



Wednesday April 17th 2024

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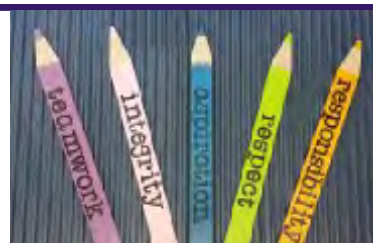
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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:15pm

Friday: 8:30—4:00pm

School Hours: 8:50am—3:30pm



Dates for the family diary

Principal's Column

Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Friday 10th May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 7th June	Student Free Day—Report Writing
Monday 10th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 11th June	Scienceworks Years 1/2
Friday 14th June	Prep Grandparents Day

We are thrilled to welcome all students back to school after the break. Witnessing their enthusiasm and energy in the classrooms reminds us of the joy of learning and growing together.

We want to express our sincere gratitude to all our families for your continued partnership in your child's education. Your support and involvement make a significant difference in creating a positive learning environment for all students.

School Council News

Over the last term and in Term 4 of 2023 we completed the review of the 4 year Black Hill Strategic Plan. I would like to thank the staff, students and parents who participated in this process. Our School Council President Samantha Retelj played an important role in the panel that considered all the feedback we received to compile the goals for the next four years. The panel was comprised of an independent reviewer, school staff and two principals from schools like ours.

The key directions for Black Hill Primary School (2043)'s next School Strategic Plan (SSP) have been documented in the final school review report. This means I can now commence consultation with our school community to finalise the new SSP. Those next steps include:

- **Engage the school community to:**
 - discuss the final outcomes of the school review
 - revise and/or refine the vision and values of the school
 - promote and engage staff with the key directions (recommended four-year goals, targets and key improvement strategies) to ensure collective responsibility for the new plan.
- **Complete the SSP :**
submit the SSP for review and endorsement by our Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) and School Council President.

Attitudes to School Survey

Our students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will get an opportunity to complete a survey providing feedback to the school this term. This is an annual student survey offered by

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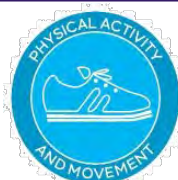
- Fri 9th August—Preps to Werribee Zoo
- Mon 9/9-Wed 11/9—Year 3/4 Camp—Cave Hill Creek

Term 2 Assembly Roster

Wednesday 24/4	Whole School Assembly - ANZAC Assembly 2:40pm
Friday 10/5	P-2 Assembly 2:40pm
Friday 14/6	3-6 Assembly 2:40pm
Friday 28/6	Whole School Assembly 1:40pm

Electronic Excursion Permissions Due:

- Grip Student Leaders Conference
- Norman District Athletics
- Sovereign Division Cross Country



Why did the pony ask for a glass of water? Because it was a little horse.



the Department of Education and Training to assist us to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. The survey will be conducted between Monday 6 May 2024 to Friday 14 June 2024. Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If parents **do not** wish for their child to do the survey, they can send an opt out via email to the school:

black.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au Please do so before Friday 3rd May, stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

School Uniform

As we move into the colder weather it is a good time to check your child's uniform and stock up on the warmer pieces needed for winter. Our school uniform is compulsory, and it is important that you as families support your child to wear the school uniform. We can arrange to assist you if you are finding this difficult. Contact us at the office. The school Uniform Policy is on the school website and you can find our uniform at Crockers in Armstrong Street, Ballarat.

Please note **leggings and sports shorts are not part of our school uniform**. Please discuss the uniform policy with your children and support them to wear the full uniform. If you require assistance, please talk with our office staff, we are more than happy to help.

Hats

Despite heading into the colder months, to be SunSmart, students must wear hats outside until the end of April and if the UV is 3 or above. Please ensure your child has their sun hat at school.

Health and Wellbeing

At the end of Term Two we saw an outbreak of gastro across the school. Assisting children to practice washing their hands and when sneezing or coughing, doing this into their elbows, can assist with reducing the spread of illnesses. The weather is definitely getting colder and we expect to see a higher number of colds and flu. This is a good time to remind children about dressing appropriately for the weather such as wearing the uniform jumper, long pants and a coat. We also have school beanies available for sale at the office for \$16. We have appreciated the communication from our community about student absences and the reasons.

