



Term 2, Weeks 1 & 2  
2018

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## MAY

9th to 11th Stage2 Exc  
Brewongle

9th Stage3  
Choir Rehearsal

10th Recorder Group  
Rehearsal

11th Band Visit  
Burwood HS  
Stg 3 Futsal

15th to 17th NAPLAN

16th Stg1 Scenic  
World Exc

18th Footsteps  
Stg2 Futsal

21st Author's Visit

22nd Games Day

23rd National  
Simultaneous  
Story Telling

25th Zone Cross  
Country

29th Stg3 Hill End  
Goldfields Exc

31st Stg3 Debating  
Workshop  
Kat Nrth PS

K & Stg1  
Responsible Pet  
Ownership

## JUNE

1st Stg3 Footsteps

4th The Magic Flute

7th Stg2 Public  
Speaking Comp  
Kat Nrth PS

8th Stg3 Footsteps

13th Regional Country

14th Newcombe Ball  
Leura PS

18th Recorder Perf  
Opera House

PLEASE REFER TO THE-  
CALENDAR ON OUR  
SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR  
RELEVANT NOTES &  
FURTHER  
INFORMATION

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,  
Welcome to Term 2 and I hope that the break was lovely and at least a change from normal routine for the family. It is another busy term coming up which started with some Stage 2 and 3 students heading to the **Sydney Writers Festival** last Thursday. We should be very proud that the culture of Blackheath Public School is very literature and book focused. We have our dedicated teachers to thank for organising the many author visits and opportunities such as Book Club, as well as the involvement of Mrs Cootes, Mr Morris and Ms Lamond in the Blue Mountains branch of the NSW Childrens' Book Council. They are President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and bring a wealth of knowledge and contacts to our school.

**Brewongle Environmental Camp** is on for Stage 2 this week and is always an exceptional learning experience. Thank you to Mr Stazack, Mrs Masters and Mrs Paag for attending.

**Cartoon Club** commenced last Friday lunchtime and is open to all students under the guidance of Emma Magenta, an artist herself and mother of Orlando and Dito. You can find Emma in the craftroom with Miss (R) Harris. We also have **Knitting, Lego, Coding and Book clubs**.



**Jo Clancy**, principal dancer of Wagama Dancers, workshopped with Kinder last week to teach them the "**Crimson Rosella Dance**" which celebrates our school Aboriginal Totem. Kinder also enjoyed the **Camp Quality** puppet show visit. They attend schools all around Australia and talk about what it's like to be a kid living with cancer.

**NAPLAN** will be held for Years 3 and 5 in week 3 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents should have received information about this. If not please check

the school web site.

Stage 1 are off to **Scenic World** next week. Excursions, like everything else, are becoming very expensive. Teachers work hard when organising to get the best prices and packages and ensure that they relate to the curriculum. I believe it is very important for students to get out of the school and experience the world at large and enjoy their teachers and peers company in a different environment.

May I take this opportunity to wish all Mothers a wonderful **Mothers' Day**. *Thank you to Jody and the P&C* for providing the lovely gifts.

Warmest regards,  
Jane Davies Principal





## MERIT AWARDS

**5-6C** Orlando Aguirre, Connor Oliver, Hayden Crean, Jackson Collins, Manu Fleischmann, Oliver Gray, Jeremy Knight, Seamus Reece, Ella Stacy, Sierra Corkins, Tom O'Connor, Jem Sullivan, Katya Zheluk

**5-6L** Alma Rose, Annika Evans, Will Masters, Natalie Butterworth, Hannah Brown-Robbins & Rachel Bishop Jones

**5-6M** Keira Atkinson, Isabella Longswan, Sienna Macleod-Laschke, Marilyn Munster & Alexander Kimoto-Cassano

### TERM 1, WEEK 11

**3-4B** Lillian Robinson, Isaac Roberts, Sasha Kelly, Isabella Faunce, Max Bailey & Oliver Dowley

**3-4H** Giselle Brogan, Rosie Lamerton-Mall, Tara Mia Clarke, Georgie Touhill, Arlan O'Keeffe, Thomas Curtis, Anna Fergus, Allyssa Ng Saad, Griffin Hunt & Jack Kennedy

