Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 4 is rapidly coming to an end. The coming weeks are always the most hectic at any school. Please keep abreast of the activities that are happening over the coming weeks.

Pop-up Morning Tea

Thank you to the 30 or so parents that attended our Pop-up Morning Tea last week. We discussed issues to do with the ever increasing role of technology in education and challenges for us as teachers and educators and the dangers for families in providing a safe cyber environment at home.

It is our intention to provide an evening Cyber Safety Workshop for parents early in the New Year. Please keep an eye out for this event.

2016 Kindergarten Orientation

It has been great meeting the parents of our 2016 Kindergarten students over the last two weeks. Our new Kindergarten students have been busy during these times in the Kindergarten rooms engaged in a variety of lessons and activities. Mrs Harding our Assistant Principal for Kindergarten will be running a Numeracy workshop next Tuesday for our Kindergarten Parents. I hope to be able to spend some time in the Kindergarten rooms with the boys and girls.

Remembrance Day

Yesterday morning we took some time at 11am to hold a Remembrance Day service in the school hall for all students and staff. It was a very moving assembly providing us an opportunity to remember and give thanks for the many service men and women who served and sacrificed for our freedom.

PSSA Grand Finals

I congratulate the following teams, Junior and Senior AFL, Senior Cricket and Boys T-Ball that have progressed to the PSSA Grand Finals this Friday, 13th November at Harvey Park, Marayong. Junior AFL and Senior Cricket games start at 4.15pm, Senior AFL game starts at 4.25pm and Boys T-Ball at 5.15pm. I hope the weather is good to us so we can hold the games this week.

School Surveys

Each year I send home surveys seeking parents’ opinions on a range of school programs, changes and innovations. The surveys for 2015 will be sent home next week. There will be an opportunity for you to provide me with feedback about the things you really value about Blacktown South Public School and things that you feel need to change or be improved. Thank you for taking the time to complete these surveys. Your responses help set the school’s future directions and priorities.

Christmas Disco

The P&C and K-6 Club are holding an end of year, Christmas Disco on Friday 27th November starting at 5.30pm. A note will be sent home next week with more details. I encourage you to be involved. It is a great night of family fun.

End of Year Fun Day

Notes about the end of year Fun Day have been sent home and are attached to this newsletter. Students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will attend the movies then will be returning to school for a shared party lunch. Year 6 students enjoy a water play day on the oval.
Parent Helpers Morning Tea

At Blacktown South Public School we are fortunate to have many parents, grandparents and carers who volunteer their time to help around the school. It may have been on an excursion, or in the canteen or helping with the P&C or K-6 Club, in the clothing pool, or with a sporting team or transporting students to a special event.

We would invite all our volunteer helpers to join us on Thursday 26th November from approximately 11.05am for a special thank you morning tea.

Sporty Mufti Day

On Thursday, 19th November we will be holding a mufti day with the theme of Sport. We invite students to come dressed in their favourite jersey to support their team, or dress in their sports team’s colours or even dress as a famous sports person!

Please bring a gold coin donation. All money raised will go towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

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.

Yanray Zuo  Leena Pal  Teisha Kansara
Sophie Ying Yin Li  Unnati Pandya  Wahaj Mahmudi
Pranjal Pal  Bianca Zhang  Bharosa Chaudhary
Yunish Simkhada  Heena Mohammed  Devyani Sharma
Farah Mahmudi  Joyce Kalra  Aryan Islam
Ashley Maher  Zakaraya Shaideen  Lachlan Lalic
Tahlia Worral-Attard  Jolene Yap  Trusha Patel
Sam Wahidi  Zahraa Farhat  Saambavi Sutharsanan

Congratulations to the following students who has been awarded the Principal’s Reading award for 200 nights of home reading.

Charlene Sho  Tanisa Chowdhury  Ashvanth Maginthan
Mahi Patel  Andrew Bedretdinov  Eugene Naung
Sangeetha Sundarakumar  Nethiran Thiruvannan  Sangeetha Sundarakumar
Jeremiah Jose  Katie Shipp  Tanvi Patel

Adalrico Liu  Vincent Chan  Jiya Brahmbhatt
Jincheng Seah  Jina Kang  Joshua Mendens
Shanil Sharma  Pranav Gupta  Shivali Menon
Amelia Lumba Ward  Shathana Sirangan  Lily Mahe
Manan Liao  Austin Sharma  Riddhima Sharma
Dev Patel  Athmisha Parameswaran  Yavisht Behari
Luke Micallef  Matt Owen  Ebonnee Annabel
Maahi Patel  Elenoa Lasalo  Kahl Modi
Isabel Longhurst  Treasure Nnorom  Hatija Ali

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

Results of the Silent Auction 2015

Congratulations to the following winners who were the highest bidders in our silent auction.