Safety Around our School

I would like to thank all the parents and students who habitually use the school crossings. Although it is sometimes inconvenient to walk back up to the crossing it is a great role model for young children and ensures when they are by themselves, they will use the crossing and stay safe. For adults if you are within 20 metres of a pedestrian crossing - you must use the crossing.

Vic Roads recommends safe places to cross:

- Whenever possible, cross at a pedestrian crossing, traffic signal or pedestrian refuge.
- Make sure you have a clear view of approaching

traffic, and where drivers can see you.

<https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/pedestrian-safety/crossing-the-road-safely>

Arriving at and picking up from school

Arriving at school and picking up your child is a busy time at schools. You'll need extra caution at these times as children are often excited and may forget all the road rules. The car parking spaces on the school side of Chisholm and Sherrard street are used as quick pick up and drop off areas as much as possible, however parking further away from the school and walking up is always a good option if no parks are available. Council has put in some park and walk signs in the local area. To identify good spots, see the map on page 3. We have rules around what should happen in and around the school grounds so that our students can be as safe as possible at these busy times, and we are respectful of our neighbours.

You should:

- Allow plenty of time to drop off and pick up your child so that you are calm and relaxed, not in a rush.
- Remind your children that car parks are particularly dangerous because of reversing cars. Please do not park in the staff carparks and talk with your children about these being out of bounds areas.
- Respect the speed limits around the school and in areas children are walking to school.
- Respect the parking signs – never double park near the school as this just causes more congestion and makes it unsafe for everyone.
- Look out for other children and be aware that they may run or ride across the road in front of you without warning.
- Always keep the children's crossing near the school clear, as blocking the crossing makes it difficult for other children to see the road and cross safely.

Let your child know that if you're running a few minutes late picking them up from school, they should stay at the school gate with a teacher until you arrive.

Birthdays

I would like to acknowledge all those students who have had birthdays this week, and over the holidays.

Happy birthday to:

Cooper	56C
Sybella	56B
Evelyn	56A
Lily	34B
Sadie	34E
Eden	34B
Imogen	34B

Abbie	34B
Ramona	34A
Iris	34E
Mikayla	34A
Maya	34E
Maddy	34A
Artemis	34A

Jack	12A
Harry	12B
Daisy	34D
Lola	12D
Lily	12A
Isla	OPB
Ethan	12D
Ollie	OPA

Donna Bishop
Principal

WALKING IS A GREAT WAY TO KEEP FIT AND HEALTHY.

Just 30 minutes every day can increase heart fitness, strengthen bones, reduce excess body fat and boost muscle power and endurance.

It's free and doesn't require any special equipment or training.

This map has been designed to help and encourage primary school students to walk safely to school.

There are 4 'Park and Walk' areas on the map. These areas have been chosen as a good place for parents driving students to school to drop them off so they can walk the rest of the way on their own or with other students.

Park and walk is only recommended for students who are responsible enough to walk independently. Parents are encouraged to initially walk with their child until they are confident to go solo.

With more students walking to school this will reduce the number of cars on the road and traffic jams during the busy drop off and pick up times.

The routes on the map are also suitable for scooters and bicycles. The map clearly marks school crossings, main streets and can be used by anyone.



This resource has been developed by the City of Ballarat in conjunction with VicHealth's program 'Walk to School' with the purpose of increasing the number of children walking.

For more information call City of Ballarat Customer Service on 5320 5500 or visit www.ballarat.vic.gov.au

WALK TO SCHOOL

an initiative of VicHealth

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Black Hill Primary School



PARK AND WALK

Wouldn't it be great to see more people walking and less people driving to Black Hill Primary School

