



**Black Hill**  
Primary School

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Friday: 8:30—4:00pm

School Hours: 8:50am—3:30pm



## Dates for the family diary

## Principal's Column

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

## Easter Raffle Winners



Rohan Carmody  
Kye Townsend  
Kate Lucas  
Zoe Anderson  
Kaylene Fisher  
Owen Cram  
Sia Meek  
Nate Milsome  
Sid Ritchie  
Maddi Cosgrave  
Ben Sosa  
Taleah Milsome  
Georgia Fletcher  
Penny Meek

### Holidays

The term has gone very fast, and Easter is upon us as well as two weeks of holidays. It has been a short term and a busy one. We began the year with our community family picnic and the Year 3 -6 swimming program. Over the term the staff and community have contributed to the development of the school's new Strategic Plan, our students in Years 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN tests and we will finish up the term with our Food Fight fundraiser for a very worthy cause. The students have been engaging in the extensive learning opportunities delivered by our teaching and support staff over the term. We have been impressed with the development of our newest school members, the prep students who have shown they are ready and excited about the learning and their achievements.

Ballarat is looking amazing and Sturt Street has such lovely Easter decorations amongst the floral displays. Many of our community go away over Easter and I hope you all have a wonderful holiday. If you are staying in Ballarat there is lots on to check out. To find out more visit the Ballarat website.

<https://www.visitballarat.com.au/stories/easter-in-ballarat-for-families/>

### WHAT'S ON

The Easter Bunny has a special delivery for Ballarat this autumn.

From 23 March—4 April, a colourful display of giant Easter eggs and neon lights will pop up in the Sturt Street Gardens (opposite the Ballarat Town Hall and Myer), but the Easter fun doesn't stop there, with:

#### 29 March – 14 April

- ✓ Beloved children's book character the Gruffalo will take centre stage at **Kryal Castle** this Easter. Venture deep into the heart of childhood fantasy with special live appearances, hands-on art activities plus unforgettable photo sessions.
- ✓ Step back in time at Sovereign Hill, which will be open 10am-5pm daily throughout the Easter long weekend. The autumn school holiday program will include candle-making workshops, coin press demonstrations, seasonal sweets, plus your chance



How do you cook an alligator?



With a croc-pot.

to find a \$500 gold nugget every day.

- ✓ The final weekend of [Pick Your Own Sunflowers](#) at Dunnstown (Friday 29 March from 12pm-8pm and Saturday 30 March from 12pm-5pm)
- ✓ Sovereign Hill's sound and light show [AURA](#) (8.45pm every night over the long weekend)
- ✓ Stunning display of more than 500 begonia plants in the Robert Clark Conservatory at the [Ballarat Botanical Gardens](#) (9am-4.30pm daily until the end of March)
- ✓ [Easter Celebration](#) at [Creswick Woollen Mills](#) (Saturday 30 March and Sunday 31 March from 10am-5pm)
- ✓ [Ballarat Wildlife Park](#) (9am-5pm daily)
- ✓ [Ballarat Bird World](#) (10am-5pm daily)

Term 2 is just as busy. Our staff will spend the first day of Term 2 - 15<sup>th</sup> April in professional learning. This is a student free day. Camp Australia will be operating for families who require childcare.

I hope all our students enjoy a safe and happy break and come back refreshed and ready for Term 2.

#### 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.

#### Easter raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets. The raffle was drawn on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** by our School Captains and the lucky winners are listed in the newsletter on the front page. The raffle raised just over \$2500 – a fantastic result!

#### Fundraising - Foodbank Victoria

Kids Voice, supported by Chrissy Biggin and Claire Heyne along with Mrs Westlake and Chloe Dew have organised an amazing last day of term for tomorrow. 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 is going to be great fun for the kids.

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. Information for parents has been sent out via Compass.

#### Health and Wellbeing

We have seen a surge in cases of gastro over the last few weeks of term. As viral gastro is very infectious. People with symptoms should not go to work or attend child-care centres, kindergartens or schools **until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped**. We have appreciated the communication from our community about absences and the reasons. Please remind your children about washing their hands and sneezing or coughing into their elbows. Small strategies such as these can assist with reducing the spread of illnesses.

