



# Black Hill Buzz

## Black Hill Public School

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Term 4 Week 8



### COMING EVENTS

#### TERM 4 Nov / Dec

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

**Thurs 8 Dec**— Year 6 Farewell

**Wed 14 Dec**— Presentation Evening, FGHS, 5:30pm

**Fri 16 Dec**— **STUDENTS' LAST DAY OF TERM 4**

#### TERM 1 - 2023

#### Jan / Feb / Mar / Apr

**Fri 27 - Mon 30 Jan**— Staff Development Days. Pupil Free Days

**Tues 31 Jan**— **YEAR 1 - YEAR 6 COMMENCE TERM 1, WEEK 1**

**Wed 1 Feb**— **KINDER COMMENCE TERM 1, WEEK 1**

#### NOTES & MONEY DUE

Text/Resources \$70— ASAP

Voluntary contribution Fee \$40— ASAP



**ASSEMBLY  
FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER  
2:30PM**

### Term 4 Week 8

#### SCHOOL COUNCIL & P&C MEETING

Tuesday 6 December- School Council Meeting, 6:00pm & P&C Meeting, 7:00pm

#### PRESENTATION EVENING

Wednesday 14 December, 2022. Please arrive at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. Francis Greenway High School.

#### SPECIAL LUNCH #2

On Monday 5 December, we are holding our second special lunch for this term. Order forms are being sent home today and due back this Friday 2 December.

Our students may order for just \$2 per serve: nuggets, hot chips, spaghetti bolognaise, ham & cheese or plain croissants, (or one of each of you are feeling extra hungry!!)

### YEAR 6 FAREWELL Thursday 8 December



#### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets and information sheets have been sent home with students. There are more ticket sheets available at the front office, if you are willing and able to sell more.

#### TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5

Tickets are to be returned sold or unsold **NO LATER THAN 3:15pm on Wednesday 14 December**, with the draw to take place at the Presentation Night that evening. The winner does not have to be present to receive their prize.

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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

### WE ARE ON THE COUNTDOWN!

With only two and a half weeks of school left of the school year, we are certainly counting down. We have a busy couple of weeks, so please remember to stay up to date with what's happening through our newsletter, Skool Loop and Facebook. And as always, please contact us at any time.



### 2023 SCHOOL PLANNING

Our staff have been very busy planning for 2023! Following a recent EOI (Expression of Interest) process involving a school/community panel, we were able to finalise teaching positions.

At this stage, these positions are for Semester 1 (Terms 1 and 2), with the possibility of extension into Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4).

Miss Gardoll is loving motherhood and spending lots of precious time with her beautiful little Arabella. She is continuing her Maternity Leave for Semester 1 of 2023, and then is possibly looking at returning to school at the start of Term 3 for just a couple of days per week in a support role. But as

we all know, nothing is certain and things may change, especially when adorable little babies are involved! Our thoughts and best wishes continue to be with Miss Gardoll as she enjoys this special time.

**Our planned classes/teachers for 2023 will be:**  
**K/1– Mr Bray**

**Year 1/2– Mrs Lane (Monday-Thursday) and Mrs Youman (Friday)**

**Year 3/4– Mrs Pettersen**

**Year 5/6– Mrs Lawson**

We are thrilled to have Mrs Lane continuing her permanent 1-day / week APC&I (Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction) role on a Friday.

Mrs Prosser will be continuing in her Library and Aboriginal Education roles.

Mrs Youman will also be with us on a Thursday, in a newly established position for 2023, as a Digital Classroom Officer (DCO). This position is part of the NSW Department of Education's Schools Digital Strategy, the Rural Access Gap program which helps to build, maintain and grow participating schools' digital maturity. The program aims to save time, increase access to

quality advice and resources, and equip your school for the future of flexible, uninterrupted, high-quality teaching and learning.

### 2023 SCHOOL LEADERS

Last Friday we held our annual Leadership Speeches. Each and every one of our Year 5 students who nominated for a 2023 leadership position and presented their speech was a most worthy candidate!

