Dear Parents and Friends,

School Council Elections
Vacancies exist for three Parent Representatives on the School Council in this election year. Nomination forms are attached and need to be completed and returned to the school office by next Wednesday, 13 August at 3.00pm.

The Council is a vital part of the organisation and management of the school and its role is likely to become even more important in this time of educational reform. I encourage interested parents to nominate.

Abermain Eisteddfod Report
Congratulations to my wonderful kids in 4-5-6 who competed yesterday in the Abermain Eisteddfod. They placed 5th out of 10 schools in their section of the competition with a very respectable score of 87 (1 point short of Highly Commended). An excellent effort for their first venture into competition singing. Their behaviour was excellent and they were a pleasure to take away. A huge thank you to Simone Collins for all her work, teaching them the techniques of singing and helping them believe in themselves. Thanks to all the parents who helped with transport. Congratulations 4-5-6. Debbie Adamthwaite

CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP THEME – HUMILITY AND ASSERTIVENESS
Humility means not considering yourself to be better or more important than others. Assertiveness means being positive and confident, able to express your own ideas and opinions.

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Senior Class at Abermain Eisteddfod
What can I say! Brilliant! At the Eisteddfod yesterday, Years 4, 5 and 6 showed impeccable behaviour, excellent sportsmanship and gave a fantastic performance. In the end, there were 5 points between first place and Black Hill’s ranking of fifth place. Congratulations on your first ever competition and all the attitude, responsibility and dedication that went into making the whole experience a success. As I have said to many people who have asked how it went, “Black Hill won first place for entertainment value”. It’s been great working with Years 4, 5 and 6 to achieve this great result. Well done! Mrs Collins

Thanks
The parents of the senior class would like to give a huge thanks to Mrs A and Mrs Collins for all your hard work with the choir. Their performances over the last week have been outstanding. Thank you for your belief in their ability and your dedication to developing their musical skills.

Zone Athletics
Last week we reported on the students attending the zone athletics carnival. Congratulations to all on a great effort. Imogen performed especially well, placing 4th in the final of the 100m.

Due for Return this week

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Powerhouse Museum Reminder
Thursday, 11 September, Week 9.
The cost of the excursion for students is $33 per student.
Parent cost is $15.

Parents attending will be asked to care for a small group of students when we are at the museum. There are limited places available on the bus for parents and caregivers. Just one adult seat per family will be allocated initially. Other seats may be offered if available. Completion of the form and payment will secure your seat.
Closing date for payment and notes is 29 August.

The bus will leave school on the day at 8.00am. We will leave Sydney at 2.30pm to be back at school by approximately 4.30-5.00pm.

P themed Disco
Year 6 is holding a disco in the Cola on Friday, 15 August from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. The theme is “Come dressed as something starting with the letter P”. There will also be a BBQ dinner available from 5.00pm. We will be selling steak rolls, sausage on a roll with salad and sauce, sausage on a stick, slices and hot and cold drinks.

Please complete the attached slip to help with catering.

So come early, bring the family and have some dinner! Parents are invited to stay, have dinner and meet other parents.

Disco Entry: $5.00 per person includes lollies, chips and drink.

Year 6 will also be selling jewellery, lolly bags and glow sticks. All money raised goes toward the Year 6 Gift to the School at the end of the year.

Tiles for Year 6 Mosaic
The year 6 students are making a mosaic and we need any spare and unused coloured tiles. If you can donate any tiles for this craft project, please leave them in a box in the COLA. Thank you for your help. Year 6

Please complete the attached slip, indicating the time you would like breakfast and the number of guests and return to the school mail box with full correct payment ($5.00 per family). Please respond no later than Friday, 29 August so accurate catering can be organised.

Hot Lunches
Hot lunches will continue on Tuesdays. Please use the brown bags provided for hot lunch orders only and put your orders in the hot lunch box on Friday mornings as orders are placed with the supplier over the weekend.

Plain Pies $2.50, Quiche $2.50, Sausage Rolls $2.00, Poppers $1.00, Up & Go $1.50

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
The school will be running sausage sizzles at Bunnings Maitland on 13 September and 18 October. Thank you to those who have already signed up. We still need more volunteers to make this great fundraising opportunity happen. If you can help, please fill out the slip below and return it to the office or contact TJ on 0405 728 328.

BUNNINGS MAITLAND Sausage Sizzle
I can volunteer at the Maitland Bunnings sausage sizzle on:
- Saturday, 13 September 11:00—2:00
- Saturday, 13 September 2:00—4:30
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Contact details: ____________________

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P&C News

Fathers’ Day Breakfast
The children of Black Hill School would like to invite their Dads. Grandfathers, Uncles etc., to a cooked Fathers’ Day breakfast (bacon, sausages, hash browns, tomatoes, toast) to be held at the school on Friday, 5 September between 7.30 and 9.00am. Put the date in your diary!

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Pie and Lamington Fundraiser
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Sausage Sizzle
Friday 8 August
Nicole Dobbins, Susan Andersen, Jessica Hughes
Sizzle $1.50 Poppers $1.00 Up’n’Go $1.50
We the undersigned nominate ______________________________________________________
for the position of parent representative on Black Hill School Council.

Nominator:______________________________________  Date: _______________

Seconder: ______________________________________  Date: _______________

I accept nomination : ________________________________

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Fathers' Day Breakfast (Friday, 5 September)
Please complete and return to the school mail box no later than Friday, 29 August to help us with catering. Yes I will be attending the breakfast. I enclose $5.00/family.

Name: ________________________________

Number Attending: _________________________

Time we would like breakfast:

☐ 7.30am—8.00am
☐ 8.00am—8.30am
☐ 8.30am—9.00am

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P Themed Family Disco
Friday, 15 August, 5.00pm
Please complete and return to the school mail box to help with numbers and catering.

Family Name:______________________________

Number of People for BBQ dinner

Adults: _______   Children: _______

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Cooking Roster
Term 3 2014
Wednesday, 13 August
Mel, Liz Bollen
FAMILY DISCO!!!!!!

Year 6 is running a disco in the Cola on Friday August 15th from 6 to 8pm

*Dress up as something starting with the letter P*

A BBQ Dinner is available from 5.00pm selling Sausage & Steak rolls, Sausage on a stick, Slices, & Drinks

Families are invited to come along for a fun night with the kids, have dinner, meet other parents while the kids dance.

**Disco Entry:** $5.00 per person includes lollies, chips & a drink

**Disco Theme:** Dress Up as something starting with P

**For the Kids:** They will be selling drinks, lollies & Glow Sticks

**For the Girls:** Yr6 will be selling discounted Equip jewellery

So come along, meet some friends and have some fun!!

Please bring a torch as it will be dark

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**BBQ Price List:**

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Signed: ______________________ Date: ________________

(Parent/Caregiver)

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**Permission Note—Powerhouse Museum 2014**

I give permission for my child/children ____________________________

of class/es __________________ to participate in the excursion to the Powerhouse Museum on Thursday, 11 September at a cost of $33.00 for students, $15.00 for parents/caregivers. I understand travel will be by coach.

I would like to pay for ________ students at $33.00 each and one only adult at $15.00 and enclose full payment of $ ___________.

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**Event:** Powerhouse Museum 2014

**Destination:** Darling Harbour, Sydney

**Date:** Thursday, 11 September

**Depart:** 8.00am sharp  
**Return:** 4.30-5.00pm

**Dress:** Full sports uniform

**Cost:** $33.00 per head—students, $15 parents/caregivers

**Permission Note/Payment:** By Friday 29 August

**Food Requirements:** packed recess/lunch/drinks

**Supervision:** teachers and parents/caregivers

**Transport:** by coach

Kindly complete the permission slip below and return it to the school mailbox by Friday 29 August.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Principal if you have any concerns regarding payment for this activity.
Banana Weet-bix Muffins

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Author: Katrina
Recipe type: Muffins
Serves: 12

Ingredients
- 3 ripe bananas
- 4 Sanitarium Weet-Bix
- ¾ cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 80g margarine
- 1 ½ cups SR Flour
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 cup milk/ chocolate chips

Instructions
1. Preheat oven to 180C.
2. Grease or line a 12 hole muffin tin with cases.
3. In a medium bowl, mash banana, crush in weet-bix and milk. Stir and set aside for 10 minutes.
4. In a large bowl beat eggs and margarine.
5. Spoon in banana mixture and fold.
6. Add flour, sugar and chocolate chips to banana mixture, stir until just combined.
7. Spoon mixture into muffin tin.
8. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until golden and skewer comes out clean.

6 August 2014

**Christmas Shoe Boxes**

The P&C invite you to participate in our second year of packing presents into shoe boxes to bring joy to a child who would normally not receive any gifts at Christmas. Operation Christmas Child sends thousands of these boxes every year to children in South East Asia to show them they are loved and not forgotten. It’s great for kids to be involved in showing love to children less fortunate than themselves!

Each child in the school will be given a box on Friday, after being told about them in assembly. They will also have a brochure with more details about how to fill the box. If you do not want to fill a box, please return any extras to the school office so there are spares for other families.

Once you have filled the box, please return it to the school office no later than **MONDAY 8th September**.

**Please take particular note of the guidelines in the brochure.** In summary, here’s what you will do:

Choose an age group (2-4 / 5-9 / 10-14) and whether the gift is for a boy or girl.

Fill the box as much as possible and try to include:

- something to wear
- something to love
- something special
- some things for school
- something to play with
- something for personal hygiene

**DO NOT** pack:

- items that leak or melt
- food or lollies of any kind
- any second hand or damaged items
- any breakable items
- items that can scare or harm, such as toy knives, guns or war related toys
- gambling related items such as play money, playing cards
- anything religious, racial or political.

Go shopping at stores like the reject shop to find cheap, small gifts and check out Kmart/ Best and Less / Big W etc for marked down clothing. I have found it generally costs $20-25 to fill a box.

For example:
- a shirt marked down to $3
- a cap $3.50
- exercise book $1.50
- coloured pencils $2
- sharpener $1
- tennis ball $1
- toy cars $3
- soap (individually wrapped) $2
- toothbrush $1
- small soft toy $3.50
- Total $21.50

Place the envelope with your donation for postage costs in one of the boxes, stick the label on top of the box indicating who it is for, and all boxes must have a rubber band around them to secure them.

**Please be at assembly on Friday** if you would like to find out more, or contact Karen Stevenson if you have any questions: 0414 807 053. You can also visit this website for more info: www.samaritanspurse.org.au