15 October 2015

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome Back to Term 4

Term 4 at any school is always one of the busiest and most exciting. It is fantastic to see the culmination of all the hard work by students and staff, to be able to celebrate and recognise our students’ successes and enjoy the special end of year activities. At the same time there is much preparation that needs to be done to ensure a smooth start to the 2016 school year.

Please read the newsletters, look at the alerts on the school app and keep track of the notes that come home so that you are fully informed of all activities.

Term Calendar

We sent home a paper version of our term calendar last week. It is also published on our school app and is attached to this newsletter. It was correct at the time of printing. We endeavour not to make any changes to published dates but if circumstances beyond our control dictate a change it will be communicated through the newsletter and notes.

Special Photos

On Tuesday our students who are part of PSSA sport teams, choirs, dance groups and other special activities such as SRC had their group photos. We will advise students when these photos will be ready for viewing and ordering.

Grandparents Day

We invite our Grandparents to join us next Thursday 22nd of October for Grandparents Day. Grandparents are welcome to visit classrooms from 10.15am to see their grandchildren and their fantastic work. We would love Grandparents to bring something to show or a story from their school days to share with the class.

Grandparents are then most welcome to join us in the school library for morning tea.

A note about this activity was sent home earlier this week.

Performing Arts Concert

The Performing Arts Concert will showcase the school’s choirs, dance groups, drama groups and a number of talented individual students. Many of these groups have worked hard throughout the year to learn and polish their performances. All parents, grandparents and family members are most welcome to join us on Wednesday 28th October at 11.45am in the School Hall for the concert.

We would love to see you for this event whether you have a child performing or not. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their talent and hard work to an audience. Tea and coffee will be available.

There is no cost to this event; we just ask that you use the return slip to indicate the numbers that will be attending so we can plan for seating and catering. A note is attached to the newsletter.

Pop-up Morning Tea

Our Term 4 Pop-up Morning Tea will be held on Monday 2nd November (Week 5) straight after the morning assembly at 9.20-10am. All parents and community members are most welcome to join us for coffee and discussion. Our theme for this morning tea will be technology and how it is being used in classrooms and changing teaching and learning for our students. This will provide our starting point for the morning’s discussion- we do not need to be confined to just this topic- all questions are most welcome.
Come and join us to learn something new and to share your views and ideas.

Kindergarten Orientation for our 2016 Kindergarten Students and Families

If you have a child who will be of school age next year and you have not yet enrolled them, please do so in the next few weeks.

Our orientation program will commence on Tuesday 3rd November in just three weeks’ time. It will run for three consecutive Tuesdays through until 17th November. Each session will start at 9.45am and finishes at approximately 11am. We look forward to seeing you at these sessions and getting to know our new Kindergarten students for 2016.

School Uniform and Hats

Parents I would ask for your help in ensuring your children attend school each day in school uniform and that they bring or wear a school hat. As we have now moved into the warmer weather it is most important that students have a school hat for before school, recess, lunch and any other outdoor activity such as sport and PE. The Department of Education has a policy that students without hats can only play in the shade.

I hope all our students wear their correct school uniform with pride each day.

School Improvements

During the school holidays there were a number of special projects completed to improve parts of our school. Shane, our hard working General Assistant built walls in the bag rooms of 4K and 4H to provide each room with a proper bag room and storeroom. The bag rooms have been fitted with hooks for bags. This has greatly improved the use of these spaces for both these classes. 2 Gold, 2 Sapphire, 2 Rainbow, 4N, 4M and Kindergarten Rose all had new pin-able walls installed. The footpath between 2 Blue and 2 Gold was widened and a path was installed between the demountable buildings to the oval.

Year 5 Canberra Excursion

I wish our Year 5 students who will be leaving very early next Monday for an exciting two day excursion to Canberra, our National Capital, a safe and educational experience. I’m sure they will have a fantastic time.

Mr Andrew Bowmer
Principal

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.

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Blacktown South now has Twitter!

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/blacktownsthps

LITTLE LIBRARY

Today was our very first Little Library and we had over 25 children with their parents attending. Our theme was Pig the Pug and we sang songs, did some craft activities and read some stories.

It was a wonderful opportunity for all to experience life at school and to build meaningful relationships between school and home. We look forward to expanding this into more sessions and will notify you through the newsletter and school app when these will happen.

A great big thank you to Miss Willott who came to assist and all the mums, dads and nans who visited us this day.

We can’t wait for our next Little Library event.

Mrs Price and Mrs Pizzinga
SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 IN 2017

Selective High Schools are suited to students who are performing to a high standard academically and enjoy the challenge of learning in a competitive environment. This opportunity is for students who are currently in Year 5. Applications will open on 13 October 2015 and will close on 16 November 2015. Applications can only be made online through this website at that time: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/]  

A note was sent home earlier this week detailing the application process and is attached to this newsletter.

NO LATE APPLICATIONS ARE PERMITTED

Any questions, please contact your child’s class teacher or Miss Pearce.

2015 SCHOOL YEARBOOK

As part of our school’s tradition, Blacktown South publish a school yearbook at the end of each year. The yearbook highlights classroom achievements and activities, grade events/excursions, sporting achievements, performing arts groups and other experiences that shape the culture of the school.

The school yearbook will include 100 glossy pages in full colour. Cost of the school yearbook is $13.00.

If you would like a copy, please send the permission note and money to your child’s class teacher by Friday 20th November (Week 7, Term 4). Online payments are also available.

A copy of the 2014 School Yearbook is located in the school office for you to view.

Miss Miletic  
Organising Teacher

HELMET SAFETY NOTICE – From Bicycle NSW and the NRMA

Are you safe wearing a skateboard helmet on your bike?

During our visits to over 300 schools as part of our Science & Road Safety Day tour, we have the unique opportunity to see what types of helmets students are wearing when riding their bikes. We were surprised to learn that many wore skate helmets (the dome-shaped ones) when bike riding. When looking inside the helmets we were even more surprised to find that some of these DIDN’T meet Australian Safety Standards.

There is no Australian Safety Standard for skate helmets and this is of concern as many children and parents choose these thinking they offer the same protection as bike helmets. Some skate helmets do meet the standards - there is a sticker inside confirming this - while others don’t. Sadly some of the ones that don’t are much more expensive and chosen because they are perceived to be cool and more stylish.

So the message to children, parents, teachers and the community is to be aware. Below is a sample of the standards sticker that should be inside your child’s helmet. The lack of a standards sticker in the helmet is an indicator that the helmet has not been tested to appropriate standards and may not protect your child in an accident.

POP - Parent Payments On-line

Parents and caregivers are 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. Simply log onto the school’s website click on the $link and you are directed to the Westpac Bank Secure Online Banking site.

We still request that fundraising, sport and multi 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 Club and Clothing Pool WILL NOT be linked to POP. Amounts owing to these organisations will have to be paid for in cash.

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

Mrs Dobbie  
School Admin Manager

CANTEEN

The Canteen would like to welcome everyone back to Term 4. The Canteen is selling Bandanna’s for Bandanna Day on 30th October. Please buy a Bandanna and help support young people living with cancer.

Our Canteen helpers for the next two weeks are:

Organising Teacher

- Miss Miletic

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Mrs R Fogg
Canteen Supervisor

K-6 CLUB

Christmas family disco this term!

Our Christmas family disco will be on Friday 27th November so put the date in your diary and come and enjoy a fun night with all your school friends. A note about this event will be sent home closer to the date.

Our next meeting

Please join us on Friday 6th November 2015 in the Before and After School 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 fundraising events.

School banking

Just a reminder that school banking is on every Tuesday. Many students have been earning reward prizes for having 10 deposits. Remember, it’s not the amount you deposit; it’s the consistency of banking that will get you to earn great prizes!

If you would like to know more about school banking or pick up an information pack please see the ladies in the front office.

SKOOL IS KOOL - The Good Guys Homebase Prospect

Again in 2015 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 2015 when the program will cease for the year and begin again in 2016.

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

Kind Regards
K-6 Club

P&C News

The P & C – Parents & Citizens Association - is a group of interested parents or citizens who would like to contribute to the school. If you are available in the evenings but not in the day then this is the group for you.

We meet once a month, first Tuesday of each month (except January) in the Staffroom at 7.00pm. If you attend the meetings and would like to give us your contact details we will ensure you receive the agenda and minutes and any other emailed information that we discuss at these meetings. This is an opportunity for you to make new friends with other parents in the school community, while helping the children at the same time. If you would like any other information or want to discuss what goes on, please call Paul Wynne, President of the P & C on 0414 465 963 or just come along to our next meeting.

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 the 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 to 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.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for all your assistance and contributions to our fundraising programs. All funds raised contribute towards purchasing valuable resources which will benefit your children’s learning.

Silent Auction

The P&C will be holding a Silent Auction during Term 4. We would like to thank the following companies for their kind and generous donations to our Silent Auction –

- Penrith Whitewater Stadium
- Blacktown Workers Club
- Featherdale Wildlife Park
- Rebel Sport
- The Good Guys Homebase
- Bunnings Warehouse – Blacktown
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| Tuesday 3rd November | Kindy Orientation |
| Wednesday 4th November | Year 4 AFL Clinic |
| Thursday 5th November | P&C – Silent Auction Drawn |
| Friday 6th November | K-6 Club Meeting held at Before and Aftercare Building commencing at 9.30 am |