



# Black Hill Buzz

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Term 4 Week 9



### COMING EVENTS

#### TERM 4

#### Dec

Thurs 2 Dec— Year 6 Farewell, 5pm

Fri 3 Dec— Kids 4 Kids Day

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

### Term 4 Week 9



### YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Our Year 6 Farewell will be held tomorrow, Thursday 2 December at West Wallsend Workers Club.

Year 6 students are to arrive at 5:00pm with dinner being served at 5:30pm.

Year 5 students are invited to arrive at 6:30pm for the disco.

A reminder that Year 5 & 6 parents are to remain at the venue during this time and return to the auditorium at 7:30pm for some very special presentations.

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

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

A Zoom option will also be available.

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



### KIDS 4 KIDS DAY

### FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021

Years 5 & 6 are organising a Kids 4 Kids Day with all funds raised going to the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal. A range of activities and games will be available for students to participate in, e.g. 100 club and Jelly Bean guessing competition, Out of uniform! More information can be found in today's newsletter.

**PAYMENT IS DUE TOMORROW, THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER.**

This activity will follow ALL Department Level 3 COVID Guidelines.

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

**Text Book/Resource  
Fee— \$70.00**

**Contribution Fee—  
\$40.00**

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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

### IT'S WEEK 9... WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

Dear families,  
I hope this second last newsletter for 2021 finds you all well. Although we have just over two weeks of school left, we have quite a lot on. I would encourage you to take a moment to read today's newsletter and, as always, contact our school if you have any questions.



### PRESENTATION DAY 2021

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.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Last Thursday we held our 2022 Leadership Speeches and voting. Our current Year 5 students did a tremendous job presenting their speech and outlining the wonderful attributes they would bring to the position. The staff and I were also very impressed with the manner in which each of these students behaved in the lead-up to the day. The voting was extremely close, and I know every one of our incoming leaders will do a brilliant job.

**It is with great pleasure that I announce our 2022 Leadership Team:**

**Presidents:  
Ruby and Boston**

**Vice-Presidents:  
Alecia and Joel**

**Senior Prefect:  
Brodie**

We look forward to formally presenting our 2022 leaders with their badges at next Thursday's Presentation Day.

### 2022 STAFFING UPDATE

Following our recent EOI process to fill our 2022 temporary positions, I am thrilled to let you know that the following teachers were successful in gaining teaching positions at our school for 2022.

Mrs Lane & Mrs Youman will be job-sharing on our Year 1/2 class. Following a very successful year teaching Year 5/6 together this year, Mrs Youman and Mrs Lane are excited to be our Year 1/2 teachers for 2022. Mrs Lane will teach the class 3 days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and Mrs Youman will teach the class two days per week on Thursday and Friday.

We are also delighted that Mrs Prosser will be working with us again next year as our Library, LaST (Learning and Support) and ATSI (Aboriginal Education) teacher.

Congratulations Naomi, Renae and Roleter! And welcome to our 2022 team!

### FAREWELL MRS SINGLE

It is with mixed emotions that I let you know that Mrs Single will be leaving us at the end of the year. Mrs Single has been successful in gaining a fulltime teaching position at Hunter Valley Grammar School, commencing at the beginning of 2022. We are all absolutely thrilled for Amanda but she will certainly be a huge loss for our Black Hill PS community. Her commitment and passion for teaching, together with the care and wonderful learning experiences she has provided for our students has been so very much appreciated. We wish Amanda all the very best in this next chapter!

### PRAC STUDENTS

On Friday, we say a very fond farewell to Miss Ure, Miss Brown and Mr Marr, who will finish their university prac with us. It has been an absolute pleasure to have Sam, Emma and Kathryn at our beautiful Black Hill and we wish them well for their future teaching endeavours.

Congratulations



## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

### KINDERGRATEN ORIENTATION

Today, our 2022 Kindies had their last Orientation visit before starting 'big school'. Mr Braye has been super impressed at how our little people have settled in and we can't wait to see them again after the Christmas holidays.

