Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**SRC Out of Uniform Day**

The Student Representative Council organised a terrific Mufti Day last Thursday. The theme was ‘Famous Celebrities of the 70s & 80s’. Well done to the boys and girls, their creative parents for helping and the teachers who dressed up. We had some outstanding and very creative costumes. It was amazing seeing Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, Michael Jackson, Kiss, Karate Kid and some other very great characters wandering around the playground.

Over $548.80 was raised to support Stewart House, a wonderful charity operating a school at Curl Curl.

**Photo Day**

Yesterday was an enormously hectic day. Organising a school of over 900 students for class, individual and family photos is a huge task. Thank you Mr Arundel for your organisation of this and thank you to the many families that made an extra effort with uniform, hair and neatness for the day. It was greatly appreciated.

**Principal’s Reading Awards**

At Blacktown South Public School we believe that all children should engage in regular reading at home for enjoyment and pleasure. Studies show that children who regularly read at home have significantly better reading and comprehension and general academic abilities.

Reading, like playing a sport or learning a musical instrument, requires practice. The more you practice, the better you become.

The Principal’s Reading Award is a program where the school encourages and recognises student’s efforts to read at home. This week, we are recognising the first group of students to complete one hundred nights of home reading.
Congratulations to these boys and girls and I encourage the rest of the school to be involved.

Aaryana Ahmed    Ashwin Sureshkumar    Ankon Dam
Samantha Cheetley  Nathan Reveley  Serena Zhang
Nathan Chadaeng  Pael Mallick   Zaina Nasser
Joel Amin  Ishan Dave  Gursahiba Chadha
Ayak Bol  Aaron Pech   Julia Viado
Ukasha Ali  Riddhit Sharma  Kabir Parmar
Fahmi Faridin  Raakavi Palaraman  Amber Reveley
Cayley Menzies

Mad Scientist Day

As I reported in the last fortnightly newsletter, we are trying something a little different this year instead of our traditional Athon.

This year we will be holding a ‘Mad Scientist Day’ during the last week of Term 1.

Date: Wednesday 24th June

(Please note this is a change of date as per the calendar – it is one week later)

The idea is to have ‘Fun’ and ‘Hands-on’ experiences with Science.

A detailed note about the day will be sent home soon.

- **Mufti Clothes**: ‘Dress as a Mad Scientist’ – gold coin donation.
- **Hands on Science Activities**: Between Recess & Lunch Classes will rotate through 2 or more terrific science activities, learning about different scientific concepts.
- **Science Presentation**: Years 3-6 Students
  An optional extra – We are encouraging students from Years 3 to 6 to choose a scientific concept that they can demonstrate or explain to their class. This could take the form of a simple experiment, a poster or a digital presentation.
  I look forward to seeing the creativity of our boys and girls.
- **Cost**: Days like this require significant amounts of resources to be purchased. We are asking for a $2.00 payment be sent to the class teacher to help offset some of the costs of equipment and to go towards the purchasing of new equipment to support science teaching at our school.

Thank you for your support. I am looking forward to a fun, exciting day of science learning!!!

Sydney West PSSA

Congratulations to Delana Kodikara who was chosen to represent the school as part of the Sydney West Girls Cricket Team to compete in the State Carnival at Dubbo in November. Congratulations, Delana!

Zone Cross Country

Last Tuesday our School Cross Country Team competed at the Zone Cross Country Carnival held at Patterson Reserve. Congratulations to the following students who qualified in the top 8 at the carnival and will be representing Blacktown Zone at the Sydney West Carnival on 10th June:

Ahmed Maki, Jessika Nash, Kaitlyn Nash, Harrison Burgess, Akshat Kumar and Corey Handley.

A great achievement! We wish them all the best as they represent our school at this event.

ICAS – Science

The ICAS Science competition will be held next Wednesday 3rd June starting 3:30 and finishing at 4:30pm. Please remember:-

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

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: 2B pencils and an eraser

- Parents must pick their children up from outside the staffroom at approximately 4:30pm.
- 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.

Synergy Dance Festival

Our Senior Dance Group will be performing in the Synergy Dance Festival next Tuesday evening and Thursday (matinee). I wish these wonderful boys and girls and Miss Cremona all the very best for their performance. I can’t wait to see you dance on Tuesday night.

P&C

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th June at 7:30pm in the staffroom (please note that this is a change of date).
K-6 Club
Will meet on Friday 5th June at 9.30am in the Before and After School Care Building.

Mr Andrew Bowmer
Principal

Zone Cross Country 2015

Zone Cross Country is a long distance running competition in which 4 competitors from multiple schools race each other. The race consists of two kilometres for the 8, 9 and 10 year olds. The 11, 12 and 13 year olds had to run three kilometres. Blacktown South competed and had fairly good results, finishing 5th overall. A few people from our school are going to represent Blacktown Zone at the Sydney West Cross Country.

Even though some of us didn’t do too well (I’m included as I came 31st out of 52) it was still fun. Overall it was a great day and I think all of us had loads of fun. I wish those competing at Sydney West the best of luck.

By Rauiri Edwards 6V

Year 3 Excursion

Our Excursion

On Wednesday 20th May 3Z and 3X went to the city of N.S.W. Firstly, we went to the Opera House because the teachers said to go to the toilet. The toilets were so unusual because the toilet paper glowed, the doors were curved and there were lots and lots of toilets.

After that, 3Z and 3X began their journey. 3Z and 3X went to the Botanical Gardens to have recess. We played for at least for 15 minutes. 3Z and 3X realised that bats were hanging on the trees. The flowers were a wonderful scene. At the Botanical Gardens there were lovely, beautiful and pretty flowers. There were some annoying birds that annoyed us at recess and lunch. The teachers said not feed them but some people kept feeding them but then they got in trouble.

