming**

Term 1 Assembly Roster

Friday 15/3	Years P-2 Assembly 2:40pm
Thursday 28/3	Whole School Assembly 1:40pm

Easter Raffle - Donations Needed:
Our annual Easter Raffle is taking place this term and we are requesting donations for the raffle. All donations can be delivered to the school office.



How did the piano get locked out of its car? It lost its keys. 😄

positive relationship with our school community [here](#).

How many days has your child missed this term?

In 2023 students in our school averaged over 19 days absence over the year. This is very concerning for many reasons, particularly for their long-term outlook. Obviously when a child is unwell they should stay home. However, across the local area of Ballarat this pattern of poor attendance has been quite common. At Black Hill Primary School, it is one of our goals to decrease this. Below you can see the impact of an attendance rate that is below average on your child's education. We understand that there are exceptional circumstances for some families in our community that mean their child may be absent more than the average. These circumstances are usually in the minority, and we are always open to working with families to assist.

0-6 days in a year *This is within normal range. A child with this attendance rate is able to take full advantage of the teaching and learning opportunities available to them.*

7-10 days in a year *This attendance rate is below average. A child with this attendance rate could miss over two years of learning between Prep and Year 12.*

11-20 days in a year *This is a poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss out on up to five years of learning between Prep and Year 12.*

20+ days in a year *This is a very poor attendance rate. A child with this attendance rate could miss more than 5 years of learning between Prep and Year 12.*

Remember:

- **Students need to attend school regularly to make the most of educational opportunities and to reach their full potential.**
- **There is a direct link between school attendance and achievement later in life.**
- **Poor patterns of attendance in the early years lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.**
- **Poor attendance makes it difficult for children to form positive relationships with their peers.**
- **When young people are in school every day, they are safer and less likely to be victims of crime or become involved in crime.**

Easter Raffle

We are once again running our Easter raffle. Prize donations from families are welcome – whether they are easter eggs, or other Easter themed items. These can be dropped off at the office. Raffle tickets have been sent home and need to back at school by Friday 22nd March. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 25th March.

School Photo Day

Tuesday 26th March is our school photo day. Students

will need to be in their full school uniform. Parents can order both individual and family photos from MSP Photography. The link can be found on the Compass portal when you sign in on the internet browser view (not the app view). The office has hard copies of the order form if required. More information is on page 5.

Pupil Free Days 2024

15th April: Professional Learning

7th June: Report Writing Day

4th November: Whole School Professional Practice Day

NAPLAN

Today our students in Years 3 and 5 completed the first of the National Assessment Program tests. Even if your child is absent they can still catch up on the tests over the next two weeks. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics. To find out more about NAPLAN, visit nap.edu.au.

Next week is Harmony Week Monday 18th – Sunday 24th March.

What is Harmony Week?

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values.

Our cultural diversity

Australia is a vibrant and multicultural country — from the oldest continuous culture of our first Australians to the cultures of our newest arrivals from around the world. Our cultural diversity is one of our greatest strengths and is at the heart of who we are. It makes Australia a great place to live.

An integrated multicultural Australia is an integral part of our national identity. All people who migrate to Australia bring with them some of their own cultural and religious traditions, as well as taking on many new traditions. Collectively, these traditions have enriched our nation.

You can access Harmony week stories to share with your children at <https://www.harmony.gov.au/stories/story?storyId=118>

Three Way Conferences

Bookings are now open for our Three Way Conferences which will be held in Week 8 & 9 of this term - Tuesday 19th March and Monday 25th March. The teachers will offer the opportunity for parents to meet with them and their child to discuss their progress and learning goals. **You can book your appointment via Compass.** You will see the link at the top of your Compass news feed.

Please note there will be an **early finish at 1:30pm on Tuesday 19th March. Camp Australia will be open for childcare from 1:30pm for families who require it.**

Three Way Conferences give students an opportunity to share their learning achievements and goals with their parents or guardians, supported by their teachers. This relates directly to the Personal Learning Domain of our curriculum.

If you have any concerns about your child's education that you do not wish to discuss in front of them, please make a separate appointment to see your child's teacher.

If you are having any problems with logging onto Compass, we encourage you to ring or come into see us so that we can assist you.

Easter hat or a touch of Easter

All students are invited to wear an Easter Hat or a touch of Easter added to their uniform on Monday 25th March. We will be conducting an Easter parade in the gym from 2:30pm on that day as well as some other whole school fun. Our teachers will be conducting Three Way Conferences and students who are attending those will be sent over to the room at their allocated time. Children will be dismissed from outside their normal classroom building by one of our specialist teachers.



Fundraising - Foodbank Victoria

This term Kids Voice, supported by Chrissy Biggin and Claire Heyne along with Mrs Westlake and Chloe Dew have organised an amazing last day of term. We are so excited to be taking part in Foodbank Victoria's Food Fight – the messiest, funniest way to help raise funds to feed those in need. The event will take place on 28th of March, which is going to be great fun for the kids. We want to make sure we raise as much as we can for **Foodbank Victoria** and we need your help!