### YEAR 6 FAREWELL

Tomorrow evening's Year 6 Farewell is sure to be a most wonderful event!! Mrs Lane and Mrs Walker (Lila's mum) have been working tirelessly to ensure that the night is certainly one to remember! We are all looking forward to seeing our Year 6 students dressed up and ready to celebrate their end to primary school! Thank you so very much Roleter and Margaret for the enormous amount of time, effort and thought you have put in to our Year 6 Farewell!

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

Our final School Council and P&C Meetings will be held next Tuesday evening in our staffroom at 6:00pm and 7:00pm respectively. A light supper will be provide and a zoom option will also be available for anyone wishing to attend from home. We would love to see all our regular faces there

(as well as new faces too!). ALL WELCOME!

### 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 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.

### WEEK 11 ACTIVITIES

We are in the process of finalising our end of year "fun" activities for the last week of school and will let you know the details of these next week.

### FINAL DAY 2021

The final day for students for 2021 is Thursday 16 December.

Friday 17 December is a School Development Day (pupil free day).

Enjoy the rest of your week!

With only 24 sleeps until Christmas Day, I hope you are more prepared than me!

*Kylie And Staff*

### PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY BOOKS

As the year is fast approaching, we are asking if you could please return ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ASAP.



### PROPOSED INDUSTRIAL ACTION – TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER

Information will be provided this Friday regarding the proposed NSW Teachers Federation Industrial Action next Tuesday 7 December.

### SAVE THE DATES FOR 2022

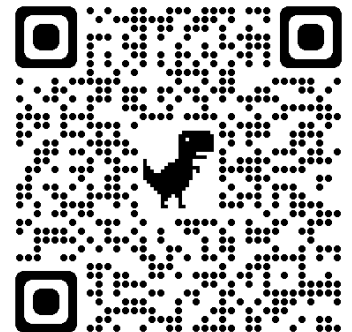
**Friday 11 February, 2022— Swimming Carnival K-6.**

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

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

### YEAR 7 2022- FGHS

Francis Greenway High School would like to share their online transition to High School site with your year 6 families. Scan the QR Code for access to the site.



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**LAST DAY  
TERM 4 2021  
THURSDAY 16  
DECEMBER,  
2021**

**YEARS 1-6  
COMMENCE  
TERM 1 2022  
TUESDAY 1  
FEBRUARY,  
2022**

**KINDER  
COMMENCE  
TERM 1 2022  
WEDNESDAY 2  
FEBRUARY,  
2022**

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**ONLY 24  
SLEEPS TILL  
CHRISTMAS**

## We're climbing towards the end of the year!

We are updating the Skool Loop app regularly. Dont forget to check our school app to avoid missing important end of year notices and events.

- ✓ Events ✓ Notices ✓ Push Notifications
- ✓ Newsletters ✓ Permissions Slips ✓ Contacts
- ✓ Absentees ✓ Parent Teacher Interviews

And check out the **\*NEW\*** translation function on our school notices

**Simple free download:**  
In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

Available on the App Store Google play

## ASSEMBLY REPORT FROM WEEK 7 & 8

		WEEK 7	WEEK 8
<b>Mrs Lawson K/1 Awards</b>	<b>Merit</b>	Isla	Thea
	<b>Merit</b>	Thea	Emily
	<b>English</b>	Donte	Darcy
	<b>Mathematics</b>	Elsie	Jaxon
	<b>Quality Learning Award</b>	Audrey	Amira
	<b>Citizenship Award</b>	Maxim	Mia
<b>Mr Braye &amp; Mrs Single 1/2 Awards</b>	<b>Merit</b>	Harmony	Gemma
	<b>Merit</b>	Maverick	William
	<b>Merit</b>	Mahli	
	<b>English</b>	Piper	Catherine
	<b>Mathematics</b>	Gemma	MJ
	<b>Quality Learning Award</b>	Aliyah	Aliyah
	<b>Citizenship Award</b>	Jazarah	Alec
<b>Miss Gardoll 3/4 Awards</b>	<b>Merit</b>	Jaida	Willow
	<b>Merit</b>	Jack	Lincoln
	<b>Merit</b>		Maddon
	<b>English</b>	Kobi	Zara
	<b>Mathematics</b>	Izaac	Byron
	<b>Quality Learning Award</b>	Florence	Rosie
	<b>Citizenship Award</b>	Quinn	Kayd
<b>Mrs Youman &amp; Mrs Lane 5/6 Awards</b>	<b>Merit</b>	Claire	Ruby
	<b>Merit</b>	Joel	Alecia
	<b>English</b>	Emi	Lila & Isabelle
	<b>Mathematics</b>	Zach	Joseph
	<b>Quality Learning Award</b>	Coby	Brodie
	<b>Citizenship Award</b>	Lily	Manaia
<b>Principal Award</b>		K/1— Mia & Darcy	K/1— Rory & Cameron
		1/2— Maverick & Harmony	1/2— Catherine & Aliyah
		3/4— Rosie & Brielle	3/4— Kobi & Lincoln
		5/6— Ruby & Isabelle	5/6— Brodie & Lila



