Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Blacktown South Public School for Term 2. I hope everyone had an enjoyable school holiday and a chance to recharge for a busy second term.

Wet Weather

The wet weather over the first week of this term has caused considerable difficulties. The school is slowly drying out and we are hopeful to have students back using our whole playground at playtimes as soon as possible. I encourage families to ensure that your child/children have suitable wet weather gear – raincoats and umbrellas for these very wet occasions.

ANZAC Assembly

Last Friday the school held our Anzac Assembly. This was a very solemn occasion, allowing the school to reflect upon the sacrifice of our Australian Service Men and Women who have served and died in conflicts over the past 100 years.

Our special guest Warrant Officer Rudi Vitasz from Richmond Air Force Base spoke about the Anzac traditions and values. Our school Vocal Ensemble combined with the Year 4 Drama group presented a very powerful and moving tribute. Their performance was outstanding.

I have attended many Anzac Assemblies over my years as a Teacher and Principal but this was by far the best in my memory and a fitting tribute to the Centenary of ANZAC.

Senior Dance Group

Congratulations to the Senior Dance Group who successfully auditioned for the Synergy Dance Festival to be held at the Evans Theatre, Penrith Panthers during the first week of June. This is a great achievement well done to the students and Miss Cremona.

Student Banking

Student School Banking commenced on Tuesday with over 72 students banking this week. If you wish for your child to become involved in school banking please contact the office for information.

NAPLAN

Students from Years 3 & 5 will sit the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) starting in Week 4 on Tuesday 12th May.

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I encourage all Years 3 & 5 students to be at school on time during these days.

Mothers’ Day Stall

The K-6 Club will be co-ordinating the Mothers’ Day Stall next week. It will be held on Tuesday 5th May and Thursday 7th May. Thank you to the K-6 Club for your efforts co-ordinating this activity.

Peer Support

Our Peer Support Program started on Tuesday, and will occur on each Tuesday for 8 weeks this term.

Students from Kindergarten to Year 5 have been divided into mixed groups of approximately 9 students, with a Year 6 student as the leader.

Peer Support activities will focus on:

- Anti-Bullying
- Cyber-Bullying
- Cultural Sensitivity
PSSA Tryouts
The wet weather has caused difficulties for all schools trying to pick their Winter PSSA teams. The start of the competition has been delayed a week and will now start on Friday 15th May.

School Calendar
An updated School Calendar was sent home earlier this week. It was correct at the date of publishing. Please note the date of some special activities –

- 19/5 ICAS – Digital Technology
  Zone Cross Country
- 21/5 SRC – Out of Uniform Day
- 27/5 School Photos
- 2/6 Synergy Dance Festival – Senior Dance Group
- 4/6 Synergy Dance Festival – Senior Dance Group
- 16/6 ICAS – Spelling
- 17/6 School Athon
- 18/6 ICAS – Writing
- 24/6 Reports to be sent home

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday evening (5th May 2015) in the School Library starting at 7pm. All are most welcome.

K-6 Club
K-6 Club Meeting will be held tomorrow at 9.30am in the Before and After School Centre. All are most welcome.

Mr Andrew Bowmer
Principal

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.

2016 Hills Sports HS Talented Sports Program
The Hills Sports High School
56 Best Road, Seven Hills 2147 – PO Box 657, Seven Hills 1730
Ph: 02 9622 7300 – Fax: 02 9831 6190
Principal: Mitchell Struyve

APPLICATIONS FOR PLACEMENT IN THE 2016 HILLS SPORTS HIGH SCHOOL TALENTED SPORTS PROGRAM.

The Minister for Education and Training established The Hills Sports High School at the start of 2003 to cater for the many talented young sportsmen and women from Sydney’s west and northwest.

The Talented Sports Program enables students to attain their full potential and provides a pathway to the Australian Institute of Sport and State, National and Olympic representation. The School’s Coaching Staff is very highly qualified.

The Hills Sports High School Curriculum provides special academic programs to assist students in coping with any absences that may result from their sporting commitments. Students are provided with maximum opportunity to achieve both their academic and sporting goals. No longer does education have to be sacrificed to ensure sporting success.

