Dear Parents and Friends,

**Swimming Carnival**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Black Hill swimming carnival this year. We had some great support as always from parents. A big thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to help on the day. We couldn't have run the carnival without you all. The students did Black Hill Public School proud again with their behaviour which was fantastic all day.

We started the day off with team chants and the stand out was Worimi with their “We will rock you” style offering. Well done Worimi and all the other teams who created and performed their chants on the day. Some great leadership was displayed.

Our house winner this year was Wonarua. They blitzed the carnival this year with some very impressive swimming. We had a draw for second with Darkinjjan and Worimi on equal points after a full day of competition. Coming in fourth was Awabakal who produced a valiant effort all day, even though they were down on numbers.

Swimming champions for this year are:

- **Junior Girl**: Emily Dobbins
- **Junior Boy**: Lachlan Tresidder
- **Senior Girl**: Remy Kozary
- **Senior Boy**: Zack Jacobs

Congratulations to our champions this year, well done.

Five competitors have qualified for zone representation.

- **Remy Kozary**—11 yrs 50m freestyle and backstroke
- **Cleopatra McCulloch**—11 yrs 50m freestyle and backstroke
- **Emily Dobbins**—9 yrs 50m freestyle and junior 50m breaststroke and backstroke
- **Isabella McCulloch**—9 yrs 50m freestyle and junior backstroke
- **Ethan Thomas**—8 yrs 50 freestyle

Congratulations to all of our zone representatives and again thank you to everyone for being part of a great day at the carnival.

*Mr Braye*
Parent Information Night

Again this is very late due to the uncertainty of classes. We have organised Thursday, 21 February. This is an opportunity to find out about the organisation and operation of the class and discuss general issues with class teachers.

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New School Website

On Friday at our picnic day we will be launching the new school website. There will be a small event to celebrate the launch. The web address will not change (I hope) and you should be able to access it Friday after school.

School Phones

Once again the school phone system is out of order. So far we have had 4 days of working phones this year. Telstra informs us that they will not be able to look at the problem until 25 February. Although calls can be taken via a direction if urgent, email is a better option. See the school email address on the header of the Newsletter.

Peer Support

Peer Support activities will start this Friday and continue until the end of term. Last years theme was Friendship and this year the theme is bullying. Activities focus on recognising bullying, overcoming bullying using our procedures and processes and how a whole community can change attitudes.

Picnic Day

It is a little later this year with the uncertainty about classes, but our traditional Picnic Day will be held this Friday, 22 February. This is an opportunity for families to get together and enjoy an afternoon of tabloid sports with students. For many years we have started the new school year with an informal games afternoon. Picnic lunch begins at 1.00pm. Families can bring a picnic lunch or order sausage sizzle (please order in the morning with your child’s order). Lunch and play is anywhere in the playground.

At approximately 1.45pm tabloid sports will begin. All students and any parents who would like to join in (its fun) will be in school house groups. The rotation of activities will be completed by approximately 3.00pm for home time.

This is an opportunity for community members to drop in during these times to find out about these particular operations.

SAKG

We will begin cooking next Wednesday. Students in years 3—6 will be involved in this each Wednesday in a 2 group rotation, similar to last year. Mrs Kolo has volunteered to be the co-ordinator with Mrs Adamthwaite. We are seeking volunteers to help out from approximately 11.30am to 1.30pm each Wednesday. If you can help, please complete the attached form and return asap.

Woolworth Vouchers

Yesterday we received the free resources from the Woolworths voucher scheme from last year. We now have additional maths resources. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to collect the vouchers last year.

End of Year Slideshow Presentation

24 copies of the end of year photo presentation were distributed last year. We will copy more if there is a demand. Please complete the attached slip and include $5 if you would like a copy. Note: The format is for a computer and not a DVD player.

Tissue Request

Its that time of year once again when we request that each student brings a box of tissues to share in the classroom. We are very low on tissues at the moment and we would be greatful for any donations received.
Stay and Play
We will have our first “Stay and Play” for the term this Friday afternoon. Many of you will be coming to the school for the picnic/tabloids afternoon, so please join us after school and hang around for longer. Bring some afternoon tea to share (fruit, chips, biscuits etc), let the kids play and enjoy a time of catching up with other parents. Feel free to stay for as long as you’re able.

