



Black Hill Buzz

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Term 4 Week 10



COMING EVENTS

TERM 4

Dec

Fri 16 Dec— **Party Day & Out of Uniform Day**

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**

Wed 1 Feb— **KINDER COMMENCE TERM 1**

NOTES & MONEY DUE

Text/Resources \$70— ASAP

Voluntary contribution Fee \$40— ASAP

ASSEMBLY & YEAR 6 CLAP OUT
FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER
2:30PM

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS— PUPIL FREE DAYS

Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 December will be Staff Development Days.

Term 4 Week 10

PARTY DAY & OUT OF UNIFORM

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER

Party foods can be brought into the COLA kitchen on the day of the event.

Each class will bring a different category of food to share—see class lists below. Do not send any food that requires cooking, only heating. Please do not send any food containing nuts or traces of nuts as these can be life threatening for some students. Please send small servings only.

Any parent **HELPERS** who would like to help on party day please arrive at 10am, sign in at the office and check if you need to complete a Volunteer Declaration Form (if you don't already have one). **THANKS.**

K-1	Fruit and crackers	Watermelon, grapes, cherries, Jatz etc.
1-2	Munchies	Popcorn, chips, cheezels etc
3-4	Sweets	Cake, slices, lollies etc
5-6	Finger Food	Frankfurts, party pies, sandwiches etc.

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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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What an absolutely wonderful 2022 Presentation Evening we had last night at Francis Greenway High School! Thank you to everyone who came along and shared our celebrations. It was wonderful to acknowledge the many achievements and growth of our fabulous Black Hill students.

Our children performed beautifully as well! Thank you Mrs Youman for all of your hard work with this!

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and thank you again for your support during 2022.

Kylie and Staff.

2022 Black Hill Public School Presentation Evening – Principal's Address

Good evening everyone,

I am delighted to be here this evening as we come together to celebrate the past 12 months, and to acknowledge the wonderful growth, achievements and improvement of our students.

To begin, I would like to share a short story, which some of you may already be familiar with.

There was once an old man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach every morning before he began his work. Early one morning, he was walking along the shore after a big storm had passed and found the vast beach littered with thousands of starfish as far as the eye could see, stretching in both directions.

Off in the distance, the old man noticed a small boy approaching. As the boy walked, he paused every so often and as he grew closer, the man could see that he was occasionally bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea. The boy came closer still and the man called out, "Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?"

The young boy paused, looked up, and replied "Throwing starfish into the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach and they can't return to the sea by themselves. When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water."

The old man chuckled and replied, "But there must be tens of thousands of starfish on this beach. I'm afraid you won't really be able to make a difference."

The boy thought for a moment, then bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw this one as far as he could back into the ocean.

Then he turned to the old man, smiled and said, "Well, I made a difference to that one!"

This starfish story is a wonderful reminder of the difference each one of us can make, and throughout 2022 at Black Hill Public School, our entire school community has once again worked together to create a shared culture of kindness, high expectation and personal growth. We have all been relentless in our desire to continue to improve the learning and wellbeing outcomes of each and every one of our precious students, to develop their essential literacy and numeracy skills, but most importantly to make a difference to their world. And for this, I thank you.

To our incredible parents, grandparents and families, thank you for your ongoing support during 2022. One of the absolute highlights for us all this year was being able to resume many of our community events and celebrations that were put on hold the previous 2 years due to covid. It was wonderful to have you back in our school gate and I know it brought great joy to our children. Thank you for your partnership in your child's education. Our Learning Goals Meetings which we trialled in Semester 2 were a tremendous success and a positive step forward in strengthening the bond and shared understanding between home and school. We look forward to continuing this process with you in Term 1 next year. Thank you for trusting us each day with your precious little people. This truly does make such a difference to us.

A most heartfelt thank you also to each of you who have assisted this year with working bees, community events, Bunnings BBQs, fundraisers, canteen, ice blocks, sausage sizzle, special lunches, and even just recently our garden which is being revamped thanks to Violet's mum. Thank you so very, very much.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

And again this year, what a difference our fabulous P&C, School Council and Education Trust have certainly made.

Our Education Trust has supported each and every one of our students this year through subsidising many school activities including performances, excursions and school resources, helping to ease the financial burden for our families.

Jade, as our School Council President, you have again done such a wonderful job. Thank you for giving up your time, especially for our weekend and night zoom meetings, for our Education Trust, Non-local enrolments and expression of interest panels for teaching positions. I know Emi is heading off to high school, but I do hope we get to keep you for a little longer.

To our fabulous P&C, what an absolutely great bunch of people you all are. In my 30 years, I don't think I have ever enjoyed P&C meetings so much (or had them go so long or had so much food!) You work tirelessly for our students and the staff and I cannot tell you enough how much we appreciate your support.

And to Rebecca, the most wonderful P&C President in the world. You are beyond incredible. Your organisation, your communication and the endless hours you have put in this year have not gone unnoticed. Thank you.

