



**Wednesday November 24th 2021**

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Office Hours: **Monday—Thursday 8.30-4.15pm**  
**Friday: 8.30—4.00pm**  
**School Hours: 8:50am—3:30pm**



This week our Year 5 and 6 students were able to attend their open water learning experience at Eastern Beach. By all accounts, it was a fabulous experience and they all arrived back at school with smiles on their faces. Today our Year 5 & 6 students have left for camp - the first camp for two years! We feel really lucky that Somers Camp were able to reschedule this camp as so many other camps were unable to do this. There was great excitement as they board the buses this morning. In Week 10 we are having a whole school Obstacool event which will be lots of fun for everyone, so check out pages 5-6 for more information regarding this. As this event is scheduled by year levels, **parents and visitors will be able to attend**, ensuring they have checked in using the Services Victoria app. We will update information regarding attendance at this event next week.

This year our Christmas Fair will be on December 13<sup>th</sup>. For school based outdoor events we are limited to 500 people onsite; with all our students and staff we will reach that limit which means we will be **unable to have parents attend the Fair**. Keep your eye out for more information regarding the fair as it still promises to be an exciting event for the students.

**Christmas Raffle**

Our Fundraising Committee will once again be conducting our annual Christmas raffle which is always amazing with fabulous gifts included in themed baskets. We are seeking donations for the Christmas raffle. There are four themed prize baskets, the themes are:

- **Beach, Holiday, Water**
- **Movie Night, Games**
- **Christmas Art & Crafts**
- **Sports Fun**

Please send donations to the office with your children. The raffle will be drawn on 13th December at 1:30pm. Thank you!

**Staffing 2022**

In 2022 our teaching teams will be:

**Prep:** Erin Van-den Hoek  
 James Richardson  
 Lisa Young

**1/2:** Tania Johnson  
 Chrissy Biggin/ Angela Rennie  
 Claire Heyne / Angela Rennie  
 Natalie Maher  
 Nita Lehman  
 Jessica McKee

**3/4** Pam Hillas  
 Jethro Kirby  
 Carol Russell  
 Teacher to be appointed  
 Paula Shaw

**5/6** Bri Folkes  
 Ash George  
 Stacey Oldham  
 Michael Fortescue  
 Teacher to be appointed  
 Courtney Briody

**Specialists**

Visual Art: Jan Turnbull–Gent / Caitlin Salmon  
 PE: Chloe Dew  
 Performing Arts: Vanessa Belsar

**Tutor:**

Julie Haeusler

Some staffing is still to be confirmed, however will be finalised before the Whole School Transition Day on December 7<sup>th</sup>

Italian is delivered by the classroom teachers as part of the curriculum and utilising the Languages Online Resources as well as content planned by Jessica Ringin who is on family leave at present.

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**Dates for the family diary...**

Thurs/Fri	2-3 December	Earth Ed excursion—Preps
Monday	6th December	Grade 6 Graduation Celebration—Ballarat Golf Club
Tuesday	7th December	Whole School Transition day
Wednesday	8th December	Obstacool, Bakers Delight Lunch

**Please ensure that all Years 3-6 students bring a mask and a spare to school each day.**

Permission forms due back— Earth Ed—Prep  
 Sovereign Hill—Years 1/2

## Team News

### Prep/1/2 Team

Swimming is well and truly underway and it is fantastic to see the children enjoying their time in the pool and learning valuable skills to stay safe in the water. The students are having a great time and are getting quality swimming instruction just in time for the summer holidays. Please make sure your child has a bag that can fit their dry and wet clothes in it and goggles if required.

The Prep students are going to Earth Ed next week on Thursday (Prep C) and Friday (Prep A & B). It will be an exciting day where we will go on a bus to Mount Clear College and finally have an excursion. Permission notes have been sent out to students which will need to be returned for your child to attend.



### 3/4 Team

#### Money, Money, Money!

This week in Maths the grade 3/4 students are learning how to represent money values in different ways and how to calculate change. The students have been provided with many practical opportunities, games and digital technology to practise these skills.



#### Friday Sports Afternoon

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December the grade 3/4 students will participate in an afternoon of fun sporting activities at school. On this day the students are encouraged to dress in a sporting theme – sports clothes, house colours or come dressed as a favourite athlete.



## Team News

5/6 Team

### 5/6 Super Fun Week!

Today we went to Eastern Beach in Geelong for our Open Water Learning Experience – Lots of sun, sand, walking, beach volleyball and learning about how to be safe at the beach!



Stay tuned for camp photos in next week's newsletter!

### From Page 1.....

In 2022 we are farewelling some long-standing staff and we would like to acknowledge and thank them for their commitment and work at Black Hill Primary School.

**Julie Dickson** – Retiring.

**Fiona Hindson-Plews** who will take up a substantive position at Beaufort Secondary school. Fiona has been working at Beaufort SC for the last 2 years.

**Catherine Moody** – who has taken a Learning Specialist teacher role at Teesdale Primary School.

**Katherine Donnan** - who will take up a substantive position at Miners Rest Primary school. Katherine took on this role at Miners Rest after returning from family leave.

**Carol Stevens** – who was successful in gaining a substantive role at Gordon Primary School.

**Kelsie George** – Kelsie was with us for 6 months replacing Catherine Moody. Kelsie will be working at Canadian Lead in 2022.

Staff on leave in 2022:

**Terri Shea**

**Susan Doull**

**Alana Jones**

### School Council news

Assessment Days 2022 are **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

In 2022 Lunch orders will be provided by S&P catering as Terri, our Canteen Manager will be taking leave for the year. Orders for lunches will be taken using Qkr!. Lunch orders will begin in Week 2 of the 2022 school year. We will publish a menu for 2022 before the end of the school year.

We have one more School Council meeting scheduled for this year, on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. I would like to thank our 2021 School Council for all their work over the year.

### Transition

Last night our new prep families for 2022 had a picnic at school. They met their teachers and each other. It was amazing weather, and the students, staff and parents had a lovely time. The dates for further transitions days are listed below.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9:15am – 10:30am

**Whole school Transition and prep orientation visit:**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9:15am – 12:00pm.

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December all students will spend a

morning in their new classes or schools if in Year 6. Our 2022 prep parents are asked to drop their children off at 9:15am for a morning in the Prep Learning Spaces. Please send along a small item of **fresh cut fruit** for a snack, a **packed lunch**, a **sunhat** and a **water bottle**. Children will be picked up at 12:00.

**Some important Term 4 dates for working families include:**

**16<sup>th</sup> December** end of Term 4 for student's early finish 2:30pm. We will be farewelling our Year 6 students on this day.

**17<sup>th</sup> December- student free day.**

Camp Australia will be operating on all student free days for families who require it.

### Visitors to schools

Visitors to school grounds must comply with vaccination requirements, density limits, face mask requirements, QR code check-ins and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

### Masks in Schools

Masks are mandatory for all students in Years 3 – 6 when in class at school. **It is important that you provide your child with a mask and a replacement one for use during the day.** It is also important that you discuss the correct wearing of a mask with your child. If your child is exempt from wearing a mask, please let us know by emailing the details to the school email address

[black.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:black.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

### Birthdays

I would like to acknowledge all those students who have had birthdays over the past week. Your book marks will be given to you by your teacher.

Happy Birthday to:

Molly	56A
Emily	34D
Jaxson	34D
Luca	34C
Joseph	34A
Harrison	12B
Tom	0PB
Gabriel	12A
Amber	0PB

Kind regards,  
**Donna Bishop**  
Principal

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# Exciting News!

## Obstacool Coming Soon!

On the 8th of December Black Hill Primary School will be hosting an Inflatable Obstacle Course as the celebration of our Obstacool fundraiser. Sponsorship forms were sent home last week - more are available from the school office.

Students will have the opportunity to raise funds and earn rewards, including time on the obstacle course itself.

Forms and payment need to be in by next Wednesday 1st December, in order for prizes to be awarded on 8th December.

Coffee will be available on the day from Terri Shea in her brand new coffee van (see below).




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COFFEE

Terri Shea  
0402 548 359  
bluewrencoffee@gmail.com




<b><u>Coffee</u></b>	<b>12 oz: \$5</b>	<b><u>Cold Beverages</u></b>	
Latte		Water	\$2
Cappuccino			
Flat white		<b><u>Food</u></b>	
Mochaccino		Brownie	\$3
Long black		Muffins	\$4
Short black		Shortbread	\$4 per bag
Hot chocolate			
Chai latte			
<b><u>Tea</u></b>	<b>12 oz: \$4</b>		
English Breakfast			
Earl Grey			
Peppermint			
Green			

\* Almond, soy & lactose free milk available

*Blue Wren Coffee uses Koffee Pirates Black Caesar beans.*



**BLACK HILL P.S./BAKERS DELIGHT BAKERY HILL LUNCH**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (Obstacool day – no canteen)**

- Orders via Qkr! only (no cash!)
- Total Cost for each Lunch Pack is \$7.00
- \$3 from each Lunch Pack gets donated back to the School as a Fundraiser

**Menu Choices: (Choose 1 savoury, 1 sweet and 1 drink for \$5.00)**

<b>SAVOURY</b>	<b>SWEET</b>	<b>DRINK</b>
 Cheese & Bacon Roll	Date Scone	Orange Juice 250ml
 Italian Roll (same as Cheese & Bacon but with Pizza Sauce)	Choc Mud Scone	Apple Juice 250ml
 Cheese Roll	Berry & White Choc Scone	Apple & Blackcurrant Juice 250ml
 Cheesymite Scroll	Finger Bun 100s & 1000s	Bottled Water
 Savoury Bite (Small Roll filled with Pizza Sauce, Cocktail Frankfurt and Cheese)	Finger Bun Choc Chips	*All Juices have a 5 Star Nutrition Rating
	Finger Bun Coconut	

**Orders cut off at 12.00pm, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

# Reverse Advent calendar

Christmas time is about giving, so the Kids Voice Team have decided to run a Reverse Advent Calendar which takes the focus off receiving and places the focus on giving to others.

Each class will be given a box to place items in. Every student will be asked to bring items in to add to the box which will be donated at the end of term.

We ask that all items brought in are non-perishable please.

Here are some ideas of what you could bring in:

- Canned fruit, vegetables, tuna or meals
- Baked beans
- Soups
- Dried fruit and nuts
- Biscuits
- Long life milk
- Juice, tea, coffee and milo
- Rice, pasta and noodles
- Pasta sauce
- Toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc)
- Treat food
- Christmas item





# Reverse Advent Calendar

Add one item to your box every day for 20 days.

Here are some suggestions of items you could put in your box.

- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned tuna
- Canned meals
- Baked beans
- Soups
- Dried fruit and nuts
- Crackers, biscuits
- Long life milk
- Juice
- Coffee, tea and Milo
- Spreads - Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Jam, Honey
- Rice, pasta and noodles
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal
- Muesli Bars
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap and deodorant
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Tissues and toilet paper
- Treat food - chips, chocolate
- Christmas item



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Reverse Advent Calendar Australia



## Box Return Information

Please return this box of 20 items on







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