



**Thursday February 6th 2020**

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### Welcome back

Welcome back to all students, parents and staff, especially those new students and parents who have joined the Black Hill school community for the first time this year. It was wonderful to see and hear the school filled with the sounds of happy children on Monday. The teachers have been working very hard over the past weeks to ensure a very organised and smooth start to the year; I think they have done a wonderful job.

### School Council

I would sincerely like to thank all members of our School Council for their work over 2019. We have 5 vacancies for school Council for 2020. I would particularly like to thank those school councillors whose term is coming to an end for their commitment and support of the school.

Please note that nominations for the 5 School Council parent representatives opens on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February**, and close at **4.00pm Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Nomination forms can be collected from the office. School Council terms of office are for two years. The five parent positions that are open for nomination are due to the end of their tenure.

School Councillors attend eight School Council meetings per year, held on the second Wednesday of each month during term time. There is training available for new School Councillors.

The timeline for School Council elections can be found on page 6 of this Newsletter.

### New Preps for 2020

All our Prep students have now had three full days at school. There were many excited, anxious and eager children starting on Monday. The children settled very well into their classes and had a wonderful first day at school. I would like to thank

all the parents for preparing their students for the school year. There is considerable work, time and money involved in preparing your child for school – lunches, uniform, school shoes, books, fees etc. Having children well prepared supports their learning and ensures a smooth start.

### Swimming Program

Our Year 3 - 6 students are already participating in their intensive swimming program at the Black Hill Pool followed by weekly lessons at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. I would like to thank Chloe Dew for organising the swimming program. A special thanks must also go to the students and classroom teachers for the way that they are embracing the program.

### Values

In 2020 our school community will again embrace our values of TEAMWORK, INTEGRITY, ASPIRATION, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY. The teachers will be nominating students for our values badges when they see a student demonstrating the school values. When a student receives 5 nominations in one category, they receive a badge for that category, to wear with pride on their school uniform.

### Teacher Teams

All teachers are working together in teams to ensure we meet the learning needs of your children. The teams are Prep, 1-2, Year 3-4 and Year 5-6. Together our teams will ensure we are using up to date data to guide student learning experiences as well as ensuring a nurturing and challenging learning environment.

I would like to invite you to make time to meet with me should you have any concerns at all regarding your child's learning. An appointment is best and this can be made by telephoning the office.

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### Dates for the family diary...

Monday	10th February	3/4 Swimming commences at Black Hill Pool
Wednesday	12th February	School Council Meeting 7:00pm
Thursday	13th February	Welcome Family Picnic 5:00-7:00pm
Monday	17th February	3-6 Swimming Mondays at Aquatic Centre until end of term
Wednesday	26th February	Year 1-6 Athletic Sports—Llanberis
Monday	2nd March	Preps start full time

### Green excursion notes to be returned:

- 3/4 swimming

## Team News

### Prep/1/2 Team



Welcome back to school! Hope everyone had a great break! The Preps are doing a fabulous job settling into school life. The Grade 1/2 students are enjoying their new classrooms. Don't forget they are little and need lots of sleep each night. Thank you to all those who have paid and brought in their book boxes. Please remember to bring in one box of tissues for your child's classroom; this is so important because everyone uses them and they help to stop the spread of colds and flu. Remember, each child needs their own set of headphones, art smock and library bag. Please make sure you clearly name all of these.

The Prep 'Seven Steps to Success' information night is on next Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of February. It starts at 5:00pm and will not go for very long, but it is super important for your child that you, their caregiver, attend. It is also a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have. After the information night you will be able to participate in the Welcome Family Picnic, which runs from 5pm -7pm.

The School Nurse forms have been handed out today to all Prep students. Please fill these out and return them as soon as possible. The school nurse visits in the last week of term and checks each student's eyesight, hearing and speech, which are all super important for learning.

The Courier came today and took photos of our Preps for their feature article 'Big Steps, Little Feet' and the photos will be in the paper on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out!



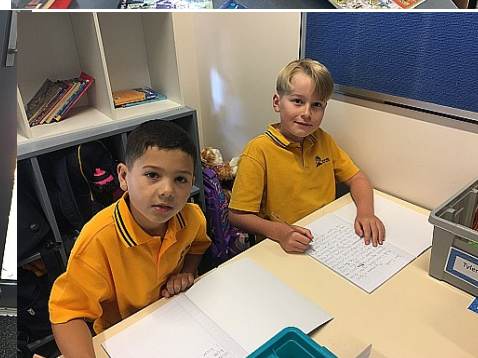
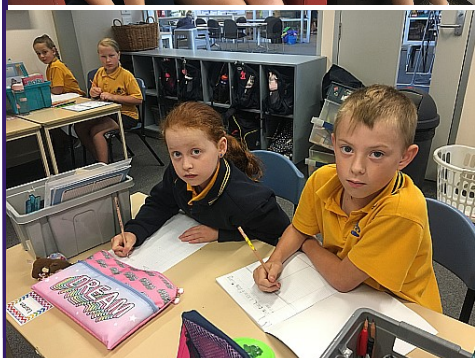
### 3/4 Team

A big welcome to all our students and families. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the break and are ready for the exciting year ahead. Thank you to all the families who were able to bring students in for an interview last week. This was a great opportunity to meet families and students and to assess learning in order to set goals and to plan for the term ahead.

Next week the Grade 3/4 students will begin the swimming program at the Black Hill swimming pool. Please ensure students pack bathers, a towel, goggles and a rash vest or t-shirt in a small back pack. A rash vest or t-shirt

to swim in is compulsory for this week. A small plastic bag is also recommended for wet clothing after swimming.

A reminder that students need to return the Digital Technologies agreement form and the Grade 3 students are also required to return the BYOD form.





## Team News

### 5/6 Team

Welcome back to all our 5/6s for 2020! It's great to see everyone keen and excited for the year ahead. We have had a super busy start to the year with interviews kicking off last week and straight into swimming this week up at the Black Hill pool.

We will then continue our lessons each Monday, beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February for 5 weeks at the Aquatic Centre.



Our Grade 6s were also excited to receive their new polo tops on Wednesday, they look great!

## FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome all families to 2020 at Black Hill Primary School.

- ✓ If you have not yet paid for your child/ren's backpack and diary, please call into the office for payment and collection.
- ✓ Excursion notes should be signed and returned as soon as possible after you receive them. When paying in cash please enclose in an envelope with your child's name and class on the outside.
- ✓ The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) assists families with those costs. The amount is \$125 per child per year. If you have a Health Care Card, Pension Card or a Veterans Affairs Card you may be eligible to receive the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). Please contact the office and collect a form and we will take a copy of your card and process your application.
- ✓ Please notify the office if your child/ren will be absent or late to school. Remember if you are going on holiday during the school term time please let us know so we can record the absence correctly.
- ✓ The Department of Education requires us to telephone you if your child is recorded as an unexplained absence from class on any day and for you to provide a valid reason for the absence.
- ✓ When you need to collect your child at any time during the school day please call the office so we can ensure that your child is waiting for you at the office to be signed out.
- ✓ At the end of the school day, if you are running late to collect your child/ren, please contact the office and let us know what time you will arrive for pick up.



Student Banking will commence on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. There will be a representative from the student banking team at our assembly on 14<sup>th</sup> February to share with us ideas on saving and the rewards that are available this year.

## ASSEMBLY

Assembly is held at 2:40pm each Friday. This week, student leadership badges for School Captains, Playground Mentors, Learning Advisors, DigiKids and Sports Leaders will be awarded. All welcome.

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### Welcome Family Picnic

We invite our families to bring their own chairs, blankets and picnic to our annual Welcome Family Picnic to be held on **Thursday, February 13th, 5:00pm—7:00pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our new parents to meet our current families, teachers and our School Councillors. We will also have a **welcome umbrella for new families** to come to so we can introduce you to other families. Teachers wearing their badges will be there to help anyone.

We hope to have a balmy Ballarat summer night. We have Il Piccolo gelato and the Steam coffee van available. It promises to be a fun event and I hope to see you all there.

**Please be aware this is a no alcohol event and smoking is not permitted on school grounds.**

### Google Apps and Office 365

At Black Hill Primary School we provide learning experiences in line with the Digital Technologies Domain of the Victorian Curriculum. The teachers and students utilise Google Apps including Google Classroom and Microsoft Office 365 to deliver the curriculum within the teaching and learning program.

One of the necessary steps we need take is to offer parents an “opt-out” option. This enables us to be in line with Department of Education Policy. Please be assured that we have taken the necessary steps in completing the Privacy Impact Assessments within our Department.

The Google Classroom and Office 365 information sheets, are available on our website:

<http://www.blackhillps.vic.edu.au/byod.php> Students will have access to these platforms unless advised by parents that they do not want their children to have access to them. Please advise us by contacting Mandy Rhook if you do NOT wish your child to use these platforms. This information will also be put on the Compass Parent Newsfeed.

Donna Bishop,  
Principal

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## Meet your 2020 School Captains



G-day I'm **Samuel Ashby** and I'll be one of your School Captains for 2020. Let me tell you a bit about myself. I love any sport especially cricket, cricket is always no. 1. I also like cooking and making my friends laugh. I also enjoy many subjects like maths and writing. Sincerely, Samuel Ashby ✍️.

Hi I am **Alice McKenzie** and I am one of your School Captains for 2020. I am looking forward to the challenge and responsibility of being a School Captain. In my spare time I love to read and draw. I spend a lot of my time playing sports. My favourite sports are netball and cricket. My favourite colour is yellow and I love koalas. Thanks for reading.

My name is **Wilbur Phillips** and I am very excited as I am one of your School Vice-Captains this year. I enjoy looking after animals, in fact I have once looked after a koala until the animal rescue arrived. Some of my hobbies are playing cricket, speed solving Rubik's cubes and listening to music. I am looking forward to playing cricket for East Ballarat.

Hi I'm **Mia Price** and I am one of your School Vice Captains for 2020. I am really excited this year for many reasons. A new class, new teachers, new students, new leadership roles and sport! I do basketball, netball and dance and I am super excited for it to start back this year! I have 1 dog, his name is Opie and he is a golden Labrador. I really enjoy swimming, shopping and hanging out with my friends.

Hey, I'm **Wil Douglas** and I'm one of your School Vice-Captains for 2020. I'm looking forward to the responsibility of being a Vice-Captain and role model this year. In my spare time I love to play sports such as cricket and soccer. I am a bit of a baker and I really like to make choc chip cookies! My favourite colour is yellow but I don't like bananas! (weird right?!?) And I thank the school community for giving me this opportunity and responsibility.

Hi, I am **Chloe Valentine**. I was born in Werribee, I am 11 years old and turning 12 on July 5th. In my spare time I like to dance and I go to The Academy of Classical Ballet. I also like to draw and I am a really creative person; I love my arts. My favourite colour is green and my favourite food is sushi, but I am allergic to dairy. I have been to Black Hill since Prep and always looked up to the School Captains. I am so excited to be your Vice Captain for 2020! Goodbye for now.

## School council election process and timetable 2020

I would sincerely like to thank all members of our school council for their work over 2019. **We have 5 parent representative and 2 Department employee vacancies** on school Council for 2020. I would like to thank those school councillors whose term is coming to an end and to encourage them to nominate for the position again. We hope that many of you will consider nominating for school council. You can self-nominate or be nominated by another.

All nominees will be requested to supply a snapshot of **no more than 150 words** describing themselves and what they can offer as representative of the school parent community.

A statement from a candidate may include information about his/her:

- work experience including voluntary work;
- academic and professional qualifications if applicable
- skills and abilities including those that may be useful for the council (previous and current involvement with the school, and school council including sub- committees of school council;
- reasons for standing for election; and
- interests and hobbies.

### Name of the School: Black Hill Primary School

Event	Date
a) Notice of election and call for nominations	Monday 10 February 2020
b) Closing date for nominations	Monday 17 February 2020
c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted	Wednesday 19 February 2020
d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	On or before Monday 24 February 2020
e) Close of ballot	Monday 2 March 2020
f) Vote count (Insert a date after the close of ballot)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March.2020
g) Declaration of poll (Insert the vote count date or a date after the count)	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
h) Special council meeting to co-opt Community members (the principal will preside)	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
i) First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside)	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Kelly Sports is back in Term 1!

