Dear Parents and Friends,

Now that the Active After School Communities program has been cut there are no afternoons when students can stay for the extra hour. This was a very useful way of easing our parking problem at the school. We still do not have a child proof fence to ensure that division of our students from pre-schoolers from the traffic in the car park and on the road.

Given that the bus does not arrive at school until, at the earliest 3.15pm and the teacher on duty is out the front after that time, I suggest that if there is no particular need for students to leave by car at 3.00pm, some parents may come 5 or 10 minutes later so that there are fewer cars in the front at 3.00pm. Always, safety is our primary concern and until a fence or increased parking is provided, this is an option to ease our concerns about the safety of school pick-ups in the afternoons.

Parent Information Night
The class information night will be on Tuesday, 11 February. Time slots for each class is listed below.

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School Fees
The voluntary school contribution remains at $35 per student for 2015. The equipment, text and subscriptions fee is $65 per student.

Class texts will be available when payment is received. Payments may be in cash or cheque, made payable to Black Hill Public School. EFTPOS and direct deposit is not available at the school.

Remember that student assistance is available to help those in genuine financial hardship. Please enquire at the office.

Sausage Sizzle 2015
Sausage sizzle will start this Friday, 6 February. Please place your order each week in a separate envelope (ie not with payments for other activities) with full correct payment enclosed. Family orders are acceptable. Please mark on the front of your envelope your child’s name, class and the number of sausage sizzles/drinks required.

NO DRINKS ARE AVIALABLE FOR THIS WEEK ONLY. ONLY SAUSAGE SIZZLES MAY BE ORDERED.

Sausage sizzle (one slice of bread with a long thin sausage, a choice of either tomato or BBQ sauce)
100% popper juice (various flavours) $1.00
Up’n’Go (various flavours) $1.50
Children select their drink flavours as they are served at lunchtime.

Orders should be placed in the mail box in the office foyer on arrival at school on Friday mornings. Please encourage your child to take on this responsibility themselves.

Volunteers are still needed to help out on Fridays with sausage sizzle. If you can spare a couple of hours on Fridays, once or twice a term, please complete the slip in the following pages and return to the school mail box by this Friday so that a roster can be collated.

**Term 1 Sport Tennis 2015**
Tennis skills will commence this Friday, 6 February and run for 8 weeks. The cost is $4.00 per week for each student or a once off payment of $32 per student for the term. Permission notes are once again attached and should be completed and forwarded to the office tomorrow if you have not previously done so.

**School Photos**
**Wednesday, 25 February**
The School Photographer will visit Wednesday, 25 February. Please swap blue shirts for gold on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week so that everyone is in a gold shirt for Wednesday’s photo. Sessions commence at 9.00am sharp.

It is vital for the smooth operation of the pre-payment system adopted by this school that each child returns his/her own envelope, even if the payment is enclosed in a sibling’s envelope. Pre-payment envelopes are attached with full details of available packages. Please return by the morning of photo day at the latest, fully completed with full correct payment enclosed. No payment is handled by the school.

Cheques should be made payable to “The School Photographer”.

Photographs will be taken but no packages will be issued without full pre-payment.

Families (children enrolled at this school only) may choose also to order family portraits at an additional cost. Other options are available as listed on the separate family envelope. These orders need to be submitted in a separate envelope, available from the office. Please send a note or enquire at the office if you would like a family envelope.

Parents/Caregivers will need to contact The School Photographer directly for any payments made after Wednesday, 25 February.

**Picnic Day**
**Friday 13 February**
Our traditional picnic day and games afternoon will be on Friday, 13 February. Parents and families are invited to join us at 1.00pm for lunch. You may order sausage sizzle ($1.50ea) with your child/ren’s order in the morning or bring a packed lunch. Lunch time is a relaxed get-to-know-you time. After lunch, at 1.50pm we will enjoy a tabloid sport afternoon and parents are very welcome to join in teams. Look forward to seeing you there.

**No Parking Zone**
The NO PARKING ZONE in front of the gates is there so that we have access for deliveries and for those who would usually use a disability parking zone, as Council has determined we do not have an official disability zone.

**School Facebook**
The school has a Facebook page. If you would like to be a friend, join us with up to date school information. “Black Hill Public School”

**Cooking Volunteers 2015**
Cooking for 2015 has commenced. Volunteers are needed to help on Tuesdays from 11.45am to 1.30pm for the cooking lesson, and to help tidy up afterwards. Please add your name to the roster outside the office window or kindly complete the slip on the following pages and return to the school mail box asap if you can help. You don’t have to be a great cook, you are only helping the kids. There are two groups—A & B so the recipe is repeated the second week. Please contact Mel on 0407 662 961 for any further enquiries.
General Reminders

School Hours
8.30am—3.00pm
Teachers are on duty from 8.30am. Any student arriving before 8.30am must sit on the seat in front of the brick classrooms and wait for the bell to ring before being allowed to play. Parents are requested to collect students promptly at 3.00pm. A teacher will remain on duty for bus travellers until the bus departs. Prior arrangements must be made with the Principal if you have extenuating circumstances that require/s your child/ren to be on school premises outside these hours.

Morning recess is from 11.00am-11.20am with lunch from 1.00pm until 1.50pm.

Interviews
The school has an open door policy, however, staff would appreciate the arrangement of interviews, as they are involved in many duties and activities during the day. Please call the office to make appointments.

Road Safety
- Park safely.
- No students should cross the road without adult supervision.
- Students should only leave the school to go directly to a car.
- Be careful when reversing from the car park.

Student Attendance
For all absences the school must receive notification about any absence in writing, by a note to the class teacher, indicating whether the absence is sick or leave. Verbal notification is acceptable; a call to the office is the best way to do this.

In cases where students do not arrive by 9.00am or leave prior to 3.00pm parents/caregivers must call into the office to complete the necessary paperwork.

Emergency Contact
Please update emergency contact details as soon as there are changes, e.g. new mobile numbers. It is extremely distressing for an ill or injured child if you cannot be contacted.

Newsletter Items
All items for the Newsletter should be submitted, in writing, either email or hard copy, to the office no later than midday on Tuesday. Items received after the deadline cannot be guaranteed publication.

All notes and communications from the school are available in the weekly newsletter which are distributed every Wednesday.

Payments
All payments and permission notes for all activities should be posted into the school mail box in the foyer at administration. Zip lock recyclable plastic bags clearly marked with student or family name and class, and containing a small note with a description of payments are preferred. Cash or cheque are the accepted means of payment. Family payments are acceptable.

P&C News

P&C Membership Now Due
At the beginning of each year we ask for a small $5 per family, P&C Membership. This helps cover insurance for P&C activities at the school and ensures you are covered for any accidents that happen while volunteering at the school. You must also be a member to vote on P&C matters. Please complete and return the slip in the following pages with payment to the school mail box asap.

Stay and Play
Please join us on Thursday, 12 February for the first Stay and Play of the year. Parents are welcome to arrive at 3.00pm, let the kids enjoy some play time together and take the chance to get to know other parents. Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share (fruit, chips, biscuits etc.)
Chicken Pita Pockets

MAKES 4
PREPARATION 15 MINS

4 x 17cm pita bread rounds
2 small green or red apples
2 carrots
1⁄2 lemon, juiced
2 stalks celery
2 barbecued skinless chicken breasts or 8 slices ham
25g (⅛ cup) roughly chopped walnuts
35g (⅜ cup) Craisins® or raisins
75g (⅜ cup) mayonnaise
2 tsp honey
10 mint leaves, torn

Who needs cutlery?
Wrap chicken and crunchy coleslaw in pita bread, pick up and tuck in — perfect for school lunches!

STEP 1
Preparing the pita bread
Place one pita bread flat on a chopping board or a clean work surface. Hold it down with one hand, tucking your thumb under your fingers. Using a sharp paring knife, carefully cut a slit along the edge furthest away from your hand to make a pocket. Repeat with the remaining pitas.

STEP 2
Preparing the apples
Using the bridge technique (see Lesson #2, page 7), cut the apples in half. Using a melon baller, scoop core from the centre. Using the bridge technique, cut each half lengthwise into 2 pieces. Or you can quarter the apples, then place the wedges on their sides.

STEP 3
Grating the carrots and apples
Using a vegetable peeler, peel carrots. Using a box grater, hold the top of the grater firmly with one hand. With your other hand, hold a carrot at the top end of the grater and push down the side of the grater with the largest holes. Repeat with the remaining carrot and apple quarters. Transfer the grated apples and carrots to a large bowl. Add 1 tbs lemon juice and toss to combine. (Adding lemon juice will stop the apples turning brown.)

STEP 4
Preparing the filling
Using the claw technique, cut the celery into thin slices. Using your hands, tear the chicken into long, thin shreds or, if using ham, roughly chop the ham with a large knife. Add chicken to the apple mixture, then add walnuts and Craisins, and stir to combine. To make the dressing, place the mayonnaise, honey and remaining lemon juice in a small bowl. Add the mint and, using a large spoon, stir to combine.

STEP 5
Making the pockets
Add the dressing to the chicken mixture and stir to combine. Add freshly ground black pepper, tasting to check the flavour. Using a large spoon, spoon equal amounts of mixture into the pita pockets. Place them on individual plates to serve, or seal in snap-lock bags and take them to school in a cooler bag or chilled lunchbox.

CRANES® Craisins® is a brand of dried, sweetened cranberries available from supermarkets.

CRATE CARE
Be careful when you're grating. As the ends of apples and carrots get closer to the grater, make sure you keep your fingers well away from the blades. You don't want to end up with a finger sandwich!
**Activity Note**

**Event:** Tennis T1 2015

**Destination:** At school

**Date:** Commencing Friday, 6 February for 8 weeks.

**Dress:** Sports Uniform

**Cost:** $4/week or $32/term

**Payment:** School mail box

**Permission Notes:**

- Return to the school mail box by this Friday, 30 January.
- Kindly complete the permission slip below and return it to the school mail box by Friday, 30 January. Please do not hesitate to contact the Principal if there are any concerns regarding payment for this activity.

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**Permission Note—Tennis T1 2015**

I give permission for my child/children ________________________ of class/es ________________ to participate in the tennis program for 8 Fridays through Term 1, 2015 commencing Friday, 6 February at a cost of $4 per student per week or a once off term payment of $32 for the term.

Signed: ________________________

Date: ________________________

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**Cooking Volunteer 2015**

**Name:** ________________________

**Phone:** ________________________

☐ Group A  ☐ Group B

Please tick either Group A or Group B

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**Cooking Groups**

**Group A**

Alysha, Bodhi, Kaylah, Grace, Ben, Olivia M, Reilly, Emily, Darci, Sienna, Allira, Jake, Oliver, Jordan, Lara, Danny

**Group B**

Isabella, Kirralee, Kyle, Jack, Imogen, Lucas, Montana, Dakota, Lachlan, Noah, Eli, Abby, Ethan, Jacob, Mya, Olivia W.
NOVA DANCE CENTRE

JAZZ  JFH  TAP  HIP HOP  CONTEMPORARY

COME ALONG AND HAVE FUN IN A FRIENDLY DANCE STUDIO AND RECEIVE PROFESSIONAL TUITION

REGISTRATION DAY

Saturday
7/2/15
3.00 - 5.30 pm

Summaland Centre
68 NELSON ST WALLSEND

For more information please email:
jade@novadance.com.au

BERESFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE HELD

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY
14TH FEBRUARY
21ST FEBRUARY
9AM TO 1.00PM
AT BERESFIELD BOWLING CLUB

ALL PLAYERS NEW OR RETURNING NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE AT myfootballclub.com

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES OR FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT
SUE 4966 4018
DENISE 4966 1192