Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN

Our Years 3 and 5 students have been busy this week completing the annual NAPLAN assessments for Literacy and Numeracy. I remind parents that these assessments are just a ‘Snap-shot’ of a child’s academic ability which can provide a good comparison with other students around the State. These results will be available at the end of Term 3.

Uniform

I thank the many families that support our school by encouraging your children to wear the full school uniform. As the weather gets colder I ask that families stay vigilant and continue to ensure full school uniform is worn at all times.

The Uniform Shop is open on a Thursday from 9am till 10am.

Mothers’ Day Stall and Raffle

The K-6 Club held a terrific Mothers’ Day Stall last Tuesday and Thursday. Thank you to all the volunteers that did such a great job on these activities. I hope all Mothers had a terrific day on Sunday.

Book Fair

Mr Arundel, our great Library Teacher has held a book fair over the last week. There were many fantastic books on display for sale.

Winter PSSA

The Winter PSSA Teams have been chosen and PSSA notes should have been sent home with those students in a team. Please ensure the notes are returned to coaches as soon as possible. The first round of PSSA will now start on Friday 22nd May.

School Photos

Our School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 27th May. A note and photo ordering envelope has been sent home. It is very important that the photo envelope only come back to school on Photo Day.

We are requesting that full Winter School Uniform be worn on the day. NO SPORTS UNIFORMS TO BE WORN.

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SRC Out of Uniform Day

The SRC have organised an Out of Uniform Day to support our School Charity – Stewart House.

**Date:** Thursday 21st May 2015  
**Cost:** Cold Coin Donation  
**Theme:** Famous Celebrities of 70s and 80s or just warm ‘mufti’ clothes
Staff Changes

Mr Richard Beck, our great General Assistant, retired over the school holiday after 18 years of faithful work in and around our school keeping it beautiful. Mr Beck will be greatly missed by staff and students.

We wish him all the very best in his retirement as he moves to the South Coast.

For the short term, Mr Vincent and Mr Robinson will be temporarily filling the GA Position.

ICAS Digital Technologies

The First ICAS competition will be held next Tuesday 19th May, starting 3:30pm and finishing at 4:20pm. Please remember:-

WHERE:
Year 3 – 3Z classroom
Year 4 – 6H classroom
Year 5 (5M, 5N, 5P) – 6A classroom
Year 6 & 5B, 5R – 6L classroom

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: 2B pencils and an eraser

• Parents must pick their children up from outside the staffroom at approximately 4:20pm.
• Parents, please arrange for any siblings who are not sitting for the test to be picked up at the end of the school day as there will be no supervision.
• Please provide an afternoon snack for your child to eat before the test. Please encourage your child to be prepared and assemble at the designated room on time.
• There is NO PARKING on the school grounds. Only Flushcombe Rd. gate and Benaud St. gate will be open.

There will be no access to Valda St after 4pm.

Zone Cross Country

All the very best to all students competing in the Zone Cross Country at Paterson Reserve next Tuesday.

Sydney West PSSA

Congratulations to Jessika Nash, who has been selected in two Sydney West Teams to play in State Carnivals, in Cricket and Football.

The Football Championships will be held at Camden in June, while the Cricket Championships will be held at Dubbo in November. Congratulations Jessika.

Toilet Windows

After a very very long wait it is great to see our new windows installed in the main Toilet block. This will greatly improve the toilets before the start of the cold and wet winter months.

End of Term Fun Days

Traditionally Blacktown South Public School has held a fundraising A-thon at the end of Term 2, and a Token Fun Day at the end of Term 3. Both big activities asked for parents to spend significant amounts of money.

This year we are trialling a different organisation. Instead of having two fundraisers we will be having just the one ‘Big Fundraiser’ at the end of Term 3 – The Token Fun Day.

At the end of this term, instead of asking families to sponsor students for an Athon we will be holding a special Fun Day – ‘A Crazy Science Day’. More information about this day will be sent home over the coming weeks.

The Ellyse Perry Challenge

On Tuesday, thirty girls from Years 4 and 6 attended the Ellyse Perry Challenge at Valentine Sports Park, Glenwood.

Ellyse Perry is an outstanding Australian Sportswoman, representing Australia in both Cricket and Football.

The day involved participation in various sporting and motivational activities, the aim of promoting active lifestyles and involvement in sport by our female students. Mrs Nash accompanied the girls on the day and from all reports had a fantastic day.

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.

