



**Wednesday May 1st 2024**

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Friday: 8:30—4:00pm

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**Prep Enrolments 2025—if you have a Prep starting next year please enrol them ASAP. Go to [www.blackhillps.vic.edu.au/enrolments](http://www.blackhillps.vic.edu.au/enrolments) to find the enrolment form. Please submit with your child’s Birth Certificate and Immunisation Certificate via hard copy or email.**

## Dates for the family diary

Friday 10th May	Mother’s Day Stall
Friday 7th June	Student Free Day—Report Writing
Monday 10th June	King’s Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 11th June	Scienceworks Years 1/2
Friday 14th June	Prep Grandparents Day

- Forward Notice :**
- Fri 9th August—Preps to Werribee Zoo
  - Mon 9/9-Wed 11/9—Year 3/4 Camp—Cave Hill Creek
  - Wed 20/11-Fri 22/11 5/6 Camp—Roses Gap

## Term 2 Assembly Roster

Friday 10/5	P-2 Assembly 2:40pm
Friday 14/6	3-6 Assembly 2:40pm
Friday 28/6	Whole School Assembly 1:40pm

- Electronic Excursion Permissions Due:**
- Norman District Athletics
  - Sovereign Division Cross Country
  - Werribee Zoo—Preps
  - Winter Sports

## Principal’s Column

**Congratulations**

I would like to congratulate everyone who participated in the inaugural Ballarat marathon on Sunday. They had over 4000 entries in the events that were offered and wonderful running weather. We had a few of our staff compete in the half marathon, what a huge achievement. A special shout out to **Michael Fortescue, Eliza Stebbing and Ally Dower- Cook** who all put in an amazing performance on the day. You can check out results at the link on the Ballarat Marathon website.

Also on the weekend the Mini Mudders held a downhill event at Black Hill. We had three students competing. Henrietta Govan came 5th in her age group, Ahna Spokevicious achieved a 3rd place in her age group and Klara Spokevicious achieved a 2nd place in her age group. Congratulations to them all. It is wonderful to hear about the local community events our school members are participating in. We encourage all our community to support local clubs and events.



What kind of felines can bowl? Alley cats. 😄

### Student leaders

On ANZAC day our School Captains attended the ANZAC ceremony and march, laying a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Black Hill community. They did a wonderful job of representing the school at this event. You can see some photos of the team of School Captains making the wreath and our two School Captains, Joe and Keeley at the ANZAC Day ceremony below.



### GRIP Student Leader Conference

The School Captains and Vice Captains will attend a student leadership conference at Federation University this Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. At this conference they will get to network with other student leaders from around our region and work on their project plans. I am looking forward to attending this conference with them. They have also been conducting a survey with students who have a lunch order and gaining some feedback on the quality and satisfaction in the lunch orders. They will present their findings at our next School Council meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. We will also share some of their findings in the next school newsletter.

### Fundraising

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May our school Fundraising Committee will hold a Mother's Day stall at school. They spent time last term choosing and at times making the gifts for sale. There was information sent out on Compass about the stall and how you can assist as well as in the newsletter on page 3. **We are looking for volunteers to help set up the stall on Thursday 9th and run the stall on Friday 10th. If you can help, please call Jodie Cooper on 0458 069 070.** Mother's Day is a wonderful way to acknowledge the amazing women in our lives. I would like to put out a special thank you to Jodie Cooper who is organising the stall this year despite her last child finishing school at Black Hill Primary School in 2023.

### Mobile Phones

I would like to remind our community about the Department policy related to mobile phones in school. Black Hill Primary School does not require students to have mobile phones at school.

### Summary

- Students whose parents require them to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and handed to staff to be securely stored during school hours at the administration office.
- If your child brings a phone to school this should only be at your request. Please remind them to hand them into the office when they arrive at school. We appreciate your support in discussing this policy with your children. You can find the policy on our school website.

### Attitudes to School Survey

Our students in years 4, 5 and 6 will get an opportunity to complete a survey providing feedback to the school this term. This is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist us to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. The survey will be conducted between Monday 6 May 2024 to Friday 14 June 2024. Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If parents **do not** wish for their child to do the survey, they can send an opt out via email to the school:

[black.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:black.hill.ps@education.vic.gov.au) Please do so before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, stating that you wish to opt out of your

child's participation, along with their name and year level.

### Birthdays

I would like to acknowledge all those students who have had birthdays this week.

Happy birthday to:

Hamish	56D
Yana	56A
Henry	34E
Eve	12E
Felix	0PA
Mia	34E
Dakoda	0PC

**Donna Bishop**  
Principal

# Mother's Day Stall **FRIDAY MAY 10TH**

Our Mother's Day stall is fast approaching, and we are reaching out to the Black Hill community for some help.

Our gifts range from a \$1 table to a \$6 table, and we try and have a range of items for everyone.

We know everyone is busy so we have several ways you may be able to help us run a successful and fun stall.