**3-4W** Jonah Cordeiro, Lola Draguns, Ruby Dowdell, Ainsley Pollard, Wilhelm Ridder, Sophia Sheere & Charlie Monks

**3-4Y** Ashley Carson, Elliot Eneberg, Xavier Dignam, Olivia Pellegrini, Marley Warren & Georgia Masters



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS

### TERM 1, WEEK 11

**K-G** Lauren Clements & Gryffyn Hoekstra

**K-H** Crosby Myers & Alice Lidell-Kirkwood

**K-T** Theo Araya Cho & Frankie Littleford

**1-2B** Ditas Dizon & Lily Marr

**1-2J** Max Myers & Pascal Robinson

**1-2R** Owynn Hannay & Bailey Curtis

**1-2S** Eamon Smith & Amber Van Duuren

**Ms Bishop** Maclay Locke

**3-4B** Tyrie Kirchner & Finn Wardell

**3-4H** Angel Meehan & Nina Robinson

**3-4W** Liam Milroy & Lola Galloway

**3-4Y** Ashley Carson & Jahzarra Olore

**5-6C** Sarah Connell & Connor Oliver

**5-6L** Leksi Lichaa-Shornikov & William McPherson

**5-6M** Sidney Edwards & Jonah Wilson



### TERM 2, WEEK 2

**K-G** Arabella Slattery & Riley Peters

**K-H** Leese Holmwood & Kaelan Metcalfe

**K-T** Kamalika Chattiar & Jojo Anderson

**1-2B** Lola Brown & Oliver Lane

**1-2J** Aletheia Cooper & Colton Michalski

**1-2R** Charlotte Pelligrini & Addison Sutcliffe

**1-2S** Caleb Cameron & Sophia Slattery

**3-4B** Tavish Locke & Sophia Andersen

**3-4H** Adam Gough & Landan Michalski

**3-4W** Ruby Dowdell & Chloe Flugge

**3-4Y** Pippa Aartoli & Lucas Hodgson

**5-6C** Majenta Mehmet & Tom O'Connor

**5-6L** Tenzin Dodds-Bowering & Fern Rupsuay

**5-6M** Perran Keedle & Greta Freeman Pinhorn

**Ms Bishop** Shontay Hosa & Allyssa Ng Saad





## S.A. KITCHEN GARDEN

Interested parents are invited to help out during regular bi-weekly gardening sessions in the school's kitchen garden. Mrs Lanyon will be in the garden on Fridays from 1:45pm to 2:55pm in 'even' school calendar weeks. The next session will be on **Friday May 11<sup>th</sup>**. All welcome, but please ensure you have completed the necessary WWCC paperwork as required by Dept. of Education, which can be explained at the office. Sign in at each visit, bring your gardening gloves and meet us in the garden!



## MUSIC NEWS



Congratulations to **Olivia Andersen** (Clarinet) and **Jake Campbell** (French Horn) who have been selected for the NSW Public School's State Wind Band. The pair will join with Year 5-8 students from all over the state for a series of weekend rehearsals followed by a performance in the Sydney Opera House later in the term. Congratulations to Olivia and Jake!!

Congratulation also to **Hannah Brown-Robbins** who recently attended the NSW Public Schools State recorder camp in the school holidays. Hannah will be part of the select recorder ensemble that will perform in a number of the concerts in the 'Festival of Instrumental Music' held this term at the Sydney Opera House.



## ANZAC MARCH AND CEREMONY

Blackheath Public School was very well represented, thanks to a large group of students and School Leaders who chose to pull out their uniforms in the school holidays. Our Leaders spoke beautifully and many members of the community complimented their efforts. Thank you to all students and parents who participated in this important remembrance occasion.





# SPORTS NEWS



## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

BPS Cross Country was held at the end of last term in beautiful weather conditions at Blackheath Pool Park. All children participated with enthusiasm and gave their best to a rather demanding course.

