



Newsletter

Black Hill Public School

November 14 2018

Term 4 Week 5

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COMING EVENTS

TERM 4

November—December

School council meeting— **Next Monday 19 November, 6pm**

Stay & Play— **Wednesday 28 November**

Swimming—**19 October-7 December**

Presentation night—**Thursday 13 December, 7.00pm**

NOTES & MONEY DUE

Scholastic Book Club—**Friday 23 November**

Swimming — \$40 or \$5 per week **ASAP**

YELLOW Emergency Info Card—**ASAP**

Outstanding Fees— **ASAP**

Voluntary Contributions

P&C MONEY & NOTES DUE

Uniform orders due— **THIS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16**

P&C Meeting— **NEXT Monday 19 November, 7pm**



SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Ange Roberts &
David or Susan Turrell
Sausage Sizzle \$1.50



**ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 9.00am
2-3 presenting**

Term 4 Week 5, Wednesday 14 November

SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE

We now have a school mobile phone, which will be used for excursions, etc. **THE SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE NUMBER IS 0476 293 214.**

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our beautiful 2019 Kindies visited us again this morning and had a terrific time working with their buddies, Mrs Lawson and some other terrific helpers. We are thrilled to have them and their families starting with us next year, particularly those who are new to our very special Black Hill PS community. Our new Kindies have two more orientation visits over the next couple of Wednesdays.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Monday our two Presidents, Indianna and Mitchell, attended a special Remembrance Day service at Newcastle Memorial Park Beresfield in memory of fallen diggers, a century after the signing of the Armistice. Once again, Mitchell and Indianna proudly represented Black Hill PS, with Indianna undertaking an important reading during the service. Well done Indianna and Mitchell. This is just another example of the wonderful leadership you have shown this year.

SCHOOL COUNCIL / P&C MEETING

Our School Council will meet next Monday 19 November at 6pm, with the P&C meeting following at 7pm. As always, you are warmly welcome to attend! This School Council meeting will be the final one for Brad Ure, who

after many years as President of our School Council and volunteering a huge amount of time to our school community has decided to step down. During this time Brad was instrumental in securing valuable resources and grants for our school which we will be eternally grateful for. On behalf of the entire Black Hill PS community, I sincerely thank Brad for all he has done to support our school and enrich the education of our beautiful kids. Thank you Brad! The very best of wishes to you and your family for the future.



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PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our annual Presentation Night will be held on **Thursday 13 December (Week 9) at Frances Greenway High School (school hall), commencing at 7.00pm.**

This is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate our students' many successes throughout 2018. We extend a warm invitation to all of our students, families and community. Further details will be included in coming newsletters.

WELL DONE JADE!!!

Congratulations to beautiful little Jade who received our Community Award at last Friday's Assembly. Jade is a fantastic little helper at our school, always helping her Mum Nicole with the sausage sizzle and lots of other things! She is an absolute delight to have at our school!!!!

2019 ENROLMENTS

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we are well underway with our planning for 2019. At this stage, we are planning for both a 4-class structure and a 5-class structure, due to borderline numbers. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see me. At times, it may be hard to understand how

our numbers, class structures and staffing allocations are determined and this is where a conversation with me may help to alleviate any concerns or uncertainty.

UNIFORM ORDER

We have another uniform order being put in this term. All orders need to be in to the school office **this Friday 16 November.**

Amanda, and our other wonderful helpers, do a fantastic job with the uniform ordering, especially with recent changes to the sizing of the polo shirts, which has been totally out of our control. Please take a minute to read the information regarding the Term 4 Uniform Order, included further in this week's newsletter. As always, if you have any questions, please contact Amanda or myself. The children look just beautiful in their gold polo shirts every day! Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE

I will be taking two weeks' long service leave, commencing next Wednesday 21 November. My apologies, however we already had an overseas holiday booked prior to me starting at beautiful

Black Hill. I leave you in Mr Braye's very capable hands, who will relieve in the Principal role during my absence, and look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 5 December.

SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORT SCHEME 2019

School student applications for 2019 open from Monday, 15 October 2018. Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply if they:

- ◆ are continuing at the same school
- ◆ are residing at the same address
- ◆ have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification. Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply. If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> Applications need to be submitted before 31 December 2018 to ensure student entitlements are

updated and their current entitlement/card is not cancelled. If their application is submitted after 31 December 2018, the system will automatically cancel a card and a new one will need to be issued. Students in the Opal network applying for a SSTS or Term Bus Pass entitlement for the first time will receive their card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out during December 2018 and January 2019.

Please contact the school for further information or visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION MANAGER (SAM) POSITION

We are now well underway in our process to fill our School Administration Manager position permanently. This process should be finalised very soon. I will inform you of the outcome as soon as possible.

Kylie South.

Other

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club is due back to school by **NEXT FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER.**



COOKING TERM 4

Volunteers are needed for cooking in term 4. If you are available on a Tuesday between 11.45am—1.30pm we could use your help. Please put your name on the roster at the front office window. If you are a parent of a year 5/6 child please check with them as to what group (A or B) they are in. If there are two or less volunteers on the roster there will be NO cooking for that week.

ENROL NOW FOR KINDER 2019



December to January
Discover a new world

SUMMER READING CLUB

Explore and connect with a curiosity of creatures at your library and online.
summerreadingclub.org.au
www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au
Email: library@cessnock.nsw.gov.au

Read for the chance to win prizes! The Summer Reading Club is on again—register at Cessnock or Kurri Kurri Library on December 3rd to be part of the fun!

Kurri Kurri Library
253 Lang Street
KURRI KURRI 2327
Phone: 4937 1638

Cessnock City Library
Start here. go anywhere...

Cessnock Library
65-67 Vincent Street
CESSNOCK 2325
Phone: 4993 4399



Could \$500 help you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and we'll match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for school costs.

- laptops & tablets
- lessons & activities
- uniforms & shoes
- books & supplies
- sports fees & gear
- camps & excursions

To join Saver Plus, you must have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, be at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.



Contact
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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for more information.

Other



HOME FIRE SAFETY

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE

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Is Your Home Fire Safe?

FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR INSIDE YOUR HOME

Have you given your family the best chance of surviving a house fire?

- Have at least one installed and operating smoke alarm on each level of your house
- Know two safe ways out of every room in your house
- Have a written escape plan in case of fire, and practice it regularly with all household occupants
- Ensure that keys to all locked windows and doors are accessible in case you need to escape

DID YOU KNOW
It only takes three minutes for a fire to take hold!



Simple home fire safety tips you should follow are:

- Test smoke alarms regularly and change the battery at least once every 12 months.
- Have a licensed electrician check your wiring and install a safety switch.
- Don't overload power points and switch off household appliances when not in use.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Never leave open fires unattended and always screen with a proper fireguard.
- Heaters should be kept at least one metre from curtains, furniture and other flammable items.
- Never place clothing over heaters.
- Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of children.

House fires can cause serious injury or death, and can destroy your most cherished possessions and home.

The area of the house where most fires occur is the kitchen, followed by the lounge and bedrooms.

PREPARE

ACT

SURVIVE

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION LINE | 1800 679 737



School Info

TEXT FEES

THERE ARE STILL OUTSTANDING RESOURCE / TEXT FEES AT THIS STAGE.

The text/resource fee, which covers texts and online subscriptions etc is set at \$70. per student. Families experiencing genuine financial hardship can apply confidentially to the Principal for assistance with the **text/resource fee**.
POP PAYMENT OPTION: *Subject Contributions*
DESCRIPTION: *Texts 2018*

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Fees have remained the same as last year. Voluntary School contributions are set at \$40. per student.
POP Payment Codes when paying online using POP.
POP PAYMENT OPTION:
Voluntary School Contribution
DESCRIPTION:
VC 2018

POP PAYMENTS

This payment option is available on our school website.

Access the website (www.blackhill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) and the payment tab at the top of the page. When you access the \$Make a Payment you must enter:

STUDENT'S NAME & DATE OF BIRTH

Only enter the fields that have an asterisk beside them.