In twelve years as a Sports High, The Hills Sports Talented Sports Program has already produced one Olympian and 109 Australian Representatives. 2014 alone produced:-

- 15 Australian representatives
- 38 NSW and 243 Sydney West representatives
- NSW All Schools Open Girls Football Champions
- Netball NSW Years 7-8 All Schools Champions
- Champion Sports High at NSW CHS Athletics
- NSW CHS Open Girls Football Champions
- NSW CHS University Shield Open Rugby League Champions
- NSW CHS Buchan Shield 16 Years Rugby Union Champions
- NSW CHS Open Girls Touch Football Champions
- Bill Turner Trophy 15 Years Girls Football Champions
- NSW Touch Football Years 9-10 Girls Champions

Applications for placement in the 2016 Talented Sports Program close on May 11, 2015. A TSP Information Evening will be conducted in the Hills Sports High School Assembly Hall on Monday May 4, 2015 at 6.30 p.m.

A copy of our current Prospectus and a TSP Application Form will be available at Blacktown South Public School next week.

Mitchell Struyve, Principal.
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

Welcome back to Term Two. This term the Canteen will be selling State of Origin Donuts on 17th June, a note will go home closer to the day.

The canteen would like to hear from parents or grandparents who would like to help in the canteen once a month. Please call into the canteen and speak to Mrs Fogg.

Canteen helpers for the next two weeks are:

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Mrs R Fogg
Canteen Supervisor

K-6 Club

Easter Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Raffle.

1st Prize Jordan Canoy – 4H
2nd Prize Ranvir Sanghera – 2 Rainbow
3rd Prize Duke Sitiia – 5B
4th Prize Jessica Latil – 2 Teal
5th Prize Ivan Su – K Watermelon

Thanks again to everyone who purchased a ticket.

Easter Bunny Visit

The K-6 Club was glad to see the Easter Bunny thought that the children of BSPS where 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.

End of Term Hot Dog Day

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our end of term Hot Dog Day. Without the help of our school community these events simply cannot take place.

Mothers’ Day Raffle

Don’t forget to return your Mothers’ Day raffle tickets and money by Thursday 7th May to have a chance of winning one of these fabulous prizes!

Tickets are $1 each and if you require more tickets you can collect them from the school office. All money raised will go towards purchasing new iPads for students to use in the classroom.

1st Prize – Atura Hotel Package
2nd Prize – Shiatsu Foot Warmer/massager
3rd Prize – Baylis & Harding Body Wash Set
4th Prize – Kylie Minogue ‘Showtime’ perfume gift set
5th Prize – Jamie Oliver Kitchen gift set

All prizes come with a gift box of chocolates.

Mothers’ Day Stall

The K-6 Club will be holding our Mothers’ Day Stall on Tuesday 5th May. On this day children will be able to purchase a Mothers’ Day gift for Mum, Grandmothers etc. The gifts will be $5.00 each and children will have a wide range of gifts to choose from.

If anyone is available to help out on the day please meet at the school hall at 9.15am. Morning tea, lunch and drinks will be provided.

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.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on tomorrow at 9.30am in the Before and After School Care building. We would love to see some new
parents come along to help out with the upcoming events this term.

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**

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 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.

**Silent Auction**

The P&C will be holding a Silent Auction during Term 4. We would like to thank the following companies for their kind and generous donations to our Silent Auction –

- Penrith Whitewater Stadium
- Blacktown Workers Club
- Featherdale Wildlife Park

**BLACKTOWN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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| Tuesday 5th May | • Mothers’ Day Stall  
                  | • Peer Support  
                  | • P&C Meeting 7pm in the Library |
| Thursday 7th May| • Mothers’ Day Stall and Raffle drawn  
                  | • Book Fair Arrives (books available for 1 week) |
| Friday 8th May  | • Year 2 – AFL Clinic  
                  | • K-2 Assembly – 2R presenting  
                  | • PSSA Winter Tryouts |

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| Thursday 14th May| • NAPLAN – Numeracy  
                      | • Book Fair finishes |
| Friday 15th May | • NAPLAN – Catch up  
                  | • 3-6 Assembly – 4M presenting  
                  | • Year 2 – AFL Clinic  
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                  | • OC Applications Close |

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| Tuesday 19th May| • ICAS – Digital Technology  
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                  | • Peer Support |
| Wednesday 20th May| • Yrs 5&6 Macbeth Performance incursion  
                      | • Yr 3 Excursion – Opera House, Art Gallery & Botanical Gardens |
| Thursday 21st May| • SRC Out of Uniform Day |
| Friday 22nd May | • Year 2 – AFL Clinic  
                  | • K-2 Assembly – 2T presenting  
                  | • PSSA Winter Round 2 |

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