#### Birthdays

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

Happy birthday to:

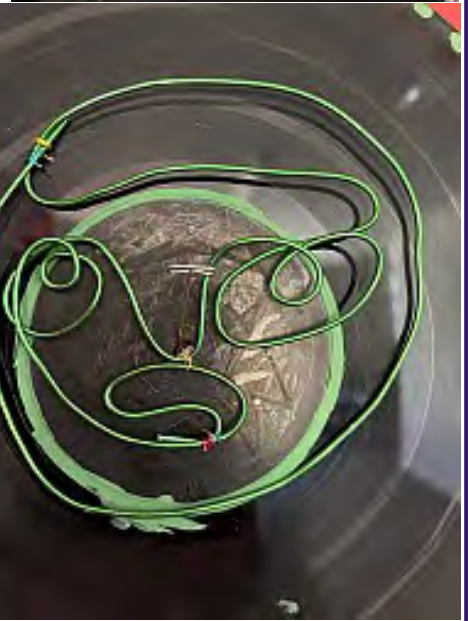
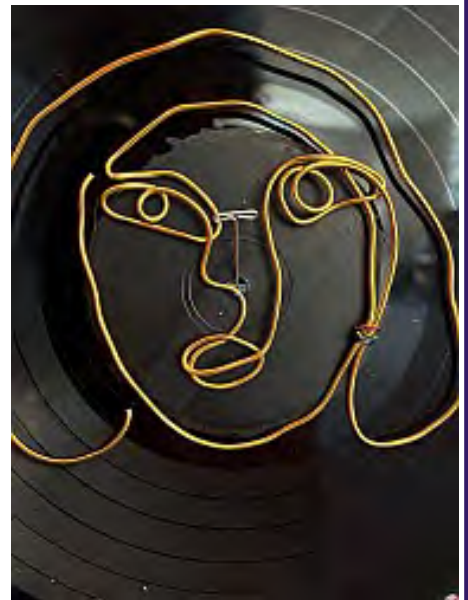
Mac	56B
Roy	34D
Abhi	34B
Frankie	34C
Angus	12B
Riley	12A
Remi	0PA
Mila	12B

**Donna Bishop**  
Principal



## ART ROOM NEWS

5/6 students have worked hard to construct self portraits using wire. They practised drawing line drawings and then moulded and joined wire to make their portrait. We have been lucky to have hundreds of records donated to the art room which have made terrific mounts for their pieces.



FREE  
ENTRY

**KIDS  
DAY  
OUT**

**FRIDAY 29 MARCH  
10AM - 5PM**

MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE

Melbourne's Favourite Family Fun Day!

good  
Friday  
appeal

THE ROYAL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL

## Team News

### Prep/1/2 Team

We have had a fabulous last week of term in the Prep, One and Two area of our school. We wish you all a safe and happy Easter!

There has been a CRIME!  
The One/Two students arrived at school this week to find their classroom in a mess and items missing. They had to use their rhyming skills to solve the crime!



Miss Ange, one of the One/Two teachers, is marrying her partner Nik over the holidays. We helped her to celebrate with a special morning tea and some activities with 1/2 D&E



Monday the school was abuzz with the joy of Easter as students wore a touch of Easter or an Easter hat.



### Reminders:

**Food Fight** - Thursday 28th March - Last day of Term. Students are encouraged to wear white or light coloured t-shirts and to bring a change of clothes (including underwear, socks and shoes) so they can dry off after the event

**Curriculum Day** - The FIRST DAY of Term Two is a whole school curriculum day.

**ANZAC Day** - Thursday 25th March ANZAC Public Holiday.

## Team News

### 3/4 Team



This week the students have shown off their 'Touch of Easter' during our parade. Many magnificent hats and ears were worn, and it was great to see so much creativity in their designs.

The Year 3/4 Team would like to thank you for a wonderful Term 1 and wish you all a happy and safe holiday period. Just a reminder that on our first week back, we have a curriculum day on the Monday and our final session of swimming is on Wednesday.



### 5/6 Team

Grade 5/ 6 students have had an action packed term. Let's hear about some of their highlights:

**Ying Ting** - This term I have enjoyed swimming in the Black Hill Pool, as well as the Aquatic centre, and learning new swimming skills.

**Ahna** - My highlights this term definitely has to be swimming, Bike Ed and doing the decathlon in maths.

**Eden** - This term I have really enjoyed doing swimming and I have also enjoyed writing about myths and legends along with doing maths.

**Stella** - My highlight of the term has been creating the Blueprint.





**KELLY  
SPORTS**

*Easter*

# HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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



## What To Bring:

- Suitable clothing
- A refillable drink bottle
- A hat & sunscreen
- Big packed lunch!



## JOIN US!

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



## School Holiday Fun - FREE Come and Try Day

Date: Saturday 6 April

Time: 1.00pm to 5.00pm

Location: 499 Dowling St Wendouree

**Don't be bored on school holidays, bring your mates and have some fun!**

- No experience needed
- All equipment provided (just wear some runners)
- Expert help available on the day for tips and rules
- Simply turn up and have a hit

New Juniors competition starts Friday 19 April (6.00pm to 7.30pm) so come and have a try and sign up if you are keen!

For more info on the FREE Come and Try Day or our Juniors Competition:  
Contact: Baden Cutts  
Ph: 0415 489 383  
Email: [ballarattabletennis@gmail.com](mailto:ballarattabletennis@gmail.com)  
Web: [revolutionise.com.au/ballarattta/](http://revolutionise.com.au/ballarattta/)



# 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





## 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>



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