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google classroom as a platform for students to work in and for teachers to provide instantaneous feedback.

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th September at 7pm in the new staffroom. All are most welcome to attend.



Principal's Report

Enrolling Kindergarten Students now for 2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Swimming Program

The School Swimming Program has successfully run over the last two weeks with 120 students given the opportunity to begin to learn to swim or to improve their swimming ability and water safety. Each student involved participated in ten lessons over a week. Thank you to Mrs Mussolum for organising this activity and all teachers and staff involved.

P&C Meeting

At our most recent P&C meeting held last week, Mrs Price organised students and teachers from across the school to demonstrate some of the ways that technology is being integrated and used in teaching and learning programs across the school. We had Ms Lee and Mrs Fahey demonstrating Edmodo and Seesaw, two applications that allow teachers to communicate using pictures and text about what is happening on a daily/weekly basis at school to parents at home or at work. Mrs Fahey and her kindergarten students demonstrated the 'Bee Bots', little robots designed to teach younger students the early steps of coding. We had students demonstrating their abilities to write, code and program spheros and how we use

Fathers' Day Stall

Thank you to the many parents who supported the P&C in running the Fathers' Day Stall on Tuesday and Wednesday. I am always amazed at how efficient and well organised this is.

I would like to wish all fathers and grandfathers a very very special Fathers' Day this Sunday.

New Playground Art

On Monday this week we had new art – 3-Way Hop Scotch, Exercise Line and Snakes & Ladders installed on the asphalt area of Quiet Area 1 just behind the hall. This will be a wonderful addition to the playtime activities for students especially our younger students. I would like to thank the P&C for paying for this artwork. The monies raised at Fathers' Day Stalls and Discos are used to fund projects to support all students across our school.



Enrolling Now- Kindergarten Students for 2019

If you have a pre-schooler or have neighbours or friends with pre-schoolers in our drawing area who are turning 5 years of age before the 31st July 2019 please see the school office for

an enrolment application. If your child is turning 6 in 2019 they must attend school next year.

Our kindergarten orientation program starts in Week 3 of next term on Tuesday 30th October.

Please contact us about 2019 enrolments now.

K-2 Sports Carnival

Despite the weekend rain and the weather being a little cool we were still able to go ahead with our K-2 Carnival on Wednesday. It was great to see so many parents on the day, many who had organised a day off work to join in the fun. Students had a terrific day rotating through their races, novelty events and modified field events. A big thanks to Mrs Hurst and her hard working team for making this day so successful and so much fun for all our students.



PSSA Finals

I would like to congratulate the Junior and Senior Oz tag teams and the 3 netball teams : Netball Junior A, Junior B and Senior B who will be competing in the PSSA Grand Finals on Friday night at William Lawson Reserve.

Junior Netball games commence at 5.30pm and Senior Netball games commence at 6.15pm.

League Tag games commence at 4.15pm and Senior League Tag games commence at 4.45pm.

Well done to these teams and to all our PSSA teams for a great Winter PSSA Season.

Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts

Our Senior Dance Group and Vocal Ensemble will both be performing at the Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts at Wyndham College Hall, Eastern Rd, Quakers Hill next Tuesday evening, 4th September. This is a great night of entertainment showcasing performing arts groups from schools across Blacktown.

Shooting Star Assemblies

Our Term 3 Shooting Star Assemblies will be held on Tuesday 11th September. Invitations to families with a child receiving an award were sent home this week.

Token Fun Day

Term 3 is the time that the School (not including the P&C) holds our one big fundraising activity- 'Token Fun Day'.

Token Fun Day will be held in Week 10, on Wednesday 26th September. It is a great day in which the whole school enjoys a range of fete type stalls, games and activities during the two hour middle session. It involves a huge amount of effort and coordination on the part of our staff. Our aim is to raise over \$10

000 to put towards much needed teaching resources across our school.

Please support our endeavours throughout this term as we prepare for this great day. We will be sending out requests for donations. It may be for things such as lollies, little lucky dip prizes, face-paint or coloured hair spray. Every item, every donation that is made means that there is less outlay and a greater profit at the end.

Please support us in making the 2018 Token Fun Day the most successful yet.

School Website Update

The Department of Education has migrated our School Website to a new platform to provide greater access for people with vision and hearing impairment or families needing translation services.

This has made the loading of photos and some notes a little more complicated. We will continue to ensure our newsletter and most important notes are loaded on to our website.

We are exploring additional forms of social media to provide parents with timely access to photos of excursions and special events.

