



# Black Hill Buzz

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Term 4 Week 7



### COMING EVENTS

#### TERM 4

Nov / Dec

**Wed 24 Nov**— Kinder 2022 Orientation session at BHPS

**Fri 26 Nov**— Uniform order due

**Thurs 26 Nov**— Year 6, 2022 Leadership Speeches

**Wed 1 Dec**— Kinder 2022 Orientation session at BHPS

**Thurs 2 Dec**— Year 6 Farewell, 5pm

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

**Thurs 9 Dec**— 2021 Presentation Day, 9:30am

**Thurs 16 Dec**— **LAST DAY TERM 4**

### 2022

#### TERM 1

Feb / Mar /Apr

**Fri 28 & Mon 31 Jan** — **STAFF RETURN 2021**

**Tues 1 Feb** — **YEAR 1-6 STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 1, 2022**

**Wed 2 Feb** — **KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 1, 2022**

**Fri 11 Feb**— Swimming Carnival

**Fri 18 Feb**— Swimming Award Assembly

**Thurs 24 Feb**— Zone Swimming Carnival

**VOLUNTARY  
TEXT BOOK &  
CONTRIBUTION  
FEES DUE ASAP**

**Text Book/Resource  
Fee— \$70.00**

**Contribution Fee—  
\$40.00**

### Term 4 Week 7



#### KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATIONS

We're looking forward to seeing our Kinder 2022 students onsite for sessions 2 and 3 on **Wednesday 24 November, 10:15am-12:15pm** and **Wednesday 1 December, 12:15-2:15pm**.

#### UNIFORM ORDER— DUE FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER

**PLEASE NOTE: This will be the last order for 2021, so order your uniforms now for 2022.**

Payment may be made with the order or on collection (cash or cheque only – cheques payable to Black Hill P&C Association).

Kindly complete and return to the school mailbox by **FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER (Week 8)**. An order form is attached in today's newsletter.

#### YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Our Year 6 Farewell is being held on Thursday 2 December at West Wallsend Workers Club.

#### YEAR 6 2022 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Next Thursday 25 November, our current Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speech for our 2022 leadership positions.

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

Our last P&C and School Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 December. School Council, 6:00pm and P&C Meeting, 7:00pm.

**All those attending must be fully vaccinated.**

#### PLEASE RETURN OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

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



**MADAGASCAR IS ALMOST HERE....  
FINALLY!!!  
WEEK 9 IS 'MADAGASCAR WEEK!'**

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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

### WELCOME TO WEEK 7!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. My goodness, the end of 2021 is quickly drawing near. With the second wave of COVID-19, it has been another challenging year, at times filled with uncertainty and anxiety, however we have also much to celebrate, to be proud of and to be thankful for. We have a busy but exciting 5 weeks left of school! Please take a moment when you can to read this newsletter, and as always, reach out if you need clarification or support. As is the case with all NSW Public Schools, we continue to operate under COVID-19 Level 3 Department of Education guidelines. Our students have done extremely well remaining in their 'cohorts' these last few weeks and again, I sincerely thank our families and community for also continuing to follow these guidelines.

### SCHOOL FEES

Invoices were sent home last week for outstanding school fees. It would be very much appreciated if these could be finalised as soon as possible. Thank you for your support with this.



### KINDERGARTEN 2022 ORIENTATION

It's Kindergarten Orientation time again and we are thrilled to be welcoming our 2022 Kindergarten students and their families! Last Wednesday evening our new Kinder families had a wonderful information session via zoom with Mr Braye. Not even a complete drop-out of internet could stop us from sharing lots of wonderful information about our school!

Mrs Carolyn Wilson, who is the 'Transition Support Teacher' for our Gateway Learning Community local schools also spoke and provided some fabulous advice and information to our parents and carers. We look forward to welcoming onsite our new Kindies next Wednesday 24 November and the Wednesday after 1 December, as they meet their buddies and begin to learn all about 'big school'!



### YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Our Year 6 Farewell is being held on Thursday 2 December (week 9) at West Wallsend Workers Club. Thank you to Mrs Lane and Mrs Walker (Lila's mum) for their wonderful organisation with this event. A detailed note will be going home today to our Year 5 and Year 6 students. And again, it is important that with this event we follow the venue guidelines, Public Health Orders and Department of Education regulations. We have some really special things planned for the evening and are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our fabulous Year 6 students!

### YEAR 6 2022 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

Next Thursday 25 November, our current Year 5 students will be presenting their leadership speech for our 2022 leadership positions. The entire school (staff and students) will then vote, with the announcement of our 2022 School

Leaders being made that afternoon. After receiving feedback from our community regarding our processes and structures for electing our student leaders, I have spoken in great detail with our Year 5 students about expectations and appropriate behaviours, and we will be looking at formally reviewing our school leadership policy next year. We wish all of these students the very best with their upcoming speech and I look forward to announcing our 2022 leaders next Thursday.

### PRAC STUDENTS

We are very fortunate at the moment to have 3 wonderful prac students at our lovely little school. Miss Kathryn Brown and Mr Samuel Marr are both from the University of Newcastle and are working with Year 5/6 and Year K/1. Miss Emma Ure is from Macquarie University in Sydney and is working with Year 3/4.