These details are entered each time hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner and are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed at the time of payment. Payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. A further receipt will not be issued by the school. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process, please contact the office.

Note: Payment Ref as indicated on our permission note must be quoted.

Also write your POP receipt number on the signed student permission note and return to school.

<https://quickweb.westpac.com.au/OnlinePaymentServlet>

STUDENT ABSENCE

A reminder that if your child is absent from school, please notify the office between 8am and 9.15am.

If the office is unattended you can always leave a message on the school's Home Messagebank.

This would help us with the timely marking of our rolls and maintenance of our records.



NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

To receive our school newsletters by email, please send an email to: blackhill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with NEWSLETTER in the subject.

IMPORTANT

EMERGENCY CARDS

Thanks to those families who have returned the YELLOW Emergency Cards so promptly. Please complete and return to school asap if you haven't already done so, to enable us to have up to date records.

P&C PAYMENTS

PLEASE NO POP ONLINE PAYMENTS FOR P&C. CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY

FRANCIS GREENWAY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

You will find the Francis Greenway High School newsletter on the following link:

<https://francisgreenway.schools.nsw.gov.au/newsletter.html>

Assembly Report - from Friday November 9



Miss Gardoll's Awards

Merit	Florence
Merit	Riley
English	Jack N
Mathematics	Kylan
Quality Learning Award	Jaida
Citizenship Award	Rosie

Mr Braye's Awards

Merit	Boston
Merit	Dustin
English	Maddison
Mathematics	Brodie
Quality Learning Award	Cooper
Citizenship Award	Sophia

Mrs Strickland's Awards

Merit	Isabelle T
Merit	Caleb
English	Claire
Mathematics	Cooper
Quality Learning Award	Emi
Citizenship Award	Mackenzie

Mrs Lawson's Awards

Merit	Julian
Merit	Reina
English	Sienna
Mathematics	Samuel
Quality Learning Award	Lillybelle
Citizenship Award	Hamish

Mrs Adamthwaite's Awards

Merit	Jayden
Merit	Claudia
Merit	Mitchell
English	Makayla
Mathematics	Archer
Quality Learning Award	Savannah
Citizenship Award	Ben

Prefect's Report:

We hope everyone had a good time at Life Education

Prefect's Award:

Rosie

Principal's Award

Archer W

Community award

Jade C

House Cup

Worimi

P&C News

STAY AND PLAY – 28TH NOVEMBER

On Wednesday 28th November after school parents & kids are invited to stay & play! This is the afternoon of the final kinder orientation day. **From 3pm till 4.30pm** catch up &/or get to know each other. It is a great opportunity for new families, the 2019 kindergarten kids & their parents to meet current students and families.

Bring some food to share with everyone for afternoon tea.

ALL siblings are welcome. NO scooters/ bikes etc please;

The cola will be closed for this event.

Children may only stay if their parents are present. This is a P&C activity, no teachers will be on duty.



UNIFORM ORDERS

Uniform order forms are out & due back by **THIS FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER.**

This will be the last uniform order for the year. Don't forget if you haven't already there is a subsidy available as part of the uniform transition period.

Please talk to Mrs South if you have any questions regarding this.

*Uniform order form is attached to the back of the newsletter.

**Also the second hand uniform forum on facebook is a great place for either passing along uniforms that are no longer needed or too small, or picking up the new pieces you need.

FEEDBACK

If you would like to discuss an issue or you have any feedback for the P & C, please know that you are welcome to attend any P & C meeting, drop a note in the suggestion box at the office or chat with one of the P & C committee.

NEXT P & C MEETING

Monday 19th November, 7pm.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of the P & C committee.

NO HOT LUNCHESES WILL OCCUR IN TERM 4.

Tuck Shop Items and Prices



Tuck Shop



60c



60c



60c



60c



60c



60c



60c



60c



Tuck Shop

Twisted Frozen Yoghurt \$1.50



Moosies \$1.00



Jucies \$1.00



Ice Cream Cups \$1.00



All items comply with the Star Ratings or Above!!!!!!

