



Wednesday February 21st 2024

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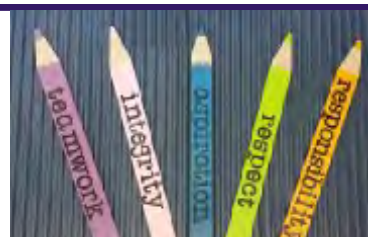
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Dates for the family diary

Principal's Column

Mondays 19/2—18/3	3-6 Swimming
Tuesday 27/2	Athletic Sports Whole School Llanberis
Monday 4/3	Preps start full time
Friday 8/3	Curriculum Day Student Free
Monday 11/3	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 13/3	School Council AGM
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

Forward Notice :

- Monday 15th April Curriculum Day
- Wed 17th April—3-6 Swimming

Term 1 Assembly Roster

Friday 23/2	Years 3-6 Assembly 2:40pm Student Leadership badges will be awarded.
Friday 15/3	Years P-2 Assembly 2:40pm
Thursday 28/3	Whole School Assembly 1:40pm

Electronic permissions due on Compass:

- Division swimming—selected students
- Athletic Sports—Whole School

Ballarat Cycle Classic

I was thrilled to see our community supporting the important work of raising money to support the program at the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute. The research institute is studying how to best treat a variety of cancers. \$268,525.00 was raised for this valuable work.

I know a few of our students completed the 28km ride and some of our parents and former students were also out riding to support such a worthwhile cause.



Congratulations to Ahna and Klara Spokevicius and to Evelyn Haskins who participated in the ride. Well done on a terrific effort.

Strategic Plan Review

Yesterday we had the first day of our strategic plan review. The strategic plan is a four-year plan that is developed with a panel of staff, Department and community representatives. Our previous strategic plan was developed in 2019 and informed our Annual Implementation Plans developed each year in response to the school's needs and long-term goals. Black Hill staff and community assisted in completing a self-evaluation late last year prior to this review.

The dates for our review are:

- Day 1:** Validation Day 20th Feb – the panel set the terms of reference and meets with school leaders to gather evidence.
- Day 2:** Field Work day 5th March – involves the panel meeting with groups of the school community.
- Day 3:** Field Work day 7th March- involves the panel meeting with groups of the school community.
- Day 4:** Panel Day: 14th March

The panel includes:

- The School Reviewer Leslie Tulloch
- The Principal – Donna Bishop



What do clouds wear
beneath their pants?
Thunderwear.



- Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL)- Anne Gawith (DET representative)
- Staff representatives including our Assistant Principal Penny Westlake, Courtney Dickson (learning specialist). Pam Hillas (wellbeing coordinator, Nita Lehmann (English leader) and one other.
- Two challenge partners – Fiona Kerton from Darley PS and Dave Garner Ballarat North PS
- The School Council President Sam Retelj

Pupil Free Days 2024

8th March: REAL Schools PD

15th April: Professional Learning

7th June: Report Writing Day

4th November: Whole School Professional Practice Day

Three Way Conferences

Three Way Conferences 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 when bookings are open. We will send out a message to let you know when they are available to book.

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.

Learners are most successful when they are mindful of themselves as learners and thinkers within a learning community. The Personal Learning domain in the Victorian Curriculum focuses on providing students with the knowledge, skills and behaviours to be successful, positive learners both at school and throughout their lives.

The teachers are working to provide all learners with the knowledge, skills and behaviours to:

- develop an understanding of their strengths and potential.
- seek and respond appropriately to feedback from their teachers, peers and other members of the community.
- develop skills of goal setting and time and resource management.
- increasingly manage their own learning and growth by monitoring their learning and setting and reflecting on their learning goals.
- learn to understand and to manage their own emotions.
- develop resilience and dispositions which support learning.
- recognise and enact learning principles within and

beyond the school.

- prepare for lifelong learning.

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.

School Council

I am pleased to inform you of the outcome of nominations and the election process for the Black Hill Primary School Council.

Nominations for School Council 2024 closed on Wednesday 14th February at the end of business. We had four nominations for the four vacancies. **Therefore, a ballot was not required.** I would like to congratulate Sam Retelj and Carla Dobbyn who have successfully renominated and will once again join us on School Council. I would like to welcome Amy Boyd and Claire Stonehouse our newest School Council members, Congratulations to Amy and Claire.

Sadly, we farewelled Moira Lyon and Rhian Cramer who attended their last School Council meeting on Wednesday 14th February. Both Moira and Rhian leave us on School Council but also leave the school as their children have completed Year 6 and they no longer have children at Black Hill PS. We wish them all the best.

Our School Council Members for 2024 are:

Principal - Donna Bishop

School Reps:

Lindy Currie

Tania Johnston

Community Member:

Jo Geurts

Parent Reps:

Sam Retelj

Carla Dobbyn

Russel Dyer

Stephannie Nunan

Michael Smith

Amy Boyd

Claire Stonehouse

Rachaele May

Our next meeting is on March 13th.

