



**Black Hill**  
Primary School

**Wednesday March 20th 2024**

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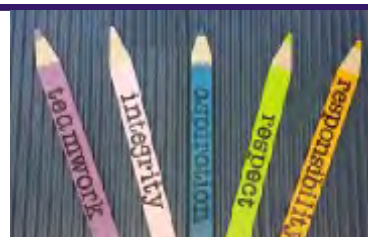
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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:15pm

Friday: 8:30—4:00pm

School Hours: 8:50am—3:30pm



## Dates for the family diary

## Principal's Column

Monday 25/3	Three Way Conferences <b>Normal Dismissal time</b>
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
Wed 17th April	3-6 Swimming
Thursday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday

### Forward Notice :

- Friday 7th June— Student Free Day

### Term 1 Assembly Roster

Thursday 28/3	Whole School Assembly 1:40pm
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**Easter Raffle:  
Last day to  
hand in  
tickets this  
Friday!**

### School Photo Day

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### School Uniform

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.

### Easter raffle

We are once again running our Easter raffle. Raffle tickets need to back at school by this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Thank you to everyone who has donated to the raffle, the prizes are looking wonderful. The raffle will be drawn on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**.

### NAPLAN

Over the last week our students in Years 3 and 5 have completed the National Assessment Program tests assessments in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. We just have a few catch ups on the tests to finalise this week. Congratulations to all our students in Years 3 and 5 who demonstrated both aspiration and resilience in their participation in NAPLAN.

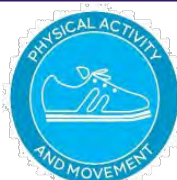
**This week is Harmony Week Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

### 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



Did you hear about the fire at the shoe factory?



Unfortunately, many soles were lost.

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.

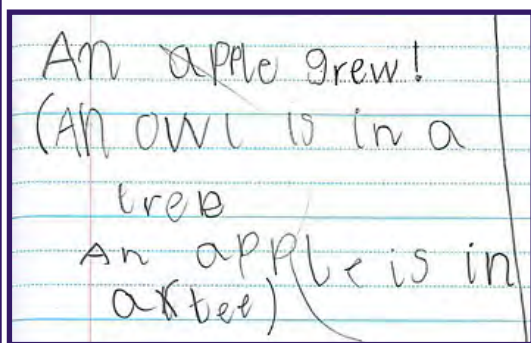
You can access Harmony week stories to share with your children at <https://www.harmony.gov.au/stories/story?storyId=118>

### Three Way Conferences

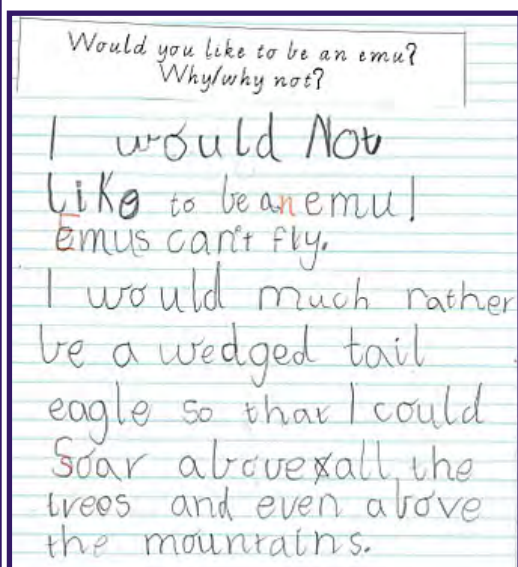
Our Three-Way Conferences began yesterday. It was wonderful to see and hear the students discussing their goals and learning from this term.

Fern in 1/2C was showing the progress in her writing work when I popped in and we all agreed that it was fantastic progress. See what you think.

### Beginning of the year:



### Now:



The bookings are open for the second night of Three Way Conferences on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March. So, if you haven't booked an appointment, there is still time. There are different arrangements for 34E and these have been communicated to those families. **You can book your appointment via Compass.** You will see the link at the top of your Compass news feed.