Black Hill Primary School PARK AND WALK MAP

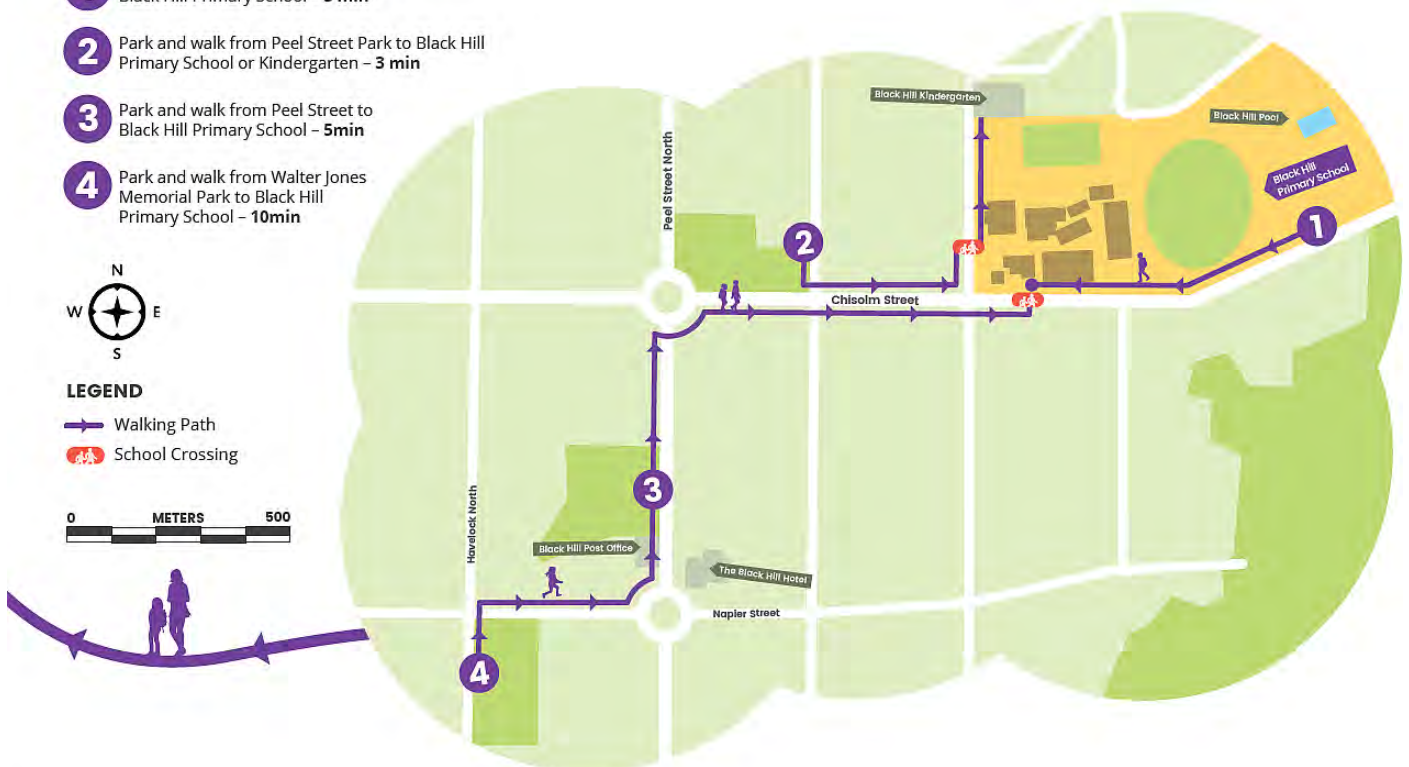
- 1 Park and walk from Binney Reserve to Black Hill Primary School - 3 min
- 2 Park and walk from Peel Street Park to Black Hill Primary School or Kindergarten - 3 min
- 3 Park and walk from Peel Street to Black Hill Primary School - 5min
- 4 Park and walk from Walter Jones Memorial Park to Black Hill Primary School - 10min



LEGEND

- Walking Path
- School Crossing

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Team News

Prep/1/2 Team

Welcome back to school for Term 2.

We hope that you have all had a fantastic holiday and are well rested ready for a great term of learning. This term in English we are focussing on information texts and writing within this framework. In word study we are continuing to learn the way letters and sounds connect to make words and sentences. In numeracy we will start the term with odd, even numbers, greater than, less than and place value.

Our home reading program will commence once again for the term. Please make sure that your child is reading every day if possible. This does not need to be for very long (10 – 15 mins)) but is important for your child's overall literacy growth.

In sport, this term students are participating in the gymnastics program. Please ensure that they are wearing the appropriate clothing on PE days.

Please note that hats are still to be worn until the end of April.

As the weather is getting cooler students may need to wear warmer clothing and have a jacket for wet days. Please make sure all clothes are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Next week on Thursday 25th April is ANZAC Day and this is a national public holiday. There will be no school on this day.



ANZAC DAY
Left We Forget

QUERIES: CALL DOM 0417 967 621



AWESOME AUTUMN SPORTS!

