Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Blacktown South Public School for Term 4, one of the busiest terms of the year.

It is wonderful to finally be able to start as your new Principal. I would like to thank Mrs Kathy Pizzinga and Ms Pat Robinson for their great work relieving as the Principal over the first three terms of the year.

Despite having the luxury of a few visits to meet staff and some students last term and the school holidays to start to get myself organised I have found the first week and a half a whirlwind of activity. I have been busy getting to know staff and students and meeting parents at both the K-6 Parent Club and the P&C meetings. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome. It has been my great pleasure to visit many of the classes and speak to students and their teachers about the things they love about Blacktown South Public School. I have been so impressed with the students’ manners, cooperation and insightful discussion.

I am looking forward to meeting many more parents and getting to know our school community through a variety of formal and informal school activities over the coming weeks. If you see me in the playground before or after school please come and introduce yourself.

I have much to learn over the coming weeks about Blacktown South Public School, its routines, procedures and practices. I am excited to be leading this wonderful school, working with staff, students and the community to make our school the very best it can be.

Term Calendar

A calendar outlining the dates of major school and grade activities was sent home earlier this week. It was correct at the time of printing. I encourage families to keep this copy somewhere safe so it can be referred to as the term progresses. We have put considerable effort into ensuring that the Term Calendar is as accurate as possible but occasionally dates may need to be altered due to circumstances beyond our control, for example the weather. We will update important dates in our fortnightly newsletter.

Grandparents’ Day

We are looking forward to hosting our Grandparents on Thursday 23rd October from 10.15am. Please note the change of date/day. Grandparents will spend the first hour in classes being involved with the class activities, then grandparents are invited to join the staff for morning tea in the school library.

Senior Camps and Excursions

Term 4 is a busy term for all students and particularly for senior students. Year 6 will be enjoying their Camp starting in just two weeks on the 27th October at Point Wolstoncroft while Year 5 have an overnight excursion to Canberra a little later in the term on the 17th and 18th November. Both activities should be terrific learning experiences for students.

Year 6 Transition to High School

Our Year 6 students and teachers will be visiting our local High School on Tuesday afternoons over the coming weeks culminating in the formal High School Orientation Day on Wednesday 3rd December. This is a very worthwhile program allowing students to get to know high school routines and have a taste of the variety of subjects that they will be taking over the coming years.

Staff Changes for Term 4

There have been a number of changes to staff and staff names over the last few weeks.

Deputy Principals- Mrs Kathy Pizzinga will resume her position as Deputy Principal, Monday to Wednesday with Miss Fiona Pearce continuing as Relieving Deputy Principal on Thursday and Friday. Miss Carly Wade (now Mrs Harding) will continue as Relieving Deputy Principal five days a week.

Class Changes- Mrs Roper will begin maternity leave from Monday 20th October. Mrs Arizumi will teach 5M for the remainder of the year.

Marriages- Congratulations to a number of staff who have recently been married.

- Miss Wade now Mrs Harding- Rel. DP
- Miss Kendall now Mrs Taylor- K Blue
- Miss Seif now Mrs Boules- 3L, 5C, ESL
- Miss Hughes now Mrs Hayes- ESL

Andrew Bowmer
Principal

POP - Parent Payments On-line

As of 15th September, 2014 parents and caregivers will be able to pay school fees, camp fees, excursion money, etc online. This will enable you to pay securely from home through Westpac Bank and not have to worry about sending money to school with your child. You simply log onto the school’s website

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click on the $link and you are directed to the Westpac Bank Secure Online Banking site.

We still request that fundraising, sport and mufti day money be brought in by your child as these small amounts would be too hard to ‘track’ with online payments.

P & C, K-6 and Clothing Pool WILL NOT be linked to POP, amounts owing to these organisations will have to be paid for in cash.

This is a new system and we will endeavour to make it as smooth a learning process for all concerned (you and us!) as possible.

We have attached a link for you to look to see how easy the process is.

Mrs Dobbie
School Admin Manager

Year 6 Camp

Year 6 camp payments should have now be completed.

Medical notes and consent checklist must be completed and returned to school ASAP if you have not already done so.

Please click on link below:

Year 7 entry to Selective High School in 2016

Selective high schools cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Offers for Selective High School placement are determined mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 12 March 2015.

If you would like your child to apply for Selective High School entry to Year 7 in 2016 you need to do so soon. You will need to apply on the internet. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 14 October 2014 in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. The application website opens on 14th October 2014 and closes on 17th November 2014.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

PSSA Summer Round 6 Results

European Handball – White team
Jnr BSPS 1 vs Shelley 4 - lost
Snr BSPS 3 vs Shelley 6 - lost

European Handball – Blue team
Jnr BSPS 0 vs Plumpton 6 - lost
Snr BSPS 1 vs Plumpton 4 - lost

AFL
Jnr BSPS 109 vs Walters Road 14 - won
Snr BSPS 58 vs Walters Road 14 - won

Softball – Bye
T-ball – Bye
Snr Cricket – Bye
Kanga – Bye

Token Fun Day

We thank the whole school community for their great support of Token Fun Day on the last Wednesday of Term 3. Over $10 000 was raised to support the purchase of educational resources for our students. As well as being a financial success, the day was also a lot of fun.

A big thanks to all the teachers for many great stalls and coming up with exciting ideas for the day.

It was great to see Ms Robinson back at Blacktown South. Thanks also to Mrs Hatty and Ms Robinson for creating and designing many Pet Rocks and Loom Bands.

Check out some great photos of the day.
Mental Maths Strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according to the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

CANTEEN

The Canteen would like to welcome everyone back for Term 4. A new canteen price list was handed out at the end of Term 3, if you do not have one please call into the Canteen or Admin Office to collect another one.

Our helpers for the next two weeks are:

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The canteen is in urgent need of helpers. If you can help out one day a month we would love to hear from you.

Mrs R Fogg
Canteen Supervisor

SOUTH STARS CERTIFICATES

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**8th South Star Certificate**
Shivali Menon, Ishan Dave, Nathan Reveley, Kabir Parmar, Ishaan Singh, Hamish Barton, Jooyeon Yoo, Georgia McMillan, Bhoomi Sanghavi, Ishaan Khan, Keith Rivera, Hallie Chauhan, Ashna Dhiman, Hayden Ross, Ansh Kapoor, Paeil Mallick, Madison Chambers, James Ma, Gregory Moutzouoris, Nicholas Chan, Charlie Herd, Dhruv Mali, Priya Patel, Madison Chambers, James Ma, Gregory Moutzouoris, Nicholas Chan, Charlie Herd, Dhruv Mali, Priya Patel, Madison Chambers, James Ma, Gregory Moutzouoris, Nicholas Chan, Charlie Herd, Dhruv Mali, Priya Patel, Madison

**9th South Star Certificate**
Ansh Kapoor, Paeil Mallick, Ishaan Singh, Marc Fauvette, Hayden Ross, Alisha Martin, Akshay Neelakantan

**10th South Star Certificate**

**Grade Splurge Winners**
Christina Song, Gurnoor Brar, Jooyeon Yoo, Ashvanth Maginthan, Fahmi Faridin, Manya Patil, Amna Singh, Zaynab Zahid, Augustus Frimpomg, Santscus Jo, Jolene Yap, Prabhav Ganesh

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**P&C**

The P & C is a group of interested parents, grandparents, friends or others who like to help the children by giving their time to various events. Our last activity for 2014 is the Christmas Disco (December).

If you would like to help in this event please email our President, Paul Wynne on sandybenson1949@gmail.com or phone him 0414 465 963.

**Charlie’s Restaurant – Cash benefit for our school**

Charlie’s Restaurant is in Blacktown City Bowling Club, Lismore St Blacktown (opposite The Hospital), last year Charlie donated a percentage of every sale to our school where the persons presented a “Charlie’s Restaurant Voucher”. Click on link below for flyer and coupons and print these off, put on your fridge or wherever else you can see them easily. When you go the Charlie’s just take along a voucher, present it at the time of purchase and our school will receive a cash benefit. This is a way you can contribute without much effort.

Many thanks again to all who help us make the children’s school days happy and memorable.

**Blacktown South Public School P & C.**

**K-6 CLUB**

**** FAMILY PORTRAITS ****

**KEEP THIS DATE FREE … Sunday 8th November 2014**

This year we are again holding the Family Portrait fundraiser. This is not only a great fundraiser for us but a chance for you to get a beautiful family photo at a fantastic price.

Notes have been sent home with the information sheet.

Times will be allocated on a first come first served basis once your money is received.

This year the backdrop colour is blue. This is useful to remember when dressing for the day. Nothing too blue or you will blend into the backdrop.

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*** CHRISTMAS FAMILY DISCO and RAFFLE ***

Keep an eye out for further information on the proposed Christmas Family Disco for late November. It will be a great way to end 2014 and to say thanks and see you again next year to all your friends at BSPS.

Also coming soon will be the raffle tickets for our last 2014 fundraiser. In past years we have raffled off some great prizes such as a Nintendo Wii and a DS console. Further details will come once this year’s prizes have been finalised.

Remember if you are able to get your hands on an item we could use in the raffle we are most grateful for any donations. The company name will then be mentioned on the notes sent out and in the SNIP.

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**** Fridge Pockets - $2.00ea ****

The K-6 Club still has available our very useful Fridge Pockets.

They are available for $2.00 ea.

If you are interested please place your money in an envelope marked as follows and we will return the Fridge Pocket to the child’s class.

**K-6 Club Fridge Pockets**

Can I please have ##

Enclosed is ###

CHILD’S NAME & CLASS

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****OUR NEXT MEETING ****

Please join us on Friday 7th November 2014 in the Before and After Care building for our next meeting. The meeting starts at 9.30am and goes for approximately an hour. This is your
chance to hear what we are up to first hand and offer your help or suggestions for our future.

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****SKOOL IS KOOL ****
****The Good Guys Homebase Prospect ****

Again in 2014 BSPS is participating in the Good Guys Homebase Prospect “Skool is Kool” program.

Please remember to tell your family and friends that every time they make a purchase at The Good Guys (Homebase Prospect store) over $35.00 the school receives a $1.00 Skool is Kool money voucher.

All you need to do is mention Skool is Kool and our school at the time of your purchase.

BSPS and the K-6 Club would like to thank the Good Guys for their continued support.

The Good Guys vouchers will be collected up to 31st October 2014 when the program will cease for the year and begin again in 2015.

Further information for any new members of our school community will be issued in a more detailed note.

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Kind Regards,

K-6 Club

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

BLACKTOWN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

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                      | K-2 Assembly – KP  
                      | K-6 Club Meeting 9.30 am |
| Saturday 8th November| K-6 Family Photo Day |