Swimming Program

Our Year 3 - 6 students are continuing their swimming program with weekly lessons at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre each Monday. This is a valuable opportunity for students to continue to develop their swimming skills and water safety awareness in the comfort of a climate-controlled environment.

Birthdays

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

Happy birthday to:

Silvie	34A
Piper	34E
Acacia	34A
Amal	12B

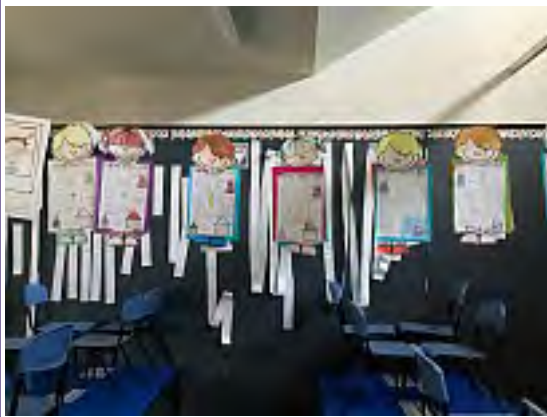
Donna Bishop

Principal

Team News

Prep/1/2 Team

We have been very busy getting to know each other over the last few weeks. Settling into a new classroom with a new teacher and group of children can be daunting and we are so proud of how well our students are travelling. Excitement is increasing as we draw closer to our Sports Day next Tuesday, February 27th. Please ensure that you send your children to school on that day with a broad brimmed hat and suitable footwear, dressed in their house colours.



Plenty of snacks, lunch, sunscreen and a water bottle in a small backpack are also essential.

We hope you can come along on the day to see how much fun we will be having!



Have a lovely week.



We are now accepting applications for Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) 2024

Eligible families will receive \$150 per student, paid into their family account at Black Hill Primary School commencing from March 2024. These funds can then be allocated to school excursion and camp charges, according to the policy and parent preferences.

Parents/students holding a means-tested concession card valid on 29th January 2024 or 14th April 2024 may be eligible. Foster parents, Veterans Affairs Gold Card holders and students with a Youth Allowance card, may also be eligible.

The BHPS CSEF Application Form 2024 is available from the Office or from the link below. Completed forms, with a copy of your Centrelink Card, should be submitted to the Office. Please submit a new application if you have a child commencing in Prep this year, or your circumstances have changed and you are eligible to apply for students in all year levels.

For further online information, please visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

We encourage parents/students to take advantage of this funding opportunity.

Applications close Friday 14th June, 2024

Lindy Currie
Business Manager

Team News

3/4 Team

Over the last week, Year 3/4 students have had the opportunity to present their speeches for Kids Voice Captains. We would like to thank all the students who applied for the role and acknowledge the fantastic speeches they presented to their grades. Congratulations to the successful students that will be representing the Year 3/4 classrooms this year.

3/4 A - **Thomas Huie, Artemis Ansley**

3/4 B - **Tia Evans, Mizuki Morgan-Payler**

3/4 C - **Rosie Williams and Matilda Grant**

3/4 D - **Frankie McClure, Lincoln Pegler**

3/4 E - **Piper Colligan, Charlotte Smith**



5/6 Team

On Monday, we started our weekly sessions at the Aquatic Centre. It was great to see everyone enthusiastic about getting in the “warm” water compared to the chilly pool at Black Hill. 😊 Just a reminder to keep bringing in bathers on a Monday.

We have been busy creating some fantastic self portraits in our classes over the last couple of weeks. The kids have done a great job and they look amazing!

Don't forget our Athletics Sports Day is on next Tuesday 27th February at Llanberris. Remember to come dressed in your house colours ready to have lots of fun!



TAKE A SHOT WITH PHOENIX BASKETBALL



Phoenix Basketball Club are
recruiting Girls & Boys aged
5-16 years old for the upcoming
Winter Basketball Season

NEW SEASON STARTS IN APRIL

Weekly training held at The Arch
(Ballarat High School)

Register Here



Email: phoenixcommittee@gmail.com

Ballarat Outdoor Playgroup!

Come together once a week with other families to explore nature in child-led sensory and art activities, sing songs, hear stories and bush walking in a beautiful outside setting.

Wadawurrung Country Meet up in all weather Term OR casual rates

Friday mornings 9:30 -11:30

Wednesday mornings (dependent on numbers)



For more info email Janet!
Janet is a qualified Kindergarten
Teacher with backgrounds in music
and sustainability.

ballaratoutdoorplaygroup@fastmail.com

A restorative time to connect with nature
and form lifelong friendships.

Back to
school
is a lot.*
Let's get
ready.

*A lot of feelings, a lot of
expenses, a lot of stress.

Saver Plus
can help.

