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**Book Bags**
Blue book bags with the school crest are available from the office priced at $10.00 each.

**P&C News**

**Stuck on You**
Would you like to help contribute toward school resources and receive some great merchandise? You can when you make a purchase from Stuck On You Personalised Gifts. Have some fun shopping at [http://www.stuckonyou.com.au/](http://www.stuckonyou.com.au/), place your order, and in the “Fundraiser Name” field under the “Review Your Order” column, enter blackhill.

Besides a great range of identity labels, they have lots of other personalised items such as clothing, bags, gifts, and towels. Right now they have some cute Easter gifts, and are offering free shipping on labels until 12 March. So start browsing today!

**Easter Raffle**
There are plenty of raffle tickets still waiting to be sold so please feel free to call in and see Mrs Jackson to pick up some more. Alternatively, ring/text me to arrange them to be sent home with your child. There is a giant chocolate egg prize for the family who sells the most tickets this year. One family has sold five books already so get selling if you want to win! Thank you to those families that have donated some great Easter goodies already. For those who haven't, please keep them coming as we rely solely on donations for all of our prizes. Remember, our fundraisers provide valuable resources for all of our children so every ticket helps!

*Thanks, Melinda. Mobile: 0407662961*

**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 mail box 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.

**P&C News**

**Sausage Sizzle**
Friday 8 March
Susan Anderson
Narelle Robertson
Sausage Sizzle $1.50
Poppers $1.00
Up'n'Go $1.50
**P&C Membership 2013**

Family Name: _________________________

I enclose $5.00 as payment for 2013 membership to Black Hill P&C Association.

**Cooking Volunteers 2013**

Name: _______________________________

Contact Phone: _________________________

I am available to help in the kitchen with cooking on Wednesdays between 11.30 and 1.30.

**Classroom Helpers K-1**

Name: _______________________________

Contact Phone: _________________________

I am available to help in the K-1 classroom for literacy groups between 9.00 and 9.45am on the following day/s.

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

**Classroom Helpers 1-2**

Name: _______________________________

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**Ingredients**

- 115g softened butter
- 70g caster sugar
- 70g soft brown sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla essence
- 140g plain flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 175g chocolate chips

**Method**

- Set the oven to 190°C/375F/Gas Mark 5. Beat the butter with both lots of sugar in a mixing bowl until creamy.
- Break the egg into the bowl and beat it into the mixture until smooth. Then add the vanilla essence and mix it in.
- Add the flour, salt and bicarbonate of soda to the mixture, a little at a time, and mix everything together well.
- Now add the chocolate chips and stir them in until they are evenly spread through the cookie mixture.
- Butter the baking trays and spoon small mounds of the mixture on to them, leaving quite big spaces between the mounds.
- Bake cookies for 10 –12 minutes until they are an even golden brown colour, then move them on to a wire rack to cool.
Activity Note

Event: Lower Hunter Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival 2012 (Years 2-6)

Destination: Woodberry Oval, behind Francis Greenway HS

Date: Wednesday, 27 Mar Commence: 8.45am sharp End: by 2.15pm

Dress: Full winter sports uniform including sunsafe hat and suitable, fully enclosed footwear to be worn at all times. Please ensure all items are labelled with names. A warm coat is advisable. It can be extremely cold.

Permission Note: Mail box

Requirements for the day: Plenty of enthusiasm, energy, sunscreen

Food Requirements: Packed recess and lunch or canteen facilities including BBQ are available.

Transport: Parent transport. Please fill in the slip below to indicate your child/ren's travel arrangements.

Kindly complete the permission slip below and return to the school mail box by Friday, 22 March.

Permission Note—Small Schools Athletics Carnival 2013

I give permission for my child/children _____________________________ of class/es _____________ (years 2-6) to participate in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, 27 March at Woodberry Oval. I understand travel will be by private arrangements.

My child will require transport. ☐ yes ☐ no

Signed: _____________________________ Date: __________________

Please note that a canteen list for the SSAC will be distributed with next week’s newsletter.