Dear Parents and Friends,

**School Council and P&C Meetings**

The next School Council AGM is scheduled for next Tuesday evening at 6.00pm. The monthly P&C meeting will follow at 7.00pm in the school staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend the P&C meeting.

**Road Safety**

Road safety is of vital importance to our community with the danger associated with parking and speed at the school. This week another issue has arisen that effects all drivers. A family narrowly avoided a head on collision on Black Hill Road when a car was on the wrong side of the road texting. The use of mobile phones from calls or texting is illegal and as was evident this week, dangerous. Please consider your safety and that of other road users.

**Powerhouse Museum Update**

**Tomorrow**

Tomorrow is the day of our Powerhouse Museum excursion so its time to get excited! We will be leaving the school at 8.00 SHARP in the morning so please make sure you are here on time to get on the bus.

We recommend bringing a packed recess, lunch and drink in disposable containers in a plastic bag clearly labelled with name and class. Each class will have its own tub so recess and lunches will be easily accessible. DO NOT bring backpacks. DO NOT bring hats, they will not be required. While lunch boxes and containers are acceptable we cannot be held responsible if these items don’t make it home. Any valuables (cameras, watches etc.) that your child takes are their responsibility so better not to bring these items.

In case of wet weather, please meet in the COLA in the morning, no later than 7.45am ready for an 8.00am departure, as we will still go as planned.

We expect to arrive back at school between 4.30 and 5.00pm.

**Request**

Junk mail and old magazines wanted in the Kinder room for maths and English activities.

**Character Dress-up Day**

**Friday, 19 September**

Come to school dressed as your favourite character from movies, books, TV shows etc. GOLD COIN DONATION
**P&C News**

**Hot Lunches**

Hot lunches next week will be HOT DOGS. Please see notice.

**Facebook Page**

Have you checked out our Facebook page? Look up Black Hill Public School and follow along. Karen

**Christmas Shoe Boxes**

What an amazing response we had from Black Hill. About 44 boxes were filled! Thank you so much for participation and bringing joy to a child!

**Thanks**

We have such a wonderful community of people who give their time to the benefit of the students and families of Black Hill. This week thanks goes to Deanne Wicks for organising yet another very successful Fathers’ Day breakfast, bringing joy to many bellies and fostering a great sense of community. Thanks also to all the wonderful helpers on the day.

Thanks to Mel McCulloch for buying (on behalf of the P&C), transporting and assembling some great new shelving in the COLA store room, solving some major storage issues.

Thanks to Amanda Single for coordinating the Scholastic Book Club orders—not a small task!

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**Treasurer Position**

Many, many thanks to Deb Walter for the amazing job she has done as treasurer for the P&C over the last year and a half. Deb is now moving onto other things and the position of Treasurer will be open for nomination and election during our September meeting, with the position to begin on 10 October. If you have ANY background in book keeping, this would be a straight forward job for you to take on. Deb will be available for extensive hand over. It simply requires attendance at a monthly meeting (3rd Tuesday of each month, 7.00pm), management of incoming money, keeping records and writing cheques for expenses.

This would be the perfect role for someone who is unable to be at the school on a regular basis for other P&C events, but wants to contribute to our wonderful school. We NEED you!!! Any questions, please call/talk to Karen, 0414 807 053. September meeting is Tuesday, 16th.

**Volunteers**

**Kitchen Stocktake**

Volunteers are required for next Wednesday, 17 September to help with the stocktake in the kitchen. This is a massive job for just one person so please, if you have any spare time to help out next Wednesday, call Mel on 0407 662 961.

**Sausage Sizzle**

Friday 12 September

Narelle Robertson, Madeleine Walsh, Chantelle Newman

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

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**Community Event**

Corroboree

Woodberry Red Belly Blacks are renowned to lead the 1st annual community Corroboree

Meet at:
Woodberry Public School
Friday 12th September 2014

From 4 pm to 8 pm

There will be a FREE dinner & desserts for all

Woodberry Red Bellly Blacks Inc

For further information:
Email: redbelllyblackes@gmail.com.au
Phone: 0420 313 717 Pauline Mitchell

In the heart of the Banner

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**2014/2015 Season Registrations**

Beresfield Memorial Cricket Club

We are seeking registrations for our Under 10’s Super 8’s Team

Date:    Friday 12th September 2014
Time:   4:30pm – 6pm
Location:  Lindsay Oval Beresfield
Rego Cost:  $100 U10’s Super 8’s

Meeting Opened -7.06 pm  
Minutes taken by – Nicole Dobbins

Present - Karen Stevenson (KS), Nicole Dobbins (ND), TJ Lovasz (TJL), Matt Braye (MB), Tracey Thomas (TT), Michelle Jacobs (MJ), Melinda McCulloch (MMC), Kate Gardoll (KG)

Apologies – Deanne Wicks, Amanda Single, Debbie Adamthwaite, Louise Kozary, Brian Adamthwaite, Deb Walter

Acceptance of previous minutes

Minutes accepted MJ, Seconded KS.

Business arising –

1. Letters have been written and forwarded opposing the changes to the administrative structure of public schools which may lead to the abolishment of the role of teaching principal (letter attached to minutes)
2. Crown Concepts has agreed to refund money for the damaged items from the Mother’s Day stall.

Action – KS to follow up with P&C treasurer that money has been deposited in the P&C account.

3. Family pass was to be mailed out for The Little Mermaid. Tickets were not received despite several attempts to contact the organisers.
4. Further discussion of changing the time of the P&C meeting to other times. Remove from the minutes - all agreed.

Correspondence (ND) –


Action - Item carried forward to discuss vacancy of Treasurer position at the next P&C Meeting

KS – P&C Federation Correspondence (copy attached to minutes)

Principals report (BA) - Nil  
(BA Absent)

President’s report (KS) – Reminder to nominate for the Board of the P&C Federation positions if interested by 29/8. Congratulations to Mr Braye for obtaining the full time teaching position at Black Hill following the recent interviews.

Fundraising report (TJL) – $429.90 raised from the pie drive, will do another mid-November, 2015 Bunnings BBQ will be at Wallsend Bunnings.

General discussion as to how to improve payments received from families. Noted that money remains outstanding from some families for Entertainment Books, Cadbury chocolate boxes etc.

Cessnock City Council Grant received – will be connecting around garden.

TT – consider tea towels/bags with kid’s pictures/names on them as a fundraiser. Action - TT will report findings at next meeting.

MJ – updated plans for Father’s Day Breakfast. Scheduled with DW to coordinate as per previous years.

Action - MJ/DW to post in newsletter suggesting families could pay more/increase their donation towards the breakfast.

Treasurer’s report (DebW) – June and July reports attached

New Business

1. Storage for the P&C in the CCLA storeroom. Measurements taken- MMC has obtained quote from Bunnings of $386.50. Agreed that shelving will resolve CH&S issues and get things off the floor in the kitchen. MJ advised we could save 5% with a Bunnings Trade card. Accepted and moved MJ, seconded ND. Passed unanimously.

Action – MMC will organise best method of payment and order/delivery

2. BBQ Plate – item carried over to next meeting due to BA being absent

Action – Mr Braye to make some enquiries to get someone to come to the school (eg. With a reptile display) as an alternative to another excursion to the Reptile Park. Noted that the Powerhouse excursion will be later this term.

4. MJ – community night planned for Term 4. Suggested Saturday 8th Nov or 1st November as an alternative. Pizza oven (year 6 gift) could be used on the night. Advised Year 6 mums will do the food but help would be appreciated.

5. KS – Reminder of Black Hill School Facebook page

6. MMC discussed left over hot lunches from children absent from school on a Tuesday.

Action – Notice will be put in the newsletter to request parents to text Melinda/Louise on Tuesday morning if a child is going to be absent otherwise the P&C is unable to give credits for the following week.

7. MJ advised she will vacate the sausage sizzle roster in 2015 as her youngest child goes to high school. Janelle Wolfgang has volunteered to fill this position.

8. KS – Advised she will be absent from next meeting. MMC will chair the meeting.

Next Meeting - 16 September 2014  
Meeting closed 8.31pm
Benwerrin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade

Open Day!
Sunday, 14th September 2014
Where: Benwerrin Station, Lings road, Buttaire.

Look for the Firetrucks!
Time: 10.00am – 2.00pm

Last year we experienced 3 fires in our own backyards. These fires threatened neighbours, relatives, friends and potentially your own property. Were you prepared?

Ever thought about joining? There are many ways you can help our community through Benwerrin, as a firefighter or in a supporting role. Come along and we can answer any questions you may have.

Sausage Sizzle Provided and kids Activities.

Benwerrin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade

So what is happening for the adults?
We have activities for adults this year aimed at helping you protect and defend your property.

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Come Visit us with any questions, thoughts or ideas you may have. We will have firefighters available to answer any questions you may have.

Can't make it to our Open Day? Have questions? Wish to join and help protect your community?
Contact Luke Hancock – 0400 593 613  luke.hancock@live.com