



# Black Hill Buzz

## Black Hill Public School

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8 March, 2023

Term 1 Week 7

IMPORTANT  
DATES

### COMING EVENTS

#### TERM 1

Mar / Apr

- Fri 10 Mar— Friday Assembly, 2:30pm
- Fri 10 Mar—Wed 5 Apr— Exergames
- Mon 13 Mar— Hot Lunch
- Tues 14 Mar— P&C Meeting & AGM, 7pm
- Thurs 30 Mar—Cross Country at school
- Thurs 6 Apr— Easter Hat Parade & end of Term celebrations
- Thurs 6 Apr— LAST DAY OF TERM 1

#### TERM 2

Apr / May / Jun / Jul

- Mon 24 Apr— Staff Development Day (SDD)- Pupil Free Day
- Tues 25 Apr— ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Wed 26 Apr— STUDENTS RETURN TERM 2

#### NOTES & MONEY DUE

- Scholastic Book Club Due— Fri 17 Mar
- Point Wolstoncroft 5/6 Camp Deposit, \$50— Fri 24 Mar
- Exergames \$9.50 payment— **OVERDUE**
- Emergency Information Cards — **ASAP**

**ASSEMBLY THIS  
FRIDAY 10  
MARCH, 2:30PM**

**CLASS 3/4  
PRESENTING**

**ALL WELCOME!!**

## Term 1 Week 7

### POINT WOLSTONCROFT CAMP - YEAR 5-6

On Wednesday 13 September to Friday 15 September 2023, Year 5/6 will be heading off to Point Wolstoncroft Camp.

**Preliminary permission note have been sent home and are to be returned to the school office by Friday 24 March with \$50 deposit.**

\*Please note you can use your Back to School Vouchers to pay this \$50 deposit. You would need to come in to the office if you were using the vouchers as they need to be scanned.

**Total Cost (including deposit): \$346.50**

*Less any fundraising or funding yet to be determined.*

### SAVE THE DATE— CROSS COUNTRY

We will be holding our Cross Country at school on Thursday 30 March. *More information to come...*



### EXERGAMES

Exergames will continue this Friday 10 March and will now run until Wednesday 5 April.

**Payment of \$9.50 is now OVERDUE!**

### 2023 STUDENT EMERGENCY CARDS

**Purple** 2023 Student Emergency Information card to be completed and returned. These are to be completed annually for EVERY student.

**Please complete and return ASAP.**

### HOT LUNCHES

**After our freezer mishap last Monday, our Hot Lunch Monday will resume next Monday 13 March and will continue every Monday till the end of Term 1.**



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## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

### WELCOME TO WEEK 7

Welcome to Week 7 at Black Hill Public School!

### SEMESTER 1 LEARNING GOALS MEETINGS

I am thrilled to report that last week's Learning Goals Meetings were a huge success! We had an outstanding turnout of parents and carers who were actively engaged in discussing their child's progress and setting goals for the remainder of the semester. These meetings were an opportunity for our teachers to share their insights and observations with parents and carers and to identify any areas where students may need additional support. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers taking an active role in their child's education and working collaboratively with our teachers to support their progress. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the parents and carers who attended these meetings. Your commitment to your child's education and your active involvement in their learning is truly appreciated. I would also like to thank our teachers for their hard work and dedication in preparing for these meetings and for providing insightful and

constructive feedback to parents and carers. At Black Hill Public School, we are committed to providing a student-centred learning environment that supports the individual needs and abilities of each and every one of our students. The success of these Learning Goals Meetings is a testament to the strength of our school community and our shared commitment to our students' success. Thank you again to everyone who participated, and we look forward to continuing to work together to support our students' learning and growth.

### STAY AND PLAY

We had a fantastic, and very well-attended, Stay and Play afternoon the Friday before last! It was a great opportunity for our parents, carers, staff and children to come together and enjoy some quality time in our school grounds. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming, and there were plenty of smiles and laughter all around. The event was a great success, and we would like to thank the P&C Committee for all their hard work in organising such a highly enjoyable event. It was a great opportunity for families to connect and strengthen their

relationships with the school community. We look forward to hosting more events like this in the future, and we hope to see even more families come out and participate.

### SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

This year we have a new School Counsellor joining our team at Black Hill PS. Miss Emily Coutts will be working with us 1 day a fortnight on a Friday (odd weeks). As our school counsellor, Emily will be working with students, parents, and teachers to provide support and guidance on a range of social, emotional, and behavioural issues. She brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our school, and I know she will make a positive impact on our students' well-being and success. Please contact your child's teacher or myself if you feel your child would benefit from engaging with Miss Coutts.

At Black Hill PS, we are committed to supporting the social, emotional, and academic growth of all our students. Emily will be a valuable addition to our team and will help us continue to provide a nurturing and supportive learning environment for our students.

### DEFIBRILLATOR

A huge shout-out to our P&C for their recent purchase of a defibrillator for our school community. This life-saving equipment will be a valuable addition to our school's first aid facilities and will help ensure the safety and well-being of our students and staff. A defibrillator is a device that can help restore the heart's normal rhythm in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest. With its prompt and effective use, a defibrillator can significantly increase the chances of survival for a person experiencing a cardiac emergency. Our defibrillator was delivered to our school yesterday, and we were fortunate to receive additional training from a representative of the Royal Life Saving Society. Thank you to our staff and community who attended this training. At next Tuesday's P&C Meeting, we will be discussing the most suitable location to house our defibrillator.



## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION

### NAPLAN

Our students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be undertaking their NAPLAN assessments next week and the week after.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) is an annual assessment that measures students' literacy and numeracy skills in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9.

As mentioned previously, from 2023 the NAPLAN assessments have been moved to an earlier time in the year (from May to March). The tests cover a range of skills, including reading, writing, language conventions, and numeracy.

**Our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be undertaking their NAPLAN assessments on the following days:**  
**Wednesday 15 March – Writing**

**Thursday 16 March – Reading**

**Monday 20 March – Conventions of Language (Spelling, grammar, Punctuation)**

**Tuesday 21 March – Numeracy**

We want to encourage all students to attend school during the testing period and to be well-rested and nourished. It

is also important for parents to support their children by providing a calm and supportive environment at home and emphasising the importance of students just doing their best. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is just one measure of a student's academic progress and that it does not define their abilities or potential. At Black Hill Public School, we are committed to supporting all our students to reach their full potential and achieve success in all areas of life.

We wish all our students the best of luck with their NAPLAN testing and look forward to celebrating their achievements and progress throughout the year.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY

It has been wonderful to see so many of our families attend our Friday afternoon assemblies. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to come and see their children showcase their talents and achievements in a supportive and inclusive environment, and to celebrate and acknowledge the fantastic learning happening at our school. Could I also please remind all our assembly

visitors that it is important for our students that we are all modelling appropriate behaviour during our assembly. Could I ask that if you need to talk to another parent during the assembly you move away from our assembly area.

Thank you for your support.

*Kylie and Staff*

## HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Today is 8 March, 2023, which means that today is indeed International Women's Day for the year 2023.

On this day, we celebrate the achievements of women around the world and acknowledge the ongoing struggle for gender equality.

We recognise the contributions of women in all areas of life, including social, economic, cultural, and political spheres.

The theme for International Women's Day 2023 is "Embrace Equity."

The aim of the IWD 2023 #EmbraceEquity campaign theme is to get the world talking about why equal opportunities aren't enough. People start from different places, so true inclusion and belonging require equitable action. Happy International Women's Day 2023, especially to all our fabulous Black Hill PS women!





## SEUSSICAL KIDS



Last week we announced our very exciting news! Black Hill Public School will be presenting 'Seussical Kids' in Term 4, 2023 as a whole school musical! Every student will participate in class items. Speaking and singing roles will be selected via auditions in Week 8.

Stay tuned for more information...

"Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the thinks you can think up if only you try!"

Dr. Seuss





# SPORTS REPORT



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## BLACK HILL SUPER SOCCER STARS

Well done to our very own SUPER SOCCER STARS, Kylan, Brock and Byron. Our superstars attended the PSSA Zone Soccer Trials yesterday. It was very hot and some very tough competition, but they still performed brilliantly! Well done boys! We are so proud of you!!!





## SPORTS REPORT CONTINUED



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### BLACK HILL SWIMMING SUPERSTARS

CONGRATULATIONS to our little swimming superstars, Mia, Harmony, Quinn, Indi, Florence, Brielle, Eden & Thea, who represented our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday!!! We are so proud of you all!!

A HUGE SHOUT OUT to our amazing Mia, who came 1st in the 50m Freestyle and is straight through to Regional!! Woohoo!! Well done Mia!

We are still waiting on times to see if anyone else qualified.

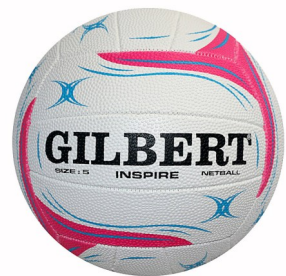
Thanks to our fabulous Mrs Pettersen for all of your incredible organisation! You are a one-in-a-million! We appreciate everything you do!!!



### BLACK HILL NETBALL SUPERSTARS

Well done to our very talented netball superstars, Brielle, Zara, Florence and Jaida. These girls did a fabulous job at the PSSA Zone Netball Tryouts last week!

Well done girls!



## P&C NEWS

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### FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Reminder - Friday Sausage Sizzle is available each Friday for first lunch.

**Sausages are ONLY \$1.50 EACH. All orders are to be placed in the 'Sausage Sizzle' box, located in the front office, before 9:00am.**

### P&C AGM— SAVE THE DATE

Our P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 14 March at 7:00pm.

All positions are open. Please note to vote you must be a financial member of the P&C prior to the commencement of the meeting. Please complete and return membership form and **\$2 per family membership fee** to the P&C Mailbox ASAP. Following the P&C AGM will be a quick P&C Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

### EASTER RAFFLE

As part of the Easter Hat Parade, our P&C will be holding an Easter Raffle!

