19 March 2015

Principal’s Report

Harmony Day - Celebration of Our Diversity

Yesterday we held our Harmony Day, a Multi-Cultural Celebration. The School was filled with students and teachers wearing traditional dress, or the Harmony Day colour of orange.

A special thank you to the many families that donated food to classes for their multi-cultural food tasting. It was an absolute feast.

Students spent the middle session rotating through activities from different countries, learning a traditional song, a dance or doing some craft activities.

During the afternoon we gathered under the COLA for a great assembly. We were entertained by some great cultural acts from around the world. A special well done to our students who sang or danced for the whole school.

It was a wonderful celebration of our cultural diversity at Blacktown South Public School.

Welcome Disco

A terrific night was had by all who came to the P&C and K-6 Welcome Disco. Thank you to the many, many families that joined us for a night of dancing, eating and family fun. A special thank you to our P&C and K-6 Club volunteers and the many other parents and staff that volunteered on the night serving in the canteen, at the cake stall or on the BBQs. Thank you to the many families that donated some things for the cake stall. It all came together for a wonderful night.

Area Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Vincent Chan, Rauiri Edwards, Jinu Kang, Adalrico Liu, Vanessa Widjaja and Chris Yuan who competed at the Sydney West Area Swimming Carnival on Monday. Our students performed wonderfully, cheered on by their parents. It was my great pleasure to attend this carnival as an official and to be able to support our students also.

A Special mention to Adalrico Liu who was 10 years Age Champion at our Zone Swimming Carnival two weeks ago.

School Banking

School Banking is being launched at Blacktown South Public School. It allows students who wish to open a Commonwealth Bank account and deposit money on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

Important Dates

Friday 13/3 – A representative from the Bank spoke at the K-2 Assembly
Thursday 19/3 – Banking Pack and information sent home to all families.
Friday 20/3 – A representative from the Bank will speak at the 3-6 Assembly.
Wednesday 25/3 – A representative will be at school from 2.45pm – 3.30pm to help parents open an account for their child.
Tuesday 28/4 – (Week 2, Term 2) First day for school banking.

What you need to know (A reminder):

- School Banking Day will be on a Tuesday. Student’s money will be collected through the classroom teachers and will commence on Tuesday 28th April 2015 (Week 2, Term 2).
- Your child will need a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. There are 2 options on how to open an account:
  1. Peta McGavin our School Banking Specialist from the Commonwealth Bank will be at the school on Wednesday 25th March from 2.45pm - 3.30pm to assist parents with opening accounts. Parents need
to bring their child’s application form and also show photo identification for themselves (Drivers Licence or Passport).

2. If you are unable to make this time you can also attend any Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child’s birth certificate to open up their account. If you’re an existing Commonwealth Bank customer you can open an account through your Netbank facility.

Note: If your child already has a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver Account they just need to bring this in on banking days.

Cross Country Carnival

Date: Tuesday 24th March
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Parents and caregivers are most welcome to join us for our annual Cross Country for students turning 8yrs and older. We will be holding this event at school with our track winding in and around our school buildings. Students should wear their sports uniform and a house coloured T-shirt on the day.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Dates: Monday 30th March 3.30pm – 8.30pm
Tuesday 31st March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Notes have been sent home outlining the process for booking an interview time with your child’s teacher. This is a great opportunity for you and the teacher to discuss your child’s progress, and other issues that may be impacting on their education.

Confirmation notes are being returned to families. If you are unsure please contact the school to talk to your child’s teacher. We look forward to seeing you.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Meera Gandhi of 4N who has won the Maths Builder “Champion of the Week” for the middle week of February. “Champions of the Week”, are selected from those who have broken the world record for three or more interactive games within the space of a week, Meera was able to break it nine times.

Mr Andrew Bowmer
Principal

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 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 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 look to see how easy the process is.

Mrs Dobbie
School Admin Manager

CANTEEN

The Canteen is in urgent need of helpers, if you are able to help out once a month please contact Mrs Fogg.