Many thanks to all the parents who assisted with the smooth running of this event and to Christine and her band of helpers who served up yummy treats on the day.

Wombats were the winning House on the day. Followed by Koalas, Platypus and Kangaroos.

Age Champions were as follows:-

8/9 Girls **Georgie Touhill**

8/9 Boys **Taishan Holland**

10 yr Girls **Allyssa Ng Saad**

10 yr Boys **Jacob Wooldridge**

11yr Girls **Erin Gray**

11yr Boys **Archie Helm**

12yr Girls **Alana Murray**

12 yr Boys **Jake Campbell.**



## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

The District Cross Country is on 25th May. Our BPS representatives are in training for the big day, which our school is hosting at the Pool Park.



## NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY—FRIDAY 18 MAY 2018

On National Walk Safely to School Day Blackheath Public School is joining with schools across Australia to:

- \*encourage parents and carers to walk to school with their children
- \*promote the health benefits of walking and creating regular walking habits
- \*help children develop vital road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years

hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

- \*help children develop the vital road crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians

- \*reduce car dependency and traffic congestion

- \*reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles

- \*promote the use of public transport.

Thank you for your support.



**BASKETBALL** Congratulations to **Emily Weber** who has successfully gained selection in the Sydney West PSSA Girls Basketball team. Emily will head to Broken Hill, May 29th-31st to compete at the NSW PSSA Girls Basketball Championships. To represent her region at a State level in Year 5 is a fantastic achievement. All the best, Emily!

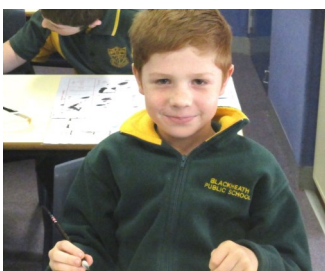


## CHINESE CULTURE DAY



Stage two participated in an exciting and inspiring visit by the Sinofield Chinese Society at the end of term 1. They drummed on authentic Chinese drums, learned how to perform a traditional

dragon dance and practised mindfulness through tai chi. Students also completed Chinese calligraphy and counted in the Chinese language.



PREMIER'S **SPELLING BEE** 2018

Years 3 to 6 have been registered for the 2018 Premier's Spelling Bee. Lists can be accessed via the Art Unit Website link. [The Arts Unit](#)

The 2018 Password is **dazzle** Kristin Hardge





## SYDNEY WRITERS' FESTIVAL

Last Thursday, Mr Morris, Mrs Hardge and myself travelled to The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith for the Sydney Writers' Festival School Days Event. Sixty-one Stage 2 & 3 students were entertained, informed and enthralled by the presentations of authors/illustrators/poets Morris Gleitzman, A.F. Harrold, Katrina Nannestad and Chris Riddell. They were provided with insights into where and how authors and illustrators collaborate to produce the finished product. Congratulations to the students, whose behaviour was impeccable, gaining many compliments during our train trip from members of the public. A memorable quote on the return journey from a fellow traveller: "How nice it is to see boys reading books instead of fixated on screens"! Sheryl Cootes Stage 3 Coordinator



## NOTIFYING ILLNESS



Students in our school are currently receiving treatment which results in a lowered immune system, which means, the students are more prone to getting ill from infections. As the students are not contagious but have chronic illnesses, it is important they participate actively in the day to day school program without any major limitations. A major concern is that if these students develop measles, chickenpox, whooping cough or influenza, they could become seriously ill. I seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.



***If your child has, or may have, measles, chicken pox or other infectious illness, I would ask that you please:***

- 1. Do not send them to school.***
- 2. Notify the School Principal as soon as possible.***
- 3. Take them to your GP or medical centre to confirm diagnosis if possible.***



## SCHOOL BANKING

Welcome back to Term 2. The rewards that are available this term are: Twister Power Handball, Secret Scratch Pad, Sparkle Glitter Pens and Glow Light. Please remember to mark which item you wish to redeem.

Congratulations to Michaela Rauckman, Georgina Touhill, William Touhill, Natalie Butterworth and Lucia De Losa who have received a Bronze Award Certificate for making 10 deposits.

School Banking is on Fridays. Please leave your books at the office before 11.00am.

School Banking Coordinator



## STAMPS

Do you throw away your used stamps? If so, please tear off the stamp and bring it to Sue in the school office for donation to the Red Cross. Money raised by the foundation is used to support under-privileged families in Australia





Blackheath P&C Facebook page is the place to go to find out what is happening with all things relating to the P&C. There will be an up-to-the minute vibe on volunteering, fundraisers, entertainment or random information that might just make you smile. Feel free to contact us if you have anything you would like to share, like or comment on. Or you can go mid-twentieth century and pop

suggestions into the P&C box tucked into its own little nook near the front door. You can also catch the news on the Blackheath School website - <http://www.blackheath-p.schools.nsw.edu.au>

**Specials** start up again this week so keep an look out on the **P&C Facebook** page and also on **skoolbag**. There will be a few changes on the specials front. Each week order forms are going out to let you know what the specials are and each week 363 order forms go out –that is a lot of paper! To save the trees and keep our focus on

more sustainable practices there will be no hard copy notes handed out unless requested. If you want to receive a paper order form you can register your child's name and class at the canteen and an order form

will be sent home. You will be able to download an order form from the Skoolbag app, get a hold of what is on special from the P&C Facebook page and the specials will also be up on the chalkboard outside the canteen.



### **P&C NOTES AND INFORMATION ON COMING EVENTS**

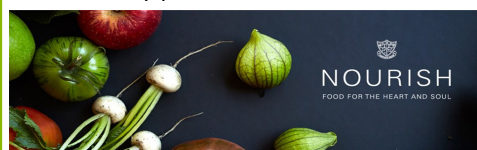
For those of you who 'didn't get the note'. As requested by a large number of parents mentioning how much paper we used getting the word out, we are spreading the word via the **newsletter, the P&C Facebook page and also on skoolbag** (the first stop for school information). Free the trees, ditch the FOMO and get connected.

### **MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE COMPETITION**

Our wonderful **Rhonda Wilson** has put together two gorgeous Mother Day hampers for our raffle. You can check them out at the canteen. Raffle tickets are three for \$2 or \$1 each. All money raised goes towards equipment for the canteen.

### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

For those of you who missed out on the Mother's Day stall you can drop in and pick up a Mother's Day present from the canteen either before or after school - \$6 for a lucky dip.



### **NOURISH: FOOD FOR THE HEART AND SOUL – THE VERY SPECIAL BPS SCHOOL COOKBOOK**

We had a great day down at the Leura Harvest Festival sharing a stall with Megalong Creek Estate Winery – how lucky are we? A sparkly thanks to **Kim Draguns** and her big sis for letting us share their stall and showing us a good

time. Thanks to **Sam Masters** and **Chris Curtis** for spending their Sunday spruiking the cookbook. For every single book, the total cost of \$35 goes back to the school to spend money on much-needed resources for the school. And as for **Megalong Creek Estate Wine** – we can vouch for frisky Prozzante, the Pinot Grigio tastes of apples and pears, the Viognier is aromatic and fragrant, the Shiraz and the Shiraz Viognier are delicious reds that are perfect for autumn. Don't listen to us, get thee to the cellar door.

### **UNIFORM NEWS**

Drop by to the uniform shop on Mondays between 8.30am and 9.00am if you have any questions. The uniform ladies are happy to help. Payments can be made with cash and EFTPOS is also available.



**NEXT P&C MEETING IS MONDAY, 14 May 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Come along to the next P&C meeting where we all get to sit and knit and pick our teeth. Seriously, it is the best night time action you will get in Blackheath on a Monday night.