*It is with great pleasure that we announce...*

**Our Black Hill PS School Captains for 2023 are:**  
**Bethany and Kobi**

**Our Black Hill PS School Vice-Captains for 2023 are:**  
**Zara and Lincoln**

You may remember that earlier this term we asked for students, staff and family feedback regarding our leadership structures. There was overwhelming support for changing the title of our leaders to Captain and Vice-Captain, as well as having a boy captain and a girl captain, with the 2 vice-captains of either gender.

At the beginning of next week, we will be finalising our sporting captains and prefects for 2023 and look forward to letting our school

community know once this process is completed. Congratulations and well done to all our students!



### FINAL SCHOOL COUNCIL / P&C MEETINGS FOR 2023

Next Tuesday evening, 6 December, we will be holding our final School Council and P&C Meetings for 2022, at 6:00pm and 7:00pm respectively.

I warmly invite you to come along as we celebrate 2022 and the share many highlights over the last 4 terms.

### SEMESTER 2 STUDENT REPORTS

Our teachers have spent considerable time over recent weeks on our Semester 2 Reports. Our students will be given their Semester 2 Report next Friday 9 December.

In 2023 we will be holding Learning Goals Meetings in Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 1, however if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's report in Week 10, please contact our office.

# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

## 2022 PRESENTATION EVENING

We are all looking forward to our 2022 Annual Presentation Evening on Wednesday 14 December at Francis Greenway High School. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate our students' achievements and growth during the year. We invite you all along! Please also remember to invite grandparents and other special family members.

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And finally, I would just like to say that at the moment we have some of our beautiful Black Hill families that are going through some really tough times. Please know we are thinking of you and sending all our love and thoughts to you. xx

Wishing you a happy rest of the week!

*Kylie and Staff*

*Thinking of you*  
xx



## PIZZA FUNDRAISER – DOLLY'S DREAM

It was pizza all round for Black Hill PS on Monday!! Byron did a fabulous job organising this fundraiser in support "Dolly's Dream", a wonderful charity that promotes kindness and encourages us all to care for each other.

**OUR FUNDRAISER RAISED \$164!!**  
Well done girls and boys!

*You are invited to*

**BLACK HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL'S PRESENTATION EVENING**

Wednesday 14 December, 2022  
Arrive at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start

Francis Greenway High School

*All Welcome!!*

**LAST DAY OF TERM 4, 2022**

**FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER**

**Happy Holidays**

2023 TERM 1 RETURN DATES  
Staff Development Days – Pupil Free Days  
Friday 27 & Monday 30 January

Year 1 – Year 6 Commence – Week 1  
Tuesday 31 January

Kinder Commence – Week 1  
Wednesday 1 February

*Merry Christmas*

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## P&C NEWS

# P&C NEWS

### TEA TOWELS

Thank you everyone for your Tea Towel orders. We were blown away by the amazing response! We are working to get these printed and back to you before the end of the year.

### P&C MEETING

Our last meeting for 2022 will be held **next Tuesday 6 December**.

Everyone is welcome! If you have any ideas for what our P&C can be in doing in 2023 please get in touch as we would love to hear from you.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our Christmas Raffle went LIVE yesterday!

We have been very fortunate to have some amazing donations from local businesses, school families and the Drift Bikes team have donated a BIKE!

Details of the raffle were sent home with students on Tuesday and further information will be uploaded to Facebook in the coming days. We appreciate your support.



To finish out the year, our P&C are holding our last fundraiser for the year, a CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!! With thanks to the amazing team at [Drift Bikes](#), one lucky winner will walk (or ride) away with a: **JETT SINGLE SPEED KIDS BIKE valued at \$600!!!**

**All money raised from the raffle will go towards purchasing seating for our playground. The more money we raise the more seats we can purchase!**

Tickets and information sheets were sent home with students on Tuesday. There are more ticket sheets available at the office, if you are willing and able to sell more. Please contact the office and extra tickets can be sent home with your child.