These items will change to comply with the Star Ratings



UNIFORM ORDER

Kindly complete and return with full correct payment to the school mail box by **Friday 16th November 2018**

Please make all cheques payable to **Black Hill P&C Association**

Name: _____
 Class: _____
 Contact Name & Number: _____

Item Description	Size 4	Size 6	Size 8	Size 10	Size 12	Size 14	Size 16	Small (Adult)	Medium (Adult)	Amount
Gold polo Price: \$27 (except size 16) (limited stock) NB: OLD SIZING							NB: \$30	Size 16 is a Small in Adult sizing		
Gold polo Price: \$27 (except size 16 onwards) NB: NEW SIZING							NB: \$30	Size 16 is a Small in Adult sizing	NB: \$30	
SUBSIDISED Gold polo Price: \$10 INCLUDE THE CHILD'S NAME FOR EACH SUBSIDISED POLO ORDERED								Size 16 is a Small in Adult sizing		
Polar fleece jacket – royal blue with emblem Price: \$28 (except adult sizes)								NB: \$34	NB: \$34	
Polar fleece vest – royal blue with emblem Price: \$20 (except adult sizes) NB: Sizing is smaller than the polar fleece jacket (i.e. a size 8 vest is a snugger fit than a size 8 jacket)									NB: \$24	
Tracksuit pants – straight leg, fleecy, royal Price: \$24.50 (except size 16)							NB: \$28.50			
Skorts – royal blue Price: \$14										
Shorts – royal blue with zip pocket and continuous drawstring (cotton & polyester) Price: \$11.50										
Shorts – royal blue with zip pocket (polyester) Price: \$10 (limited stock)										
Slouch hats – royal blue Price: \$10	Small – 54cm		Medium – 56cm		Large – 58cm		Extra Large – 60cm			
Embroidered School Emblem Price: \$2										
									Total	\$

For further enquiries, please phone Amanda on 0438 586 404. If you would like a text message to confirm receipt of your order please text Amanda.

TERM 4 UNIFORM ORDER

Kindly complete and return the uniform order form with full correct payment (cash or cheque only) to the school mail box by **THIS FRIDAY 16TH OF NOVEMBER**.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties at the time of a uniform order and require new uniform items please contact Mrs South to discuss payment options.

SIZING

Unfortunately, with no prior notice, PSW has started delivering polos with 'new fit' tags attached which has alerted us to a change in sizing.

We do have some stock of the 'old' size 10 and 16. All other orders will be filled with 'new' sizing. The 'new' sizing is smaller than the 'old' sizing. For example, if you need an 'old' size 6 we suggest trying a 'new' size 8 – i.e. going up a size. However, the 'new' sizing is significantly narrower in width. We have samples of the 'new' sizing and recommend trying those on to determine the correct size.

The samples will be available for trying on at either 3pm on Thursday the 15th or 8.30am on Friday the 16th of November by appointment only. Please message Amanda on 0438 586 404 if you would like to try on items at one of these times (or arrange another time). Amanda will not be at the office at these times if no one makes an appointment.

SUBSIDISED GOLD POLO

A reminder that every student from kindergarten to Year 5 is entitled to one gold polo subsidised by the P&C. This polo is \$10. Please place your order on the allocated line on the order form.

LATE ORDERS AND ADMINISTRATION CHARGES

As a reminder, the policy regarding uniform purchasing has changed. Should you require any items outside of the formal ordering times a \$5 Administration Charge will apply to your order. However, if the P&C doesn't have the item(s) you require in stock and an order from the supplier is required, a \$10 Administration Charge will instead apply to your order.

RECYCLED CLOTHING

Please remember that there is a large assortment of recycled clothing available in the Office – particularly Winter clothing. We request a gold coin donation for each item taken.

2ND HAND UNIFORM FACEBOOK FORUM

A 2nd hand uniform forum has been set up on Facebook. This forum is for school families to buy, sell or swap uniform items. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/149785939049032/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Student assistance can be obtained for the purchase of uniforms. Student assistance forms are available from the Office.

For uniform enquiries contact Amanda on 0438 586 404.