18 February 2016

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Class Structure for 2016

I am pleased to be able to confirm our 37 class structure for the year. As of last Monday we had 946 students enrolled. Earlier this week I sent home a staff/class list and school map. Both these documents are attached to this newsletter.

Parent Teacher Information Evenings

Thank you to the many parents who attended our two Parent Teacher Information sessions this week. It was great to see so many parents attend these sessions, to hear about what is happening at the school, on the grade and in their child’s class this year. It is a great opportunity for teachers to start getting to know the parents of the students in their classes.

As explained in the last newsletter we have held these Parent Teacher Information evenings over two days so parents do not have to attend four grades at the same time. It allows those parents, who wish, greater opportunity to visit all their children’s teachers and classrooms.

I welcome your feedback.

School Swimming Carnival

Next Monday we will be holding our school swimming carnival for students in Years 3-6 and 8 year old swimmers from Year 2. We will be starting at the Blacktown Aquatic Centre at 12pm and departing the venue at 2.15 pm to be back at school for buses.

I encourage students to wear their swimmers to school under their clothes as changing that many students at the pool becomes very difficult. Students should wear their sports uniform on the day and may wear a shirt in their house colour.

Student Representative Council - SRC

Our classes have been holding their elections for the student representatives for our SRC. Those students who were elected by their peers will receive an invitation for their parents to our SRC Induction Assembly which will be held on the 3rd March (please note this is a change of date). House Captains will also be presented with their badges at this assembly.

House Captains

House Captain elections were held last week. Congratulations to the following students who were elected to these positions.

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**Student Welfare**

During last year the staff undertook a major review of our student welfare systems. Our awards, the sanction systems for students who have misbehaved, our student tracking system, the consistency of expectations by our staff and our communication systems with parents were all examined.

We have revamped and modified many of our practices and procedures. Some of the changes will be very obvious while others will be more behind the scenes. The new systems will start to be rolled out next week. More information will be sent home next week regarding these changes.

**Scripture**

Our scripture lessons will start next week. This year for the first time a Sikh scripture will be provided for those students who have indicated on their enrolment forms that they are of that religion. If any parent believes that their child is in the wrong scripture group please contact the office.

**Year 2 AFL**

As part of our Australian Sports in Schools grant we have been able to secure AFL coaches/trainers to run a five week AFL program for our Year 2 Students. This is a free program that will be run during the Year 2 Sports time on Wednesday. Year 2 students should wear their sports uniform on this day.

**Incursion for Kindy – Year 2**

On Tuesday 1st March we have the Ditto’s Bravehearts Keep Safe Adventure program visiting our school. All students from Kindergarten to Year 2 have the opportunity to participate in this exciting interactive show about Personal Safety. We encourage parents to show support for this valuable incursion. Please see the attached note for further information.

**Contact Details**

As per our last newsletter it is absolutely vital that we have accurate contact details for families including phone numbers, mail address and email address. If any of your details have changed please use the attached sheet to inform the school office or call the school office to check.

**School APP**

Please remember that our school has our own ‘Skoolbag’ iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our school community. We ask parents and caregivers to install the Blacktown South PS App. To install our App, just search for ‘Blacktown South Public School’ in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Newsletters and all important notes are loaded on our App as well as regular reminders about special events happening at BSPS.

**P&C Meetings**

P&C Meetings are held in the school Staffroom at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month. All are most welcome. Our first P&C meeting, 1st March, will include our Annual General Meeting where new office bearers will be elected.

We would love to see more of our community become involved.

**Mr Andrew Bowmer**

**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

**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 see how easy the process is.

**Mrs Dobbie School Admin Manager**

**CA N T E E N**

The Canteen is needing more helpers. If you can help out once a month we would love to hear from you. Grandparents are also most welcome.

A few parents have been asking about our Hot Dogs. They are available on Friday’s only. Please note they are made with chicken.

The canteen is unable to change large notes.

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Mrs R Fogg  
Canteen Supervisor

K-6 CLUB

Welcome to our new kindergarten students

We hope all the Kindergarten students have settled into their classes and enjoyed their ice blocks from the K-6 Club at the end of their first week. There will be more fun things happening throughout the year!

Welcome disco

Our first fundraising event for the year will be our ‘Welcome Disco’, which is on Friday 11th March 2016. A note will be sent home closer to the date with more information, but add the date to your calendar so you don’t miss out on a fun night with all your friends and family!

K-6 Club AGM

Please join us on Friday 4th March 2016 in the Before and After School Care building for our Annual General Meeting. The meeting starts at 9.30am and goes for about approximately 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. Come along and meet other parents while enjoying a cuppa and a nice piece of cake.

School Banking is back!

School Banking is continuing again this year and remember our banking day is Tuesday! If you would like more information about the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program you can pick up an information pack from the front office. It’s a great way to teach the younger generation about saving money!

We are always looking for more volunteers to help out with school banking, so if you are able help for an hour on a Tuesday morning, please leave your name and contact number with the

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.

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.

P Wynne  
President
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Week 4
Friday 19th February

• 3-6 Assembly – 6P presenting

Week 5
Monday 22nd February

• School Swimming Carnival – Yrs 3-6

Wednesday 24th February

• Year 2 - AFL

Friday 26th February

• K-2 Assembly - 2C presenting

Week 6
Tuesday 1st March

• K – Yr 2 Incursion – Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure
• P&C AGM

Wednesday 2nd March

• Zone Swimming Carnival
• Year 2 AFL

Thursday 3rd March

• SRC and House Captains Induction Assembly

Friday 4th March

• Clean Up Australia Day
• 3-6 Assembly – 5R presenting

Week 7
Monday 7th March

• Pop-Up Parent Morning Tea

Wednesday 9th March

• Years 2 AFL

Thursday 10th March

• Selective High School Test

Friday 11th March

• Welcome Disco

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