



**Thursday February 27th 2020**

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### School Council Elections

Thank you to the parents who contacted me to nominate for School Council. We have now filled all parent representative vacancies.

Parent Members:

- Simon McKenzie
- Samantha Retelj
- Andrea Holloway
- Shona Shorten
- Janelle Rawlins ( 1 year casual vacancy)

Congratulations to our successful candidates. School council meets eight times a year on a Wednesday evening from 7:00pm at the school. Look out for updates from School Council in the newsletter.

### Easter Fair

Planning is well underway for our second biennial Easter Fair, which will be held from 5:00 – 9:00pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

The Easter Fair is our major fundraising event for 2020, and we are looking forward to a fantastic evening.

Thank you so much to those parents who have already offered to volunteer. The area coordinators will be contacting you over the next two weeks to confirm your time slot, availability and responsibilities.

Such an event takes a huge amount of planning and requires a large number of volunteers to run it successfully. If you are happy to offer your help before or on the night, please contact Madeleine Jones on [madsljones@gmail.com](mailto:madsljones@gmail.com), with your name and contact details, or alternatively, contact the school office.

### School Bells

Our school bells signal starting and finishing times for learning. School starts at 8:50am with the first bell and finishes at 3:30pm with the last bell of the day. A teacher is on yard duty prior to school from 8:40am - 8:50am.

### Curriculum Days

**Thursday 5th March** will be a student Free day at Black Hill Primary School. The teachers will spend the day engaged in professional learning. Camp Australia will operate on this day for parents who require child care.

#### Term One

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March:** - Cultural Understanding and Safety Training (CUSP) / student Voice and Agency

### Athletic Sports

Yesterday our Year 1-6 Students participated in the annual Athletic Sports at Llanberris Reserve. Despite a wet start it was a fun day for all concerned and a colourful spectacle with children dressed in their team colours. It was lovely to see the happy smiles and full participation of students in events. I could definitely see the families who had used Chloe's tips for practising shotput and discus, the children were showing some real flair and expertise.

It was fantastic to see so many parents and family members attend to watch and cheer on the children, it really added to the spirit. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered on the day, it certainly made the day run smoothly accompanied by the huge amount of planning and organisation that goes into making such a day look seamless. Thanks to Chloe and the specialist team for their work and to the staff for their support and good cheer in making the day fun for everyone. We really appreciate parents supporting us by ensuring you signed children out with the teacher before leaving with your child. It is so important otherwise we are delayed in loading the buses while we contact families but more importantly it is for the safety of your children.

### School Colour Explosion

On the last day of Term 1, our students will take part in the School Colour Explosion! This event will be held at Russell Square.

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### Dates for the family diary...

Monday	2nd March	Preps start full time
Tuesday	3rd March	Emergency Drill—Evacuation to Oval.
Thursday	5th March	Curriculum Day—Student Free.
Monday	9th March	Public Holiday—Labour Day
Wednesday	11th March	School Council Meeting—AGM
Mon-Tues	23-24th March	Three Way Conferences (1:30pm student dismissal Tuesday 24th March)

Green excursion notes to be returned:

- Indigenous Tennis Day (selected students)

## Team News

### Prep/1/2 Team

The Prep students have settled into their new morning routine of entering the classroom at 8:50am when the bell rings, sitting at their table, re-reading their take home book and putting their diary on their table so that teachers can acknowledge the written record of their home reading. Thank you to all parents and caregivers who take the time to do this for us. Thank you also to all who have returned their School Nurse form.

Prep C has been looking at the number ten to answer the question "What is 10?" We had great fun using tens frames and counters to make and read the friends of 10.

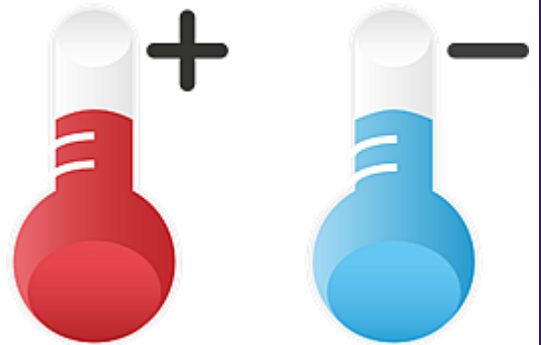


Yesterday our Preps were in The Courier as part of their 'Big Steps for Little Feet' feature. It's very exciting to see our photos in the paper!

In 1/2 we are using a different system for reading that focuses heavily on comprehension. For this reason, books being sent home might seem easy because the focus has moved to discussing the book and answering questions. We encourage you to talk to your child about the book and ask them questions such as: what were the important things that happened in this story? How was the character feeling? What sort of person is the character? How did the writer make this book interesting? We are looking forward to the children developing a deep understanding of what they read. Thank you.

### 3/4 Team

The 3/4 team have been busy learning about our Inquiry topic – Heating Up! We have been learning about being hot and cold, how to warm ourselves up and how animals keep warm. We have also been busy personalising our Writer's Notebooks and setting them up for the year. We will be creating autobiographies in our Notebooks so students are encouraged to bring in photos to add to their books. Teachers will photocopy and return all original photos if needed. Lastly, we have been busy meeting our buddy grades and mentoring the younger students of the school!





## Team News

### 5/6 Team

Over the past few weeks we have been working on a unit about stress management, through the *Resilience, Rights & Respectful Relationships* Program. Students have shared some interesting insights into their understanding of stress –

- \* *stress is when you get laughed at or everyone blames you for something;*
- \* *I get stressed when I'm told to do ten things at the one time;*
- \* *I feel stressed when I'm meant to hand in my homework but I forgot to do it;*
- \* *stress is another level of worries, pressure and when scary things unfold;*
- \* *my idea of stress is a lack of sleep and focus because of something you're nervous or confused about;*
- \* *stress is when you feel worried, overwhelmed, pressured, embarrassed, anxious or alone.*

Students have been

- undertaking activities to assist with identification of some of the causes of stress
- learning strategies that can be used to reduce stress
- identifying situations in which they should seek help
- identifying a list of trusted people when assistance is needed.

## RESILIENCE, RIGHTS & RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Teaching for Social and Emotional  
Learning and Respectful Relationships



### Environmental Monitors

Hi everyone,

It is with great pleasure to announce that we have joined both our Environmental Monitors and our Waste Warriors teams together for 2020.

We would like to announce our team who are:

**Rachel Taylor**  
**Ada Canham**  
**Jess Westlake**

**Isabelle Kis**  
**Leni Howlett**  
**Phoebe Gent**

**Darcy Cramer**  
**Hikari Hancock**  
**Darcy Mountford**

**Miriam Yaxley**  
**Gurfateh Pannu**

**Joe Fletcher**  
**Hunter Burzacott**

With the two groups adjoining we are in for a great year, where we will be providing information through The Blueprint, the newsletter and at assemblies. We already have some great things planned for all Black Hill students to be a part of.

This Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March is Clean Up Australia Day.

Clean Up Australia inspires and empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. What was started thirty years ago, by an "average Australian bloke" who had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard has now become the nation's largest community-based environmental event.

Today Clean Up Australia's focus is as much on preventing rubbish entering our environment as it is removing what has already accumulated.

For more information on Clean Up Australia Day please visit [www.cleanup.org.au](http://www.cleanup.org.au)

Thanks from the Environmental Monitors Team!  
Have a great week!



## ASSEMBLY

Assembly is held at 2:40pm each Friday. This week, the Environmental Monitors will get their student leadership badges. The Athletics Shield will be awarded to the winning house and the age group champions announced. All welcome to attend.

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Sponsorship booklets came home this week for Years 1-5 students (Year 6 coming home soon). Our school online fundraising will be activated tomorrow, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, so go to [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) to create your child's online profile page, and register for online fundraising with Black Hill Primary school.

The School Colour Explosion is a traditional run with a fun and colourful twist! It's all about participation, raising money for our school which ends with students being drenched in coloured powder by the time they reach the finish line! The colour powder used is non toxic, biodegradable, environmentally friendly and skin safe. Look out for more information in the coming weeks about this exciting event.

### Three Way Conferences

Students, teachers and parents will take part in Three Way Conferences on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, to accommodate the Conferences. Camp Australia will run from 1:30pm on this day for those who require it. Please contact them to book your child/ren in.

