Dear Parents and Friends,

School Council Elections
To say that an effective and supportive School Council has been a major part of our school’s success over the years would be an understatement. As yet we do not have 3 nominations to fill the vacancies for parent representatives on the council for the next two years. The next 2 years will be crucial to the way in which our school is to operate into the future. Please consider nominating for these positions. Nominations will open again today and close next Wednesday, 27 April at 4.00pm.

International Children's Games
Next Thursday, 28 August our school presidents along with 26 other schools will be participating in the International Children's Game Torch Relay. This will be happening between Warners Bay and Speers Point Park. This event celebrates 100 days until the games begin. The senior class is also invited to attend and cheer on our runners. After a free BBQ an attraction will be held in the park.

All permission notes must be completed and returned to the school mail box by this Friday, 22 August.

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, just over one week away.

Requests
Cold and flu season has arrived, consequently we are requesting tissues for classrooms. Kindly send a box of tissues to school for use in your child’s class.

Due for Return this week

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Head Lice

Another Reminder

There have been several cases of head lice reported in the school in previous weeks. Just a reminder to please check every family member’s hair and treat as necessary. Repeat the treatment in 7-10 days to break the cycle.

Book Club

Families received Scholastic book club order forms with newsletters last week. Orders should be completed and returned with full correct payment to the school mail box no later than Monday, 25 August. Late orders will not be accepted. Payment can be either cash, completed credit card payment voucher or cheque made payable to Scholastic.

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.

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.

Hot Lunches

Hot lunches 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. Pies $2.50, Sausage Rolls $2.00, Quiche $2.50, Poppers $1.00, Up’n’Go $1.50

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

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Hopefully by now you’re having fun filling the shoe boxes. Please return ALL boxes—empty or full to the office by Monday, 8 September. Call Karen if you have any questions 0414 807 053.

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, (please note the new time slot, 8:30-11:00 on 13 September), and return it to the office or contact TJ on 0405 728 328.

Battery World Fundraiser

There are only four weeks left to get your used batteries in to contribute to our Battery World fundraiser! We have raised over $800 so far, but this is still a bit short of our $1000 goal. Household batteries, including those from mobile phones, and laptops, can be placed in the purple bin outside the library. Larger batteries, such as those from cars, can be taken to Battery World, Maitland on High Street. Thank you for all your contributions so far.
### Assembly Report 15 August 2014

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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
BLACK HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL

We the undersigned nominate ______________________________________________________
for the position of parent representative on Black Hill School Council.

Nominator: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Seconder: ___________________________ Date: ______________

I accept nomination: ______________________________________________________

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

Cooking Roster
Term 3 2014
Wednesday, 27 August
Mel McCulloch,
Louise Kozary

Sausage Sizzle
Friday 22 August
Tracy Thomas, Trudie Rofe, Jade Maddison
Sizzle $1.50  Poppers $1.00  Up’n’Go $1.50
Raspberry Coconut Slice

**Ingredients**
- 90g butter
- ½ cup castor sugar
- 1 egg
- ⅓ cup self raising flour
- ¼ cup plain flour
- ⅓ cup raspberry jam

**Topping**
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup castor sugar
- 2 cups coconut

**Method**
- Preheat oven to 200°C

**Base**
- Sift flours into a small bowl.
- In a medium bowl cream butter, sugar and egg until smooth.
- Stir in sifted flours in 2 batches.
- Spread mixture evenly over base of a lightly greased slice tray.
- Spread base evenly with raspberry jam, then spread with topping.
- Bake for 40 minutes or until golden brown.

**Coconut Sultana Slice**

**Ingredients**
- 125g butter
- ¼ cup castor sugar
- 1 egg
- ⅓ cup self raising flour
- ⅔ cup plain flour
- ⅓ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

**Filling**
- ½ cup jam
- 1 cup sultanas

**Topping**
- In a small bowl beat eggs lightly with fork.
- Beat in sugar and coconut.

**Method**
- Preheat oven to 200°C

**Base**
- Sift flours into a small bowl.
- In a medium bowl cream butter, sugar, egg and vanilla until smooth.
- Stir in sifted flours in 2 batches.
- Spread mixture evenly over base of a lightly greased slice tray.
- Spread base evenly with jam, then sprinkle with sultanas.
- Bake for 40 minutes or until golden brown.

**Honey Oat Bars**

**Ingredients**
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup sultanas
- ½ cup wholemeal self raising flour
- ½ cup raw sugar
- ½ cup coconut
- 155g butter
- 1 tablespoon honey

**Method**
- Preheat oven to 200°C.
- Combine oats, sultanas, flour, sugar and coconut in medium mixing bowl. Make well in mixture.
- Melt butter in microwave and add honey.
- Add butter mixture into dry ingredients until mixture clings together.
- Press evenly over lightly greased slice tray.
- Bake in oven for 15-20 minutes or until golden.
- Cut into bars then cool in tray.

**Muesli Slice**

**Ingredients**
- ½ cup untoasted muesli
- ¼ cup rolled oats
- ¼ cup coconut
- ¼ cup self raising flour
- ½ cup plain flour
- 125g dried apricots, chopped
- ½ cup brown sugar (firmly packed)
- 185g butter
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- 2 eggs

**Method**
- Preheat oven to 200°C
- Mix muesli, sifted flour, oats, coconut, apricots and sugar together in a bowl.
- Melt butter and syrup in microwave and pour into dry mixture.
- Stir in eggs, mix all ingredients together well.
- Spread mixture evenly over base of a lightly greased slice tray.
- Bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown.

**Topping**
- In a small bowl beat eggs lightly with fork.
- Beat in sugar and coconut.