10 December 2015

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The 2015 school year is rapidly coming to an end. This will be the final newsletter for 2015.

Staff Changes

Mrs Pamela Liang

Mrs Pam Liang is retiring at the end of this year after 12 faithful years of service to the students of Blacktown South Public School. Mrs Liang started her career in 1969 at Truscott St PS in Ryde. Over the years she worked at Crawford PS, Vardy’s Rd PS, The Meadows PS before finally coming the Blacktown South PS in 2003. She has always had a great love of sport and the opportunities and benefits that sport provides for students. She served as PSSA President at both the Seven Hills and Wentworthville PSSA Zones. She has coached teams from school level through to Sydney West teams at State Carnivals. Mrs Liang has had a great interest and passion in providing students opportunities in a range of extracurricular activities including band, dance, spelling bees and the environment. This year her work coordinating the school vegetable garden and NAIDOC Week celebrations was huge. Mrs Liang is a committed and caring teacher who will be greatly missed by her students and the staff. I wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Miss Samantha Nix

Miss Nix will be leaving us at the end of this year moving to Queensland to resume her law career. Miss Nix has been a wonderfully caring and dedicated teacher at Blacktown South PS over the last six years. She has worked tirelessly, particularly with the senior grades teaching and coordinating many many special events. The Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful Farewell this week wonderfully coordinated by Mrs Nix and her team. She will be greatly missed by her students and the staff. I wish her every success for her future career.

Mrs Lisa Ariizumi

Mrs Ariizumi, has taught at Blacktown South for the last 2 years – teaching Year 1, Year 2 and a term of Year 5. She will be moving with her family to Newcastle to take up a teaching position. She has provided dedicated service to her students and the school over the last 2 years and will be greatly missed. I wish her all the very best for her move to Newcastle.

Congratulations to Miss Mary Magtibay and Miss Jami Edwards for their permanent appointment to Blacktown South Public School for 2016.

Presentation Day

Congratulations to all the students who received an award at one of the Presentation Day Assemblies. Students received awards for academic excellence, effort and commitment and citizenship as well as being recognised for their efforts in a range of creative arts and leadership endeavours. Thank you to the many parents who joined us on the day. I would also like to acknowledge our organising teachers Mrs Radecki, Miss Pearce and Mrs Harding for all their hard work.
A special congratulations to the Year 6 staff and students for an outstanding Year 6 Dance Item. Boys and girls you really were fantastic!!

Sports Assembly

Last Friday students from Years 3-6 gathered for a special assembly to recognise the sporting achievements and endeavours of our students. Congratulations to all those students and teams who received special awards for performance or sportsmanship. A special congratulations to Nicholls our overall winning house for 2015. Thank you Mrs Liang and the House Captains for organising this event.

Year 6 Farewell

On Monday night our Year 6 students enjoyed a fantastic Farewell Dinner held at the Blacktown Workers Club. The room and event were most impressive. Thank you to Miss Nix and the Year 6 teachers for coordinating this terrific event. I wish all the Year 6 students every success as they leave us and move into High School next year.

We will be having our Year 6 Arch on Monday, 14th December from 2.55 to say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students. Parents are most welcome to come to school and watch the Year 6 students walk through the arch.

Principal’s Morning Tea

Last Tuesday I was very privileged to host the Principal’s Morning Tea for the almost 400 students who received a Principal’s award for excellent behaviour and citizenship in 2015. Congratulations to all those students and for this great achievement.

Christmas Disco

What a fantastic night was had at our annual Christmas Disco hosted by the P&C and K-6 Club. These two voluntary parent organisations put a huge amount of time and effort into coordinating this great event. Thank you to the many parents, community members and staff that volunteered their time to help on the night or contributed to the cake stall. Thanks to the many parents that brought their families and joined in the fun of the evening.

Dates for the End of 2015

Wednesday 16th December - Last Day for Students
Friday 18th December - Last Day the school office will be open for 2015.

Dates for 2016

Tuesday 26th January 2016 - Australia Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 27th January - Staff only return
Thursday 28th January - Students from Years 1-6 return to school
Wednesday 3rd February - Kindergarten students start

Please note that on the first day for students in 2016; Thursday 28/1/16, students should line up under the COLA in their 2015 class groups. We will endeavour to move students to their new classes as soon as possible.

