25 July 2014

Relieving Principal/ Deputy Principals’ Report

Welcome back everyone to Term 3, 2014! We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable holiday and are now primed for another exciting and busy term.

We are looking forward to Education Week when classrooms will be open for parents and families to visit, on Wednesday, 30th July. This will also be the day for our Showcase performance. Tickets are on sale and selling fast. Please note that there will not be an evening performance this year.

Our Drumming Group, Vocal Ensemble and Senior Girls Dance Group will be performing at Westpoint Shopping Centre on Thursday, 31st July from 12:30pm on the stage on Level 4 (top carpark). We look forward to seeing friends and family there to support our students.

Congratulations to our victorious debating team who successfully debated the topic “That students learn best with technology” against The Meadows PS last term. They have prepared their speeches for the next debate against Shelley PS on the topic “That television is not good entertainment”. Unfortunately, due to Shelley PS forfeiting the debate our team will not be able to present their speeches but have recorded a win.

Dental screening has begun for students. This has been a good opportunity for children to have their teeth checked by professional dentists.

Our World Cup-athon was a huge success and children were presented with their prizes from the prize draw at the end of Term 2. Well done to everyone.

The performance was sponsored by Blacktown City Council and was enjoyed by all. Please have a look at some of our photos.

As part of our NAIDOC week celebrations, students were involved with painting and decorating wooden boomerangs. Thank you to Mrs Liang and Miss Willott for their organisation.

C.A.R.E.S. Bike Education Program has been taking place in the last few weeks of the term and early this term for students in Year 5. They experienced riding their bikes on a specially designed road circuit, complete with roundabouts, traffic lights and road signs. Everyone had a wonderful time!

Uniforms

Thank you to parents for your ongoing support of our uniform policy. Winter Uniform is encouraged to be worn during Term 2 and 3. With the cooler weather upon us, and lots of extra clothing being worn, it is important to remember to label any item of clothing that can be removed during the day. A reminder to all parents and students, that tights and skivvies are NOT to be worn under the summer uniform. We have a new sports uniform available for purchase for children in Years 3-6. The new and improved polo shirt is $30 and unisex shorts for $25. A combined set can be purchased at the discounted price of $50 from the Uniform Shop, which is open every Thursday morning 9am-10am.

Please see the attached photos for the correct winter uniform and new sports uniform.

In the last week of Term 2, Year 5 & 6 children attended a free drama performance on the importance of recycling by the Radical Recyclers (Eaton Gorge Theatre Company).
Parents please ensure that you pick up your child from outside the staffroom on time. Due to duty of care, children will not be allowed to leave the school grounds to meet you. Flushcombe Rd and Benaud St gates will be open for walking access to the school grounds. There is no parking available on site. If you have any questions, please contact Mr van Trier.

**Coming events**

- **3-6 Assembly** – 4K – Friday, 25th July (Term 3 Week 2)
- **ICAS English** – Tuesday, 29th July – 3:30- 4:30pm (Term 3 Week 3)
- **Education Week** – Open Day & Showcase Performance – Wednesday, 30th July (Term 3 Week 3)
- **Education Week** – Westpoint Shopping Centre Performance – Thursday, 31st July (Term 3 Week 3) – 12:30pm
- **K-2 Assembly** – 1 Pink – Friday, 1st August (Term 3 Week 3)
- **ICAS Maths** – Tuesday, 12th August – 3:30 – 4:30pm (Term 3 Week 5)

**Too sick for school?**

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

**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

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**Year 5 Camp Payments**

A reminder that we are collecting the balance of the Year 5 Camp money now. **Total cost of the camp is $197.** Most children owe the remaining $147(after their $50 non-refundable deposit). The balance may be paid in instalments or as a lump sum. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Blacktown South Public School. **All payments must be finalised by Wednesday, 8th October (Term 4 Week 1).**

**Year 6 Camp Payments**

A reminder that we are collecting the balance of the Year 6 Camp money now. **Total cost of the camp is $380.** Most children owe the remaining $330 (after their $50 non-refundable deposit). The balance may be paid in instalments or as a lump sum. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Blacktown South Public School. **All payments must be finalised by Friday, 19th September (Term 3 Week 10).**

**Mitchell High School – Year 7 Self-Select Class**

Year 6 students who will be attending Mitchell High School in 2015 will be sent information early next term about the Self Select class. Parents are required to attend a meeting at the high school and students are required to fill out an application form. This class is for independent learners who wish to push themselves to achieve their best.

**ICAS Testing Dates**

The remaining ICAS tests will take place in Term 3. They are held after school from 3:30 – 4:30pm. Students involved will receive a note prior to the day of testing to advise the room allocated for their grade. The remaining tests will be on the following dates:-

- **ICAS English** – Tuesday, 29th July – 3:30- 4:30pm (Term 3 Week 3)
- **ICAS Maths** – Tuesday, 12th August – 3:30 – 4:30pm (Term 3 Week 5)
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

Mrs Pizzinga (Relieving Principal), Miss Pearce & Miss Wade (Relieving Deputy Principals)

School Star Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were our Term 2 Week 9 School Star Award Winners. These students are respectful and caring and always strive to achieve. Congratulations to all School Star Award Winners. Well Done!

