



**Wednesday April 24th 2024**

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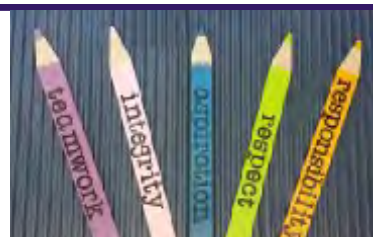
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School Hours: 8:50am—3:30pm



## 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

### Forward Notice :

- 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
- Werribee Zoo—Preps

### ANZAC Day

Tomorrow, 25th April is ANZAC Day when we gather to remember those who have served to defend Australia. Our School Captains will attend the ANZAC ceremony and march, laying a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Black Hill community. We hope to see lots of families at the service in Sturt Street. The march is at 10am and the service at 11am.

Today we are holding a special commemorative assembly for students and staff. We are so lucky to have Gurol Baba's attend as special guest. He will attend virtually from the capital Ankara in Türkiye (Turkey). Gurol is the dad of Theo in Year 4. Gurol lives in Türkiye and he talked to our students about the significance of ANZAC Day to both Australia and Türkiye and why it is still commemorated over 100 years since Gallipoli. It was a very interesting account of the similarities and differences for both countries. I think we'll all learn a lot from his contribution to our commemorative service.

As a community we hold this ceremony because it is the anniversary of the day when Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed on the beach at Gallipoli in Türkiye on 25 April 1915. This was the first major military campaign for soldiers from Australia and New Zealand.

Since then, 25 April has been known as ANZAC Day. 'ANZAC' comes from the name Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. It was shortened to ANZAC in 1915. Since then, when Australians and New Zealanders have served together, they have often been known as ANZACs.

At Gallipoli, Australians and New Zealanders served with soldiers from other nations, including England, France and India. The Australians at Gallipoli came from all sorts of backgrounds, but they shared the terrible experience of war. Ever since then, for more than a hundred years, the men and women in our Navy, Army and Air Force have honoured the memory of our original ANZACs.

On ANZAC Day, there are many ways to honour people



What kind of jewellery do rabbits wear?  
14 carrot gold.



who have served, and those who continue to serve, in Australia's armed forces.

### **AEDC**

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) provides a national measurement to monitor Australian children's development. The AEDC will be conducted this year.

#### **About the AEDC**

The AEDC is a national assessment conducted every 3 years to examine how children have developed by the time they start school. The AEDC highlights what is working well and what needs to be improved or developed to support children and families.

The AEDC was first conducted nationally in 2009.

Around 300,000 children have been included in each collection of the AEDC, totalling around 1.5 million children.

#### **How the data is collected**

Data is collected by teachers of children in their **first year of school**. Teachers respond to around 100 questions that measure early childhood development across 5 key areas known as domains. Children are allocated a score against the domains to determine whether they are developmentally on track, at risk or vulnerable.

The domains are:

- physical health and wellbeing
- social competence
- emotional maturity
- language and cognitive skills (school based) communication skills and general knowledge.

Our prep teachers are completing this census this term.

You can look up information on the results from the last census at <https://www.education.gov.au/early-childhood/early-childhood-data-and-reports/australian-early-development-census-aedc>

### **Fundraising**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May our school fundraising committee will hold a Mother's Day stall at school. They spent time last term choosing and at times making the gifts for sale.

There was information sent out on Compass about the stall and how you can assist as well as in the newsletter on page 4. Mother's Day is a wonderful way to acknowledge the amazing women in our lives. I would like to put out a special thank you to Jodie Cooper who is organising the stall this year despite her last child finishing school at Black Hill Primary School in 2023.

### **Student leaders**

Our School Captains and Vice Captains have been very busy this year organising our school assemblies and working with me to plan a project to improve our school. This week they assisted me to submit a grant application to Variety for \$32000. We are hoping to add outdoor musical instruments to the garden beds outside the Performing Arts room. These garden beds

don't receive much rain and we think that sensory musical instruments would make a fantastic addition to our school. We have our fingers crossed for a positive outcome. However, we have plan B if necessary.

You can see the proposed plan for the area on page 7. The School Captains and Vice Captains will also attend a student leadership conference at Federation University next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. At this conference they will get to network with other student leaders from around our region and work on their project plans. I am looking forward to attending this conference with them.