More information will be sent home with students in the coming days... But for all our new BHPS families, each year our P&C hold an Easter Raffle. The raffle consists of donations of prizes from our generous BHPS families and community (if they are able). People generally donate up to \$10 worth of Easter goodies per family, this could be Easter Eggs, Rabbits, boxed chocolates, Easter craft activities, Easter decorations etc. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Raffle tickets are sent home with each family, you don't have to buy them all and we encourage you to approach friends, family and neighbours to purchase a ticket (tickets are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00, or an entire sheet of 15 tickets for \$5). We then have a small team of volunteers assemble and wrap all the donated goodies to create numerous prizes to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade. There is typically lots of chocolate and therefore lots of prize winners. In the past this fundraiser has raised over \$1000 which our P&C has then been able to utilise to make improvements within our school.

Thank you for your support.



**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

**FRIDAYS**

**\$1.50 PER SAUSAGE**

**EACH FRIDAY @ FIRST LUNCH**

Our weekly sausage sizzle are Fridays at first lunch. \$1.50 per sausage sandwich (includes sauce).

Please put money in a ziplock bag with child's name, class and number of sausage sandwiches and place in the sausage sizzle box at the office before school.

**Thank you to our amazing volunteers for making this possible.**



# ASSEMBLY REPORT- FRIDAY 3 MARCH

## WEEK 6

### Mr Braye K/1 Awards

Merit	Zen
Merit	Kyah
Merit	Deegan
Merit	Yara



### Mrs Lane & Mrs Youman 1/2 Awards

Merit	Rory
Merit	Lilith
Merit	Donte

### Mrs Pettersen 3/4 Awards

Merit	Caleb
Merit	Audrie
Merit	Evie

### Mrs Lawson 5/6 Awards

Merit	Chris
Merit	Indi
Merit	Bethany

### Principal's Award

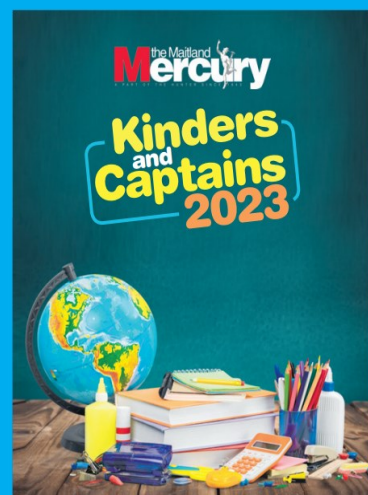
Ezra, Yara, Eden, Jackson,  
Mahli, Myah, Chris,  
Brinley & Kylan

### Community Award

Mrs James

A big shout out to last week's Community Award recipient,  
our wonderful Mrs James!

A most fabulous helper and supporter of our school!  
Thanks a million Lara!



## DON'T MISS YOUR COPY OF THIS YEAR'S KINDERS AND CAPTAINS SPECIAL EDITION

Available with your Maitland Mercury Friday March 17

### PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS INCLUDE

- Nillo
- Millers Forest
- Hinton
- Black Hill
- All Saints College
- East Maitland
- Bolwarra
- Gillieston
- Kurri Kurri High
- Lochinvar
- Maitland Public
- Metford
- Morpeth
- Rutherford Public
- Tarro
- Telarah
- Tenambit
- St Joseph's College  
Lochinvar
- Maitland Grossmann High



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS



## Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

**5** mins per day



=

**3** days



**30** mins per day



=

**18** days



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per fortnight



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**4** weeks



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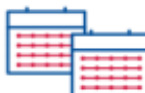
Over **1** year missed

**1** day per week



=

**8** weeks



=

Over **2.5** years missed

# HOT LUNCHES

EVERY MONDAY

# HOT LUNCH

<i>Mac and Cheese</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
<i>Lasagne</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
<i>Meat Pie</i>	<i>\$3.50</i>
<i>Sausage Roll</i>	<i>\$2.50</i>
<i>Pizza BBQ Chicken</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
<i>Pizza Ham n Pineapple</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
<i>Pizza Margherita</i>	<i>\$3.00</i>
<i>Tomato Sauce</i>	<i>30c each</i>
<i>BBQ Sauce</i>	<i>30c each</i>
<i>Gluten Free noodles chicken</i>	<i>\$2.50</i>

*Please write your child's name/class/order and money enclosed on a **brown paper bag** and place in the **HOT LUNCH box** in the office foyer on **MONDAY** mornings before 9:00am. **Brown paper bags** will be available at the office if you need one.*

*Thankyou*

## BACK TO SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Please note we are accepting Back to School Vouchers at school for excursions.

At present, we have \$50. deposit due for Y5-6 Camp.

We are unable to offer change with the vouchers.

Vouchers are valid to use by 30 June, 2023.



BACK TO SCHOOL  
VOUCHER PROGRAM

## 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.  
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