Please note that **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> is normal finish time – 3:30pm.**

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

Students have the opportunity to choose prizes for raising funds – we are encouraging students to pay it forward and donate those prizes to other children in need. Kids Voice will distribute them to an appropriate charity in Ballarat.

### School Council

The new 2024 School Council met for the first-time last Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. At this meeting the office bearers were elected. They are:

**President:** Samantha Retelj

**Vice president:** Stephannie Nunan

**Treasurer:** Carla Dobbyn

**The principal** is the Executive Officer of School Council.

At this meeting School Council also coopted the community member who is Jo Geurts, CEO of ECKA (Eureka Kindergarten Association). We are thrilled that Jo can once again take up this role on our School Council. She provides a key link between us and the Black Hill Kindergarten and early childhood in general.

Our other members are Claire Stonehouse, Michael Smith, Rachaele May, Russel Dyer, Lindy Currie, Tania Johnston, and Amy Boyd.

### Birthdays

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

Happy birthday to:

Mac	56B
Roy	34D
Abhi	34B
Frankie	34C
Angus	12B
Riley	12A
Remi	0PA
Mila	12B

**Donna Bishop**  
**Principal**



Over the past 70 years,  
more than seven and a  
half million migrants  
have made Australia  
home

### Art Room News



Year 3/4 students have been rolling, pinching and moulding plasticine to make self portraits using just two colours.

They have been working on using proportion and making the features realistic.

They are bright and colourful and cheering up our art room walls.



# Team News

## Prep/1/2 Team

It's been another wonderful week of learning in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. In English, the Year 1 and 2 students have been focusing on features of narrative texts including characters, setting, beginning, middle and end; and exploring the problems and solutions within stories.

*Please continue to support our home reading program by reading with your child, discussing the story and signing the diary.*



We were all super proud of 1/2D's performance at assembly last Friday! Certainly some budding Pavarotti singers in the group.



Year 1 and 2 students have been investigating 2D and 3D shapes. This group (left) went on a 'shape hunt' to see how many 2D shapes they could find in our school yard!

'To be sure, to be sure' lots of fun was had on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> March learning about and celebrating Irish culture with St Patrick's Day.



### Reminders:

**Easter Dress Up** - On the last MONDAY of Term 1 - Easter Parade - wear a bonnet, hat, headpiece or simply a touch of Easter.

**School Photo Day Tuesday 26th March** is our school photo day. Please send your child in their full school uniform.

**Food Fight** - Thursday 28th March - Last day of Term.



## Team News

### 3/4 Team

Congratulation to all of our Grade 3 students who have now completed all four NAPLAN Assessments. We are extremely proud of the resilience, focus and determination the students demonstrated throughout the assessments.

On Tuesday afternoon we had our first afternoon of Three Way Conferences. It was a great opportunity for students to share samples of their work, to celebrate their progress and to discuss future learning goals.

A reminder that our second afternoon of Three Way Conferences will be held next Monday and our school photos will be taken next Tuesday.

#### Term 1 Highlights from students in 3/4B

Georgia – Bike Ed, Swimming and Performing Arts

Ava – Sports Day, Bike Ed and PE

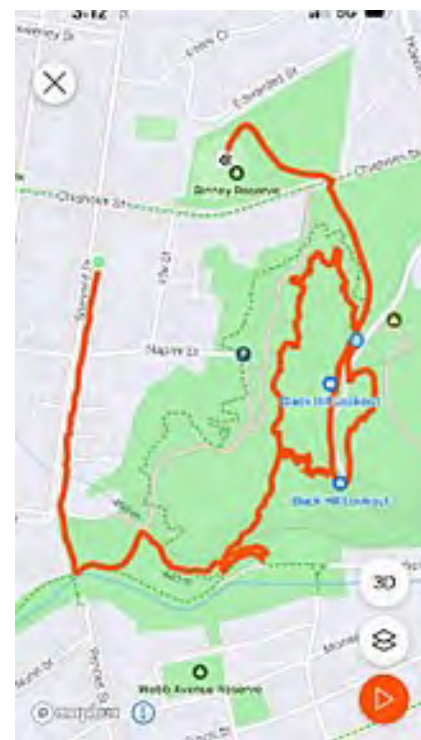
Jude – Playing soccer on the oval with my friends