Canteen helpers for the next two weeks of Term 1 are:

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Mr R Fogg
Canteen Supervisor

K-6 CLUB News

WELCOME DISCO

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all of our helpers for the Welcome Disco. It was a fantastic night and we hope everyone had a great time.

2015 COMMITTEE

Our AGM was on Friday 6th March and the new elected committee members are as follows:

President – Kerrie Barton
Vice President – Kim Jeffreys
Treasurer – Nicole McDonald
Secretary – Joanne Bridger
Assistant Secretary – Kylie Barber
Uniform Committee – Joanne Bridger and Kylie Barber
Canteen Committee – Kim Jeffreys
Purchasing Committee – Joanne Bridger, Jade Chambers, Kylie Barber and Nicole McDonald
EASTER RAFFLE

The prizes are as follows:

1st Prize Family Pass to the Royal Easter Show - 2 Adults and 2 Children for any day of the show (valued at $100)
2nd Prize George Foreman Mix and Go Blender
3rd Prize $30 Scholastic Book Club Gift Voucher (can be used to purchase books through the school book club)
4th Prize Kambrook Ice Cream maker
5th Prize Mistral Gingerbread Man Maker

All prizes come with a gift box of delicious chocolates.

Tickets are $1.00 each. If you require more tickets they are available through the office.

The raffle will be drawn at school on Thursday 2nd April.

Remember… “You have to be in it to win it!!”

All funds raised will be going towards improving technology in the school, including purchasing new iPad’s for students to use in the classroom.

EASTER BUNNY VISIT

The K-6 Club have been in talks with the Easter Bunny and we are hoping he will make a visit to the children of BSPS. Make sure to keep up your wonderful behaviour so he makes time for a visit. He may even bring a little gift to all of our fantastic children.

K6 CLUB HOT DOG DAY

On Thursday 2nd April 2015, the K-6 Club will be selling Hot Dogs (Beef and Halal) and Bubble & Squeak on rolls (vegetarian). The cost will be $3.00 and lunches must be pre-ordered and paid for by Friday 27th March.

Please note: NO ORDERS will be taken on the day and the canteen will be closed.

At recess we will also be selling donuts for $2.00. These DO NOT need to be pre-ordered.

Drinks can be purchased at recess and lunch. Poppers and bottled water will be 50cents each.

All funds raised will be going towards improving technology in the school, including purchasing new iPad’s for students to use in the classroom.

SKOOL IS KOOOL - The Good Guys Homebase Prospect

Again in 2015 Blacktown South Public School will be 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 Blacktown South Public School at the time of your purchase.

Blacktown South Public School and the K-6 Club would like to thank the Good Guys Prospect for their continued support.

If you have any questions about what the K-6 Club does or have any ideas for fundraising, please come along to our meetings which are held the 1st Friday of each month at 9.30am in the Before and After School Care building. If you are unable to attend our meetings but would still like to be involved with the K-6 Club and help at our different events please email Kerrie Barton (President) at kezzabarton@gmail.com

Regards,

Kerrie Barton
K-6 Club President

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 Library 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

Charlies 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 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.

ELECTION BBQ STALL

The P & C is holding a Sausage Sizzle & Drinks stall in the school grounds during election day which is Saturday 28th March 2015. The school is busy all day with local voters and the sale of BBQ & Drinks helps the fundraising from parties other than the school community. Not every year is an Election year so we must make the best of the opportunity this year.

We will be starting at 7.30am and going through to about 2.30pm (or until all sold). It would be great if you could give an hour or two of your time to help volunteer for the BBQ and Drinks stall. If you would like to help just sms Sandy Benson, coordinator, at 0414 797946 or call me to discuss. We are hoping to have at least 4 people working all the time, so let me know Your name; Your contact number; Your preferred hour/s of work.

Many thanks
**PENRITH OBSERVATORY**

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Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

**Cost:** Astronomy Nights - $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family<br>Workshops - $15 per PERSONAL<br><br>**Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On<br><br>**Contact:** Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au<br>http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory<br>http://www.twitter.com/uwsobservatory<br>http://www.facebook.com/UWSObservatory

**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: