



# Newsletter

## Black Hill Public School

November 21 2018

Term 4 Week 6

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### COMING EVENTS

#### TERM 4

#### NOVEMBER—DECEMBER

Stay & Play— **Wednesday 28 November**

Last Kindergarten orientation—  
**Wednesday 28 November**

Swimming—**19 October- 7 December**

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

**END OF TERM 4 — WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER**

### NOTES & MONEY DUE

Scholastic Book Club— **Friday 23 November**

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

YELLOW Emergency Info Card—  
**ASAP**

Outstanding Fees & Voluntary Contributions— **ASAP**



#### SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Nicole Dobbins &  
Bianca Keats

**Sausage Sizzle \$1.50**



**ASSEMBLY  
FRIDAY 9.00am  
Year 4 presenting**

## Term 4 Week 6, Wednesday 21 November

### MRS STRICKLAND

It is with both sadness (for us!) but immense happiness (for her!) that I would like to inform you that Mrs Strickland will be taking long service leave for the first three terms of next year, which she is then looking at leading into her retirement. This means that Anne's last few weeks with us will probably be from now. Anne has been a most valuable member of our Black Hill PS community for over 20 years and, during that time, has so brilliantly taught many, many children! Her enormous contributions to our school, the care and educational programs she has provided for the students, and her obvious love of and pride in our beautiful Black Hill cannot be measured. She will be missed beyond words; however we all wish her an abundance of happiness as she

begins this next chapter (which will no doubt involve many hours spent with her beautiful new little Grandson!). I look forward to ensuring these next few weeks are special ones for Anne and know you share my sentiments in wishing her the very, very best. Miss Gardoll will relieve in Mrs Strickland's position until a permanent teacher is appointed at some stage in 2019.

### 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.

### PRESENTATION NIGHT

Our annual Presentation Night will be held on **Thursday 13 December (Week 9) at Francis 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 our students, families and community. Further details will be included in coming newsletters.

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## HENNY PENNY HATCHING PROGRAM

Several classes at our school have recently been undertaking some learning on life cycles. As part of this unit of work we are very fortunate to have the Henny Penny Hatching program at our school this week and next. The Henny Penny Hatching staff on Monday made a special delivery to our school which will give our students the opportunity to watch eggs hatching in a specially designed incubator, and then to observe the hatched chicks at play in a large, clear-sided brooding pen. At the end of the program, we are hoping to have 16 chicks hatched which can then be adopted out by our students. A note will be sent home today detailing this process.



## MR BRAD URE

On Monday evening we very warmly farewelled Mr Brad Ure. Following many years as President of our School Council and volunteering a huge amount of time to our school community Brad decided it was time to step down. 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.

## SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION MANAGER (SAM) POSITION

Interviews were held last week to appoint a permanent School Administrative Manager to our school. Following a stringent process, the panel were extremely happy with the recommended candidate chosen. There is now a mandatory 10-day appeal period. Following this, I look forward to informing you of this decision.

## LONG SERVICE LEAVE

From today, I will be taking two weeks' long service leave, and heading on an overseas family holiday. Mr Braye will be relieving as Principal during this time and Mrs Lawson will be relieving as Assistant Principal. I thank both them and our entire wonderful Black Hill staff, as I know they will ensure our programs and routines continue effectively during this time, and our children remain at the centre of everything we do!

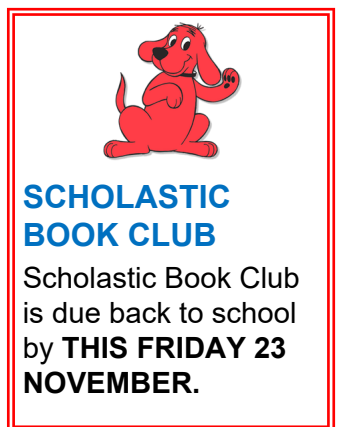
Take care everyone and have a lovely rest of the week!

*Kylie South.*



## 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.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

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

## Other

### FGHS CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

**On Wednesday November 28 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm** (before the Parent Information Evening) all community members and parents are invited to attend a FREE presentation delivered by Leonie Smith one of Australia's leading cyber safety experts. This presentation will be held in the Kearsley Centre (MPC). CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ATTEND DUE TO THE CONTENT. If you are attending the cyber safety and then wish to attend the Year 7 Parent Information evening, we will provide supervision for your child in the Learning Centre (Library) for the duration of the cyber safety presentation.

"Raising Responsible Digital Citizens" will allow you to learn about a number of important topics including: the hidden dangers within popular apps, how to set up adult content filters to protect your child from nasty surprises, age limits on social media and messaging apps, online game safety, sexting, dealing with cyber bullying, and supervising rather than spying on your child online.

### FGHS YEAR 7 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

The Year 7 Parent Information Evening will follow on from the cyber safety session and will be held in the Learning Centre. This session will cover all the details you need to know for your child starting Year 7 in 2019. Representatives from Harvey Norman will be in attendance from 5pm. Year 7 & 11 students will be required to bring a suitable computing device that meets our school's BYOD requirements to school every day from 2019. We have established a partnership with Harvey Norman to provide you with affordable, compatible devices.



## Year 7 2019 Parent Information Evening

**Wednesday 28 November**



Francis Greenway High School Learning Centre (Library)

- ★ **4:00pm to 5:00pm** - Free Cyber Safety Presentation "Raising Digital Citizens" - Kearsley Centre (MPC)
- ★ **5:00pm** - Free BBQ followed by Principal, Deputy and Year Adviser presenting the Parent Information Session. This session will cover all the details you need to know for your child starting Year 7.

**Also in attendance will be:**

- Harvey Norman—BYOD (bring your own device)
- Alinta Apparel—FGHS Uniform Shop

For your convenience we will have representatives from our School Administration Office who will be available to take payments for the following:

- YR 7 Book Packs - \$50
- Year 7 School Fee 2019 - \$50
- Year 7 Camp/Adventure Day - \$70

Payments may be made by cash, eftpos, credit card or cheque.

- ★ School tour optional at end of meeting

\*Prices may be subject to change



## Free Cyber Safety Presentation "Raising Digital Citizens"



**Young people have access to a virtually limitless world so parents should be aware of the risks.**



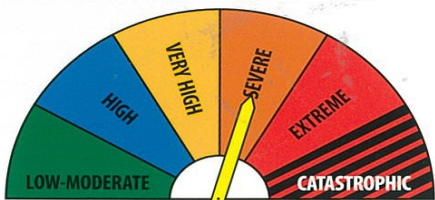
Other



BUSH FIRE SAFETY



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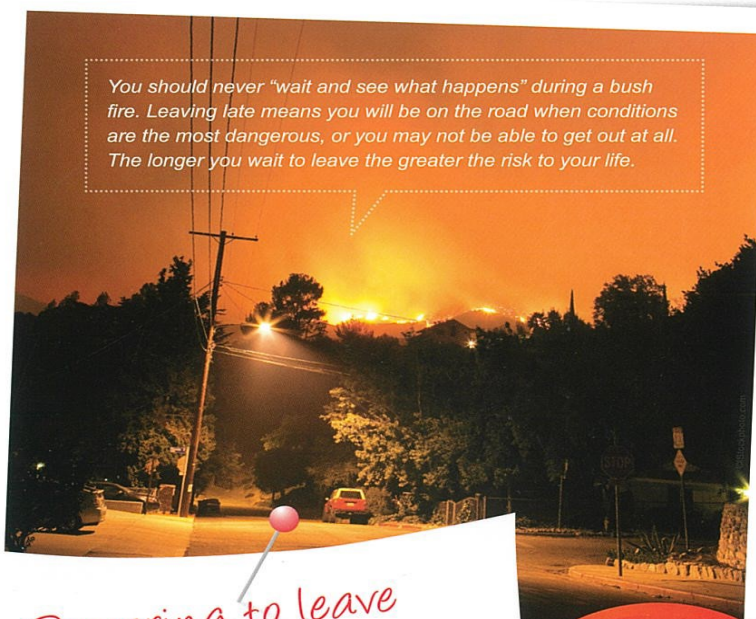


# Leaving Early

## LEAVE EARLY AND SURVIVE A BUSH FIRE

The safest option in a bush fire is always to leave early, well before the fire threatens. You should leave if:

- The Fire Danger Rating is Catastrophic.** On these days fires will be so intense it is not safe to defend any home - no matter how well prepared. Extreme and Severe days are also very dangerous and leaving early will always be the safest option
- You might be at home by yourself during a fire.** Defending your property requires at least two physically fit adults
- You have not made adequate preparations to defend.** This includes having sufficient water supplies and fire fighting equipment
- There are children, elderly, or disabled people in your home.** People who are vulnerable due to age, health or any other reason should always leave early
- Your house is not defensible.** Some houses, because of their location, construction, or surrounding vegetation are not safe to defend. The NSW RFS Bush Fire Household Assessment Tool can help you assess your home's level of risk and make an informed decision. On some days no properties will be defensible



### Preparing to leave early means:

- Completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan, available at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- Planning where you will go, how to get there, and what you will take
- Knowing the daily Fire Danger Rating in your area and what it means
- Having transport organised for all members of the family, including pets
- Actively seek information on the fire situation and weather conditions from TV, local radio and the internet so you know when to leave
- Having a back-up plan in case you aren't able to leave early enough. What other safer places are there you could get to?
- Talking to family, friends, and neighbours about your plan to leave early

**DID YOU KNOW**  
Being well away from a bush fire is the **ONLY** way to ensure your safety.



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](http://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.



### SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE

**Our school mobile phone, which will be used for excursions, etc.**

**THE SCHOOL MOBILE PHONE NUMBER IS 0476 293 214.**



### NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

To receive our school newsletters by email, please send an email to: [blackhill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto: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 16



**Miss Gardoll's Awards**

Merit	Indi
Merit	Maddon
English	Jack Y
Mathematics	Brielle
Quality Learning Award	River
Citizenship Award	Brinley

**Mr Braye's Awards**

Merit	Alecia
Merit	Kayd
English	Brock
Mathematics	Alexis
Quality Learning Award	Sophie
Citizenship Award	Natalie

**Mrs Strickland's Awards**

Merit	Logan
Merit	Mia
English	Eden
Mathematics	Harmony
Quality Learning Award	Jordan
Citizenship Award	Lila

**Mrs Lawson's Awards**

Merit	Chloe
Merit	Hamish
English	Cooper
Mathematics	Emma
Quality Learning Award	Odin
Citizenship Award	Luella

**Mrs Adamthwaite's Awards**

Merit	Harry
Merit	Kodi
Merit	Aleisia
English	Nash
Mathematics	Indi
	Lily
Quality Learning Award	Alexis
Citizenship Award	Leah

**Prefect's Report:**

Have a great weekend!

**Special Awards**

Isabelle T

**Principal's Award**

Jack Y

**Community award**

Brad Ure

**House Cup**

**Awabakal**



## P&C News

### STAY AND PLAY – 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

**Next 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.**



### TERM 1 COMMUNITY NIGHT

With the upcoming festive season & recent events it was not practical to run our normal community night this term, which was a hard decision. However, we love our community events and do not want the community to miss out. As such we will be running a community night in Term 1 of 2019. We will release more information in the coming weeks.

### 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.

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

**NO HOT LUNCHES WILL OCCUR IN TERM 4.**

# Tuck Shop Items and Prices



## Tuck Shop



60c



60c



60c



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## 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