Andrew Bowmer
Principal

Cultural Calendar for August

Dear Parents I endeavour to include as many cultural events as possible, unfortunately I do accidentally miss some occasionally. If I have missed an import cultural event for your culture or religion please inform me so I can correct it in the coming newsletter. Thanks for your help.

August 31st	National Day – Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Trinidad & Tobago
September 2nd	National Day – Vietnam
September 3rd	Krishna Jayanti (Hindu)
September 6th	National Day – Swaziland
September 7th	Independence Day – Brazil
September 8th	Independence Day – Republic of Macedonia
September 10th	Rosh Hashanah – The Jewish New Year
September 11th	Hijra – Islamic New Year (Muslim)
September 13th	Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu) Also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi, is an Indian festival that marks the birthday of Lord Ganesh.

September 15th	Independence Day – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua
September 16th	Independence Day – Mexico, Papua New Guinea
September 18th	National Day – Chile
September 19th	Yom Kippur (Jewish) also known as the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year in Judaism.
September 21st	National Day – Armenia, Belize, Independence Day – Malta
September 22nd	Independence Day – Mali
September 23rd	National Day – Saudi Arabia
September 24th	Succot/Feast of Tabernacles (Jewish) also known as the Feast of Booths. Jewish people around the world construct frail huts or booths that remind them of God's provision both now and during their ancestors' wanderings in the wilderness.
September 28th	Confucius' Birthday: Confucius 551-479BC was a Chinese teacher, editor, politician and philosopher.
September 30th	National Day - Botswana

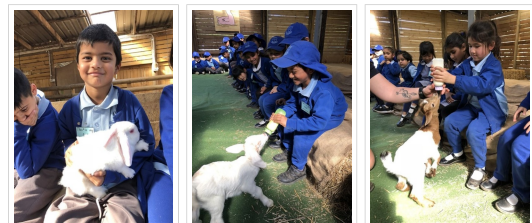
Dihein Chandrasekera	Abhiram Attota	Raveela Islam
Shrey Indra	Hemant Sandhu	Muhid Faisal
Kalen Oakes	Noor Morad	Xinjie Huang
Abbass Farhat	Yogeshan Sarvananthan	

Congratulations to the following students from Kindergarten – Year 6 who have been awarded the Principal's Reading award for 200 nights of home reading.

Joanna Peng

Kindy Excursion to Golden Ridge Farm

On Wednesday 15th August, our Kindergarten students attended their very first excursion to Golden Ridge Farm. At the farm the children were exposed to a whole range of new and exciting experiences to expand their knowledge of farm life and farm animals. They got to hold day old chicks, ducklings and kits (baby rabbits) and bottle feed a baby lamb. Students got to walk around the farm and see how big pigs can get and were able to hand feed some sheep and goats. Overall, our Kindergarten students had a fantastic time and have been able to use this experience to add more detail to their writing in class. We would like to extend a very big thank you to the teachers and the parent helpers who made the day a huge success.



Principal's Reading Awards

Congratulations to the following students from Kindergarten – Year 6 who have been awarded the Principal's Reading award for 100 nights of home reading.

Jasrah Malik	Michael McMillan	Nihil Prasath
Hatija Ali	Ari Herd	Abhiraj Chandel
Diya Patel	Kabir Parmar	Tony Dang
Aarish Prasad	Amber Reveley	Khushi Raval
Ayaan Kohli	Leo Zhu	Vidhi Dave
Varnaa Satheeskumar	Manav Desai	Aarooshan Jathees
Torah Menzies	Tiger Dang	Keith Vaz
Aryan Ahuja	Daiwik Brahmabhatt	Iskra Mitrovic
Jennifer Moutzouris	Sanjena Paramoharan	Senal Wijesurendra
Mokshada Rane	Joel Kurion	Aarna Patel
Deeta Mehta	Gregory Moutzouris	Seyon Uthayanan
Aarya Jhally	Mahir Patel	Tanisha Patel

Support Aaliyah making a difference through the Charity 'Variety' Awards

Aaliyah is a Year 5 student at Blacktown South Public School who is raising money for a very special cause. Please see the information and link below.

Help Aaliyah's big chop! make a difference

I have been growing my hair for a very long time with the goal to make a difference by cutting and donating my hair to be made into a wig for someone who has lost their hair due to a medical condition. I'll be chopping off a huge 38cm in September! (date to be confirmed shortly) Wigs cost families up to \$6,000, lasting 1-2 years, meaning families can spend a lot of money throughout a child's youth. By making a donation to Variety - the Children's Charity, you can help provide a wig or other vital equipment to a child in need. Thank you for helping kids in need.