Please remember that our school numbers are very fluid at this time of the year and unforeseen movement of students in and out of the school can mean a reorganisation of classes. We will endeavour to place students into their new classes on day one or as soon as possible during Week 1. We cannot guarantee class structure and teachers for a week or so after school commences. If there needs to be a reorganisation we hope that it will affect only a small number of classes and not the whole school.

Final Message

Thank you all for your commitment to Blacktown South Public School in 2015. I wish our Year 6 students and other students and families leaving us at the end of this school year all the very best for 2016 and beyond. To all our families, staff and students I wish you all a very happy, relaxing and safe holiday period. I look forward to seeing you all in 2016.

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

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Warragamba Dam 17.11.15

Yesterday I went to Warragamba Dam. I went with half of the class and we went there with 2Blue.

We went on a bus, it took 45 minutes to get there. On the way I saw lots of cool things like horses, goats and lots of cows.

When we got there we had recess. After I had recess I played cops and robbers with Hayden and Kayran.

Then we went inside. We went inside to do some work. First we had to look at a beetle and draw it. My beetle was called a ‘Diving Beetle’. We looked through a magnifying glass to get a better view of each specimen.

Then we played with a model made out of foam. It was a model of a natural environment with rivers, trees and animals. We had to create the environment and make it rain by pouring water over it. We could easily see how rainwater runs off into rivers and creek beds.

Next we went to the dam wall. David told us how much water the lake holds. It holds 4 times more water than Sydney Harbour. The lake is called Lake Burragorang. We saw huge fish in the water that were almost a metre long.

Finally we went home, I had a lot of fun and learnt new things.

By Rahil Prajapati (2 Rainbow)

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/blacktownshtps

PENRITH OBSERVATORY

ASTRONOMY NIGHT – Saturday 12 December – 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

SPACE JUNK - Our planet isn’t the only place we are leaving trash. Orbital debris, the collection of old or unused man-made objects in orbit about the Earth is a real problem to satellites, the ISS and rockets when they launch. 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: www.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 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 say thank you to Paul, Sandy & the P&C, Sandra Green, Sujatha Bhasker, Sujata Kumar, Andrew Bowmer, Kathy Pizzinga, Kathy Price and the office staff for all their help and support this year.

The Canteen will be looking at installing a Slushie Machine next year but will need helpers at lunch to help serve.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year.

Our Canteen helpers for the last week of the year are:

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Our helper for the first two weeks in Term 1, 2016 are:

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As you can see the canteen is in urgent need of helpers, if you can help one day a month please call in and see us.

Mrs R Fogg
Canteen Supervisor

K-6 CLUB

CHRISTMAS FAMILY DISCO

The K-6 Club would like to give all our helpers (especially our junior sales team) at the Christmas Disco a great big THANK YOU!!

We hope everyone young and old had a great night and thank you again for your continued support.

SANTA’S VISIT

Thank you to the children of BSPS for bringing their best behaviour to school each day this year (well nearly every day – no one is perfect). Obviously Santa also thinks you are a great bunch and we hear he may be delivering some ice blocks to all the students at BSPS!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn on Friday 11th December. As this is the last SNIP for 2015 we will not be able to notify every one of the winners for the raffle in 2015.

At this time we would like to say a great big THANK YOU for your continued support of our fundraising raffles this year.

Congratulations to all the winners (whoever they may be) and thanks to all of you who purchased a ticket.

SCHOOL BANKING

School banking has finished for 2015 and will start back on Tuesday 2nd February 2016. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with school banking for 1 hour on Tuesday mornings. If you would like to help out please see the ladies in the front office for details. Thank you to all our volunteers in 2015!

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR!

It’s hard to believe that another year has all but come and gone. The K-6 Club would like to thank the school, its families and of course our own families for their continued support. As a group we love being able to bring the kids events such as the Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls along with the raffles to celebrate special times throughout the year such as Easter and Christmas.

We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday period. We look forward to seeing
everyone back in 2016 and hopefully see a few new faces at our meetings in the New Year.

To the Year 6’s who are off to High School in 2016 we wish you all the very best and hope you enjoy this new part of your schooling journey. BSPS will miss you!!

Merry Christmas and best wishes,

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

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| Week 10 |  
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| Friday 11th December | • K-6 Club Christmas Raffle Drawn |

| Week 11 |  
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| Monday 14th December | • Talent Quest |

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

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