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Wednesday 15th May

Principal's Report

NAPLAN tests for Year 3 and Year 5 are being held
Tuesday 14th May and Friday 24th May.

We wish the students all the best. They have put in a fantastic effort with their writing. Well done, Year 3 and Year 5! Please make sure all students are at school before 9:00 so they are ready for the test. This year the tests will be online except for Year 3 who have completed the writing assessment on paper.

P & C MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Thank you to all the parents who were able to assist. This was a resounding success! The final profit is **\$841** which will go towards new resources and projects for all the students.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Blacktown West is holding our annual "Walk Safely to School" day on Friday 17th May. Encourage your child to walk to school on Friday and as much as they can. Please have a chat to your children about the route they take to and from school, the safety rules of crossing roads and how to walk safely along a footpath. When standing next to the lights students need to stand well back from the curb as drivers often cut the corner. When the building starts next door, there will be very limited parking near the school, so walking will be the best option!



BLACKTOWN WEST CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL Friday 3rd May

Due to the weather we held the cross country over two days. The Sausage sizzle went ahead on the Friday and we raised **\$875**. The weather was fantastic on the Monday for Stage 2. Well done to all the students and congratulations to the recipients of a ribbon.

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all the students who qualified for zone. Permission forms have been handed out. Please make sure these are returned as soon as possible.

PARKING

For the safety of all the students please make sure you are parked legally. The police and council rangers will be monitoring both streets: Blue Hills Crescent and Lancaster Street. In Blue Hills Crescent, there are parents who are parking illegally and blocking the bus from getting to the bus stop. Please park legally at all times. The fines are significant and even if you stop with the engine running, you will be booked.

DOGS

This is just a reminder that the school grounds are a dog free zone. If you do bring your dog, it must be right away from the entrance gates. Thank you for your co-operation.

Diary Dates

MAY

- Tuesday 14th to Friday 24th
NAPLAN
- Tuesday 28th
Zone Cross Country
- Wednesday 29th
Farmer/Animal Pyjama Day

JUNE

- Wednesday 5th
Kindifarm Incursion

P & C MEETING

All Welcome!

Tuesday 4th June , 2019

9.15am

OC APPLICATIONS

For current Year 4 students interested in applying for an Opportunity Class for 2020 OC Applications for placement in a Year 5 opportunity class in 2020 open on

Tuesday 30 April 2019 and close on Friday 17 May 2019.

Parents must apply online between Tuesday 30 April and Friday 17 May 2019 at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Any interested parents of Year 4 primary school students need to apply online if they want their child to be considered for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2020. Applications must be submitted by the due date.

- An intention to apply for opportunity class placement letter (located on internet site under the heading Resources for schools) asking parents to indicate whether or not they will be applying. This form will be sent home to interested parents, is available online and will be available at the front office.
- Any parents who do not have internet access to apply online can apply online at the local library or enquire for assistance at the front office. Parents with disabilities that preclude the use of a computer may contact the High Performing Students Team for assistance.

PSSA

Blacktown West will be participating in the PSSA winter competition in netball. The trials have been held and teams selected. Please make sure if you are in the team that you abide by the acceptance conditions. PSSA will start in Term 2 week 5.

ACCEPTANCE FOR USAGE POLICY

This form was due back on Friday of the last week of Term 1. If this updated form has not been returned, your child will be unable to use any computer or device until it is signed and returned. Spare forms are available from the office or online.

PERMISSION to PUBLISH

This form has been updated and was due to be returned by Friday 5th April. Please check that this form has been returned otherwise your child's work or photo will not be able to be included on the website or in newsletters.

STAGE 3 CAMP

Please keep your payments up to ensure your child does not miss out. There are just a few places left. Camp meetings will begin later this term.

BIKES/SCOOTERS

If you do ride your bike or scooter to school (with a helmet), they must be padlocked onto the bike compound. No responsibility can be taken. Yesterday a scooter was stolen during school hours.

<p> Nutrition Snippet</p> <h3>The simplest way</h3> <p>... to ensure your child is eating from the five food groups</p> <p>Try our nutritious Chicken Burrito Bowl which ticks off three of the five food groups.</p>  <p>Together with a piece of fruit and some dairy, such as a tub of reduced-fat yoghurt, lunch is sorted!</p> <p>healthylunchbox.com.au</p>	<p> Nutrition Snippet</p> <h3>The simplest way</h3> <p>... to make beetroot hummus.</p> <p>Ingredients (serves 8) 2 medium sized beetroots, skin on 400g can chickpeas, rinsed and drained 1/3 cup tahini 1/2 large lemon, juiced 1/4 cup olive oil 2 garlic cloves, crushed 1/4 tsp cumin 3-4 tbsp water Pinch of salt</p>  <p>Method Pre-heat oven to 200°C. Wrap each beetroot in foil and roast for 1-2 hours (depending on size) until soft. Remove from the oven and cool. Peel and chop into chunks.</p> <p>Place all ingredients in a food processor with only one tablespoon of water. Process until smooth. Add more water, one tablespoon at a time until the desired thickness is reached.</p> <p>Visit healthylunchbox.com.au for more recipes and ideas.</p> <p>healthylunchbox.com.au</p>
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CONGRATULATIONS

Remember to collect your 10 awards—they can be stamped for a special award. Don't forget to keep all awards with the school tree in a safe place.

**Term 1 Week 11, Term 2 Week 1 & 2
2019**

SPECIAL AWARDS

BRONZE CERTIFICATE

Amelia C
Camellia E
Phoenix R
Nora V

BRONZE BAR

Harmony A
Kaiden B

SILVER CERTIFICATE

Luke P

Well done to all the students who have received an award.

- KA** Abigail B, Tanay V, Naomi L, Casey Y
- KK** Halo P, Isikeli M, Dhanvi H, Vodo G
Taimataiti I, Ria K
- KL** Callen S, Divad B, Kaiser M, Lily S
Jesinta R, Mehreen Kaur M
- KG** Om P, Visita S, Hargun K, Aarav P, Cody R
Kaelyne P
- 1G** Sahana A, Kelvin T, Hayden S, Nora V,
Sehaj G, Kian B
- 1S** Pranav S, Celina S, Kaviraj W, Aleksandar V
- 1J** Cihan K, Mohammad E, William M, Ashleigh N
Navneet K
- 2G** Oliver R, Jydon S, Rubie M, Utkarsh K,
Kellie M, Jedidiah F
- 2S** Jenson C, Eva L, Callum W, Harjap S, Cody P
Pavithra K
- 2J** Zaid O, Seth D, Asofou T, Madeha F
- K-2W** Vishnu A, Aiden P
- 3F** Agam M, Eleni T
- 3M** Laytrell H, Helen S
- 4/5N** Amito R, Nicolas C
- 4O** Katy M, Arya D
- 3-6S** Keturah H, Cooper B
- 5H** Saanvi C, Ved P
- 5/6O** Narjes M, Madina O
- 6A** Jedrick G, TJ T
- 6W** John B, Alisha L

Yours sincerely
Meg Peel
Principal

Holiday Journal Writing

What an amazing effort our Year 1 and Year 2 students have put into their holiday journals! It was wonderful to see 71 journals returned from students who were very creative in their journal entries about holidays, events, plane trips or answering questions from the topic page. Some students drew clever illustrations to match their writing, whilst others glued in photographs, maps and tickets to show where they had been. Thank you to all the parents who have provided their children with these incredible opportunities and encouraged them to write about them. What a fantastic keepsake you will have forever! Below are some photos from our sharing time and some writing from Riya 1G, Elyce 1J and Ramis 2S.