Would you like to meet other helpers on the day and help the children pick their special items?

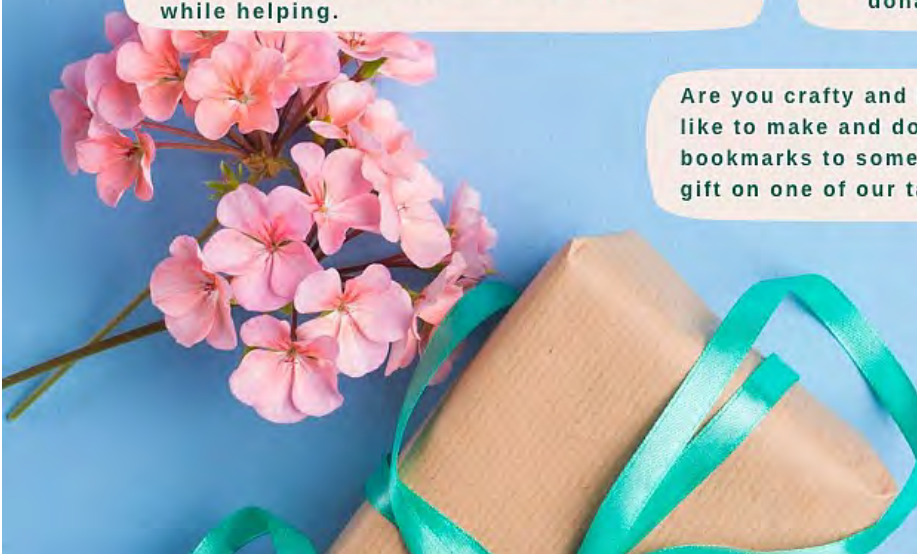
Would you be able to help the day before (Thursday 9th May) setting up the tables.

Join us for a cuppa and getting some items put together the week before, great chance to meet others and have a chat while helping.

Are you a green thumb and have some seedlings you would like to donate?

Are you crafty and have the perfect items you would like to make and donate for us to sell? From Cards or bookmarks to something you think would be a great gift on one of our tables.

**PLEASE CALL OR TEXT  
JODIE ON 0458069070  
EMAIL  
JODIE\_25@BIGPOND.COM  
OR TALK TO THE LOVELY  
OFFICE STAFF.**



# Team News

## Prep/1/2 Team

Our students are working so very well for only the third week of Term 2.

Prep students are working on further developing their fine motor skills by creating weaved Rainbow Fish, practising their letter/sound relationships and reading decodable books on the television!



1/2 students are learning all about information reports in both Reading and Writing. They have explored non fiction text features and are getting ready to write their own information report on extreme weather, which links in with our STEAM focus this term.



Some friendly reminders:-

Mother's Day is coming up and next Friday, May 10th, both the Mother's Day stall and special performances by our students will be happening at the P-2 Assembly, starting at 2:40pm. We hope to see you there!

## Team News

### 3/4 Team

Over the past two weeks, our Grade 3 and 4 students have been honouring ANZAC Day through their writing and reading. They've written heartfelt poems and reflections, showing their understanding of the day's significance. In their reading sessions, they've learned about the bravery of ANZAC soldiers. Through their work, these young students are learning about remembrance and gratitude, keeping the memory of our servicemen and women alive.



### 5/6 Team

Our Year 5/6 students are diving deeper into persuasive writing, where they've been utilising AI tools like Mizou to sharpen their ability to construct compelling arguments. Additionally, we've launched our Relationships and Puberty program, delving into topics like consent, anatomy, puberty changes, and personal hygiene. Through interactive discussions and activities, we're equipping our students with the knowledge and skills they need for this significant stage of their development.

The logo for Mizou, featuring the word 'MIZOU' in a colorful, multi-colored font.



Outside School Hours Care

# Newsletter



29/04/2024

Camp Australia Black Hill Primary School OSHC

Your  
OSHC.



## A message from your Coordinator

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Easter and a lovely school holiday, I know I did. It was a busy school holidays for us with lots of fun activities happening.

Last week our OSHC room was filled with lots of busy children doing different activities such as iron on beads, puzzles, soccer, bug Jenga, operation, arts and crafts, café play imagination, board games, football and so much more.

Next week we are learning how to be builders by doing ninja craft, paper roll watches, rain makers, paper plate UFO's, and scavenger hunt. We will also be doing Mother's Day activities to celebrate all the women in our lives.

All our children and families are welcomed every time they are in OSHC. We are hoping to grow our numbers every morning and afternoon, so please come in and speak to our friendly staff they will be more than welcomed to support in any questions you may have. You may only need it once, every day, once a week or just needed time to relax we are happy to have all children. I have attached the fees for each booking below.

## Activities coming up

- Plate paper UFO's
- Scavenger Hunt
- Paper roll watches
- Rain makers

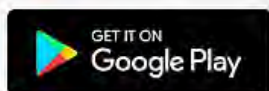
## Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

[Book now](#)

## Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at [pp.campastralia.com.au](http://pp.campastralia.com.au) or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.



