



Wednesday February 7th 2024

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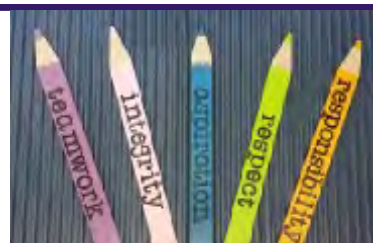
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Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:15pm

Friday: 8:30—4:00pm

School Hours: 8:50am—3:30pm



Dates for the family diary

Thursday 8/2	Welcome Picnic 4:30-6pm
Wednesday 14/2	School Council 7:00pm
Mondays 19/2—18/3	3-6 Swimming
Tuesday 27/2	Athletic Sports Whole School Llanberis
Friday 8/3	Curriculum Day Student Free
Monday 11/3	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 13/3	School Council AGM

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
Friday 15/3	Years P-2 Assembly 2:40pm
Thursday 28/3	Whole School Assembly 1:40pm



Electronic permissions due on Compass:

- Athletic Sports—Whole School
- Swimming 3/4

Principal's Column

Welcome back

Welcome back to all students, parents, guardians and staff, especially those new students and parents who have joined the Black Hill school community for the first time this year. It was wonderful to see and hear the school filled with the sounds of happy children. The teachers have been working very hard over the past weeks to ensure a very organised and smooth start to the year; I think they have done a wonderful job.

School Council

I would sincerely like to thank all members of our School Council for their work over 2023. The 2023 School Council will meet for the final time on Wednesday 14th February. We have four parent vacancies for School Council for 2024. I would particularly like to thank Sam Retelj for her leadership as School Council President.

Please note that nominations for the School Council parent representative opens on **Thursday 8th February, and close at 4:00pm Wednesday 14th February 2024.**

Nomination forms can be collected from the office and will be available at the family picnic. Position terms of office are for two years.

School Councillors attend eight School Council meetings per year. They are held on the second Wednesday of each month during term time from March of the current year to February of the following year. There is training available for new School Councillors.

The notice for School Council elections and call for nominations can be found on **page 5** of this newsletter.

New Preps for 2024

All our students including the new prep students started school on Friday last week. There were many excited, anxious and eager children and parents. The children settled very well into their classes and had a wonderful first day at school. I would like to thank all the parents for preparing their children for the school year. There is considerable work, time and money involved in preparing your child for school – lunches, uniform, school shoes, books, fees etc. Having children well prepared supports their learning and ensures a



What did the tree say when spring finally arrived?

What a re-leaf. 😊



smooth start. It has been wonderful to see how quickly they have settled into the routines of school.

Swimming Program

Our Year 3 - 6 students are already participating in their intensive swimming program at the Black Hill Pool, which will be followed by weekly lessons at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. This week it has been the Year 5/6 classes and they have had cool weather to kick the program off. I would like to thank Chloe Dew for organising the swimming program. Special thanks must also go to the students and classroom teachers for the way that they are embracing the program.

Teacher Teams

All teachers are working together in teams to ensure we meet the learning needs of your children. The teams are Prep, Years 1-2, Years 3-4, and Years 5-6. Together our teams ensure we are using up to date data to guide student learning experiences as well as ensuring a nurturing and challenging learning environment. Teachers are happy to answer any queries or discuss how your child is progressing. At the end of Term 1 we offer you the opportunity to meet with the teacher and your child to discuss their learning goals and progress. I would like to invite you to make time to meet with me should you have any concerns at all regarding your child. An appointment is best and this can be made by telephoning the office.

Welcome Family Picnic

We are excited to invite our school families to bring their own chairs, blankets and picnic to our annual family welcome night to be held this **Thursday, February 8th 4.30pm – 6:00pm** in the grass area of the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our new parents to meet our current families, teachers and our School Council representatives. School Council reps will have their badges on and be available for questions. We will also have name tags for attendees which assists with striking up a conversation. Teachers wearing their badges will be there to help anyone.

