



# Black Hill Buzz

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3 November, 2021

Term 4 Week 5



### COMING EVENTS

#### TERM 4

#### Nov / Dec

**Fri 12 Nov**— Scholastic Book Club orders due

**Tues 30 Nov**— School Council Meeting, 6pm & P&C Meeting, 7pm

**Thurs 2 Dec**— Year 6 Farewell, 5pm

**Thurs 9 Dec**— 2021 Presentation Day

**Thurs 16 Dec**— **LAST DAY TERM 4**

#### NOTES & MONEY DUE

Text/Resources **\$70**— **ASAP**

Voluntary contribution Fee **\$40**— **ASAP**

### Term 4 Week 5

#### SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

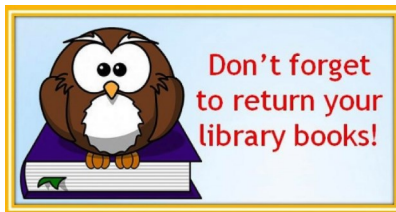
Scholastic Book Club issue 7 orders are due by Friday 12 November (Week 6).

Please place orders in the office mailbox or **LOOP** (online ordering).

**No late orders will be accepted.**

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/parent/login.aspx>

THERE ARE LOADS OF AWESOME BOOKS & GIFT IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS IN THIS ISSUE.



Don't forget to return your library books!

#### PLEASE RETURN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Overdue library book notices will be sent home today. Please return these books asap.

### YEAR 6 FAREWELL SAVE THE DATE

Thursday 2 December, arrive 5:00pm.  
West Wallsend Workers Club.

Year 5 have been invited to attend part of the celebration.  
More information to come.



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HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP YET?

**STAY IN THE LOOP WITH SKOOL LOOP**

Our school app ensures excellent and reliable communication between our school and parents at all times!

NEVER MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT, INFORMATION AGAIN - DOWNLOAD THE SKOOL LOOP APP TODAY

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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

### HOW WONDERFUL TO BE ALL BACK TOGETHER!

It was absolutely wonderful to have all of our students back together last Monday! We are all so very proud of how they have settled back into school and class routines and activities. And once again, we acknowledge the tremendous learning that was completed at home. Thank you and well done to each of our families!

### COVID GUIDELINES

In today's newsletter you will find updated COVID guidelines. Yesterday the Minister announced that from next Monday, 8 November all schools will move onto updated Level 3 settings that bring schools more into line with what is allowed in the community. Please take a moment to have a look at these updated guidelines and as always contact the school if you have any questions or require further clarification.

### 2021 PRESENTATION DAY

Our 2021 Presentation Day will be held on Thursday 9 December (Week 10). We are in the process of finalising what this event will 'look like' under the current COVID guidelines and will provide more information to you in coming weeks.



### FINAL 2021 SCHOOL COUNCIL / P&C MEETING

Thank you to everyone who joined in our School Council and P&C Meetings last night via zoom. Both meetings were mainly a discussion on our current guidelines and information on preliminary planning for next year.

**The last P&C and School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 30 November. School Council, 6:00pm and P&C Meeting, 7:00pm**

### 2022 CLASSES

We are in the process of finalising classes and teaching positions for 2022.

The 'draft' class structure we are currently planning for is:

- **Kinder/Year 1 – Mr Braye**
- **Year 1/2 – TBC**
- **Year 3/4 – Miss Gardoll**
- **Year 5/6 – Mrs Lawson**

Temporary teaching positions are in the process of being filled. These will include the Year 1/2 Classroom Teacher, Library, Learning and Support & Aboriginal Education Teacher.

Have a great rest of the week!

*Kylie And Staff*



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# TERM 4 ROADMAP

NSW Department of Education

## Term 4 roadmap

### From 8 November

All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4.

- School sports allowed
- Inter-school sports allowed outside of school hours
- Assemblies and presentations allowed outdoors on-site
- Excursions allowed outdoors
- Dancing and some music classes allowed
- Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations
- Community use allowed (including P&C meetings)

### From Term 1 2022

We can look forward to more freedoms as schools return in 2022.

## Keeping us all safe

A combination of layered safety measures allow us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep schools open.

### Stay home if unwell

- Do not attend or participate if unwell, even with mild symptoms.



### Vaccinations required

- All adults must be fully vaccinated.



### Always check in

- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.



### Wear masks indoors

- Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
- You can take your mask off when eating or exercising.



### Physically distance

- Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.



### Maximise ventilation

- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practicable.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees.



### Stick to your cohorts

- Avoid mingling with other groups when moving around the school.

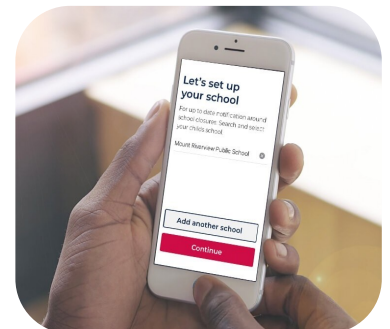


For the latest information, refer to [education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19).