Find out more and book now at [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)

# Outside School Hours Care

## at Black Hill Primary School

At Camp Australia, we provide tailored enrichment to children before school, after school and on their holidays. Our engaged educators foster a safe, inclusive environment where the children can relax, have fun and grow.

To find out more information on Black Hill Primary School's fees and policies, visit <https://www.campastralia.com.au/schools/details/C37F>



Fees accurate as of April, 2024

### Fees and Times

Program	Times	Recurring (full Fee)	Recurring (after max. CCS*)	Casual (full Fee)	Casual (after max. CCS*)
Before School Care	06:30 AM - 08:45 AM	\$26.00	\$2.60	\$31.00	\$6.66
After School Care	03:30 PM - 06:00 PM	\$35.70	\$8.66	\$40.70	\$13.66

Program	Times	Early (full Fee)	Early (after max. CCS*)	Late (full Fee)	Late (after max. CCS*)
Pupil Free Day	07:00 AM - 06:00 PM	\$44.92	\$4.49	\$44.92	\$4.49

#### Casual Bookings

Casual Booking notice: none  
 Casual Cancellation notice: 2 days in advance  
 No minimum number of bookings

#### Rocketeers Late Booking Fee

Late booking fee applies if a booking is made with less than 7 day's notice. Bookings made at least 7 days in advance of the session day are charged the early fee.

#### Child Care Subsidy\* (CCS)

The Child Care Subsidy can provide up to 90% off your fees. Your eligibility is determined by your family's annual adjusted taxable income, the type of childcare you use, and your activity level. To find out if you're eligible, contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

#### Recurring Bookings

Recurring Booking notice: 48 hours in advance  
 Recurring Cancellation notice: 2 calendar days in advance  
 Minimum number of 2 bookings made at the same time, as recurring booked days over 2 or more weeks.

#### Sick child? No charge

No matter the cancellation rules, we operate a standing policy that there is no charge for a sick child. Simply let us know when cancelling a booking outside the cancellation window, provide a doctor's certificate and there will be no fee charged.

Enrolment Fee: \$25

**Your  
OSHC.**

Book now: [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)



Details of all fees, terms and conditions are available at [www.campastralia.com.au](http://www.campastralia.com.au)  
 Need Help? Our Customer Care Team are available 5am-9pm AEST on **1300 105 343**



## **Smile Squad is coming to this school**

Black Hill PS families,

The Smile Squad team from Grampians Health are coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### **How to access free dental care**

Grampians Health will be sending to your school the next generation of oral health professionals and your child will be seen by a dental/oral health student working under the supervision of a qualified smile squad clinician. We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian. To be seen on site at school you must tick YES in the box to be seen by a student.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



### **Please complete and submit the consent form by the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

### **Smile Squad dental packs**

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

### **Standard strength toothpaste**

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

### **Do I need to attend my child's appointment?**

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. If you prefer to attend your child's appointment, you can take your child to the community dental clinic.

The Grampians Health Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Grampians Health  
Smile Squad





# Vic Park - BALLARAT



Placeholder Image

**Stop breast and ovarian cancers in their tracks.**

## Mother's Day Classic Sunday 12 May

Victoria Park Ballarat  
Opposite Loreto College from 8.00am!

**Walk or run**  
**Move till we're done**

*Register Now!*



[mothersdayclassic.com.au](http://mothersdayclassic.com.au)

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# Lifelong, life-changing savings habits



Commit to saving up to \$50 a month for 10 months and ANZ will double it.



You can put that extra money towards educational expenses for yourself or your child/children. This includes school-related expenses, such as uniforms, books, laptops and excursions.

Income, eligibility and participation criteria apply, go to [saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au) for more information.

**Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits.** It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services.

[saverplus.org.au](https://saverplus.org.au)  
1300 610 355



saverplus

# Kinship Carer Support Groups

All Carers are welcome to come and have a chat in a safe and supportive environment.

## Daylesford - Thursday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Address will be advised after registration
- 30 May, 27 June, 25 July, 29 August, 31 October and 28 November

## Ararat - Tuesday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Ararat Hotel, 130 Barkly Street, Ararat
- 6 May, 11 June, 6 August, 3 September, 8 October and 12 November

## Bacchus Marsh - Monday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Baby Black Cafe, 10 Church St, Bacchus Marsh
- 20 May, 17 June, 29 July, 19 August, 16 September, 14 October and 18 November

## Ballarat - Wednesday

- 10.30 am - 12.00 pm
- Clothesline Cafe, 202 Humfray Street South, Ballarat
- 15 May, 26 June, 24 July, 14 August, 11 September, 23 October and 20 November



To register or enquire about any of Cafs Kinship Carer Support

Groups please contact:

Sallie MacDonald  
sallie.macdonald@cafs.org.au  
1800 692 237

[cafs.org.au](http://cafs.org.au)

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