Kelly Sports will have some activities set up for the kids on the basketball courts. We will also be serving ice cream. We can't wait to see you there.

No alcohol is permitted at this event and smoking is not permitted on site.

Google Apps and Office 365

At Black Hill Primary School we provide learning experiences in line with the Digital Technologies Domain of the Victorian Curriculum. The teachers and students utilise Google Apps including Google Classroom and Office 365 to deliver the curriculum within the teaching and learning program.

One of the necessary steps we need take is to offer parents an "opt-out" option. This enables us to be in line with Department of Education Policy. Please be assured that we have taken the necessary steps in completing the Privacy Impact Assessments within our

Department.

The Google Classroom and Office 365 – **information sheets including opt-out forms, are available on our website.** <https://www.blackhillps.vic.edu.au/school-resources>

Students will have access to these platforms unless an opt-out form is signed by parents. Please complete a form and return it to the office if you do **NOT** wish your child to use these platforms.

Birthdays

I would like to acknowledge all those students who have had birthdays for the month of January, until this Friday 9th February.

Happy birthday to:

Campbell	56B
Jaxson	56D
Archie	56B
Jasper	56D
Sierrah	56C
Stella	56D
Montana	56D
Elliot	56C
Mia	56A
Logan	56D
Gage	56A
Hunter	56C
Iggy	34B
Eloise	56C
Tia	34B
Frida	34D
Cora	34E
Charlie	34C
Meila	34C
Felix	12C
Tom	12A
Connor	12C
Hayley	34C
Esther	12C
Edee	12D
Ruby	12A
Tayla	12B
Bowie	12B
Rufus	12A
Harley	12A
Abbey	12A
Otis	0PB
Alana	0PB
Ellie	0PB
Prisha	12B
Oliver	12B
Aoife	0PC

Donna Bishop
Principal



***** Parents—please ensure that all items of clothing, personal belongings and food containers are named. This will ensure that items are returned to your child in the event of them being misplaced.**



Team News

Prep/1/2 Team

What a wonderful start we have had getting to know our new classrooms, our new classmates and our new teachers. Welcome to our new families, welcome to all of the new Preps, and we are happy to welcome back all of our old friends.

It has been a very smooth start in Year Prep, 1 and 2, with lots of literacy activities about starting school and making new friends, and lots of numeracy activities showcasing where we can find maths all around us. We have been spending time developing new routines and learning habits, and getting to know each other.

Please remember, Prep, 1 and 2 teachers can be contacted via See Saw. Please see your child's teacher if you have not yet received the log in details.

Don't forget to "Slip, Slop, Slap" this term!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Welcome Family Picnic on Thursday.



Team News

3/4 Team

Welcome to 2024 in the 3/4 building!

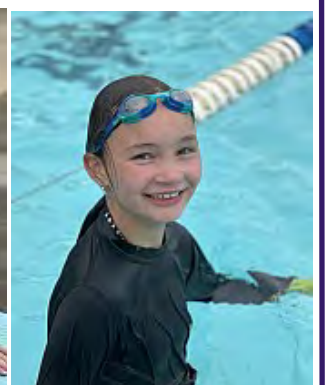
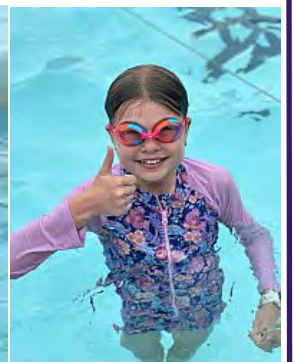
Seeing everyone's smiling faces has been wonderful as we start another year of learning and adventure. Our first week has been hectic, there has been a lot of getting to know each other and organising our classrooms. We would like to remind our 3/4 families that swimming starts at the Black Hill Swimming Pool on **Monday 12th February**. This is an exciting opportunity to strengthen our swimming skills through an intensive program where we go swimming each day for the week. Please ensure you have your bathers, towel, and goggles (if needed) all clearly labelled and ready to go. Also, please make sure you have an art smock, a library bag, and most importantly a **hat** at school.