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### RAFFLE PRIZES:

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE – A JETT 20" SINGLE SPEED KIDS BIKE (FLO RED COLOUR) valued at \$600. Generously donated by Drift Bikes.**

*(note: Bike can't be exchanged for another model or colour, or for cash or store credit).*

**2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE – A gift pack filled with amazing goodies donated from Local Businesses and our School Community.**



*If you would like to make a contribution to the gift packs, there is still time – please get in touch with Rebecca on 0428 442 202 to discuss.*

Thank you for your support.  
- BHPS P&C

# ASSEMBLY REPORT FROM WEEK 6 & 7

		WEEK 6	WEEK 7
<b>Mr Braye K/1 Awards</b>	<b>Merit</b>	Isla	Josh
	<b>Merit</b>	Charlotte	Halle
	<b>Merit</b>	Audrey	Lilith
<b>Mrs Lane &amp; Mrs Youman 1/2 Awards</b>	<b>Merit</b>	Eden	Amira
	<b>Merit</b>	Maverick	Zoe
	<b>Merit</b>	Thea	Eden
<b>Mrs Pettersen 3/4 Awards</b>	<b>Merit</b>	Jack	Banjo
	<b>Merit</b>	Indi	William
	<b>Merit</b>	Banjo	Mia
<b>Mrs Lawson 5/6 Awards</b>	<b>Merit</b>	Ruby	Alecia
	<b>Merit</b>	Kayd	Byron
	<b>Merit</b>	Zara	Sianna
<b>Principal's Award</b>		Banjo	Indi
		Kylan	Brielle
		Aliyah	Mia
		Liam	



## POP ONLINE 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.

**\*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.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process, please contact the office.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: P&C PAYMENTS ARE NOT TO BE MADE VIA POP PAYMENTS.  
CASH OR CHEQUE ONLY MADE OUT TO- BLACK HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION.**

# REPTILE PARK EXCURSION INFORMATION



## REPTILE PARK EXCURSION

On Thursday of Week 6, our K-2 students attended an excursion to the Australian Reptile Park in Gosford.

There were some awesome exhibits and one thing that was noticeable, was that the park has expanded a lot since our last excursion.

We started the day off with an amazing show involving some very furry and scaly friends. Even Isla and Mr Braye got involved in the action when they had to face a **Crocodile** and **Snake**, face to face. A great way to start the day!

The small groups accompanied by staff, parents and carers were then able to walk around the grounds to see as many animals as they could. There were many highlights, like the **Koalas**, **Komodo dragons**, **wallabies**, **snakes** and **spiders**, to name a few.

The playground and gift shop rarely disappoint either!

We hope all of the students had a great time on the excursion. We would also like to thank all of the parents and carers for coming to help on the day. It was much appreciated, and the students would have really enjoyed the small group tours provided by having so many volunteers!


Thanks, K-2 staff.




## SCHOOL NEWS

# PRESENTATION NIGHT PERFORMANCES 2022

CALLING ALL BLACK HILL  
 ★ ★ SUPERSTARS! ★ ★  
 K-2 – *Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town*  
 Year 3-6 – *Get Ready To Rumble!*  
 Whole School Choir – *This Is Me*

 **K-2 students** will require a **Christmas t-shirt** that they can quickly pop **OVER their school uniform**. There will be no change room facilities so it must be a quick and easy change. Students may also have a Christmas headband or accessory, as long as it has elastic and won't fall off when they dance. Colour scheme will be mainly **red, green, white, silver** and **gold**. A small amount of other colours is OK. School shorts/skorts will be blue and that is fine! We need a volunteer to create some wristbands with bells, please contact Mrs Youman if you're willing to assist!

 **Year 3-6 students** will require a **'sporty' accessory to add to their school uniform**. Colour scheme will be **blue, yellow, white, black** and **silver**. Suitable examples include sweat bands or wrist bands, a basketball tank etc. **Anything in our colour scheme that is easily added OVER your uniform, please.** Mrs Youman will be providing silver pom-poms for the students performing in that section.

**Whole school choir** item will simply be school uniforms.

At Black Hill PS, we believe in the power of performance opportunities. Every student will be performing at our Presentation Night ceremony, celebrating the wonderful year we've shared. Thank you for your support with ensuring your child has the necessary costume items and accessories to help make this an evening to remember!