We wish Kathryn, Sam and Emma all the very best during their time with us. How lucky are they to be working alongside such talented, passionate teachers and the most incredible students.

Each has shared a little bit more about themselves in today's newsletter.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION



### MADAGASCAR IS ALMOST HERE.... FINALLY!!!

Week 9 is 'MADAGASCAR WEEK' at Black Hill! Two years in the making but it is finally here and we are all super excited that each and every one of our students will get a chance to shine!

A huge shout-out to our talented Mrs Youman whose organisation with our musical has been extraordinary beyond words.

Don't forget to organise your costume and bring it to school next week. Please see Mrs Youman if you have any questions.



### 2021 PRESENTATION DAY

Our 2021 Presentation Day will take place at school on Thursday 9 December (Week 10) at 9:30am.

Unfortunately, due to current COVID guidelines, this will be a much smaller event, similar to last year's

Presentation Day. Only the parents of our Year 6 students and incoming Year 5 leaders will be invited to attend as they will be presenting. The presentation will be filmed and you are welcome to send in a USB and we will download the part that your child is in. We will be also taking lots of photos to share and celebrate with our families and community.

### SEMESTER 2 STUDENT REPORTS

Student Reports for Semester 2 will be given to students on Friday 10 December (Week 10) to take home. You are welcome to contact your child's teacher or myself if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report. Please ensure that the office has correct mailing details if you require an additional report to be sent to a separate parent. Each of our students will also be bringing home this week a "Learning from Home" Reflection sheet. As you know, the staff and I were inspired time and time again at the wonderful learning that was happening in our homes, and the incredible job you were doing to support your child with their learning. This reflection is entirely optional, however is a wonderful opportunity for you and your child to

reflect on the 'Learning from Home' period. We are asking that you complete this sheet with your child and then return it to school to be included with your child's Semester 2 Report.

### ANIMALS

We love seeing and hearing all about our furry friends at home, but just a gentle reminder that our students need to check with their class teacher first before bringing in their pet to school.

### 2022 PLANNING

Planning for 2022 is keeping us very busy at the moment. Over the next few weeks we will be finalising our classes and teaching staff, and I will be sure to communicate this with you as soon as possible. Thank you to Mrs Jade Maddison, our School Council President, and Mr Peter Newman, our P&C President, for being involved in the process to fill our 2022 temporary teaching positions. Class structures will remain the same as this year (ie. K/, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6) with the classes being in the same classroom as this year.

If you know of any families who are contemplating Black Hill for next year, please encourage them to contact the school. This greatly assists with our planning.

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

Under the current Department of Education Level 3 guidelines we are now able to hold School Council / P&C Meetings onsite at school after school hours. **All those attending must be fully vaccinated.**

We had planned to have this meeting on Tuesday 30th November, however have now had to change it to the following **Tuesday, 7th December**. The School Council will be at 6:00pm and the P&C Meeting at 7:00pm. The school will provide a light supper at both meetings. We would love to see as many of our parents, carers and community members come along as possible! Both meetings will be a wonderful opportunity to end what certainly has been another challenging year, but to also to look forward to, and start planning, for 2022.

A zoom option will also be available for anyone unable to make the meeting onsite.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

### EDUCATION TRUST

We are so very fortunate at Black Hill to be wonderfully supported through our Black Hill Public School Education Trust. Again in 2021, the Education Trust has provided considerable financial support, both full and part subsidy, to our students with activities and resources. This has included the Harmony Day Performance, the bus for our excursion to High School Musical, computer equipment, Madagascar t-shirts and our Science Incursion tomorrow. We thank the Education Trust for their ongoing support.

Just a reminder that this Term is an 11 Week Term. The last day for our students is Thursday 16 December.

Enjoy the rest of your week everyone. Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

*Kylie And Staff*

### SAVE THE DATES FOR 2022

**Friday 11 February, 2022— Swimming Carnival K-6.**

**Friday 18 February, 2022— Swimming Awards Assembly.**

**Thursday 24, 2022— Zone Swimming Carnival.**

### SALE OF OLD SCHOOL MOWER

Recently we purchased a new ride on mower. As such we are now in the process of selling our old ride on mower. Department of Education guidelines are that anyone wishing to make an offer on the mower is able to do so confidentially, with the highest offer being accepted. The mower is in fair condition, however does need new blades and an adjustment of the deck.

The mower is a Toro Timecutter SS 4250. Please contact the school by next Friday 26 November, if you are interested in making an offer and would like further information.



### MIA'S WORK OF ART

We have some incredible artists here at Black Hill. Mia attends art lessons every Wednesday afternoon at Art Mania Studio, where she works on a different medium each week. Recently she did this most amazing landscape painting using acrylic paints. Her painting has been proudly displayed in our school foyer, with many people thinking it was by a professional artist! Well done Mia! What a superstar!!



### Year 6 Farewell- Baby Photos

It is that time of year when our amazing Year 6 students are getting excited about their Farewell.

There are many preparations already underway and we are asking our parents and carers to start searching their baby albums.