We look forward to an exciting year!



5/6 Team

A slightly cold but fun start to the swimming program.



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

School Council Elections

Name of the School: **Black Hill Primary School**

Event	Date
Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday 7 th February 2024
Closing date for nominations	Wednesday 14 th February 2024
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Friday 16 th February 2024
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 19 th February 2024
Close of ballot	Monday 26 th February 2024
Vote count	Tuesday 27 th February 2024
Declaration of poll	Wednesday 28 th February 2024
Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)	Wednesday 13 th March 2024
First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Wednesday 13 th March 2024

Notice of election and call for nominations.

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of (*school name below*)

BLACK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on **Wednesday 14th February 2024**

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on **Monday 26th February**

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership category

Parent member

Term of office	Year
From the day after the date of the declaration of the poll in	2024
to and inclusive of the date of the declaration of the poll in	2026

Number of positions:

4

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Principal signature





Black Hill
Primary School

FAMILY PICNIC

Thursday 8th Feb
4:30pm - 6:00pm

Join us on the grass area for an afternoon of fun, food and friends!
Some activities provided, including our friends from Kelly Sports.



BALLARAT GOLD
SWIMMING CLUB

Presents

2024 Ballarat Gold Proficiency & Encouragement Meet

SV Proficiency Assessment for SV registered Club Swimmers
Encouragement Meet to introduce Recreational Swimmers to Competitive Swimming

THIS IS NOT A QUALIFYING MEET

Sunday 18th February 2024 at

***50m Outdoor Pool, Eureka Aquatic Centre,
102 Stawell Street South, Eureka, VIC 3350***

Doors open 9.00am, warm up 9.15 am, start 10.00am



CALL for Help® is a 2-hour information session to support community members who are concerned that someone they know might be thinking about suicide.

Learn how to:

- recognise “calls for help” – signs that someone might be having thoughts of suicide
- ask someone if they are thinking of suicide
- implement the practical CALL steps (Check it Out/Ask/Listen/Link) to keep the person safe from suicide.



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To view and register for workshops, visit the training page on our website:

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Lifeline Ballarat
www.ballarat.lifeline.org.au



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At Lifeline Ballarat and Melbourne, we know that anyone can be faced with a crisis. Having the skills to support others in crisis, and to know how to seek help for ourselves, are the keys to promoting strong, effective, and resilient workplaces and communities.



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

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

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The SOVEREIGN KNIGHTS

BASKETBALL CLUB IS
LOOKING FOR PLAYERS



Welcoming players from 5-19 years

Develop a range of physical and mental skills, lasting friendships and be a valued part of your team and our club.

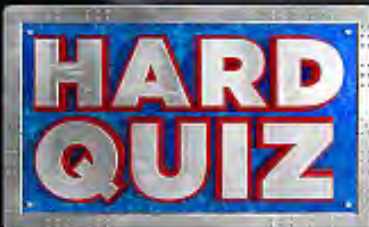


Contact us today for more information on how to get involved!
admin@skbc.org.au

Must not be registered with any other club



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Hey kids, for years Tom Gleeson has been challenging adults to **HARD** questions on **HARD QUIZ**.

This time, the kids get to have a go!

We're making some special episodes of **HARD QUIZ** - with kids!

So if you're in Year 5, 6 or 7, have a topic you know more about than *anyone* else, and think you can be a *little* bit cheeky if Tom tries to outsmart you, then why not apply to join the fun of **HARD QUIZ**.

Get your parent or guardian to head to hardquizkidsauditions.com.au
You'll need an adult with you to fill out the application!

Unfortunately, due to filming restrictions, applications for this series are only open to Victorian residents. Applications close midnight 18 Feb 2024.

Choose your topic, apply now and get ready to play, **HARD!**





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