### **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 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](mailto:black.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au) Please do so before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

### **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.

### **Birthdays**

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

Happy birthday to:

Ahna	56D
Avleen	56C
Alaskah	34D
Phoebe	34E
Chloe	56A
Henrietta	34E
Clay	12C
Max	12C
Lewis	12D
Teddy	0PA

**Donna Bishop**  
**Principal**

## Art Room News

Here are the final portraits pieces made by our Grade 1/2 students last term. So much learning was explored as children went about their art making; using stencils, cutting cardboard and layering shapes to create their faces. Children experimented with harmonious colour combinations to take multiple prints of their cardboard portraits through using oil pastels.

This week children began their Still Life Paintings inspired by American artist Jessica Wood. They explored colour mixing, working with secondary colours to create analogous colours and began their base layers of overlapping circular shapes which will later become flowers. We can't wait to watch our paintings bloom!



## ANZAC Day story—Indii Dans-Sheean

My great, great uncle Teddy is my hero.

My great, great Uncle Teddy Sheean is my hero because he cared for my family. He was in World War 2. He was born in Tasmania on December 28, 1923. He was in a battle when he was on the HMAS Armidale. The ship was torpedoed and shot at by enemy planes on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 1942. As the ship was sinking, Teddy Sheean was very brave and because of this he saved 49 Australian lives. Sadly 100 people died.



For his bravery he won the Victoria Cross medal for Valor. This medal is now in the War Memorial in Canberra.



## Team News

### Prep/1/2 Team

This week the Prep-Two students have discussed ANZAC Day in the classroom. We discussed the importance of the day, why we commemorate and listened to picture story books. Feel free to find the below stories online and discuss with your children.

My Grandad marches on ANZAC Day – Catriona Hay & Benjamin Johnson

Remembering those who serve in War Reflection – Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg & Robin Cowcher

Over the next two weeks the Prep students will do a Mathematics unit on addition. The students will use materials and play learning games to consolidate the concept that addition is finding the total of two groups. This can be practised at home using any materials you may have; toys, food items etc.



## Mother's Day Stall FRIDAY MAY 10TH

Our Mother's Day stall is fast approaching, and we are reaching out to the Black Hill community for some help.

Our gifts range from a \$1 table to a \$6 table, and we try and have a range of items for everyone.

We know everyone is busy so we have several ways you may be able to help us run a successful and fun stall.

Would you like to meet other helpers on the day and help the children pick their special items?

Would you be able to help the day before (Thursday 9th May) setting up the tables.

Join us for a cuppa and getting some items put together the week before, great chance to meet others and have a chat while helping.

Are you a green thumb and have some seedlings you would like to donate?

Are you crafty and have the perfect items you would like to make and donate for us to sell? From Cards or bookmarks to something you think would be a great gift on one of our tables.



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JODIE ON 0458069070  
EMAIL  
JODIE\_25@BIGPOND.CO  
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OR TALK TO THE LOVELY  
OFFICE STAFF.

## Team News

### 3/4 Team

Recently in Grade 3/4, students completed their final swim lesson. Throughout their rotations, they experienced challenges such as swimming through rough waters, learning essential water rescue techniques and navigating through seaweed blindfolded!

In honour of ANZAC Day, students have been creating Haiku and sensory poems, reflecting on the significance of this important day. Angus in Grade 3/4E brought in medals and a portrait of his Great Grandfather who fought courageously in Gallipoli.



### 5/6 Team

Today we took part in our ANZAC Day service to commemorate and honour those who have served and died in war. It was fantastic to see our students take part in an enthusiastic and respectful manner.

We were very lucky to have a parent be our guest speaker all the way from Türkiye. Gurol Baba gave us a wonderful insight into what the day means to the Turkish people and how they commemorate the day.



