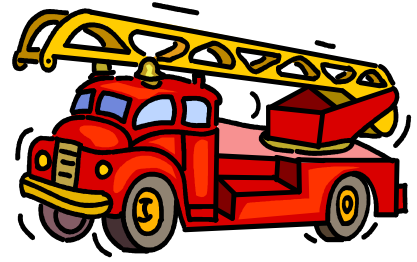


Flagstaff Hill School

Bushfire Procedures for Parents 2009

1) DAYS OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER are days of extreme fire risk with high temperatures and hot wind. It is announced by authorities on radio.

2) TOWELS AND BOTTLES: Each child is required to keep a small, named bath towel and water bottle at school for DAYS OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER. Water bottles will be filled and all towels will be specially stored so that they will be readily available for use in case of a fire. (The Fire Officer recommends the use of a dampened towel placed on head and neck for comfort purposes in the event of a fire. The children will be trained in the various procedures and action to be taken).



ALL PERSONS ON THE SCHOOL PREMISES (ADULT AND CHILD) MUST OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE PRINCIPAL

1. Flagstaff Primary School's main brick building is designated as a safe refuge in the event of a fire passing through the district. Other community refuges are Craighburn Primary School, Blackwood Church of Christ, Blackwood Uniting Church and Blackwood High School

2. The total district around Flagstaff Primary School is regarded as being in a MEDIUM risk fire area. Areas of concern are the Cherry Gardens, the Sturt Gorge and the Sturt Recreation Park

3. Attending school on DAYS OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER is a parental decision. The local CFS strongly advocates school attendance on high fire risk days including DAYS OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER.

4. There are 3 levels of alert:
Level 1 - a day of extreme fire danger
Level 2 - fire actually threatening our area of concern
Level 3 - fire actually threatening the school

5. Teachers are aware of the required procedures for each level of alert. Emphasis is on communication, controlled action and frequent check on presence and safety of children.

PLEASE AVOID TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND BE AWARE OF THE RIGHTS OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES

6. All parents are requested to complete a Bushfire Information Form and return it to the front office.

7. DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN
a) On DAYS OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER children may be collected from the classroom teacher, by a parent or authorized person.
b) Children remaining at school will be dismissed at the normal time if there is no bushfire burning in or threatening the district.
c) In the event of a bushfire in the district children WILL NOT BE DISMISSED from school until collected by parents or an authorized adult. (Children will be supervised no matter how late the time). Children in transportable classrooms will

be moved to either the Resource Centre or the Hall. Parents of children in transportable classrooms should check at the front desk about their location.

d) Children will only be released to adults (as per BUSHFIRE FORM). The onus for notifying changes of authorized adults is on parents. This must be done in writing – NO PHONE MESSAGE WILL BE TAKEN AS AUTHORITY. (Telephone lines should be kept clear for official information).