### **BPS MARKETS**

1st Sunday of each month

**Coordinator**

Leslie 0415 481 546

BLACKHEATH
COMMUNITY
SUSTAINABLE

MARKETS
1st Sunday  
9am till 1pm

Handmade  
Pre-Loved  
Homegrown  
Toys

Coffee & Tea  
Bric-a-Brac  
Retro Clothing  
Records

Jewellery  
Home Baked  
Re-Created  
Books

Bring homegrown fruit/veg to sell on our local produce stall!  
**New Stalls Welcome**



# Mental Health First Aid

Adults, learn how to **support adolescents** who may have a **mental health concern** or be in a **mental health crisis**.



**Date: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of May**

**Time: 9.30 am - 5.30 pm both days**  
9.00 am registration on Wednesday

**Venue: Lawson Bowling Club**  
2 Loftus St Lawson

**Cost: \$95.00 cash on the day**

**RSVP by May 25<sup>th</sup> by**  
contacting Principal Master  
**MHFA Instructor**  
**Jane Armstrong on**  
**0422 363 912 or email**  
**ommanepadmehum55@hotmail.com**

**Morning tea & afternoon**  
tea provided, but please  
bring your own lunch.

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**LIBRARY NEWS** Apologies from Cathy Lamond, our fabulous Librarian, but she has been unwell so her usual informative Library News is missing this issue.



**STEWART HOUSE** Envelopes have gone out to each family asking for a voluntary donation to Stewart House, a children's charity that provides support to 1800 public school students each year. Please return by 18th May, Thank you.

## CULTURE CLUB

**Social and play group for Multicultural Families**

**When:** Mondays during school terms

**Time:** 10am-11.30am

**Where:** Thrive Services  
2 Station Street, Katoomba



**Bookings are Essential!**

Please call **4782 1555** or email  
**sarah@thriveservices.org.au** for more info.



## BLACKHEATH DAY 2018

Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre  
Presents

**A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

Bring a picnic and come and celebrate the historic naming of Blackheath!

**Saturday 12th May, 10-30am til 1-30pm**  
Blackheath Community Hall, Great Western  
Highway, Blackheath



FACE PAINTING  
ROTARY BBQ  
JUMPING CASTLE  
DRUMMING  
BPS CHOIR  
COMMUNITY GROUPS STALLS  
LAVENDER LILY

HOT SOUP  
CWA CAKE STALL  
LOCAL MUSICIANS  
DANCE FOR LIFE  
BILLY BOOKSIE  
CLOTHES SWAP  
PRESCHOOLS

## Bringing Up Great Kids

Learn more about understanding the meaning of your child's behaviour and how to be the best parent you can be.

**Tuesdays, 9.30 am to 11.30 pm**  
**from 15th May to 19th June 2018**  
@ Mount Vic Public School, Mathews Rd Mount Victoria  
Morning tea and limited childcare provided  
Contact Kylie on 4782 1555 or [kylie@thriveservices.org.au](mailto:kylie@thriveservices.org.au)  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**



Blue Mountains Family Support Service Inc.  
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Blue Mountains: 2 Station Street, Katoomba 2780  
Lithgow: 261 Main Street, Lithgow 2790



# SHOOSH FOR KIDS

If your comment is negative, then **SHOOSHI!**

Reward good effort with applause; if you can't then **SHOOSHI!**

If your negative comment is directed at an official, then **SHOOSHI!**

If your negative comment is directed at a child, then **SHOOSHI!**

Show respect to kids and officials. **Remember, sport should be fun!**



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## TIPS FOR ADULTS AT KIDS SPORT

**1. Keep it fun**  
don't take it *too seriously*  
it's not the World Titles



**6. Let coaches do the coaching**



**2. Be enthusiastic**  
but don't *scream* & *shout* instructions from the sideline



**7. Always remember, volunteers run kids sport**



**3. Emphasise trying hard**  
*not winning*



**8. Understand, uphold and support your club's code of conduct**



**4. Cheer & acknowledge**  
good plays by *all players, both teams*



**9. Allow your child to play for themselves**  
Let kids make the decisions *on and off the field*



**5. Accept decisions by officials**  
they are human & *can make mistakes*



**10. Think before you speak**  
*Your words may harm others*



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