# Outdoor winter activities

As the weather begins to get colder it is tempting to stay indoors and become less active. Here are some good ideas on how the family can remain active during the colder weather

## Key points

- **Your child can still be physically active even if it's cold or wet outside.**
- **You can go to the beach in wild weather, jump in puddles or fly a kite.**
- **If you're staying indoors, you can make up physically active games, dances and activities.**

**Other options include indoor play centres and winter sports.**

## Free outdoor winter activities

- Even when it's cold and wet outside, you and your child can still be active around your home and neighbourhood. There are plenty of free or low-cost things you can do:
- Put on coats, hats and gloves and head outside. Show your child what the beach looks like in wild weather, or visit parks and gardens when the plants are all wet and glossy.
- Take your child to see how the flow of rivers, creeks and streams changes after rain.
- When it's wet, dress up in gumboots and raincoats. Look for some big puddles to jump in. An umbrella can be fun to take along too. Your child might have fun opening and closing it a few times.
- If it's darker, let your child play with a torch when you go out for a walk.
- Gather leaves, sticks, shells and stones from outside. You can take them inside and use them for sorting, painting or building.
- On a windy day, you can try flying kites, chasing leaves – or helping them 'fly' – and trying to find places to hide from the wind outside.

## Free indoor winter activities

If you can't face the cold and wet, here are some ideas for winter activities you and your child can do inside at home:

- Line up some empty plastic bottles inside and use an old pair of socks to play indoor 'bowling'. Make it harder by adding some weight (like sand or water) inside the bottles. Your child could recycle the socks to play other games like soccer or tennis, or even puppet plays.
- Encourage your child to throw a scarf up in the air and catch it on an arm, leg, knee or head. Or let your child kick a balloon up as high as possible and then use a fly swat or plastic bat to hit the balloon.
- Move to music, make up dances and play dress-ups. Maybe your child could act out a new adventure based on a favourite superhero or cartoon character.
- Set up an indoor treasure hunt.
- If you have space, use chairs, blankets and boxes to build a fort or set up an obstacle course.
- Use an old mattress as an indoor trampoline and get your child to try funny running styles, or practise jumping, landing and tumbling.

## Winter activities you need to pay for

As a special treat, your child might enjoy some of these paid activities:

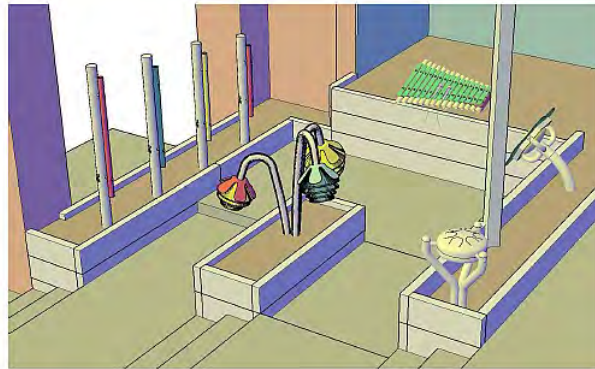
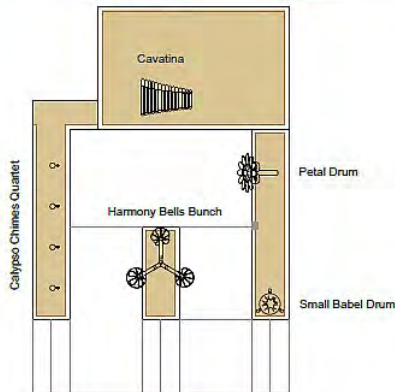
- Indoor play centres, swimming, trampolining, ice-skating and ten-pin bowling can keep your child active inside.
- Traditional winter team sports like football, hockey, netball or rugby can be great for children when they're old enough and want to play. Look for sports where the rules have been modified so they're fun and safe for young children.
- If it's not too far or expensive, a trip to the snow can be great fun for snow play or tobogganing.

e Raising Children Network has great resources for parents. On being active and staying healthy:

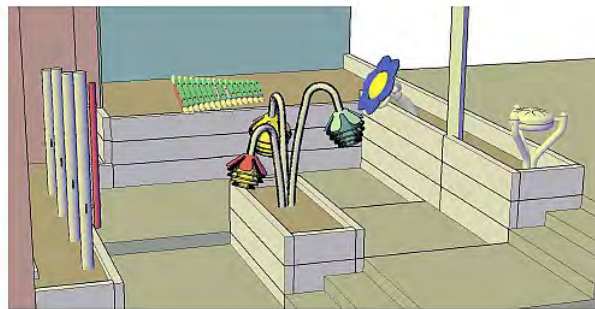
<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/nutrition-fitness>

# Outdoor instrument Grant—possible layouts

BLACK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
LAYOUT PLAN



Existing garden beds outside



## Tuning and Sound Level Data

C Major Diatonic (C4 - C6)

165ft - 54dB  
33ft - 64dB  
10ft - 93dB



## Tuning and Sound Level Data

Major C5 - C6 (Red Bells) | Major F5 - F6 (Green Bells) | Major G5 - G6 (Blue Bells)

Minor D5 - D6 (Orange Bells) | Minor E5 - E6 (Yellow Bells) | Minor A5 - A6 (Indigo Bells)

50m - 47dB  
10m - 65dB  
<3m - 71dB



## Tuning and Sound Level Data

Major C Major Pentatonic

Apple - A Akebono  
Pineapple - A Minor  
Sunflower - C Pygmy

50m - 48dB  
10m - 59dB  
<3m - 79dB





## **Smile Squad is coming to this school**

Black Hill PS families,

The Smile Squad team from Grampians Health are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### **How to access free dental care**

Grampians Health will be sending to your school the next generation of oral health professionals and your child will be seen by a dental/oral health student working under the supervision of a qualified smile squad clinician. We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. To be seen on site at school you must tick YES in the box to be seen by a student.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



### **Please complete and submit the consent form by the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

### **Smile Squad dental packs**

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

### **Standard strength toothpaste**

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

### **Do I need to attend my child's appointment?**

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. If you prefer to attend your child's appointment, you can take your child to the community dental clinic.

The Grampians Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Grampians Health  
Smile Squad





# Vic Park - BALLARAT



Placeholder Image

**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!*



[mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://mothersdayclassic.com.au)

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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](https://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.

[saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)  
1300 610 355



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Australian Early Development Census

## Building a national picture of child health

**From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).**

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit:

**[www.aedc.gov.au](http://www.aedc.gov.au)**

If you have any questions, you can contact Donna Bishop on 5332 4544.



# Kinship Carer Support Groups

All Carers are welcome to come and have a chat in a safe and supportive environment.

## Daylesford - Thursday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Address will be advised after registration
- 30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 29 August, 31 October and 28 November

## Ararat - Tuesday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Ararat Hotel, 130 Barkly Street, Ararat
- 6 May, 11 June, 6 August, 3 September, 8 October and 12 November

## Bacchus Marsh - Monday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Baby Black Cafe, 10 Church St, Bacchus Marsh
- 20 May, 17 June, 29 July, 19 August, 16 September, 14 October and 18 November

## Ballarat - Wednesday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Clothesline Cafe, 202 Humfray Street South, Ballarat
- 15 May, 26 June, 24 July, 14 August, 11 September, 23 October and 20 November



To register or enquire about any of Cafs Kinship Carer Support

Groups please contact:

Sallie MacDonald  
sallie.macdonald@cafs.org.au  
1800 692 237

[cafs.org.au](http://cafs.org.au)

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# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## Mini Miners

(2 - 4 years old)

## Aussie Hoops

(4 - 11 years old)

## All Abilities Hoops

(5 - 18 years old)

## Next Level

(10 - 12 years old)



### Basketball Ballarat Term 2 Community Programs

Basketball Ballarat provide children with a fun and safe basketball experience that will serve as an introduction to a lifetime involvement in the game. A wide variety of introduction to basketball programs are ran by Basketball Ballarat, allowing children to start learning basketball as young as 2 years old.

Basketball Ballarat's introduction to basketball programs:

- Aussie Hoops – perfect for children aged 4 – 11 years
- All Abilities Rookie Hoops – perfect for children aged 5 – 18 years whom are living with a disability
- Mini Miners – perfect for kindergarten aged children, 2 – 4 years
- Next Level – suited for domestic players 2011-2013 born

Registrations are now open for all community hoops programs, with the programs starting the week beginning May 6th

For more information and to register: Community – Ballarat Basketball

For further details please contact Zack Cummins via email [programs@ballaratbasketball.com](mailto:programs@ballaratbasketball.com) or call reception on (03) 5338 1220