Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

The school is well underway in organising orientation programs for our 2016 Kindergarten students.

If you have a child who will be of school age next year or know neighbours in our school drawing area who will have a school aged child next year, can I encourage you to see the office ladies for enrolment forms.

NAPLAN

The NALPLAN Reports for students in Years 3 & 5 should be in the school by the end of this week. Please expect them to be sent home by early next week at the latest.

Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Last Monday we were blessed with an absolutely beautiful day to hold our Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival. The students were bussed to Charlie Bali Reserve for a full day of activities. It was terrific to see so many students out giving all the races, the 800m, 200m and 100m a go. Students not racing were given opportunities to have fun with a range of novelty events including shuttle relays, tug of war and ball games. The house captains did a fantastic job leading their houses in war cries. I would like to thank the parent helpers especially the parents from the K-6 Club that ran a mini-canteen and the teachers for your work in making the day so successful.

Congratulations to all students for your involvement and positive behaviour on the day. To those students that are progressing through to the Zone Carnival, which will be held on Wednesday 2nd September, we wish you every success.

Kindergarten to Year 2 Athletics Carnival

Students from Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a day of athletic activities last Wednesday at their carnival held on the school oval.

Students rotated through a range of great fun novelty events including ball games relays and throwing activities and long jump as well as their grade races and finals. Students and staff had a terrific morning. Unfortunately the expected band of showers caused the carnival to be halted for about 30 mins but the carnival was able to continue once the rain had passed.

What a fantastic event! It was great to see many parents out supporting and cheering on their children.

Aboriginal Performer

Last Monday, Fred Reid an Aboriginal performer came and shared his culture in song, dance and stories with our students and staff. Many students and teachers had the opportunity to be involved on stage.
SRC Mufti Day- Book Week

On Tuesday our school was full with our favourite book characters. It was great to see so many students join in the fun of Book Week by dressing up as their favourite characters. Thank you parents for the efforts you made with costumes. The day was very successful at raising money for our major school charity- Stewart House. Thank you all for your generosity.

PSSA Semi Finals and Finals

Congratulations to Junior and Senior Rugby League, Junior Football, Junior A & B and Senior A & B Netball teams who competed last Friday in the Winter PSSA Semi Finals. A very big congratulations to the following teams that have progressed through to the Grand Final to be held tomorrow night (Friday) Junior A and Junior Football teams.

We wish all our students and teacher-coaches all the very best. I look forward to seeing many parent supporters on the night.

Intensive Swimming Scheme

Just a reminder that the school swimming scheme starts next Monday 24th August and will operate for those students who have nominated to be part of it for the next two weeks. This is a great program to improve the swimming skills of our students.

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition

I wish Heramb Bambra and Neera Bhatt every success in the Regional Finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition being held on Thursday 27th August.

Token Fun Day – Wednesday 16th September

The Token fun Day is rapidly approaching. This is our major school fundraiser for the year. Please note that the school did not hold a Harmony Day (Term 1) or Athon (Term 2) as fundraisers.

There will be many many fun activities for students to enjoy on the day.

Note: Please watch out for the notes about the Token Dun day going home over the coming weeks.

Donations: Parents help is also really needed and we are desperate for a range of donations.

- Bottles and cans of soft drink
- Plastic dessert spoons / Plastic cups / Serviettes / Plastic plates / Straws
- Lollies
- Lolly bags
- Coloured Hair Spray
- Small Toys/ MacDonalnds toys/ stuffed toys
- Plastic Tablecloths
- 100’s & 1000’s
- Good Second Hand Jewellery
- New Shiny Plastic Rings or Necklaces
- Fruitloops
- Children’s Temporary Tattoos
- Bottles of Tomato Sauce
- Mini Chocolates (Mars, Freddos, Milky Ways)
- Wrapped Lollies eg. Lollipops, Fantales, Redskins
- Nail Polish
- Bags of Marshmallows
- Blocks of Milk Chocolate
Donut Day
‘What a Sweet Success!’ Over 500 donuts were quickly sold on Tuesday, 18th August. Thank you to Rhonda from the Canteen and the P&C for organising this ‘tasty’ treat.

Parents using the School Car Park for Before and After School Care
Parents please remember that the school car park should not be used after 8am in the morning and before 4pm in the afternoon if you are dropping off or picking your children up from the OOSH. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Mr Andrew Bowmer
Principal

Principal’s Reading Awards
Congratulations to the following students from Kindergarten – Year 6 who have been awarded the Principal’s Reading award for 100 nights of home reading.

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Camp Quality Show
On Wednesday the 5th of August we had the Camp Quality Show visit our school.

We met a puppet called Kylie who was living with a cancer called Leukaemia. The treatment had made Kylie look a little different but she tried to not let it get her down.

The show really helped all of the children at Blacktown South understand cancer and most importantly, how to be a good friend. All of the difficult questions about cancer were answered and the children were encouraged to be supportive and understanding of kids living with cancer—all of which prevents bullying and exclusion.

The show was definitely packed with fun and laughter.

Blacktown South now has Twitter!
Keep up to date with what is happening in and outside of the classroom. Click on the link @ http://twitter.com or use the QR code to download and join Twitter.

Don't forget to follow the school page @ https://twitter.com/blacktownsthps
Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch.

Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program.

Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

2015 SCHOOL YEARBOOK

As part of our school’s tradition, Blacktown South publish a school yearbook at the end of each year. The yearbook highlights classroom achievements and activities, grade events/ excursions, sporting achievements, performing arts groups and other experiences that shape the culture of the school.

The school yearbook will include 100 glossy pages in full colour.

Cost of the school yearbook is $13.00.

If you would like a copy, please send the permission note and money to your child’s class teacher by Friday 20th November (Week 7, Term 4). Online payments are also available.

A copy of the 2014 School Yearbook is located in the school office for you to view.

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.

Mrs Dobbie
School Admin Manager

CANTEEN

If you can spare one day a month we would love to hear from you, lunch is provided. We are a P&C run Canteen so we do rely on volunteers to help.

A big thank you from Canteen to our helpers - Helen Wu, Stella Ng, Kim Jeffries, Paul Wynne, Sandra Green and Sandy Benson for another successful Donut Day. The children looked great in their mufti outfits and really enjoyed the yummy donuts.

Our Canteen helpers for the next two weeks are:

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Mrs R Fogg
Canteen Supervisor

K-6 CLUB

Fathers’ Day Raffle

Tickets were sent out this week. As usual tickets will be $1.00 each. If you require extra tickets these can be collected at the office. All money raised will go towards purchasing more iPads and mini notebooks to be used in the classrooms.

Fathers’ Day Raffle Prizes 2015

1st Prize – Indoor/Outdoor POP lounge - valued at $99
2nd Prize – Sports cam – valued at $60
3rd Prize – 55Ltr Willow esky – valued at $50
4th Prize - $50 Panarotti’s gift voucher
5th Prize – Hoyts Family movie pass & munchies gift pack
6th Prize – Men’s grooming kit & Brut aftershave pack
7th Prize – AMF bowling passes & munchies gift pack

Remember, “You have to be in it to win it!!”

A special thank you to the following businesses for donating prizes:


Fathers’ Day Stall – Tuesday 1st September

On this day children will be able to purchase a Fathers’ Day gift for Dad, Grandfathers or even a special Uncle. The gifts will be $5.00 each and children will have a wide range of gifts to choose from. Children will be brought to the school hall in class groups throughout the day to pick their very own gift for Dad.

Fathers’ Day Stall Helpers needed

On this day the K-6 Club will also be looking for some helpers to assist the young buyers with selecting their gifts. If you are available on this day please remember to tear off section at the bottom of your note (to come home soon) and return it to your class teacher. Helpers are required from 9:30am on the day of the stall. Morning tea, drinks and lunch are supplied on the day.
Please note that you will have to have your Working With Children form completed to be able to help on the day. Please contact the school office for further details.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Please join us on Friday 4th September 2015 in the Before and After School Care building for our next meeting. The meeting starts at 9.30am and goes for approx. 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.

Athletics carnival canteen

The canteen at the Yr 3-6 Athletics carnival was a success and all profits will go towards purchasing more iPads and mini notebooks for students to use in the classroom. Thank you to the parents who helped in the canteen on this day.

SKOOL IS KOOL

The Good Guys Homebase Prospect

Again in 2015 BSPS are 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.

Kind Regards,

K-6 Club

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 Staffroom 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 the 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 have arrived.

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 on line.

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
- Taronga Zoo
- Coles - Westpoint

BLACKTOWN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| Monday 24th August| • Blacktown Music Festival  
                  • 10 Day Intensive Swim School starts |
| Tuesday 25th August| • AFL Clinic – Year 3                                                   |
| Thursday 27th August| • Global Ripples Excursion – 5P OC attending  |
| Friday 28th August | • K-2 Assembly – KT presenting                                          |
| **WEEK 8**        |                                                                        |
| Tuesday 1st September| • Fathers’ Day Stall  
                  • P&C meeting held in the Staffroom commencing at 7:00pm  |
| Wednesday 2nd September| • Zone Athletics Carnival                                               |
| Thursday 3rd September| • Fathers’ Day Stall  
                  • Global Ripples Excursion – 5P OC attending  |
| Friday 4th September| • K-6 club meeting held at the Before and Aftercare Building commencing at 9:30 am  
                  • 3-6 Assembly – 6H presenting  
                  • Intensive Swimming Program finishes |
| **WEEK 9**        |                                                                        |
| Monday 7th September| • Yrs 3-6 Basketball Workshops                                          |
| Tuesday 8th September| • Year 3 UWS Observatory Excursion                                     |
| Wednesday 9th September| • Year 4 UWS Observatory Excursion  
                  • Sydney West Athletics Carnival                                      |
| Friday 11th September| • K-2 Assembly – KO presenting                                        |
| **WEEK 10**       |                                                                        |
| Monday 14th September| • Yrs 3-6 Basketball Workshops                                          |
| Wednesday 16th September| • Token Fun Day                                                      |
| Friday 18th September| • 3-6 Assembly – 6V presenting  
                  • Global Ripples Excursion – 5P OC attending  
                  • LAST DAY OF TERM 3                                                  |
| **TERM 4**        |                                                                        |
| **Week 1**        |                                                                        |
| Tuesday 6th October| • First Day Term 4 – all students return                               |