Dear Parents and Friends,

**P&C Meeting**
The P&C will meet on Tuesday evening at 7.00am. All welcome.

**Head Lice**
There have been several cases of head lice reported in the school this week. Please check every family member’s hair and treat as necessary. Remember to repeat the treatment in 7-10 days to break the cycle.

**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 3.00pm today.

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

**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 (available from the office) 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.

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**CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP THEME – PEACEFULNESS**
Peacefulness means being at peace, very quiet and able to think about things without speaking. It means being able to appreciate the sights and sounds around you without noisy activity.

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**Coming Events**

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**Kindergarten Parent Information Session**
An afternoon to discuss reports and the exciting new ideas that will be implemented into the classroom from recent professional development.

Tuesday, 19 August, 3.15pm in the kinder room
Junk Modelling
Any recyclable materials from home (e.g., cartons, paper towel rolls, empty cereal boxes etc.) NEEDED in the Kinder room to build shelters.

“P” Themed Disco
Year 6 is holding a disco in the Cola this 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

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!

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.

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, following, and return it to the office or contact TJ on 0405 728 328.

Christmas Shoe Boxes
Your kids were given a box on Friday. There was a note in last week’s newsletter explaining what to do with them.

The same note is attached to this newsletter. If your child was away and you did not get a box, or if you would like extra boxes, there are plenty of extras in the school foyer. Please help yourself. All boxes, packed or unused, need to be returned by Monday, 8 September.

Pie Drive
Thanks again to Louise Kozary for organising another very successful pie drive and for all the ladies who helped sort the pies on Friday.

Federation of P&C Elections
Nominations are now open if you would like to be part of the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW (the body that oversees all local P&C’s). All information and nomination forms can be obtained from the school office. Nomination forms are to be returned by Friday, 29 August.

Mid Hunter District Council of P&C’s
Next meeting to be held Thursday, 28 August, 7.00pm, Maitland Dept. Education office, Level 1, 2 Caroline Place, Maitland. Guest speaker is Andrew Eastcott, Director PSNSW, on the subject of the role of the P&C and the Local Schools, Local Decisions model. If you would like to attend you simply need to be a paid member of the Black Hill PS P&C.

Facebook Page
Did you know the school has a Facebook page? Look up Black Hill Public School and follow along. I'm trying to get better at posting more things on there for the community!

Karen

P&C News

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.

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
- Saturday, 18 October 11:00—2:00
- Saturday, 18 October 2:00—4:30

Name: _____________________________________________
Contact details: _____________________________________
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*Sausage Sizzle*

**Friday 15 August**

Melinda McCulloch, Deb Walter, Renee Balcombe

Sizzle $1.50  Poppers $1.00  Up’n’Go $1.50

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**Assembly Report 8 August 2014**

| Miss Gardoll’s Awards | Merit | Luella  
|-----------------------|-------|---------
|                       |       | Braith  
|                       |       | Emma    
| English Award         |       | Zoe     
| Mathematics Award     |       | Matilda 
| Creative Arts Award   |       | Hamish  
| Quality Work Award    |       | Samuel  

| Mr Braye’s Awards     | Merit | Cooper W. 
|-----------------------|-------|-----------
|                       |       | Indianna  

| Mrs Strickland’s Awards | Merit | Danny  
|-------------------------|-------|--------
|                         |       | Olivia M. 
| English Award           |       | Mitchell 
| Mathematics Award       |       | Jessica 
| Creative Arts Award     |       | Jayden  
| Quality Work Award      |       | Kaylah  

| Mrs Adamthwaite’s Awards | Merit | Cleopatra  
|--------------------------|-------|------------
|                           |       | Imogen     
| English Award            |       | Lucas      
| Mathematics Award        |       | Alysha     
| Creative Arts Award      |       | Noah and Zack 
| Quality Work Award       |       | Abigail M. 

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| House Cup | Wonarua |

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**TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!**

*Lets get organised early!*

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429409128 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
**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:

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<td>exercise book</td>
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**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
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, 20 August**

Lisa Wells, Nicole Allan, Michelle Jacobs, Tracy Thomas

Meeting Opened ~ 7.10 pm Minutes taken by – Tracy Thomas

Present - Karen Stevenson (KS), TJ Lovasz (TJL), Matt Bray (MB), Tracy Thomas (TT), Debbie Adamthwaite (DA), Michelle Jacobs (MJ), Melinda McCulloch (MMc), Brian Adamthwaite (BA), Amanda Single (AS)

Apologies – Nicole Dobbins (ND), Louise Kozary (LK), Deb Walter (DW)

Acceptance of previous minutes

Minutes accepted with the correction of New Business – point 4 action to be followed up for quotes by LK not KS. Minutes accepted by BA, Seconded MB.

Business arising –

1. Carried over - Discussion of issue that has been raised for small schools to possibly abolish role of teaching principal
   Action – KS to draft a letter putting the opposition of the P&C forward – to minister and the director general – principal will not become an associate moved KS, 2nded DW. This action has been carried over from previous discussion - acknowledged there is no urgency so letter will be drafted in the next month or two……

2. Carried over - Crown Concepts has agreed to refund money for the damaged items from the mother’s day stall. Awaiting confirmation from DW that money has been refunded.

3. Carried over - KS to follow up - Family pass will be mailed out for The Little Mermaid. Will be raffled at the Term 3 disco.

4. Carried over - Waiting for a community event to approach parents about their preferences - Further discussion of changing the time of the P&C meeting to other times or having alternate meeting day/evening – eg before the school assembly at 1.30 on a Friday. TJL to re-organise.

Correspondence (ND) –

ING, Westpac Statement, Cessnock City Council re: grant, Cadbury box of chocolates arrived to be used at School Disco and Community Night as prizes and P & C Federation for nominations for positions of Counsellor and 2 Delegates.

Principals report (BA)

Concrete slab laid over the school holidays for the erection of new BBQ and Pizza Oven and chicken coop floor.

Children’s International Games – our children have been invited to participate in the Torch Relay.

Two Interns are here for Term 3, one in the Senior Class and one in the Junior Class.

President’s report (KS) – nil

Fundraising report (TJL) – TJL spoke to Mimmi Public School’s P & C President who was keen to co-ordinate a fundraising function together in the near future.

Father’s Day Breakfast – Organised by Deanne Wicks to be followed up by MJ to see if any help required.

Treasurer’s report (DeW)

To be carried over to August Meeting.

New Business

1. TJL – discussed future need for further storage for the P&C. The Cda storeroom needs shelving.
   Action - Follow up with Louise. KS to get Burnings quote.

2. Discussion regarding options for BBQ plate and burner for the extra BBQ.
   MMC obtained quotes from Glendale Warehouse as follows:
   - SJS plate 4 burner (800) $650.00
   - SJS plate 6 burner (1200) $450.00
   - Steel plate $400.00

   BA has potential contacts to have a plate made cheaply or for free.
   Action – BA to follow up in the next week whether he can source the BBQ plate and go ahead and have it made if it is cheaper. P & C approved up to $450.00 for plate, burners and lid. Approved KS seconded MMC.

3. MB has organised Excursion to Powerhouse Museum for Week 9 - September 11th – whole school excursion. Term 4 will be the excursion to the Reptile Park.

4. Operational Christmas Shoe Boxes will be organised again this year.

Next Meeting - 19 August, 2014

Meeting closed 8.12pm