P&C Membership
Each year we ask for a nominal payment as membership to the P&C Association of the school. This payment covers insurance for volunteers on the school grounds, and if you haven’t paid it and you are injured as a volunteer, you will not be covered by insurance. You also need to be a financial member of the Association to be elected to a position in the Association or to vote at P&C meetings. The cost is only $5 per family for the whole year. Please fill in the attached slip and return to the school mailbox with your $5 asap.

Notice of Annual General Meeting
The Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association of Black Hill Public School will be held on Tuesday, 19 March at 7.00pm in the school staff room. The regular monthly P&C meeting will follow immediately afterwards. At the AGM, we will hold elections for the office holders of the association. These include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Fundraising Committee Chairperson. We would love to see you all there! Please make sure you are a financial member of the Association (having paid your $5 per family) if you hope to be elected, or to vote at the elections. If you have any questions, feel free to call Karen Stevenson on 0414 807 053.

Easter Raffle
For the new families, each year the P&C runs an Easter raffle fundraiser. We ask that each family sell tickets and donate some Easter goodies i.e., eggs (all sizes), rabbits etc for us to create our own gift baskets. There’s a box in the sick bay for your donations. Please have donations in by Tuesday, 26 March in order to give us time to assemble the prizes. Tickets sell for 50c each or 3 for $1.00 and I ask that all tickets be returned, sold or unsold, to the school mail box by Tuesday 26 March. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday, 28 March at the end of assembly after the Easter Hat Parade. If you would like more tickets, they will be available from the office or you can ring/text me and I can organise to send them home with your child. Each book of 30 tickets makes $10 (if selling 3 for $1). If every family can sell one book, that’s $420 towards resources for our children, two books per family raises $840, a lot of money for little effort! There will be a prize this year for the family who sells the most, so take them to work, pull them out when your visitors come etc. Good luck! Don’t forget we need the actual baskets for the prizes also so any unused baskets/boxes you have would be really appreciated. The coloured boxes/buckets you get flowers in would be great! Any questions feel free to contact me. Thanks Melinda 0407 662 961

Information Sessions
A number of community information sessions are to be held at the school in the near future.

Donaldson Mine is organising a presentation on Tuesday, 26 February at 5.00pm and Wednesday, 27 February at 8.00pm in the library. The Great Eastern Ranges Environmental Project will be in the front classroom 5.00 to 8.00pm on Wednesday 27th February.

P&C Petition
A NSW P&C petition regarding funding of special needs students is in the office foyer if any community members would like to sign. It will be sent away next week.
Maitland Saints Australian Football Club
Registration Day
Sunday Feb 24, 2013 10am-2pm
Max McMahon Oval, Weblands Street, Rutherford
For boys aged 4—17, girls aged 4—14 Sunday games
Come and try a great new game in the Maitland area
All welcome
Enquiries to www.maitlandsaints.org.au

BHPS Slideshow Presentation 2013
Name: _______________________________
I enclose $5.00 as payment for the 2013 slideshow presentation.

Cooking Volunteers 2013
Name: _______________________________
Contact Phone: _______________________
I am available to help in the kitchen with cooking on Wednesdays between 11.30 and 1.30

P&C Membership 2013
Family Name: _________________________
I enclose $5.00 as payment for 2013 membership to Black Hill P&C Association.

Kurri Kurri & District Pre-school Kindergarten Inc
Kurri pre-school is currently taking names for children requiring pre-school education for children eligible to attend pre-school up to 2015 ie. Born before 1/8/2011. We also still have positions available for 2013 for children aged 3-5. Please contact Kurri Pre-school on 4937 2110.

Minmi Wanderers Soccer Club
2013 Registrations Now Open
Small Sided (U6-U11), Junior (U12-U18)
All Age and Over 35s Teams
Register and Pay Online at www.myfootballclub.com.au
Information and Cash payments available At Minmi Sportsground 4.30 –5.30 on Wednesday 20 February

2013 Fees
Under 6-7 $110
Under 8-11 $120
Under 12-18 $120
All Age $220
Over 35s $220
For more information contact Stephen Zok On 0448 883 679

Minmi Wanderers Soccer Club
Under 11 Players Wanted
Minmi Wanderers Soccer Club is looking for boys and girls that turn 10 or 11 in 2013 to finalise our Under 11 side.
Register and Pay Online at www.myfootballclub.com.au
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Sausage Sizzle
Friday 22 February
Deanne Wicks Michelle Jacobs
Sausage Sizzle $1.50
Poppers $1.00