

Newsletter

News from Black Rock Primary School
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Black Rock
Primary School

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From the Principal

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BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Thank you to members of our wonderful school community for helping us to raise \$5,243:00 for the Bush Fire Appeal. \$4260 was raised by direct donations and \$983 was raised by the children on Casual Dress Day. A fantastic effort!

BUILDING RENOVATIONS

Our new Prep rooms are almost complete. We are just waiting on the joinery to be placed into the new computer pods and wet areas. The year one area is listed for the next stage which should commence in the second week of March. The new Administration area will be the next stage and finally the year 4 area.

GRANT

We have successfully applied for a grant for a new fence around the school. We hope that work will begin on this sometime in the next fortnight. There will be a new crossing at the rear of the back staff car park so this will provide safer access for students using the rear gate to enter and leave school.

SWIMMING

I must comment on the excellent behaviour of our students during the three swimming carnivals that we have had recently. The sportsmanship and behaviour of our students was outstanding. A big thank you to Mr Sam Tyndall for his wonderful organisation of these events.

VALUABLES AT SCHOOL

I have been instructed by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that if children bring valuable items to school and they become lost or damaged the Department has no insurance to cover this and will not accept any responsibility for replacement of the items. I therefore must inform parents that students are not to bring items of value to school.

The Department also does not insure students for accident or injury. The department is not liable for medical or ambulance costs associated with any accident or injury that occurs at school. If parents want this sort of insurance then they must take it out with a private company. There are many low cost policies that are available for student cover.

INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS

We are aiming to have whiteboards in all classes at the school. All of our fundraising this year will go towards the cost of the whiteboards. We have some waiting to be installed but we have to wait until the building works are completed before we can do these.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

The school has teachers on duty at 8:45am and from 3:30 to 3:45 pm each day. It is legally a parental responsibility to supervise children outside of these times. If a parent cannot pick up their child or children on time then those children will be sent to after-care. Parents will have to pay for this service. If an emergency arises and a parent is running late the children will be supervised at the office for a short period of time but children who are regularly picked up late will be sent to after-care. If your children arrive at school before 8:45am then it is a parental responsibility to supervise them.

STAFF CAR PARK

Children are not permitted in the staff car park at any time so therefore parents may not use the car park to drop off or pick up their children. This is a safety issue so I ask parents to please be aware of this.

Have a great week everyone

Julie

Julie Luiten

February

23rd School Council Meeting

March

* 1st Family Picnic Day

* 2nd Year 6 Badge Presentation

* **9th Labour Day**

* 12th Coach Approach

* 16th Intensive Swimming Program Yrs 2/3/4

* 16th Junior School Council Presentation

* 17th Parent Teacher Interviews

* 28th Family Camp Out

April

* 3rd End of Term 1 Dismissed 2.30pm

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School Profile

To provide a dynamic learning climate that engages students to achieve their personal best in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation towards society and the environment.

The following **values** are seen as being central to the life of our school and we attempt to apply these in our everyday dealings with each other and in the development of our programs and policies:

Respect

Recognising and accepting the differences in ability, race, religion and beliefs of others

Relationships

Strong relationships between all members of the school community are developed

Teamwork

Learning together to achieve the best possible outcomes for all

Learning

Developing and acquiring knowledge, skills, values and attitudes

Innovation

Transferring of learning into new and creative ideas

Environmentalism

Commitment to sustainable futures

These values are displayed when:

- We display our trust and faith in others
- We communicate honestly and with integrity towards each other
- We respect a variety of views
- We value difference throughout our community
- Students, teachers and the community work together with enthusiasm to achieve the best possible outcomes in all endeavours
- We persist and encourage risk-taking as a method of promoting learning
- We work together to find solutions to problems
- We acknowledge and celebrate effort, achievement and improvement in all members of the school community!

In my role as the Assistant Principal of the School I am responsible for several areas, one of these being STUDENT WELFARE! My door is always open so please do not hesitate to contact me over any issue that you may perceive as big or small.

While I am on this subject I would like to introduce to you some of my very good friends who live with me in the Assistant Principals Office: The Monkey, The Cow and Amelia Bodelia!

The Prep children were fortunate enough to be able to meet all three puppets last week. I had to warn them that these three puppets can get up to an enormous amount of mischief and that they are the *non* examples of the behaviour that we encourage at BLACK ROCK PRIMARY SCHOOL.



THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE!

This is a great committee that raises approximately \$40,000.00 a year to top up our finances for the programs that we run at this school and in particular this year INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARDS.

School Council determines a 'wish list' of items to allocate the funding to at the start of each year. Fundraising is a bit of work but it is really good fun.

It is very social and you get to meet a lot of wonderful people from our school. Thank you to all the parents who attended this meeting Wednesday night, it was a terrific turn up and a very productive meeting.

On the Agenda of Social and Fundraising events so far this year are:-

- * Family Picnic – **Sunday 1 March**. This is a casual day when friends and families get together with a picnic lunch. It is a great way for everyone to get to know each other and great fun for all the children to play, interact and have fun.
- * Family Camp Out – **Saturday 28 March!** The Camp Out is lots of fun. You can pitch a tent or bring your camper. It is a great way to get all your camping gear out and be organised for Easter. Notices for both of these events will be out shortly.

It was decided at the Fundraising Meeting to postpone the Walkathon for Whiteboards until next term due to the fire fundraising efforts this term.



We Make Kids Smile

Hours of Operation

Before School Care: 7:15am-8:45am
After School Care: 3:30pm-6:15pm

Contact Us

OSHC phone: 9521 0803

OSHC AT BLACK ROCK PRIMARY

Next Week in BLACK ROCK OSHC: Multicultural Week

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
BFA activity	Colour-by-Number	Computers	Create Sparkly Animals	Colouring Competition	Boardgames
ASA activity	Make A Butterfly Mask	Make Animal Collages	Play a Game of Octopus	Make A Tiger or a Jumping Frog	Black Rock OSHC "Good News Week"

Enroll in OSHC NOW!

To enroll your child into the Black Rock Primary School OSHC Program, complete an OSHC Registration Form which can be located at the OSHC centre. From there, be ready for FUN, QUALITY, ENGAGING experiences, all in a SAFE environment!

BLACK ROCK OSHC NEWS:

• We are off to a fantastic start for 2009 at Black Rock OSHC. A big welcome to all the new preps and their families who have joined us over the past two weeks, it has been great meeting you, and we look forward to a great year with you at OSHC. Parents please note that until further notice Before AND After School Care will be held in Grade 2T's room, due to school renovations. Thank you and sorry for any inconvenience. See you in OSHC, Kelly.

WHAT IS YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK DOING TO THEIR SPINE?



We are offering COMPLIMENTARY spine, posture and backpack checks for school children 2 – 28 February 2009. You will also receive the latest information on how to most safely pack and carry a backpack.

DID YOU KNOW.....

In a recent study of four schools in the Melbourne area, children were selected at random and their backpacks weighed. The maximum weight found was 34kg, 2kg over the allowable weight for professional baggage handlers in Australia!

Poor posture when carrying a loaded backpack is one of the inherent risk factors for spinal problems. It is increased if students;

- Often carry a heavy load
- Carry it poorly (e.g. over one shoulder only)
- Carry for long periods of time

Providing children with a good school backpack is crucial, but educating them on how to use it appropriately is VITAL.

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WE HAVE PROGRAMS FOR BOTH BEGINNING AND EXPERIENCED PLAYERS FROM
AGE 5+ INCLUDING A WOMEN'S LEAGUE PROGRAM

**A REGISTRATION DAY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2009 AT OUR SPRING STREET PAVILION IN
SANDRINGHAM (Melways 77A12) FROM 10:00AM-2:00 PM**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER ON LINE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.SANDRINGHAMSOCCERCLUB.ORG.AU

Please note that all new players must provide proof of age and all new players aged 11-18 must provide two passport-sized photographs. Registrations close on 28th Feb.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Available April - July 2009.
Large 4 bedroom family home, furnished.
Pets OK.
\$650 per week, negotiable.
4 Station St Sandringham- close to school,
shops, trains, beach.
Please call Kerry on 95982634.



**JANET MUNDY
KINDERGARTEN
BLACK ROCK**

We currently have limited **places
available**
for the 2009, **4 Year old kinder**
program

(At least 14 hours a week)

Please contact Carmen, our
Enrolments Officer
for details 0411 738 480

**East Sandringham
Junior Football Club
2009 FOOTY SEASON
Player registrations**

- U9 to U17 teams - multiple teams at each age level
- A great family club which caters for boys of all ability levels

Three ways to register:

1/ Complete on-line registration format
www.gozebs.com

2/ Come to Registration
Day Sun 22 Feb,
10am-12 midday at the clubrooms:
Duncan Street, Sandringham

3/ Phone Club secretary ☎ 9598 0838



Important Notice!

Uniform Shop New Day/Hours

As of the 25th February the Uniform Shop will only be
opened on a Wednesday morning from 8.45am-9.15am
If these hours are not accessible to you please contact the
office for an order form.

Tanya from the school's office is the new coordinator of
the Uniform Shop. Volunteers are needed to assist in the
basic operation of the uniform shop. If you can spare up
to 2hrs a month please contact the office.
Tel 9598 2293 Thank you

Reminder

All EMA Applications must be lodged at the school by the
27th February 2009