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 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 can help out once a month we would love to hear from you.  
Paddle pop ice creams are now $2.20 each, due to price increase from our supplier.  
All lunch orders need to be in by 9.15am especially if hot food is required.  
Canteen helpers for the next two weeks are:  

**Monday 18th May**  
Harmandeep Kaur (till 11.30am)  

**Tuesday 19th May**  
Helen Wu (till 11.30am)  

**Wednesday 20th May**  
Sandra Green  

**Thursday 21st May**  
Evangelene Thagajah  

**Friday 22nd May**  
Kerri Barton  

**Monday 25th May**  
Kinjal Patel  

**Tuesday 26th May**  
Breamini Maniraj  

**Wednesday 27th May**  
Sandra Green  

**Thursday 28th May**  
Sandra Green  

**Friday 29th May**  
Eva Cheetley  

**Mrs R Fogg**  
Canteen Supervisor  

**K-6 CLUB**  

**MOTHERS’ DAY RAFFLE**  
Congratulations to the winners of the Mothers’ Day Raffle. The winners were –  

1st Prize  
Robyn Herd c/o Charlie Herd 1 Coral  

2nd Prize  
Tahlia Attard 5/6N  

3rd Prize  
Risith Garusinghe 1 Silver  

4th Prize  
Meg Allen 4K  

5th Prize  
Michelle Gulati K Watermelon  

Thanks again to everyone who purchased a ticket.  

**Mothers’ Day Stall**  
Thank you to all the helpers for the Mothers’ Day Stall. I am sure you had as much fun helping the students pick out their special gifts as they did.  

**5c Drive**  
June is “5c Drive” month at Blacktown South!!! The concept is simple… Bring in your coins and the class with the most money in each year at the end of June will be awarded with a special class prize. The 5c Drive will start on Monday 1st June 2015. Even though this is a 5c Drive we will accept and count in your child’s classroom tally, any denomination of coins. So make sure you are collecting coins so your class can be in the running for a fun class party at the end of June.

**Our next meeting**  
Please join us on Friday 5th June 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 events. Coffee and cake will be provided.  

**SKOOL IS KOOL - The Good Guys Homebase Prospect**  
Again in 2015 BSPS 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 our school at the time of your purchase.  

BSPS and the K-6 Club would like to thank the Good Guys for their continued support.  

The Good Guys vouchers will be collected up to 31st October 2015 when the program will cease for the year and begin again in 2016.  

Thanks  

**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.

* Please note our June meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th June.  

**Charlie’s Restaurant – Cash benefit for our school**  

Charles 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.

**Entertainment Books Fundraiser**

Our Entertainment Books fundraiser has started once again and the new books will be arriving very soon.

Take advantage of discounts offered by a wide range of Dining, Entertainment and Retail venues. Each book costs $65, and the school will receive $13 from the sale of each book. You can order a Book or Digital copy.

Order forms are available at the school office, or you can go to the website ([www.entbook.com.au/215g669](http://www.entbook.com.au/215g669)) to order online.

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.

**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
- Rebel Sport
- The Good Guys Homebase
- Bunnings Warehouse – Blacktown
- Mitre 10 - Blacktown

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**BLACKTOWN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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| Friday 15th May | • NAPLAN – Catch up
|               | • 3-6 Assembly – 4M presenting
|               | • Year 2 – AFL Clinic
|               | • OC Applications Close
| **WEEK 5** |
| Tuesday 19th May | • ICAS – Digital Technology
|               | • Zone Cross Country
|               | • Peer Support

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| Tuesday 26th May | • Peer Support
| Wednesday/ 27th May | • SCHOOL PHOTOS
| Friday 29th May | • 3-6 Assembly – 5B presenting
|               | • Year 2 – AFL Clinic
|               | • PSSA Winter Round 2

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| Monday 1st June | • K-6 Club 5c Drive starts
| Tuesday 2nd June | • Peer Support
|               | • Synergy Dance Rehearsal and 7.30pm Performance
| Wednesday 3rd June | • ICAS Science
| Thursday 4th June | • Synergy Dance – Matinee performance and Excursion
| Friday 5th June | • Year 2 – AFL Clinic
|               | • K-2 Assembly – 1S presenting
|               | • PSSA Winter Round 3
|               | • K-6 Club 9.30am in the Aftercare Building

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| Monday 8th June | • QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
| Tuesday 9th June | • Peer Support
|               | • P&C 7pm in the Staffroom
| Wednesday 10th June | • Year 1 Longneck Lagoon Excursion
| Thursday 11th June | • Year 1 Longneck Lagoon Excursion
| Friday 12th June | • 3-6 Assembly – 5P presenting

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