Tani, I also must make a special mention to you for the hours and hours and hours you have put in as our Uniform coordinator. We are so incredibly fortunate to have you and I cannot thank you enough.

To our Black Hill staff, my sincerest gratitude to each of you for another wonderful year. I never cease to be amazed and inspired by each of you every day and I am both proud and humbled to walk beside you as we share and navigate this incredible path that is teaching.

To our teaching staff – Matt, Roletier, Renae, Liz, Kate, Emily and Naomi, my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your incredible commitment in ensuring that you provide our students with high quality evidenced-based teaching and learning every day. I know the hours and hours you put in outside of school. The difference you make to the lives of your students is immeasurable. Your willingness to continually improve in your teaching and your passion for making a difference to every single child is extraordinary. Thank you.

To our non-teaching staff – Lesley and Leah in our office, Julie and Nicole, our wonderful School Learning Support Officers, Warren and Kim, our GA and school cleaner. A special shout out to each of you for going beyond in your respective roles. And we must also make special mention of Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Robbins and Mr Scott, who also provide wonderful support to our students, staff and families.

And finally, to acknowledge the most important thing about Black Hill, our beautiful, caring, talented, funny, smart, sometimes crazy, amazing students. Girls and boys, we are so very proud of each and every one of you. Thank you for the wonderful learning you have done this year, trying to be just your best and to improve and get a little better each day. Even if you do not receive an award this evening, please know that you are all special and superstars in your own way, and we are so proud of you. Thank you for being the best you can be, in the classroom, in the playground and at home. It is a privilege to teach you, to have you at Black Hill school. Thank you for allowing us to not only make a difference in your life, but also for making a difference in our lives. We are looking forward to 2023, to continuing our learning journey with you.

On behalf of our staff, I again thank you for you all for sharing this most wonderful educational journey with us during 2022. We wish you all a beautiful Christmas and a very safe and happy school holiday break. Continue to take care of each other and especially yourself. Enjoy the little moments, because you really will look back and realise that these were in actual fact the really big moments.

Thank you.

Kylie South

Proud Principal

Black Hill PS

14.12.2022

P&C NEWS

P&C NEWS

On behalf of the P&C, thank you to our entire school community for their support this year. Thank you for volunteering your time to help on BBQs and stalls; purchasing raffle tickets, pies and chocolates; and for coming to our events. We truly appreciate your involvement. Have a wonderful Christmas and safe holidays. We are looking forward to an exciting 2023.

We would like to take a moment to acknowledge our amazing teachers, staff and of course our Principal, Mrs South. Thank you to each of you for the dedication and care you show to our children each day. Thank you for creating a space for them to grow and flourish. We hope you have a Merry Christmas and a restful holiday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Place - Peyton Turner

2nd Place - Ivy Neville

3rd Place - Santa - Violet Fitzgerald



4th Place - Lara James

Thank you to everyone for their support of our Christmas Raffle. We were blown away by the number of donations and would like to publicly thank the families and businesses that donated.

A big thank you to:

- DRIFT BIKES
- Valley Fresh Flowers & Weddings
- Barnsley Cakes 'N' Crafts
- The Lilly Family
- George & Matilda Eyecare at Swansea
- Kim Harris Tupperware
- Tilda & Bee
- Twigs and Figs AU
- Alex and Moo
- the various businesses that donation hair and beauty products - thank you to Eliza for organising.
- Starr Family
- Graham Law Soccer Clinic
- Turner Family
- James Family
- The Cross Family
- Mae and Co Home

ASSEMBLY REPORT FROM WEEK 8 & 9

		WEEK 8	WEEK 9	
Mr Braye K/1 Awards	Merit	Kyah	Lilith	
	Merit	Ethan	Violey	
	Merit	Zen	Benji	
Mrs Lane & Mrs Youman 1/2 Awards	Merit	Zoe	Emily	
	Merit	Elsie	Aliyah	
	Merit	Mahli	Caleb	
Mrs Pettersen 3/4 Awards	Merit	Alec	Charlotte	
	Merit	Zane	Maddon	
	Merit	Jaida	Rosie	
Mrs Lawson 5/6 Awards	Merit	Sianna	Brodie	
	Merit	Ruby	Emi	
	Merit	Kobi	Lincoln	
Principal's Award		Kyah Aliyah		





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Presentation Evening

Awards

2022



CLASS AWARDS

K-1

K Merit Certificate— Benji
Y1 Merit Certificate— Donte
K-1 Class PBL Award (Voucher) Award— Violet
K-1 Quality Work Award— Emily M
Principal Award Early Stage 1—Isla

1-2

Y1 Merit Certificate— Emily B
Y2 Merit Certificate— Evelyn
1-2 Class PBL Award (Voucher) Award— Caleb
1-2 Quality Work Award —Aliyah
Principal Award Stage 1—Eden

3-4

Y3 Merit Certificate— Harmony
Y4 Merit Certificate— Maddon
3-4 Class PBL Award (Voucher) Award— Brielle
3-4 Quality Work Award— Jaida
Principal Award Stage 2—Charlotte C

5-6

Y5 Merit Certificate— Liam
Y6 Merit Certificate— Alecia
5-6 Class PBL Award (Voucher) Award— Ruby
5-6 Quality Work Award— Kobi
Principal Award Stage 3—Brodie

COMMUNITY AWARDS

Allan Award for Citizenship— Emi
Lions Club Y6 Scholarship— Alecia
Century 21 Award for Academic Achievement— Ruby
Creative Arts Award— Emi
Ashley Sands Memorial Award for Student Leadership— Boston
Encouragement Award— Izaac
NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Award— Bethany

PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARDS

K-1 Benji
1-2 Elsie
3-4 Brielle
5-6 Boston





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SPORTS AWARDS

School Sport Champions

Senior Boys— Boston

Senior Girls— Alecia & Ruby

Junior Boys— Kayd

Junior Girls— Quinn

Sports Encouragement Award— MJ

PSSA AWARDS

ATHLETICS

Alecia	Maddon
Quinn	Kayd
Jack Y	Kylan
Brielle	Maverick
Florence	MJ
Catherine	Caleb
Harmony	Flynn
Indi G	Izaac
Mia S	
Boston	
Liam	
Brock	
Kobi	

SWIMMING

Mia S
Harmony
Quinn
Kayd
Boston

CROSS COUNTRY

Caleb	Kobi
Aliyah	Liam
Mayah	Boston
Catherine	
Maddon	
Jack Y	
Brielle	
Quinn	
Florence	
Willow	
Kayd	
Bryon	
Brock	

LEADERSHIP

2022 Leaders

Presidents — Boston & Ruby

Vice Presidents — Brodie & Alecia

Senior Prefects — Emi

2023 Leaders

Presidents — Kobi & Bethany

Vice Presidents — Lincoln & Zara

Senior Prefects — Byron & Samuel

2022 House Captains

Awabakal Kayd & Indi

Darkinjung Liam & Quinn

Wonnarua Maddon & Charlotte

Worimi Brock & Indianna





K/1

Well, how quick can a year of school go? It seems like yesterday we were all at Kindergarten Orientations, and now, we're almost at Christmas holidays! One thing we do know is, the K/1 class has had a fantastic year!

At the start of the year we relied upon our buddies, who did a great job and kept supporting our new kindies through the beginning weeks. The kindies also had help from Donte, who was a great guide through the first term!

We took to the challenge of reading and writing through the TLC program and the students worked hard at school and at home to learn the fundamentals of English! Looking back at early work recently, it's incredible to think how far we've all come!

We've enjoyed mathematics lessons and it has been so much fun exploring the Early Stage One curriculum through listening, experimenting and playing.

We enjoyed sport, History, Geography, Science and Creative Arts throughout the year, even making some artwork for a K/1 art gallery in our room! Our performances were produced by Mrs Youman and it was great to perform them in front of everyone at the presentation night!

Reading Eggs and Mathletics have been great ways to get used to computer technology in the classroom and regular activities in the library with Mrs Prosser also proved to be amazing experiences! Nicole and Julie have made learning easier in the classroom! It can never be said enough how much their work is appreciated! Mrs South, who has seen us all at her office for so many great reasons, Mrs Lane, Mrs Lawson, Miss Gardoll and Mrs Pettersen have all helped to guide us through the year as well!

But the stars of the show were the students! Donte, Ethan, Kyah, Ezra, Violet, Joshua, Lilith, Zen, Dylan, Emily, Benji, Charlotte, Halle, Audrey and Isla. All very unique and all very talented! Thanks to the students for a great year! All of your teachers are very proud!

Mr Braye



YES! :D
you DID it!





2022...What A Year in 1/2!

As the school year comes to a close, we would like to take this time to say THANK YOU for such an amazing year. Thank you for sharing your pride and joy with us and for your continued support through the year. We could not have asked for a better group of students to go on this journey with. We laughed, we danced, we sang, we explored, we created and we grew! And to the wonderful students of 1/2, we are so glad we got the opportunity to get to know each and every one of you. Thank you for all the warmth, the memories, and the learning that we have shared this school year. As you move on, remember to always strive to be the BEST that you can be! Enjoy your Christmas break and we can't wait to hear all about it when you come back next year.

Lots of Love

Mrs Lane and Mrs Youman xx





5/6

This year
was...

imaginative interesting
interesting
imaginative happiness
fun smelly exciting
exciting leadership
funny fun
good enjoyment
good fun amazing
enjoyment fun
happiness
impeccable
fast funny
interesting
caring
fun exciting
amazing leadership
memorable smelly

WordItOut





Class of 2022



Alecia

FAREWELL

YOU
DID
it



Boston



Brodie



Emi



Ruby

we are so
proud of you



Sianna

We Will
Miss
you



WE WISH
YOU
ALL THE
BEST