<https://hairwithheart.everydayhero.com/au/AR>



Year 4 Library Book Borrowing

The teacher librarians at Blacktown South Public School have recently noticed that the number of Year 4 students borrowing regularly has declined. Students were asked if the requirement to remember to bring a library bag each week was the main reason for this decline in borrowing and they replied that it was.

In an effort to see this trend reversed and to encourage students to borrow books regularly from the school library, from Week 2 of this term, Year 4 students will no longer be required to have a library bag to borrow.

Should you require any further details or clarification about this matter, please contact Mr Arundel in the library.

Blacktown South has Twitter! Please like US...

Keep up to date with what is happening in and outside of the classroom. Click on the link @ <http://twitter.com> or use the QR code to download and join Twitter.



Don't forget to follow the school page @ <https://twitter.com/blacktownstps>

The School Opal Card

Busways has asked all parents who have children catching a bus to remind them that they must remember to tap on at the beginning of their trip and off again at the end of their trip. This is a condition of using the School Opal Card.

Data being gathered shows that not all students are doing this. If students do not tap on and off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage.

Please remember it is the parent's responsibility to maintain/update any changes of details, this will ensure you will receive new Opal cards as requested.

POP Payments

A reminder to parents making payments through the POP system to please check that you have logged into the correct school. We have had a few instances lately of parents from

other schools paying for excursions etc through our school's account, this creates quite a bit of paperwork to reverse the transaction.

To make a POP payment simply log onto Blacktown South Public School's website and click on the \$ icon which will direct you to our school's POP portal.

Thank you
Claire Dobbie

Healthy Canteens

From the start of Term 3, the canteen has had a new menu that has lots of new healthy items.

We are phasing out the less healthy items and replacing them with fresh, natural ingredients that will be made from scratch on the premises.

Although the new Healthy Canteen guidelines do not commence until 2020, as a community, we want to be the first in the region to make the changes.

There are lots of amazing new foods that the kids will love.

"Healthy Canteens whole philosophy is to provide your children with healthy alternatives. Michelle and Kristy, our canteen ladies, have built up great relationships with the community and all of the students, and it's time to phase the non-healthy alternatives out of the canteen for good.

Each day, the kids are so eager to try the fresh cooked food, and the sales of our healthy counter items have significantly increased, so the time is now to make the change.

Healthy Canteens is only going to get better as we truly want what is best for our students".

Thank you.
Healthy Canteens

P&C News

The MEGA Raffle is here!!

- 1st – iPad
- 2nd – Atura Hotel Blacktown accommodation deal
- 3rd - \$300 Cindy's Dance Studio voucher
- 4th - \$250 Your Local Painter voucher
- 5th – 2 months Fernwood Seven Hills Gym Membership (\$240 value)

Plus, over 75 additional Prizes!

The raffle will be drawn on Friday 21st September 2018.

Don't forget to send in your raffle tickets and money to be in the running to win these amazing prizes!! There is a range of prizes to suit everyone and over \$8000 value!

If you would like more tickets to sell you can collect more books from the office, so start selling them to family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues! Please ensure you put the students name and class on the front page of the tickets and return your money in a sealed envelope to the office.

All money raised will go towards building new playground equipment for students to use and new technology in the classroom.

Fathers' Day Stall

The students enjoyed purchasing gifts from the Fathers' Day Stall this week. There were some amazing gifts and we hope all the Dad's enjoy a nice and relaxing Fathers' Day this weekend.

Thank you to all the helpers who gave up their time to work at the stall. Without your help these events can't happen.

It's time to purchase your Entertainment Books!!

Our fundraiser this term will be the sale of the 'Entertainment books'. You are able to purchase these in either a digital format (for your smartphone) or a hard copy book. For \$65 the Entertainment book is fantastic value as it is full of a variety of vouchers that can be used at restaurants, cafes, movies, museums, hotels, flights, online shopping and many more places! There are thousands of dollars to be saved!

If you would like to make a purchase, please click on the following link. Please feel free to share the link with your family and friends.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/215g669>

You are able to have a look at the book by either clicking on the following link or there is a copy in the front office for you to read through.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/flickbook/sydney-greater-west>

Remember, this is a fundraiser and for every book we sell we make \$13, so if we sell 100 books then that's \$1300 that can be used for improvements in the school and classroom!

So let's all get on board and help sell as many Entertainment Books as we can!

Follow Blacktown South P&C on Facebook!

We now have a Blacktown South Public School P&C Facebook page. This page is run by the P&C and is a forum for families of BSPS to stay up to date with our fundraising events, what's happening in the school and to communicate with the P&C. So if you are on Facebook just search the following to join the group:

Blacktown south public school P&C

School Banking

School banking is on every Tuesday. To join school banking, your child will need a Youthsaver account. If your child doesn't have an existing Youthsaver account, there are 2 simple ways to open one:

- Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account, or
- Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for you and your child (Driver's licence and birth certificate) and they will assist you in opening up a Youthsaver account.

Students earn 1 token for each time they bank and once they have earned 10 tokens they are eligible for a reward. There are 2 rewards available each term. Don't forget once you have 10 tokens fill in your rewards slip and send it in with your bankbook. If you don't have the rewards slip please send us a note in your bankbook and we will send one home with you.

Remember, it's not the amount you deposit; it's the consistency of banking that will help you earn great prizes!

A reminder to all our bankers can you please ensure you fill in ALL parts of your deposit slip including name, student number, account number, date and amount being deposited. We have had several students not completing their deposit slips and this is very time consuming for us to have to fill them all out. If you fail to complete your deposit slip your bank book will be returned to you and the money will not be deposited.

Uniform shop

The uniform shop is open on Monday's from 2-3.15pm and Thursday's from 9-11am. If anyone is available to help out in the uniform shop please see Kim Jeffreys on either a Monday or Thursday at the uniform shop.

Next meeting

Our next P&C meeting is on **Tuesday 11th September at 6.30pm** in the staffroom. The meeting only goes for 1 hour and it is a great way to find out about the fundraising events that are planned for the year and what is happening in the school.

If you have any questions about the P&C or would like to help out with the fundraising events please contact me on 0403 694 898 or Kerrie.barton1@det.nsw.edu.au

Kerrie Barton
P&C President

BLACKTOWN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR



2018	
TERM 3	
Week 6	
Friday 31st August	3-6 Assembly – 5/6N PSSA Night Finals
Week 7	
Monday 3rd September	
Tuesday 4th September	Zone Athletics Carnival Blacktown Festival of Performing Arts

2018	
Wednesday 5th September	Year 2 Excursion for Classes 2B, 2H, 2M and 2S
Thursday 6th September	District Debating
Friday 7th September	PSSA Night Finals – Backup day Year 2 Excursion for Classes 2C, 2PK and 1/2L
Week 8	
Monday 10th September	
Tuesday 11th September	P & C Meeting – Night Shooting Star Assemblies
Wednesday 12th September	Maths Olympiad Year 2 AFL
Thursday 13th September	K-2 Assembly K/1S BLC Student Leaders Day District Debating
Friday 14th September	3-6 Assembly – 6V
Week 9	
Monday 17th September	
Tuesday 18th September	
Wednesday 19th September	Year 2 AFL Sydney West Athletics Carnival
Thursday 20th September	
Friday 21st September	
Week 10	
Monday 24th September	Group Photos
Tuesday 25th September	
Wednesday 26th September	TOKEN FUN DAY
Thursday 27th September	K-2 Assembly – KH
Friday 28th September	3-6 Assembly – 3P LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR TERM 3
Term 4	
Week 1	

2018	
Monday 15th October	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NEWS

At Blacktown South Public School, we support our local community. Click on the links for further information.



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Deputy Principals: Mrs Kathy Pizzinga and Mrs Kathy Price

Assistant Principals:

Early Stage 1 – Ms Michelle Cremona (Relieving)

Stage 1 – Mrs Renee Radecki and Miss Matilda Lee (Relieving)

Stage 2 – Miss Bec Elgood (Relieving)

Stage 3 – Mr Matthew van Trier (Relieving)

Senior Administration Manager: Mrs Claire Dobbie

School Administration Officers:

Mrs Robyn Taylor, Ms Doris Mifsud,

Mrs Sharon Hawtrey, Mrs Kerrie Lee-Eyles & Mrs Bev Mills

School Counsellors: Ms Jennifer Ransley and Ms Keita Rennie

P&C Association

President: Mrs Kerrie Barton

Vice President: Miss Kim Jeffreys

Secretary: Shabana Ali

Assistant Secretary: Mandi Ashraf

Treasurer: Mrs Nicole McDonald

Assistant Treasurer: Renee Tsingolis

Canteen

Canteen Manager: Mrs Michelle Millington

Clothing Pool

Uniform: Miss Kim Jeffreys

The Uniform Pool is open every Monday afternoon from 2.00pm to 3.00pm and Thursday morning from 9:00am to 11:00am.

School Assemblies

K-2 Assemblies Thursday 2:15pm – 3:10pm – Even Weeks

3– 6 Assemblies Fridays 2:15pm – 3:10pm – Even Weeks