We are asking that each student in Year 6 bring in **THREE** baby/toddler photos for our farewell slide show presentation.

If your child did not attend Kindergarten at Black Hill PS, could you please supply us with a school photo from their previous school.

Please send the photos through to the school mobile on 0476 293 214

**BY THIS FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER.**

## MEET OUR PRAC STUDENTS

### GET TO KNOW OUR BHPS PRAC STUDENTS

Hi, My name is Kathryn Brown and I am in my third year of my teaching degree, and I am studying at the University of Newcastle. I am a social butterfly who enjoys spending time with my family and friends. I am a trained beauty therapist and decided I really wanted to follow my passion of teaching, and I have never looked back. I have been lucky enough to be placed at the lovely Black Hill Public School for my third year prac, and I am enjoying every moment of it. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. During my 4 weeks at Black Hill, I will be working with the wonderful Mrs Lane and Mrs Youman, with class 5/6. I am so excited to get to know all the students and feel very privileged to have been allocated such a fantastic school. I have always had a passion for teaching and cannot wait to begin my career.



Hi, My name is Samuel Marr and I am super happy to be working with Mrs Lawson in K/1. Black Hill Public School has welcomed me with open arms and I am so grateful for this opportunity. I am in my third year of primary teaching and am loving every minute of it! I play 1st grade for Cooks Hill Football Club and help run Graham Laws Soccer Clinic, I have also coached under 14s and now the 16s. I am very active and love my sport. I am also a Leader at Wallsend Public Schools OOSH. I have a passion for teaching as I believe I was born to teach! I am super privileged to be given this opportunity at this school and look forward to getting to know all the students! I'm Mr Marr and if you see me around don't be afraid to come say hey.

Hi! I'm Emma Ure and I'm super excited to be doing my placement with the wonderful Mrs Gardoll and her 3/4 class. I'm currently in my third year of teaching at Macquarie University where I Major in Psychology. I actually attended BHPS and loved every minute of it! So I'm incredibly grateful that I am able to spend 3 weeks back here, but this time as a teacher education student. I have a passion for learning, teaching and all things performing arts! I'm looking forward to the next few weeks and getting to know everyone!

Here is a photo of me on my first day of Kindy at BHPS.



# ASSEMBLY REPORT FROM WEEK 6

## WEEK 6

### Mrs Lawson K/1 Awards

**Merit** Daniel

**Merit** Eden

**Mathematics** Rory

**Quality Learning Award** Cameron

**Citizenship Award** Darcy



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

**Merit** Matilda

**Merit** Ryleigh

**English** Evie

**Mathematics** William

**Quality Learning Award** Audrie

**Citizenship Award** Flynn

### Miss Gardoll 3/4 Awards

**Merit** Rosie

**Merit** Brinley

**Merit** Maddison

**English** Jack

**Mathematics** Zeppelin

**Quality Learning Award** Bethany

**Citizenship Award** Liam

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

**Merit** Lily

**Merit** Claire

**English** Ezekiel

**Mathematics** Isabelle T

**Quality Learning Award** Isabelle K

**Citizenship Award** Boston

### Principal's Award

Week 5–

K/1– Thea & Isla

1/2– Mia & Jade

3/4– Bethany & Florence

5/6– Mia & Mackenzie

Week 6–

K/1– Maxim & Audrey

1/2– Jazarah, Caleb &

Indy

3/4– Willow & Indi

5/6– Boston & Alecia

## 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>.





# UNIFORM ORDER

Kindly complete and return to the school mailbox by **Friday 26 November (Week 8)**

**Payment may be made with the order or on collection**  
 (cash or cheque only – 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)	Large (Adult)	XL (Adult)	Total
<b>Gold polo</b> Price: \$20 (except size 16 onwards)							Size 16 is a Small in Adult sizing	\$21.50	\$21.50	\$21.50	\$21.50	
<b>SUBSIDISED Gold polo (1 per child)</b> Price: \$10 INCLUDE THE CHILD'S NAME PLEASE							Size 16 is a Small in Adult sizing					
<b>Polar fleece jacket</b> – royal blue with emblem Price: \$28 (except adult sizes)								\$34	\$34	\$34	\$34	
<b>Polar fleece vest</b> – royal blue with emblem Price: \$20 (except adult sizes) <b>NB:</b> Sizing is smaller than the polar fleece jacket (i.e. a size 8 vest is a snugger fit than a size 8 jacket)												
<b>Tracksuit pants</b> – straight leg, fleecy, royal Price: \$24.50 (except size 16) This item is not kept in stock and only ordered as required. <i>Best &amp; Less Royal tracksuit items are an acceptable alternative.</i>							\$28.50	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	
<b>Skorts</b> – royal blue Price: \$15												
<b>Shorts</b> – royal blue with zip pocket and continuous drawstring (cotton & polyester) Price: \$11.50												
<b>Shorts</b> – royal blue with zip pocket Price: \$10 (limited stock)												
<b>Microfibre adjustable hats</b> – royal blue Price: \$8	Medium/Large ('child' size)											
<b>Beanies</b> – royal blue – one size Price: \$4												
<b>Order Total</b>											\$	

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.