## 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>.



# Kids 4 Kids Day - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Years 5 & 6 are organising a Kids 4 Kids Day with all funds raised going to the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal.

It promises to be a fun and exciting event for all students and will be held during the middle session after Lunch 1. A range of activities and games will be available for students to participate in.

**Students will move around each area in their class cohorts in line with the current Covid-19 restrictions.** The students are also running a 100 club and Jellybean guessing competition with further information attached.

To limit the handling of money, 2 options are available for purchase from Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**When:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

**Wear:** Out of uniform day – please wear your school hat and covered shoes. Please ensure shoulders are covered – no singlet/tank tops are to be worn.

**Bring:** All students need lunch for Lunch 1 and a drink bottle. **Any students who are not getting a sausage sizzle need Lunch 2.**

**Cost:** \$10 – Sausage Sizzle, Zooper Dooper, activities  
\$5 – activities ONLY

We are hoping that all students will participate in this fun filled day to raise money for a great cause!

If you have any questions, please contact the school by phone or mobile.

Kind regards,  
Miss Brown, Mr Marr and Miss Ure  
Organising teachers



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my daughter/son to participate in the Kids 4 Kids Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. I have selected an option and correct money is enclosed.

Please select an option below by placing a tick in the box and returning money in a sealed and labelled zip lock bag/envelope to the office by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021.

Option 1 - \$10	Option 2 - \$5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sausage sizzle</li><li>• Zooper Dooper</li><li>• Activities</li></ul> <input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activities ONLY</li></ul> <input type="checkbox"/>



## HOW MANY JELLYBEANS ARE IN THE JAR?

Our wonderful Year 6 students, Coby and Sam, are running a Jellybean Competition to raise money for the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal.

**COST:** 50c = 1 guess    \$1.00 = 3 guesses

The closest guess will win the jar of Jellybeans, with the runner up winning a prize as well. Winners will be announced during Friday afternoon's assembly.

**Good luck!**

### TO ENTER:

1. Students need to bring their money in a sealed and labelled Ziploc bag or envelope.
2. During Lunch 1 and 2, students will be able to place their guesses with Mr Marr.
3. Submissions open **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021** and close **12pm Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**.



## 100 CLUB



Year 5/6 are holding a Kids Day on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2021 to raise money for **Kmart's Wishing Tree Appeal**. Mr Marr, along with year 5/6 students, have decided to run a 100 Club to raise money for this fantastic organisation. **Each number will be worth \$2 and can be purchased before school between 8:30am and 8:55am, as well as after school between 2:45pm and 3:10pm outside of the school gate.** For parents who are unable to purchase numbers at school, you will have the opportunity to purchase a mystery number/s by sending in your money in a secure Ziploc bag with your name and phone number. These will be handed in to the office, where Mr Marr will allocate a mystery number to the family. The winning number will be drawn during Friday afternoon's assembly with the winning family notified by the end of the day. The prize will be a **\$100 movie voucher** for the winning number. The additional funds raised will be donated to Kmart's Wishing Tree Appeal. We appreciate your support and value your contribution towards this wonderful cause. **Numbers will go on sale Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> of November until the morning of Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.**

### FIRST IN BEST DRESSED