Three Way Conferences are part of Black Hill's reporting cycle and are held at the end of Term 1 and Term 3. They are designed to complement the formal semester reports at the end of Term 2 and 4. Your child will be able to discuss their learning goals and achievements with you during these conferences. Booking will be via the Compass Parent portal, and you will be advised when bookings are open.

Donna Bishop,  
Principal



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BLACK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
EASTER FAIR BOOK STALL  
REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

The Fundraising Committee is planning to run a pre-loved Book Stall at the Easter Fair, to raise funds to support our students at Black Hill Primary School.

To make this a successful event, we are asking for donations of:

- 📖 Pre-loved books;
- 📀 CDs and Vinyl Records; and
- 📺 DVDs.



This is a great opportunity to declutter your bookshelf, and make room to purchase some 'new to you' books from the fair.

Please deliver your donations to the school office. Your donations will be gratefully accepted up until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## Donations needed

We are holding a huge Easter raffle, to be drawn at our Easter Fair on Friday 20th March. We would welcome your donations of Easter related items for the raffle prizes. These can include: Easter eggs, wine, Easter games or toys, or donations of vouchers, either from families' own businesses or Myers/ Coles etc.

Tubs are in the office for your donations. We aim to have a number of fantastic prizes.

Raffle tickets went home this week— spares are available at the office.

*Looking for second hand school uniforms?*

*St. Johns Op Shop, 607 Lydiard St. Nth, Ballarat has a range of second hand Black Hill school uniforms.*

*They are open from 10am—2pm Wednesdays to Fridays.*



## Volunteers needed!

Friday 20th March is our biennial Easter Fair, which is our major fundraising event for the year. To make the night a huge success, we are seeking a number of volunteers to help on or before the night

If you are happy to offer your help, please contact Madeleine Jones on [madsljones@gmail.com](mailto:madsljones@gmail.com), with your name and contact details, or alternatively, contact the school office.

**Great news! All people volunteering for any school events or causes throughout this year will go into the draw for a prize pack at the end of the year! The more you volunteer, the more chances you will get to win!**



SEAL Program Information Evening

**Wednesday 11 March, 2020**

6-7pm, Gay E. Gough Theatre

Mount Clear College  
59 Olympic Avenue, Mount Clear

SEALP Coordinator: Jessica Meyer

[meyer.jessica.l@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:meyer.jessica.l@edumail.vic.gov.au)

5330 1500





Parents of students in Grades 4, 5 and 6  
are warmly encouraged to attend



**WOODMANS HILL**  
SECONDARY COLLEGE

## Information Evening

Thursday 12th March 2020

Information sessions will be held  
at 5pm and 6pm in the Theatre,  
followed by school tours.

## Day Tours

Thursday 19th March — 9:45am  
Thursday 26th March — 9:45am  
*Bookings Essential*

Woodmans Hill - Fussell Street Ballarat, Ph: 5336 7264



### Entertainment books are back!

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## Easter Fair Drinks Donations

Our Easter Fair is fast approaching and we are asking families for donations of soft drink and bottled water to assist us with our BBQ Fundraiser.

Each year level has been allocated a different variety of drink to donate. Please see below for details:

- Prep – Lemonade
- Grade 1 – Fanta/Sunkist
- Grade 2 – Solo/Lift
- Grade 3– Pepsi Max/Pepsi/Coke
- Grade 4 – Choice of above (or below).
- Grade 5 – Single serve plastic bottles of fruit juice (Please – no Juice Boxes, as we would like all rubbish to be recyclable.)
- Grade 6 – 600ml bottled water

Any donation is greatly appreciated – if you do wish to donate we only expect 1 carton of drink per family i.e. if you have several children in different grades, select 1 variety you would like to donate.

Please leave donations at the office.

Thank you for your support.

Easter Fair Committee

## WALKING OFF THE WAR WITHIN

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and PTSD

*'Share the Burden  
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**When**  
Saturday 29 February  
9am for 9:30am start



**'Let's walk and talk for mental health'**

For further information and TICKETS

**walkoffww.com**



## WINTER SEASON

# EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NEW PLAYERS.

Phoenix Basketball Club are looking to recruit girls and boys aged 6-14 years of age, for the upcoming Winter Basketball season. We are seeking children for all under 8, 10, 12, and 14 teams.

New season starts April (first week of Term 2)

Weekly training is held at Ballarat High School

**Phoenix Basketball**

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