BLACK HILL PS TERM 2

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAMS

3:35PM-4:35PM

THURSDAYS: MULTI-SPORTS
(FOOTY, NETBALL, SOCCER, B-BALL & HOCKEY)
PREPS TO GRADE 6

STARTS
WEEK 1 OF
TERM 2

OUR SESSIONS RUN AT
BLACK HILL PRIMARY.
PARENTS PICK-UP AT THE
SCHOOL AT 4.35PM

\$17 +
GST PER
SESSION

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11 WEEK
PROGRAM



BLACK HILL PS

HIP HOP

FRIDAYS 1.30PM-2.30PM
STARTS FRI 19TH APRIL!

POP &
LOCK IN
TERM 2

\$17 + GST
PER
SESSION

LUNCH TIME
PROGRAM

BOYS & GIRLS
PREP - GRADE 6

Our dance program is designed to get your child movin' and groovin' whilst learning a new routine. New steps are taught each week, accompanied with dancing games and stretches. This program is designed to improve fitness, coordination, balance and dance moves all in an enjoyable group environment, listening to funky tunes!



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Team News

3/4 Team

The 3-4 team are very excited to be back for Term 2 and have settled back into our classes with great enthusiasm for learning. Our science topic for the term is biological science in which we will be exploring lifecycles and environments through an integrated approach with our literacy and numeracy linking learning to more reflect how we work and learn in the real world. This week we are spending some time building our knowledge about Anzac Day and the traditions around remembering those who have and those that continue to serve our country.

We will also be beginning a new spelling program called 'Spelling Mastery' across the 3-4 team with students working in targeted groups to develop their spelling skills. We look forward to seeing the students working in this program and to celebrate the success this targeted approach can bring.



5/6 Team

The 5/6s had a blast at the DASH sausage sizzle fundraiser, enjoying the chance to explore the fire engine and indulge in a delicious sausage or two.

A few lucky people even had the opportunity to handle the impressive fire hose.





Vic Park - BALLARAT



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Stop breast and ovarian cancers in their tracks.

Mother's Day Classic Sunday 12 May

Victoria Park Ballarat
Opposite Loreto College from 8.00am!

**Walk or run
Move till we're done**

Register Now!



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Lifelong, life-changing savings habits



Commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months and ANZ will double it.



You can put that extra money towards educational expenses for yourself or your child/children. This includes school-related expenses, such as uniforms, books, laptops and excursions.

Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to saverplus.org.au for more information.

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

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**Development
Band**

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
Get your free ticket here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPOGD>



The Ballarat Memorial Concert Band
Development Band is supported by



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Parenting Groups

Term 2 2024



Circle of Security

For parents/carers of children aged from 0-10 yrs.

An evidence-based program backed by five decades of research about how security is supported (and not supported). The program is relationship-based and is designed to build healthy positive connections between parents/carers and children.

Tuesdays, 23 April - 4 June | 10:30am - 12:30pm



Tuning into Kids

For parents/carers of kids aged 3 to 10

This evidence-based program teaches parents and carers skills in emotion coaching, a way of responding to emotions that can help children to understand, regulate and work through their emotions and helps them develop the important skills in emotional intelligence.

Wednesdays, 1 May to 29 May | 5:30pm - 7:30pm



Parenting Skills

This program brings together theory and practical parenting tips from the many evidence-based programs offered by our team. We discuss the challenges of being a parent/carer, self-care and how to build strong healthy relationships with your children.

Wednesdays, 5 June to 12 June | 12:30pm - 2:30pm

To register or for any questions, please contact:

Location | Family Relationship Centre, 34 Peel Street, Ballarat VIC 3056

Email | parenting.ballarat@catholiccarevic.org.au

Phone | 1300 303 988



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Parenting Workshops

Term 2 2024



Kids and Worry (online)

For parents/carers of children under 12 years

This two-hour workshop discusses strategies that may help children manage their worries; providing information and practical tools to assist children understand and handle their emotions.

Online, register to receive link

Wednesday 19 June | 12:30pm - 2:30pm



Knowing your Teen

For parents/carers of teens over 13 years

This workshop covers the developmental changes for teenagers, peer relationships, and tips for building and maintaining positive relationships with your teenager.

Wednesdays, 1 May to 29 May | 5:30pm - 7:30pm

To register or for any questions, please contact:

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