Next 3X and 3Z went to the Art Gallery. 3X and 3Z were split into 5 groups of 8. 3Z and 3X had a leader for each group.

Finally 3X and 3Z had lunch and then returned back to school. It was really tiring but fun. I will never forget this day as it was first time visiting the Opera House, Botanical Gardens and the Art Gallery.

On the way back, I drew in the book my mum said I could take. I wish to have more excursions like this.

THE END
By Pavijot Kaur

Year 3 Excursion to the Art Gallery and the Botanical Gardens

On Wednesday, 20th May, we went to the Art Gallery and the Botanical Gardens. 3C and 3L travelled in the same bus and our first stop was the Art Gallery.

It was a hot, sunny day and we had recess outside the Art Gallery. We saw sculptures on the outside walls of the Art Gallery.

Inside we split into groups and saw paintings made with different kinds of medium – Aboriginal paintings on bark, timber and canvas. Some were dot paintings and others were showing stories painted the way we would paint.

My favourite thing was the Aboriginal poles because they were curvy and put together to stand next to each other. Each one was different because they were different colours and heights. (Riley 3C)

My favourite thing was a painting of Ned Kelly. I liked it because most artists paint a little bit messy, but Sidney Nolan painted with straight lines. (Joo Yeon 3L)

The Aboriginal painting I liked was the long one which told you about your life. First was the baby, then a toddler, then a child, then a teenager and then an adult. I liked the teenager because it showed a grey empty head! (Dhruvi 3L)

After that we walked through the Botanical Gardens. We saw lots of different flowers and cool trees. One of trees had the trunk up straight and all the leaves were on one side. The trees had their scientific names which looked weird. We had a drink at the oldest fountain.

We had lunch in an open area near the harbour. We saw Fort Denison, the Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

On our way to the bus we looked at the ocean. Some people saw Lady Macquarie’s chair.

At the Opera House we had a break and went to the toilets. The toilets were cool (ask us if you want to know more) and then we started walking to meet the bus. We had two special security guards to help us cross Macquarie Street.

We had lots of fun!

Joo Yeon Yoo, Dhruvi Maru, Riley Williamson

Year 4 Excursion

On Wednesday 13th May Year 4 went to the City. We went to look at the beautiful icons of Sydney.
First when we arrived we walked near the water. We saw the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Sydney seal, which was sunbathing on the steps of the Opera House. Most of my friends were taking pictures of it.

After that we walked all around the Opera House. We also went into the Opera House to use the bathrooms. They were so colourful. The Mad Max Fury Road Premier had an exhibition on and we saw cars and bikes that were used in the making of the movie.

Soon we went to the Botanical Gardens and had recess. When we finished eating we played. We looked around at all the beautiful plants, trees and animals.

Then we went to the Art Gallery of NSW to look at some paintings and sculptures. We were made into groups of 5 and had a guide take us around, talking and giving us information on the different pieces in the gallery.

We then went back to the Botanical Gardens where we ate lunch and had another play, it was a beautiful day and we had so much fun.

Meera and Jaresh

Year 5 and 6 Camps Final Payments

We are asking for final payments to be made for the Year 6 Camp to Point Wolstoncroft and Year 5 Overnight Canberra Excursion, attached are notes with all the relevant information for each camp.

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 Dobby School Admin Manager

CANTEEN

The Canteen is in urgent need of helpers on a Thursday or Friday. If you can help out once a month we would love to hear from you.

Our Canteen helpers for the next two weeks are:

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Mrs R Fogg Canteen Supervisor

K-6 CLUB

5c Drive 2015

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 grade at the end of June will be awarded with a special class prize.

Money boxes are currently being labelled with each class’s name to be delivered to teachers for the 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. Coffee and cake 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.

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.

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

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.

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) 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
• Hoyts Blacktown
• Supa IGA Doonside

PENRITH OBSERVATORY

June
Saturday 6
7pm – 9pm
Saturday 20
7pm – 9pm
Astronomy Night

OUR COSMIC NEIGHBOURHOOD

An exciting tour of our own galaxy and its neighbours suitable for all ages, including a glimpse at the possible future of our galaxy. The evening will include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes

Astronomy Night

The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes.

Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family
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
www.uws.edu.au/observatory
www.twitter.com/uwsobservatory
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BLACKTOWN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

| WEEK 6
| Friday 29th May | 3-6 Assembly – 5B presenting |
|               | Year 2 – AFL Clinic |
|               | PSSA Winter Round 1 |

| WEEK 7
| Monday 1st June | K-6 Club 5c Drive starts |
| Tuesday 2nd June | Peer Support |
## TERM 2

| Wednesday 3rd June | Synergy Dance Rehearsal and 7.30pm Performance |
| Thursday 4th June | ICAS Science |
| Friday 5th June | Synergy Dance – Matinee performance and Excursion |

### WEEK 8

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

### WEEK 9

| Tuesday 16th June | ICAS Spelling |
| Wednesday 17th June | Canteen State of Origin Donut Day |
| Thursday 18th June | ICAS Writing |
| Friday 19th June | K-2 Assembly – 1L presenting |

### WEEK 10

| Tuesday 23rd June | Peer Support |
| Wednesday 24th June | Mad Scientist Day |
| Friday 26th June | 3-6 Assembly – 4K presenting |

- Five cent drive ends
- CANTEEN CLOSED
- LAST DAY OF TERM 2