Information is on the Blueprint from the 26th of February and information for parents has been given to students to take home, so keep an eye out for the details. Here is the link to last week's Blueprint:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgVj8Qs-cDg>

School Council

Our next meeting is on this evening March 13th. This meeting is a special meeting to elect the office bearers of the Black Hill School Council.

Birthdays

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

Happy birthday to:

Sophie	56D
Klara	34D
Rachel	12E
Eleanor	34D
Finnley	34B
Jarvis	12A
Alexandra	12A

Donna Bishop
Principal

Parents of students in Grades 4, 5 and 6
are warmly encouraged to attend our

Information Evening

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WOODMANS HILL
SECONDARY COLLEGE

Information Sessions

will be held at 5.00pm and 6.00pm
in the Theatre, followed by school tours.
Bookings essential.

www.woodmanshill.net.au

Woodmans Hill - Fussell Street Ballarat, Ph: 5336 7264



See learning as it occurs!



Team News

Prep/1/2 Team

Over the past two weeks the Prep students have been learning the full routines of the week with a focus on group work across Word Study, Reading, and Maths. Students are learning, manage their time, seeking assistance where needed, and complete independent tasks. Each week your child will also meet with their classroom teacher to work on specific tasks at their level. Some of our new focuses have been on forming our numbers the correct way, comparing numbers, looking at the pictures in our books and pointing to each word as we read.

Prep to Two students also enjoyed Bike Ed classes last Thursday on scooters and a presentation on bike safety and local riding tracks.



Art Room News

Prep students have begun their year exploring mark making and colour during their time in Visual Arts. We shared the picture story book 'Be Who You Are' by Todd Parr and studied his bright and simple style of illustration. We celebrated his idea of no matter who you are, what you look like or where you come from, that it is important to just be who you are. Students took inspiration to create their own self portrait piece applying slick sticks to create line and liquid watercolours to add colour. Aren't they marvellous!



Team News

3/4 Team

Last Thursday, 3/4 students had the opportunity to take part in our Bike Ed Day. Students took part in a Lapathon event up on the oval with Michael and learned about all things mountain biking with Tamas in the atrium. Here are what some of our students had to say about Bike Ed:

Teddy: "Riding with my friends was really fun."

Sadie: "I really enjoyed being up on the oval and having fun with my friends."

Harriet: "I really loved riding with my friends".

Max: "I really enjoyed all the laps I did - I did about 54 laps."

This week our Grade 3 students will be completing NAPLAN. The 3/4 team would love our family's assistance in making sure your Grade 3 children have:

- **A fully charged device,**
- **Headphones**

We hope everyone has a wonderful week!



5/6 Team

Over the last 2 weeks, our students have started our new spelling program, 'Spelling Mastery.' We are aiming to run 3-4 sessions a week, where students are in targeted groups, based on their spelling needs. Have a chat to your child about what they have been learning in these sessions.



Also this week, the Grade 5s have started NAPLAN. Just a reminder for those students to come to school with a fully charged device and their headphones.



**PHOTO DAY IS
COMING**

**Tuesday
26th March 2024**

**MSP Photography will be visiting our school on
the above day.**

- ❑ Read all the relevant instructions carefully before making your package choice.
- ❑ Order via the Compass App.
- ❑ Sibling photos can be ordered online via the Compass Portal.
- ❑ Please note that sibling photo orders must be placed by Midnight on Monday 25th March 2024.
- ❑ The portal does not have a cut off ordering date, however any orders placed more than 7 days after photo day will no longer be at the bulk discounted price, and will revert to the standard pricing cost.

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School Holiday Program

When : Tuesday April 2nd -
Friday April 5th

WHERE : BALLARAT GYMSPORTS

9AM TILL 3PM

\$65 PER DAY

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Our Open Evening will showcase our specialty areas and provide an insight into the quality education students are provided at our College. Join one of our tours to experience the exceptional and unique opportunities our College offers for Years 7-12. The tours will showcase our extensive renovations and refurbishments and you will view our specialty areas and gain an insight into the quality education students are provided at our College.

To provide a more personal and interactive tour, we are placing a limit on the number of people in each group. Tours will be conducted at 15 minute intervals, and we ask that you register for a tour via our College's website and select a time that is most convenient to you.

All tours will commence from the College Main Entrance/Foyer. We look forward to meeting you.

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Band Instrument Free “Come & Try” Day

Welcoming beginners of all ages & abilities

Are you interested in learning an instrument?

Here’s a chance to try clarinet, flute, trumpet, trombone, tuba, drums and/or saxophone.

Band members will show you how to set up, hold, and play a few notes so you can work out what instrument you want to learn. You can then consider joining our Development Band and hiring one of our instruments or buying your own. All ages welcome. Our development band consists of children and adults. For this event, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Saturday 20th April

2.30pm – 5.30pm

Wilkinson Hall

109 Barkly St, Ballarat

Multiple session times available

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