#### Black Hill PS

#### Multi-Sport Program

(Soccer, B-Ball, Tennis & T-Ball)

Thursdays (Starting 6th Feb)

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### Check out all the fun activities happening in Your OSHC this week!

Outside School Hours Care makes it possible for all parents/guardians to work or attend to other commitments, secure in the knowledge that their children will be in a safe, supportive and fun environment - led by a team of passionate Educators – experiencing exciting and educational activities.

Every moment spent in OSHC is a moment to discover a world of possibility and growth.

Having spent the day in a classroom, children need the opportunity and space to explore their own interests and unleash their imaginations – whether that be trying new sports, craft, cooking and much, much more. With activities appropriate for all ages, here is what we have planned for the week ahead:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Group games and getting to know each other	Outside sports day	Make your own pet rock	Make your own comic books	Scratch book marks

**It's FREE to Register.** (and if you want to use OSHC, you first need to register).

Register at [pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login](http://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login). Once registered, it's easy to make and manage your bookings online via our Parent Portal. You may be eligible to claim subsidies on your care usage! If eligible, to help you with the cost of childcare, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy. Visit [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au) to find out more.

For more information on our service and fees, visit our website [www.campaustralia.com.au](http://www.campaustralia.com.au). Alternatively, come and meet the team in the OSHC room. We'd love to meet you, and you can find out all your info from our friendly, qualified Educators.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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# School Banking newsletter.

Term 1 update.



## CommBank Bushfire Support

In light of the recent devastating bushfires, we want to share how we can help. Applications are now open for Bushfire Recovery Grants to help rebuild community facilities, schools, fire brigades and replace lost or damaged equipment. Please encourage your local community groups to apply by 31 March 2020, for grants of up to \$50,000. If you're a CommBank customer and you've been affected, we can also give you a hand with your finances. [commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery](http://commbank.com.au/bushfirerecovery)

## 2020 Treetop Savers Adventure.

This year, the Dollarmites (Pru, Addy, Spen, Lucas and Pat) are ready to take children on a Treetop Savers adventure to the enchanted Treehouse of Savings. Here they'll discover lots of fun financial activities and rewards for saving.

Many surveyed parents think it's important to make learning about money engaging and to reward good saving behaviour\*. And this year, we're changing our School Banking rewards for the better. We're introducing new eco-friendly and reusable rewards, alongside other rewards that encourage creativity, as well as indoor and outdoor play.

### Activity 1: Add up Addy's pocket money

Addy gets \$2 pocket money every time she does a job in the Treehouse of Savings. If she does 9 jobs, how much will she have earned?

A: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

### Activity 2: Find and count how many frogs and butterflies you can see

A: \_\_\_\_\_ Frogs and \_\_\_\_\_ Butterflies.



## Term 1 Treetop Savers rewards

When your child makes 10 deposits with School Banking, they can redeem one of our Treetop Savers rewards. Term 1 rewards are available now, while stocks last.



Terry Denton's  
Activity Book



Mini  
Soccer Ball

Any questions about the School Banking program? Ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a parent's pack or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

\*Parents of Australian primary school children, School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018.  
Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124

Answers: Activity 1: \$18. Activity 2: 10 Frogs and 11 Butterflies







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- want to learn ways to better connect with your child?
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### This course teaches parents:

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- to be aware of your child's emotions
- to use your child's emotional experiences as opportunities for closeness and teaching
- skills to help your child verbally name their emotions
- skills to help your child to problem solve
- to guide your child's behaviour with appropriate limits.

### When

12:30-2:30pm on Thursdays  
in 2020. Six sessions per course.

- February 13, 20, 27;  
March 5, 12, 19.

### Where

Buninyong MCH Centre  
208 Learmonth St, Buninyong

### Cost

Free of charge.

### Bookings

Bookings are essential as places are limited.  
To register your place or for more information email  
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**Time:** 4:30pm – 5:30pm

**Venue:** Eastern Oval, Ballarat

**Cost:** \$40

**Register:** Online at [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)

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