Term 2 Week 9

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Principal’s Reading Award

Congratulations to the following students from Kindergarten who have been awarded the Principal’s Reading Award for 80 nights of home reading.

Joshua Mendens  Mandeep Gill  Rauqa Pahla
Shahneneel Salaque Rittika Chowdhury Britney Goodwin
Sudiksha Hosur  Izaaz Ali  Adee Ali
Jennifer Tran  Rajsi Vyas  Chaw Zar
Igor Obucina  Vrunda Patel  Jasjeet Singh
Ansh Kapoor  Ashna Dhiman  Shyin Salaque
Rahil Prapati  Jasnoor Grover  Teodora Mitrovic
Rishi Belani  Sahana Jeffrey  Nuhad Ahmed
Jovan Virk  Jaiman Godla  Farah Mahmudi
Austin Sharma  Rashiqa Ahmed  Bill Fan
Biswas Simkhada  Rahi Patel  Riddhima Sharma
Rhina Jeffrey

Blacktown Police Targeting School Zone Safety

We have been advised by Blacktown Police that they will be patrolling local schools checking for offences such as speeding, parking incorrectly, crossing offence, use of mobile phones whilst driving, smoking in vehicles when children under 16 are present and appropriate use of child restraints and seatbelts. Please ensure that as a responsible driver you are following all road rules or you may pay the penalty. Attached is a copy of the advisement we have received.

Interrelate

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. A note has been sent home to all students in years 3 to 6 inviting them to participate in one or both of the offered sessions.

Session 1: Where did I come from? - Years 3 to 6 - one hour session.
Session 2: Preparing for Puberty - Years 5 and 6 – one hour session.
This program will be held on Thursday 4th September from 6.00 pm at a cost of $25.00 per family for one session or $30.00 per family for the two sessions. Please complete the note and return with money to Mrs Atfield.

**CANTEEN**
Welcome back to Term 3. We hope everyone had a great holiday.

Our canteen helpers should have received their new roster for their term. If you have not received a new roster, please call into the Canteen and pick up one.

Parents if you order your child’s lunch please let them know as we have had a few children unaware that a lunch order has been placed for them.

If anyone is able to help out one day a month we would love to hear from you, just call in and see us.

Thank you to everyone who helped make sandwiches for the State Cross Country at Eastern Creek. Also thank you to Mr Beck for transporting the lunches out to Eastern Creek.

Our helpers for the next two weeks are:-

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**Mrs R Fogg**
Canteen Supervisor

**SOUTH STARS CERTIFICATES**

**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. Some of the activities we are planning for 2014 are: The Chocolate Drive (July/August), an “Easy Auction” (approx November) Christmas Disco (December).

Regarding the “Easy Auction” later this year, if you are able to donate any brand new (unused) goods, gift cards, cash donations, sponsorships or items we can use please let us know. We are also looking for someone to help with finding goods and donations and keeping a list for this auction, so if you think you can contribute your time, please contact us.

If you can get involved, even for one or two events 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**

*** BSPS *** 5c Drive ***

The K-6 Club would again like to thank everyone for their support of this year’s 5c Drive Fundraiser. We would also like to thank Brent Store Manager, Coles Blacktown for their generous donation of ice blocks and chips for the 5c Drive Prizes.

Our TOTAL raised for June 2014 is **$1,814.30**

The winning classes at the end of Week 4 for the 2014 5c Drive are as follows:—

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*** CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF THESE CLASSES. ***

**Week 4 stats** –
- Coins counted this week = 3,287
- 5c pieces = 2,296 = $114.80

**OVERALL stats** –
- TOTAL coins over 4 weeks = 17,953
- TOTAL 5c pieces = 13,232
Each of these classes will be receiving their prize of chips and an ice block during week 2 of this term. Congratulations to you all.

Look out for the new home reader books the students will be able to bring home over the months ahead with the special sticker showing that this book was purchased with funds from the 5c Drive. This shows you where your support has gone.

****OUR NEXT MEETING ****
Please join us on Friday 1st August 2014 in the Before and After Care building for our next meeting. The meeting starts at 9.30am and goes for about an hour. This is your chance to hear what we are up to first hand and offer your help or suggestions for our future.

****SKOOL IS KOOL ****
****The Good Guys Homebase Prospect ****
Again in 2014 BSPS are 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.

Welcome back to Term 3. We hope everyone had a great break.

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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Please click below for any notes that have gone home in the past fortnight that you might have missed:

- After the 4 weeks the highest individual class total was Kindy Watermelon with $119.90.