Edith – Meeting new people and learning new things



### 5/6 Team

During our final Year 5 NAPLAN sessions, the Year 6 students went for a couple of walks around Black Hill. We ventured up to the lookout and explored many of the trails surrounding the hill. We also enjoyed exploring along the Yarowee Trail. We covered around 3km each walk (with a few big hills!), giving us a good morning workout!



In 2023 the D-A-S-H program helped students connect with and participate in their community.

Two of our winning teams “Operation Prevent Fire” and “Mexica Care Bags” will see their project’s come to life on Wednesday 27th March.

5/ 6 Students and staff will hold a BBQ fundraiser for the Ballarat Fire Brigade (CFA), between 2:45pm - 3:45pm and are inviting members of the community to join us.

We are hoping that we will have a visit from the Ballarat Fire Department on the day.

We will be selling sausages for \$2 each and there will be a raffle, so be sure to bring some loose change.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Outside School Hours Care

# Newsletter



18/03/2024

Camp Australia Black Hill Primary School OSHC

Your  
OSHC.



## A message from your Coordinator

Hello families, it's been a while since I have posted in the school newsletter, but I would like to welcome everyone to OSHC, we would like to welcome our new preps and families to the service. The children have been very busy with creating their own activities such as indoor soccer, indoor tennis, soccer outside, bird watching, beaded keychains, aeroplane making, imagination play, and so much more.

All our children and families are welcomed every time they are in OSHC. We are hoping to grow our numbers every morning and afternoon, so please come in and speak to our friendly staff they will be more than welcomed to support in any questions you may have. You may only need it once, every day, once a week or just needed time to relax we are happy to have all children.

We also offer Rocketeers at our 3 Camp Australia Schools, Ballarat Grammar, Pleasant Street Primary School and Canadian Lead Primary School, if you're needing to book your child/ren in we are more than welcomed to have them, bookings are open now. We have lots of fun experiences happening.

## Activities coming up

- Easter egg baskets
- Easter theme playdough
- Dot Easter eggs
- Paper plate Easter bunnies Easter cards
- Easter Hat Parade
- Easter Egg hunt

## Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

## Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campaustralia.com.au](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au)



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SPORTS**

*Easter*

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**Tue 2nd to Fri 12th April 2024**



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- A refillable drink bottle
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**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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if you have any questions.

# LET'S TALK ABOUT GRIEF

Hosted by Dr Veronica Johnston  
Clinical Psychologist  
Ballarat Psychology Clinic



Grieving is a natural and inevitable part of life, yet it's often a topic we shy away from discussing openly. This evening will create a safe and supportive space for individuals to explore their experiences of loss, share their stories, and learn healthy coping strategies.

Guided by experienced psychologist and grief expert, Dr Veronica Johnston, we'll delve into the complexities of grief, offering insights and tools to navigate the journey towards healing. Whether you're grappling with recent loss or seeking to support others in their grief, this gathering invites you to join the conversation, embrace vulnerability, and discover the resilience within. Together, let's honour our losses and find solace in community.

#### Details:

Thursday 11th April; 6.45pm Arrival for 7pm Start

24 Doveton St Sth, Ballarat

Gold Coin Donation

Coffee, Tea and Light Supper Provided

Registrations essential!

Please email [veronica@ballaratpsychologyclinic.com.au](mailto:veronica@ballaratpsychologyclinic.com.au) with numbers or call on 0403 847 718 for details



**Ballarat**  
Psychology Clinic

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



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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

Get your free ticket here:

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