**Please bring ALL of your costume items and accessories to SCHOOL by Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> in a labelled plastic bag.** This will allow us time to check if there is anything missing and let you know if we need you to arrange something else.

The bags containing the costume items and accessories will **REMAIN AT SCHOOL**. Teachers will have a tub so that every student has what they need on the night, preventing any potential upset or embarrassment due to forgetting.

**If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Youman.**

[renae.youman@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:renae.youman@det.nsw.edu.au)

Heartfelt thanks for your assistance.  
I can't wait to see our superstars shine,

*Mrs Youman*

14/11/2022

## UNIFORM & COMMUNITY NEWS

# Used School Uniform SALE

**THURSDAY**

**1st December**

*At drop-off and pick-up times.*

**8.30-9.30am**

**&**

**2.30pm-3.30pm**

***In the spare room next to Y5-6***

***GOLD COIN DONATION for each item***

***Come along and see if you can find a bargain!!***



## Black Hill Public School

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# COMMUNITY NEWS



## Coach 2 Cope: Families and Carers

### Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of young people



Are you concerned about the impact mental health has on your children?  
Would you like to learn simple ways to respond to young people during times of distress?

EquiEnergy Youth is a charity dedicated to reducing psychological distress, self-harm and the risk of suicide in young people. Our programs aim to connect young people with safe & effective adults and build their capacity to effectively respond during times of distress, improving mental health outcomes.

As a result of a PhD research project and thousands of hours of clinical experience, Dr Stephen Spencer has developed a simple method to guide adults on how and when to respond to young people in distress to achieve a positive outcome. Steve will coach you on the following:

- \*A 5-step evidence-based psychological first aid framework (TAR3) for you to follow when responding 'in the moment' to episodes of distress and behavioural challenges. TAR3 is unique to EquiEnergy Youth and can be likened to the 'DR ABC' process for responding to medical first aid.
- \*Guidance on simple ways you can help young people build coping, resilience and positive help seeking behaviour and the vital role you play in promoting this.
- \*Context on why child & adolescent mental health occurs and what you can do to improve mental health outcomes for the young people you support.
- \*Coaching in the use of scripts and engagement strategies to adopt when responding to distress using the TAR3 Psychological First Aid Method.

Live via Zoom on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December 5.15pm to 6.30pm

(Attendance is complimentary)

Bookings essential via this link

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/coach-2-cope-families-and-carers-by-dr-stephen-spencer-phd-tickets-467958014017>



# MOTIV8SPORTS

## VIP XMAS PARTY EVENTS!

**VIP PARTY #1**  
**WHEN:** 19TH DECEMBER  
**TIME:** 8.30AM - 3.30PM DAILY  
**WHERE:** BISHOP TYRRELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

**VIP PARTY #2**  
**WHEN:** 20TH DECEMBER  
**TIME:** 8.30AM - 3.30PM DAILY  
**WHERE:** MEREWETHER HIGH SCHOOL

**VIP PARTY #3**  
**WHEN:** 21ST DECEMBER  
**TIME:** 8.30AM - 3.30PM DAILY  
**WHERE:** BOLWARRA PUBLIC SCHOOL



**VIP XMAS PARTY LINE UP!**

- EACH CHILD GETS AN XMAS PRESENT!
- VISIT FROM SANTA!
- WATER SPORTS!
- HYBRID SPORTS!
- INCREDIBLE COACHING!
- \$2000 IN PRIZES!
- FREE PIZZA LUNCH!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK NOW!



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 CONTACT AARON: 0412 872 396  
 @MOTIV8SPORTS NEWCASTLE






# SPECIAL LUNCH ORDER FORM

## Monday 5th December

**NAME:**

**CLASS:**

(One order form per student)

**Spaghetti Bolognese**

**\$2.00**  
(per serving)



**Chicken Nuggets**

**\$2.00**  
(4 per serving)



**Hot Chips**

**\$2.00**  
(per serving)



**Ham & Cheese Croissant**

**\$2.00**  
(1 per serving)



**Plain Croissant**

**\$2.00**  
(1 per serving)



**TOTAL:**

**Special Lunch order form & payment  
is due to the front office by–  
THIS FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER**