Dear Parents and Friends,

**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.

**Strategic Plan Survey**
Please complete the survey in the following pages and return to the school mail box asap.

**Sausage Sizzle 2015**
Sausage sizzle will continue every Friday. Please place your order each week in a separate envelope (i.e. 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.

Sausage sizzle (one slice of bread $1.50 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.

**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 this 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.

**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.

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**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).

We will have the lower concrete area for older children wishing to ride scooters and skateboards, leaving the upper basketball area free for younger children to play safely.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**

Our first fundraiser of the year is coming up. We have been fortunate enough to get a sausage sizzle at Bunnings, Wallsend on Saturday, 28 March. This is a great opportunity to make some money for school resources, but we need your help to make it happen. Fill out the following slip, indicating what time you can volunteer, then come along for a fun day. For more information, contact Amber Hicks on 0435 864 835.

**Tuckshop News**

Welcome to all our new families. Our school has a small tuckshop which is run by the senior students at lunchtime only. There is only a small selection of snack food available and as the items are a “treat” should not replace a healthy lunch.

Please send in small change for your child to use at tuckshop as it makes it easier for the children serving. Please note that the tuckshop does not do IOU’s.
We would like to invite all children who attended Kurri Kurri Pre-school last year to attend our BACK TO PRE-SCHOOL AFTERNOON TEA.

At: Kurri Kurri Pre-school
When: Tuesday, 17 February 2015
Time: 3.30—4.30pm
Please RSVP by Monday 16 February
### Miss Gardoll’s Awards
- Merit: Grace Logan
- English Award: Blake
- Mathematics Award: Lila
- Creative Arts Award: Mia
- Quality Work Award: William

### Mr Braye’s Awards
- Merit: Dakota Lillybelle
- English Award: Aleisia
- Mathematics Award: Chloe W.
- Creative Arts Award: Claudia
- Quality Work Award: Reina

### Mrs Strickland’s Awards
- Merit: Zoe Archer
- English Award: Leah
- Mathematics Award: Mitchell
- Creative Arts Award: Darcy
- Quality Work Award: Alexis

### Mrs Adamthwaite’s Awards
- Merit: Jordan Noah Jack
- English Award: Danny
- Mathematics Award: Dakota J.
- Creative Arts Award: Kyle
- Quality Work Award: Lucas, Kirralee

### Prefect’s Report
Hope all Kinders have had a good week.

### Prefect’s Awards
- Mackenzie

### House Cup
- **Worimi**

### Special Awards
- Lily W.
We are in the process of developing our strategic plan for 2015-2017. As part of this process we revisit the priorities of Staff, Students and Parents. Could you please complete the survey below to indicate the order in which you see the focus of our school should be. Please number 1 to 7 with 1 being your highest priority.

### Priority Focus

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Please return this survey to the school mail box as soon as possible.