## NSW School Updates App

The NSW School Updates app allows parents and carers to receive operational status updates for NSW Public Schools. The app will complement the other means of communication available to parents and carers from schools and the Department of Education to ensure families receive timely, accurate information in a crisis. The app is free and available now for iOS and Android users.



- [Download for iOS - App Store External link.](#)
- [Download for Android - Google Play External link.](#)

You can opt in for notifications about the operational status of as many NSW public schools as you choose.

# ASSEMBLY REPORT FROM WEEK 4

## WEEK 4

### Mrs Lawson K/1 Awards

<b>Merit</b>	Daniel
<b>Merit</b>	Mia
<b>Mathematics</b>	Cameron
<b>Quality Learning Award</b>	Thea
<b>Citizenship Award</b>	Donte



### Mr Braye & Mrs Single 1/2 Awards

<b>Merit</b>	Caleb
<b>Merit</b>	Jade
<b>Merit</b>	MJ
<b>English</b>	Harmony
<b>Mathematics</b>	Myah
<b>Quality Learning Award</b>	Alec
<b>Citizenship Award</b>	Gemma

### Miss Gardoll 3/4 Awards

<b>Merit</b>	Zeppelin
<b>Merit</b>	Kobi
<b>Merit</b>	Byron
<b>English</b>	Indianna
<b>Mathematics</b>	Zara
<b>Quality Learning Award</b>	Jaida
<b>Citizenship Award</b>	Willow

### Mrs Youman & Mrs Lane 5/6 Awards

<b>Merit</b>	Eden
<b>Merit</b>	Boston
<b>English</b>	Claire
<b>Mathematics</b>	Mia
<b>Quality Learning Award</b>	Isabelle
<b>Citizenship Award</b>	Zeke

### Principal's Award

Emily, Elsie, Eden, Evie,  
Matilda, MJ, Izaac, Quinn,  
Maddison, Zara, Joseph,  
Eden, Zach & Manacia



## SCHOOL INFORMATION

### TEXT FEES

Fees have remained the same as last year. 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 2021**

### VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

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 2021**

### POP PAYMENTS

This payment option is available on our school website.

Access the website

<https://blackhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

and the **MAKE A**

**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.**

**If you are paying school fees – just put the Payment Ref – SCHOOL FEES. Also write your POP receipt number on the signed student permission note if the payment is for an activity and return to school.**

**\* PLEASE NOTE, P&C PAYMENTS ARE NOT TO BE MADE VIA POP PAYMENTS. CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY.**

### TO RETURN EMERGENCY CARDS (YELLOW)

#### GENERAL PERMISSION FORMS

#### PBL FORMS

#### MEDICAL FORMS

*\* It is important to complete and return the following forms so that our school records can be updated.*

*Thank you to those who have already returned these notes.*



### STUDENT ABSENCE

**A reminder that if your child is absent from school, please notify the office between 8:30am and 9:15am.**

If the office is unattended you can leave a message on the school's Home Messagebank OR if a student has been marked absent after the class rolls are marked by the teacher, we generate an automatic text message to be sent to the parent/carers phone number on file. You can advise us of your child/ren's absence by replying to this text msg.

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 VIA 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.

### 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>

# SCHOOL TRAVEL FOR 2022

## School Travel for 2022

### 2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can apply now <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply>. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).



Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details **before the end of term 4** <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel/update-school-travel-pass>. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email. <https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply>

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply. <https://transportnsw.info/school-term-bus-pass>

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

### School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to [transportnsw.info](https://transportnsw.info). This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

### Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can apply or update details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

<https://transportnsw.info/school-travel-apply> or <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel/update-school-travel-pass>

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

<https://transportnsw.info/operators>

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Student code of conduct and Opal terms of use. <https://transportnsw.info/student-code-conduct> and <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal/opal-terms-of-use>.

## SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL 2023

### Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2023, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 10 March 2022.

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available in early-October 2021 at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>.

Applications open on 19 October 2021 and close on 17 November 2021. You must apply before the closing date.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

**The tear-off slip below is NOT an application and the school CANNOT apply on your behalf.**

Yours sincerely

Principal

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by \_\_\_\_\_.

**THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL.**

This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY FOR PLACEMENT YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER YOUR EMAIL AND THEN SUBMIT AN APPLICATION THROUGH THE ONLINE FORM ON THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS WEBSITE:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes>

----- Cut here and return the note below to the school -----

### Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2023

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I intend to apply for selective high school entry in Year 7 in 2023 for my child through the High Performing Students website between 19 October 2021 and 17 November 2021.

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_

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