Featherdale passes - Kate Ryden 2T
Workers Club Vouchers $100 - Sandy Benson
Bunnings Vouchers $70 - Kate Ryden 2T
IGA rainbow $150 voucher - Stefani Tanzil 5P
Hoys Movie Passes - Nilanjan Kundu 5P
Whitewater Rafting pass - Kathy Price
Rebel Sport Voucher $20 - Nilanjan Kundu 5P
Workers Club (second) vouchers - Kate Ryden 2T
Good Guys Logitech Speakers - Nilanjan Kundu 5P
Taronga Zoo passes - Kathy Price
Hoys Movie (second lot) passes - Nilanjan Kundu 5P
Wiltshire Dinner Set - K-6

A big thank you to Doris Mifsud, one of our hardworking ladies in the office, who coordinated the prizes. We raised $686 for the children of the school. Look out for next year’s auction which we promise will be bigger and better and offer you lots more opportunities to get a great bargain!

Paul Wynne
President P & C.

3L Veggie Patch

Mrs Liang gave us some pumpkin seeds and Joshua grew some pumpkin vines.
Within one week my Pumpkin vine stem was stronger than it is now and the leaves were smaller.

Do you know what these are? These are Brussels Sprouts. They are small and not quite ready for us to pick yet.

We grew some Brussels Sprouts and they grow on a big beautiful bush.

This is another picture of the Brussels Sprouts plant and it shows the part you eat.

We grew these purple carrots. They took nearly two terms to grow this big. When we cut them open they were orange inside.

**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 opened 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/shsplacement

A note was sent home earlier this term 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 publishes 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

**WHOOPING COUGH INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.
Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

### PENRITH OBSERVATORY

**ASTRONOMY NIGHT - Saturday 14 November – 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm**

**New Worlds: Planets outside our Solar System** - We have now been observing planets around other stars (exoplanets) for a couple of decades, watching them dim and shift their parent stars. From these tiny signals, we’re able to measure, deduce and even guess a lot about these planets.

Dr Nick Tothill will explain how we learn about these new worlds and take a brief tour through the Exoplanet Zoo. The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes.

Cost: Astronomy Nights: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50

Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: westernsydney.edu.au/observatory, What’s On

### 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 in cash.

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

**Mrs Dobbie**  
*School Admin Manager*

### CANTEEN

The Canteen now has Gluten Free Wraps available.

The Canteen will be closed on Friday 20th November for our Christmas Lunch. All children are reminded to bring their own recess and lunch.

**Our Canteen helpers for the next two weeks are:**

**Week 5**

- Monday 16th November: Kim Jeffreys
- Tuesday 17th November: Sandra Green
- Wednesday 18th November: Apeksha Dave
- Thursday 19th November: Sandra Green
- Friday 20th November: CLOSED

**Week 6**

- Monday 23rd November: Sandra Green
- Tuesday 24th November: Helen Wu
- Wednesday 25th November: Sandra Green
- Thursday 26th November: Sandra Green
- Friday 27th November: Lorraine Moller

**Mrs R Fogg**  
*Canteen Supervisor*
K-6 CLUB

Christmas Family Disco
Keep an eye out for further information on the Christmas Family Disco on Friday 27th November. It will be a great way to end 2015 and to say thanks and see you again next year to all your friends at BSPS.

Christmas Raffle
The K-6 Club’s last fundraiser for 2015 is the Christmas Raffle. Details of prizes will be in the next SNIP.

Our Next Meeting
Please join us on Friday 27th November 2015 in the Before and After School Care building for our next meeting. The meeting starts at 9.30am and goes for approx 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 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
The Skool is Kool program for 2015 has now concluded. Look out for details early in 2016 for next year’s program.

Thank you to everyone who participated this year.

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.

P Wynne
President

BLACKTOWN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
CALENDAR

TERM 4

Week 6
Friday 13th November  • Year 6 Campers return
          • 3-6 Assembly – 3C presenting
          • PSSA Grand Final Night

Week 7
Monday 16th November  • 2B & 2R Warragamba Dam Excursion
Tuesday 17th November  • Kindergarten Orientation 3
         • 2A & 2T Warragamba Dam Excursion
         • 4N Library Visit
         • School Banking

Wednesday 18th November  • 2G & 2S Warragamba Dam Excursion

Thursday 19th November  • Sporty Mufti Day

Friday 20th November  • K-2 Assembly – KW presenting
                      • Canteen CLOSED – Canteen helpers’ luncheon

Week 8
Tuesday 24th November  School Banking

Thursday 26th November  Parent Helper Thank you Morning Tea
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