5 March 2015

P&C and K-6 Club – Welcome Disco

Remember, Remember! A great night will be had by all at this term’s Welcome Disco – Friday Night 6/3/15 – 6pm to 8pm.

Harmony Day

Blacktown South Public School is proudly a very multicultural school. We will be celebrating and embracing the different cultural backgrounds that our students come from on this day. It will be a day of great celebration.

Date: Wednesday 18th March
A note was sent home yesterday outlining the day’s activities. These include:

Multicultural Dress:
We encourage students to wear their traditional dress or the colour orange to represent the colour of harmony.

Class Activities:
Students will be rotating through classrooms between recess and lunch to experience a song, craft or art activity, game or traditional story from different parts of the world.

Traditional Foods:
We ask parents if they could donate a plate of traditional finger type food to your child’s class so our students can enjoy foods from around the world.

Whole School Assembly:
We will conclude the day at an Assembly under the COLA, 2.10pm-3.00pm. A number of students will be performing traditional songs or dance during this assembly. Parents are most welcome to join us for the assembly during the afternoon.

School Banking

Blacktown South Public School will be launching student banking over the coming weeks. It will allow students who wish to open a Commonwealth Bank account and deposit money (part of their pocket money) on a weekly or fortnightly basis.

An information pack will be sent home with Kindergarten to Year 2 students during Week 8 (16/3-20/3) and Years 3-6 during Week 9 (23/3-27/3)

For those who are interested, the Student Banking program will then start in Term 2.

This is a great way for boys and girls to learn the value of saving and budgeting.

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Principal’s Report

Student Representative Council

It was fantastic to hold a special whole school assembly last Wednesday to induct our new 2015 SRC representatives. These students have been elected by their fellow classmates to represent their ideas, opinions and concerns in our Student Council. It is a great honour and responsibility. I congratulate all 2015 SRC representatives.

Thank you to the many parents that joined us for this event.

Clean up Australia Day

Last Friday, a number of classes from across our school participated in Clean Up Australia School Day. Classes and grades were allocated different areas to clean up. It is a great opportunity to clean up some of those more hidden corners of our school. Unfortunately, it is logistically difficult to have 900 students all out cleaning up the school at the same time. Different classes will be participating over the coming days and weeks.

It is hoped that this will help keep our school environment free of litter, as well as promote the important message of “Keeping Australia Pollution Free”.

Zone Basketball

Congratulations to Youssef Makansi, Logan Dux, Mawut Mawut, Kasin Ahmet, Krishna Rawi, and Nafissa Abdallah, who will be competing as part of the Blacktown Zone Basketball teams at the Area Carnival next Wednesday. Mr Mortillero will be coaching the team on the day.
P&C Annual General Meeting:
Thank you to the parents and community members that joined us for the P&C AGM on Tuesday night.

I would like to thank the 2014, P&C Executive for their great commitment to the school and support of school activities. A special thank you to Paul Wynne our P&C President and his partner Sandy Benson for the enormous work and effort put into co-ordinating an array of fundraising activities.

My thanks to the other members of the executive – Liptan Ghosh, Joanne Atherton, Jade Chambers, Helen Wheeler, Sujata Kumar and Gail Oaks and to the many volunteers that support P&C activities.

Thank you to our 2014 Uniform Shop Committee for your terrific work – Trish Rodgers, Kylie Barber and Kim Jeffrey.

Thank you also to the 2014 Canteen Committee – Rhonda Fogg, Sujatha Bhaskar, Paul Wynne, Sandy Benson, and Helen Wheeler.

Great schools rely on all members, staff, students and parents going the extra mile volunteering that extra time.

2015 P&C Executive and Sub Committees:
President - Mr Paul Wynne
Vice President - Mrs Kinjal Patel
Secretary – Mrs Vikram Nashikkar
Treasurer – Mrs Sujata Kumar
Assist Treasurer – Mrs Thirumahal Uthayanan
Uniform Committee - Mrs Trish Rodgers
  • Mrs Joanne Bridger
  • Ms Kylie Barber
Canteen Committee - Mrs Rhonda Fogg (Manager)
  • Mrs Sujatha Bhaskar (Treasurer)
  • Mr Paul Wynne
  • Ms Sandy Benson

K-6 Club Annual General Meeting
Just a reminder that the K-6 Club will be holding their AGM this Friday at 9.30 am in the Before and After School Centre. All most welcome.

A special thank you to the K-6 Club for their terrific work in fundraising and providing the students with great experiences throughout 2014.

Special thank you to Kerrie Barton, the President and the Committee – Nicole McDonald, Kylie Barber, Aditi Sharma and Carrie Warncken and the K-6 Club volunteers. Another amazing hardworking group within our school community.

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

HILLS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON

The HILLS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON
WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2015, 3.30pm-6pm
2013 Year 8 students and their parents are invited to attend The Hills Sports High School Open afternoon, come along and meet staff, explore what learning opportunities are available, visit our specialist rooms and Science Laboratories for practical lessons.

Tours of the school will occur every half hour until 6pm.

Talented Sports Program
There will be an information session hosted by the Director of Sports at 3pm in the Library for interested students & parents.

TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM OPEN NIGHT
An information evening will be conducted for students and parents interested in the Talented Sports Program for 2015 on Monday 9th May, 2015 at 6.30pm. Sports on offer are: AFL, Athletics, Basketball, Cricket, Cricket, Golf, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Rugby “7” (Girls), Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Touch Football, and Water Polo.

Sport and Fitness Trials will be held in May/June 2015.


Enjoy a Refreshment as you Tour the School, Provided by our Senior Hospitality Students

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Mrs Dobbie
School Admin Manager
NORTHMEAD CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN DAY

Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School.
OPEN DAY Tuesday 17th March 2015

Year 6 students entering Year 7, 2016 & Year 5 students (Year 7, 2017)
Student Morning session 9.15am – 1.00pm
Evening session 5.00pm – 7.00pm – School tour and open house.
7.00pm – 8.00pm – Formal presentation in the hall.

Enrolments for Years 8-12, welcome.

AUDITIONS YEARS 7 to 12, 2016
Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School has a long tradition as a centre of excellence in the Creative and Performing Arts. An exciting opportunity is available for talented students to audition for placement in our world-renowned CAPA programs.

Students in the specialised streams are offered a wide range of opportunities to excel in their chosen field with extensive co-curricular programs and a whole school approach to teasing our gifted students’ talents.

Auditions will be held for Drama, Dance, Music, and Visual Arts on Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th & Friday 20th March 2015. The cost of auditions is $50.00.

Applications, forms, and fees need to be submitted to NCPA@HS by Wednesday 4th March 2015.

Forms can also be obtained via our school website.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Year 7 Scholarships
- Creative and Performing Arts
- Academic
- Sport

GIFTED & TALENTED ACADEMIC PLACEMENT TEST FOR 2016
Date: Thursday 26th March 2015 at 8.15am
Cost: $50.00 payable to Finance Office by Tuesday 17th March.

Principal: Nadine Maguire
www.northmeadhs.com.au
33 Campbell St, Northmead NSW 2152
Ph: 9630 4116

BLACKTOWN GIRLS’ HIGH SCHOOL
INFORMATION EVENING

Blacktown Girls High is an Innovator in Girls’ Education
Visit our website to find out more about us...
http://www.blacktowngs-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Follow us on Facebook....

MITCHELL HIGH SCHOOL – YEAR 7 – 2016 INFORMATION EVENING/OPEN NIGHT

Year 7 (2016) Invitation
Mitchell High School
Information Evening / Open Night
Tuesday 16th March 2015

Parents please remember to place your lunch orders at the Canteen by 9.15am in the morning. Please check the price list when ordering as there are number of students who are placing incorrect money in lunch bags.

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

Monday 9th March  Sujatha Bhasker
Tuesday 10th March  Jean Loveday
Wednesday 11th March  Gowri Sutharsanan
Thursday 12th March  Evangelene Thagazjah
Friday 13th March  Kylie Noorbergen
Monday 16th March  Kim Jeffreys
Tuesday 17th March  Sharon Handley
Wednesday 18th March  Sandra Green
Thursday 19th March  Sandra Green
Friday 20th March  Kerrie Barton

Mrs R Fogg
Canteen Supervisor
K-6 CLUB

K-6 CLUB AGM

Just a reminder our Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday 6th March at 9.30am in the Before and After School Care building. Any new parents, who would like to know what’s happening at the school and become involved in a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year, please come along to the AGM. We are always happy to see new friendly faces at our meetings. Coffee and cake will be provided.

WELCOME DISCO

Our Welcome Disco is on Friday 6th March from 6-8pm. We will have a DJ with great music and a variety of stalls including: A BBQ cooking up sausage sizzles and chicken kebabs, cold drinks, ice blocks, fairy floss, popcorn, slushies, cakes, lollies and glow sticks for sale. The cost is $10 a family or $3 each. If you would like to do any baking for the cake stall, all donations are greatly appreciated. We hope to see you there!

EASTER RAFFLE

The Easter Raffle notes will be going home in the next few weeks so keep an eye out on the great prizes we have on offer. Tickets are $1 each.

SKOOL IS KOOL - 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

Kind regards

Kerrie Barton
K-6 Club President

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: