Principal's Report

K-2 Hat Parade

What an exciting and colourful K-2 Hat Parade we had yesterday. It was absolutely fantastic to see all of Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students out parading in their beautiful hats. Thank you to parents, who took the time to produce such creative hats. The students and teachers have been looking forward to this activity and the eggs provided by the K-6 Club for weeks.

Cross Country

We were able to hold our Cross Country carnival on Tuesday of last week just before the rain came in the afternoon. We were able to trial a longer track that wove around the school this year which helped make the carnival run much more smoothly and quickly. Thank you to Mrs Lane and Mrs Kumar for all of their work co-ordinating this activity. A special well done to all of our students for their efforts in running and walking the 2 or 3km distance.

Congratulations to the following students who will represent our school at the Zone Cross Country next term.

8/9 Boys
Akshat Kumar Delwyn Roy Ekjot Singh Parker Burgess

8/9 Girls
Kaitlyn Nash - Nicole Tomah - Raakavi Palaraman - Amber Giblin

10 Boys
Harrison Burgess - Aiman Abdelrasoul - Nabil Koko - Adalrico Liu

10 Girls
Kayla Gwilliam - Lily Mahe - Cynthia Win - Ipek Rahman

11 Boys
Corey Handley - Zachary Duting - Rauiri Edwards - Isaac Bamgbose

11 Girls
Jessika Nash - Abuoc Bol - Soo Jung Yoo - Holly Small

12 Boys
Youssef Makansi - Charles Amedume - Logan Dux - Chris Liao

12 Girls
Hadida Iqbal - Nashita Tahsin - Shyanne Baxter - Tanisha Sharma

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.

Kerrie Barton and Kim Jeffreys from the K-6 club have been busy organising and processing the Student School Banking requests.

Important Dates

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. You can attend any Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child’s birth certificate to open up their account.
  2. 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.

**P&C Election BBQ**

A very big thank you to Paul Wynne and Sandy Benson and their volunteers for an absolutely fantastic job at running the Election BBQ last Saturday from 7.30 am to 6.00 pm.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

It was wonderful to see so many parents make appointments for our Parent-Teacher interviews. I certainly hope that you found the time valuable. Please remember that if you need to arrange another interview later in the year please contact your child’s teacher to make a suitable time to meet.

**Term 2 Calendar**

Attached to this Newsletter is a calendar of planned events and activities for next term. Please note that some of these may need to change due to unforeseen circumstances. I will send home a hard/paper copy of the Term 2 calendar during the first week of next term.

**Important Dates to Remember**

- **Monday 20th April** – staff only return to school
- **Tuesday 21st April** – all K-6 students return to school
- **Friday 24th April** – our school Anzac Day Assembly

I wish all families a very enjoyable and safe April school holidays. I hope you enjoy some family time during the break. I look forward to seeing you back at school next term.

**Mr Andrew Bowmer**

**Principal**

**The National Young Leaders Day 2015**

On the 23rd March, we the school leaders and Mrs Atfield, went to ‘The National Young Leaders Day’ and learnt how to become good leaders that inspire and motivate. We listened to influential leaders such as; Mike Martin who is the executive director of the Halogen Foundation, Mike Baird who is our Premier, Bindi Irwin who is a passionate conservationist, Rachel Leahcar who is 90% blind and came 3rd in ‘The Voice’ and Dylan Parker and James Norton who are paper plane champions that inspired the movie ‘Paper Planes’. We were encouraged to ‘get started’ on a leadership journey that would influence others and make a difference. The day was amazing!

**Angelina Obungen, Sione Ahofono, Laura Moe & Shathana Srirangan**

**Leadership Team**

**GRIP Student Leadership Conference**

On Wednesday 4th March Mrs Atfield and four SRC members went to Sydney Olympic Park to the GRIP Student Leadership Conference. The day helped them to develop as a school leader and they gained great ideas and expectations of what they could achieve when they returned to school.

The GRIP team presented a thought-provoking and inspirational day. It was presented in a practical way where students from different schools were able to mix with each other and share their ideas.

The students are excited and energised from being at the conference and they intend to share their experience with all SRC members at future meetings and utilise the leadership resources that were purchased on the day.

**OC ONLINE APPLICATIONS**

**Entry to an Opportunity class in 2016**

The application website for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2016 opens on **Monday 27th April 2015** and closes on **Friday 15 May 2015**.

It is not possible to lodge a late application after this date unless you are applying for some rural and remote opportunity classes where there may be remaining vacancies after the placement process is complete.

**All applications must be made online.**

**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 $ink 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 look to see how easy the process is.

Mrs Dobbie  
School Admin Manager

CANTEEN

We are looking for any parents or grandparents who would like to volunteer to help out at the canteen once a month. Lunch and morning tea is provided. Please contact Mrs Fogg if you are able to help.

Canteen helpers for the first two weeks of Term 2 are:

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Mrs R Fogg  
Canteen Supervisor

K-6 CLUB

EASTER BUNNY VISIT

The K-6 Club was glad to see the Easter Bunny thought that the children of Blacktown South were good enough for him to visit. We hope that the children keep up this wonderful behaviour for the rest of the year. We are sure that everyone also enjoyed the little gift he left all of our fantastic children.

TERM 2 EVENTS

Notes will go out early next term for the following fundraising events:

- Mothers’ Day Raffle
- Mothers’ Day Stall – Tuesday 5th May
- 5c Drive – starts 1st June

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.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Please join us on Friday 1st May 2015 in the Before and After School Care building for our next meeting. The meeting starts at 9.30am and goes for about 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 activities.

All the best for a safe and happy Easter with your family and friends and we look forward to seeing everyone back next term.

Kind 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.
## PENRITH OBSERVATORY

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**Wednesday 8 April**
10 am - 12 noon  
School Holiday Hand-on Science Program  
**ROCKET WORKSHOP**  
Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and **SAFE** and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15

**Saturday 11 April**  
7pm – 9pm  
School Holiday Astronomy Night  
**GALAXIES AND BEYOND**  
The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university's telescopes.

**Thursday 16 April**  
10 am - 12 noon  
School Holiday Hands-on Science Program  
**STAR STUFF WORKSHOP**  
The program will include hands-on science activities, a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, water rocket launches and **SAFE** and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15

**Saturday 18 April**  
7pm – 9pm  
School Holiday Astronomy Night  
**GALAXIES AND BEYOND**  
The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university's telescopes.

Our programs will run regardless of the weather.  
**Cost:** Astronomy Nights - $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family  
Workshops - $15 per person  
**Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online:  
www.uws.edu.au/observatory , What’s On  
**Contact:** Tel: (02)4736 0135  
**Email:** penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au

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## BLACKTOWN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

**TERM 1**

**WEEK 10**
- Thursday 2nd April  
  • K-6 CLUB Hot Dog Day  
  • CANTEEN CLOSED  
  • LAST DAY OF TERM 1

**TERM 2**

**WEEK 1**
- Monday 20th April  
  • School resumes for Term 2  
- Tuesday 21st April  
  • STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO STUDENTS  
- Friday 24th April  
  • Anzac Day Assembly  
  • K-2 Assembly – 2S Presenting  
  • PSSA Tryouts

**WEEK 2**
- Monday 27th April  
  • OC Online Applications Open for 2016  
  • Student School Banking starts  
- Friday 1st May  
  • Year 2 – AFL Clinic  
  • 3-6 Assembly – 4H Presenting  
  • PSSA Tryouts

**WEEK 3**
- Tuesday 5th May  
  • Mothers’ Day Stall  
  • Canteen Meeting held at 6pm in the Library  
  • P&C Meeting held at 7pm in the Library  
- Thursday 7th May  
  • Mothers’ Day Stall  
- Friday 8th May  
  • Year 2 – AFL Clinic  
  • K-2 Assembly – 2R presenting  
  • PSSA Winter Round 1

**WEEK 4**
- Tuesday 12th May  
  • NAPLAN  
- Wednesday 13th May  
  • NAPLAN  
- Thursday 14th May  
  • NAPLAN  
- Friday 15th May  
  • 3-6 Assembly – 5B presenting  
  • Year 2 – AFL Clinic  
  • PSSA Winter Round 2