



Term 2, Weeks 3 & 4,
2018

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MAY

- 23rd National Simultaneous Story Telling
Basketball Workshop
25th District Cross Country
29th Stg3 Hill End Goldfields Exc
30th Basketball Workshop
31st Stg3 Debating Workshop
Kat Nrth PS
K & Stg1 Responsible Pet Ownership

JUNE

- 1st Stg3 Footsteps
4th The Magic Flute
6th Basketball Workshop
7th Stg2 Public Speaking Comp
Kat North PS
8th Stg3 Footsteps
13th Regional Cross Country
Basketball Workshop
14th Newcombe Ball Leura PS
18th Recorder Perf Opera House
Last Day for Stewart House Bags
20th & 21st State Orienteering
20th State Cross Country
Soccer Gala Day
Debating Gala Day

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We are now well into term and enjoying lots of exciting learning experiences with many more to come.

NAPLAN is over for another year. Despite the teachers' best efforts it can be stressful, but we congratulate all of our Year 3 and 5 students, for their resilience and effort during these tests.

We warmly **welcome Mrs Janine Taylor**, who is teaching Mrs Lynch's class while she is on leave.

Mrs Cootes is leaving us on Tuesday for the rest of the term to spend some time in hospital. We will miss her greatly and wish her a speedy and comfortable recovery. She tells me she has 30 books to read so hopefully time will pass quickly. Mrs McGill has kindly agreed to come back and fill in. Welcome back **Mrs McGill**!

Congratulations to our Year 4 students who conducted themselves so well on their recent **Brewongle** camp. Many thanks to the fabulous parents who went along and worked hard as support crew.

Stage One students thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to **Scenic World** last week and made their teachers proud with their exemplary behaviour. Thank you too to accompanying parents who helped guide everyone through the crowds.

Exciting guests to the school have included **Footsteps Dance** who



are running an amazing series of Aboriginal Dance workshops. The well known author, **Stephen Michael King**, inspired students on Monday when he visited. Thanks you to Mrs Cootes for using her contacts to arrange this event.

In other exciting news **Rob Hume** from **Blackheath Mitre 10** generously donated a much needed 4 Burner BBQ to our lucky school. A big **THANKYOU** to Rob and Blackheath Mitre 10.



Warm Regards, Jane Davies

Preparations have started, sponsors are lining up! It is time to start thinking about what you are going to enter into this year's derby which will be held on Friday 14th September. The specifications sheet will be out shortly. **PLEASE** read this carefully as the pit crew will be strict about enforcing these specifications. Ready Set Go!



BILLYCART DERBY

MERIT AWARDS

K-G Saxon Dzwinek-Cunningham, Samuel Hay & Liam Angove

K-H Ella Kingswood, Alice Liddell-Kirkwood

K-T Kaylee Ross, Theo Araya Cho & Frankie Littleford

1-2B Lily Marr, Mac Locke, Owen Roberts & Sasha Kirkpatrick

1-2J Oliver Easton, Reuben Whelan-Smith, Portia Prendergast & Zoe Goddard

1-2R Addison Sutcliffe, Ruben Anthony, Eleanor Aksman Glosz, Owynn Hannay & Charlotte Pellegrini

1-2S Keison Mehmet, Daliah Kimel, Scarlett Carson, Thomas Fisk & Becky-May Lamerton-Mall

PRINCIPAL WARDS

K-G Eli Manning-Groves & Liam Angove

K-H Ivy Hadjiivanova & Juniper Hadjiivanova

K-T Kamilla Flannery & Maia Bateman

1-2B Owen Roberts & Eloise Hugman

1-2J Reuben Whelan-Smith & Oliver Easton

1-2R Bailey Curtis & Logan Nagy

1-2S Lola Hodgson & Becky-May Lamerton-Mall



3-4B Ginger Foster & Theo Brozovich

3-4H Lucia De Losa & Tara

3-4W Taishan Holland & Ainsley Pollard

3-4Y Lataya Rosewarne & Alton Freeman

5-6C Jem Sullivan & Archie Helm

5-6L Georgie Mah & Leksi Lichaa-Shornikov

5-6M Laura Golian & Laura Becroft

BAND VISIT

Thank you to Burwood Girls High School Concert Band which visited Blackheath Public School on Friday 11th May. They treated us to a fantastic performance in the school hall, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



A reminder that note and payment for Oz Opera and Musica Viva is due by Monday 28th May.

Jenny Lanyon





FUTSAL

STAGE 2 FUTSAL Stage 2 BPS Futsal teams had a very successful outing on Friday 18th May when they participated in an Upper Mountains Futsal Gala Day. Special mention to the Under 9s Boys, Under 10s Girls and Under 10s Boys A Teams who were all winners on the day. Congratulations to **Allyssa Ng Saad** and **Lucas Hodgson** who were named Players of the Tournament in their divisions. Thank you to all students for their exemplary behaviour and to our parent helpers, especially *Vanessa Freeman*.

STAGE 3 FUTSAL Last week 5 teams participated in a Soccer Gala Day (Futsal) at Katoomba Aquatic &



Recreation Centre. All teams and players participated with team spirit and displayed exceptional behaviour on the day. Congratulations to the Senior Boys B



team who were champions on the day. **Myles Paulos** took out the Senior boy player trophy, demonstrating exceptional skill and scoring 9 goals! Senior Boys A team were unlucky not to make the finals, only losing one match in the tournament, and displaying fantastic teamwork. The Senior Girls team went through to a penalty shoot out, losing to miss a spot in the finals. Both Girls and Boys 11 year old teams played some very close games and demonstrated great sportsmanship. A huge thank you to *Simone Ford* and *Jacob Gray* who provided invaluable assistance on the day.

DANCE OFF!

BY COCO MARQUES

Day 1 It all started on the very first day with a looooong... 1 hour car drive. We arrived at Merroo Christian Centre. It was a really pretty venue with plenty of squawking birds. At registration we were placed into cabins and there were seven girls in our cabin. The cabins weren't the best but it didn't matter as we were dancing most of the time anyway. Our first dance for the day was Lyrical. Next up was Hip-Hop with our electives later in the day, where we had a choice of Ballet, Glee (song and dance), Tap or Drama. Hannah, Emily and Seamus chose Glee while I chose Ballet. In the evening, we did a choreography workshop where we created our own dances. After dinner, we had the great "Dance Off" games where we played a series of fun games and battled to win the games and earn trophies. Sadly, none of our teams won but it was still super fun!

Day 2 A brand new day! We got up, went to breakfast and prepared for a new day of more dancing. On day 2 we learned JFH (Jazz Funk Hip-Hop) with "Jet, Jazz with Ramon Doringo (this was my personal favourite because it's more my style of dancing), and Musical Theatre with Veronica. We finished the day with another session to finish choreographing our own dances. After that we had movie night! We were meant to watch "The Greatest Showman" :) but it wouldn't play so we just watched Sing!

Day 3 Today was the big performance! We rehearsed and rehearsed and rehearsed, until we perfected everything. Just when we thought we could dance no more, we were told we had 15 minutes to get ready for the concert. Everyone was panicking, putting their hair in a bun or a ponytail, and putting on LOTS of hair-spray. As there were over 130 dancers, we were placed into 2 groups, and each group took turns to showcase the dances that we learned over the last few days. At the end of the concert, we were presented with awards. Dance Camp was an amazing experience for Hannah, Emily, Seamus and I! We met lots of new friends and tried new styles of dance. We are all extremely thankful for being chosen to attend this wonderful camp!!!



SCENIC WORLD STAGE 1 EXCURSION

On Wednesday 16th May, Stage One went on an excursion to Echo Point and Scenic World as part of our Geography unit on local places, and our studies on the picture book "Are We There Yet?" by Alison Lester. After seeing the Three Sisters we travelled to Scenic World where we went down the Railway, did a 50 minute walk on the Walkway in the tree tops and went back up via the Cableway. So much fun was had by all and we would like to give a special mention to Dan Roberts and Jacob Gray for braving the bus trip and thank you to all parents who supported and helped throughout the day.

Jess Jones



BREWONGLE STAGE 2

Year 4 students had a fabulous time at Brewongle Environmental Education Centre. 50 students attended the camp with Mr Brownlow and Mrs Hardge. Some of the highlights included visiting historic graves at Windsor, learning how to throw spears and boomerangs, kayaking on the Hawkesbury River, code-breaking, building solar cars, learning about sustainability and Indigenous culture as well as seeing and touching Australian wildlife, including a tawny frogmouth, ring tail possum and a baby crocodile. Thank you to all students for your wonderful behaviour and for participating so enthusiastically in the activities. A great big thank you also to our parent helpers, **Mrs Masters, Mrs Paag and Mr Staszak** who bravely stayed with us for the two evenings – your contributions were greatly appreciated. Thank you also to our parent helpers who visited us on Thursday – **Ms Drum, Ms Durkin, Ms McKenzie and Mr O’Keeffe.**

Mr Brownlow and Mrs Hardge



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



STEWART HOUSE Thank you to those who donated to Stewart House. Our school community raised \$263.60 to aid this children's charity in providing support to some 1800 public school students this year.





AFL

AFL/Auskick representatives travelled to Blackheath Public to conduct workshops with our students. The children thoroughly enjoyed these and picked up some great skills.



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

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

LIBRARY NEWS

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to the following students who have finished their 2018 Premier's Reading Challenge: **Miette Hoekstra, Elvie Hoekstra, Michaela Rauckman, Aneirin Mullard-Boehringer and Gryffyn Hoekstra.**

KOALAs

After the excitement of nominations at the end of term 1, I am pleased to announce that the following books have been shortlisted for Kids' Own Australian Literature Awards.

Picture Story Books

* **Arty Farty Marty: The Paint Smashin' Kraken**

Dale Baker

* **Busting!**

Aaron Blabey

* **Chip**

Kylie Howarth

* **Do Not Open This Book Again!**

Andy Lee, Heath McKenzie

* **Excuse Me!**

Dave Hughes & Holly Ife, Philip Bunting

* **Flapper, VC**

Mark Wilson

* **Go Go And The Silver Shoes**

Jane Godwin, Anna Walker

* **Hickory Dickory Dash**

Tony Wilson, Laura Wood

* **Pig The Star**

Aaron Blabey

* **Too Many Cheeky Dogs**

Johanna Bell, Dion Beasley

Fiction for Younger Readers

* **Bad Guys: Intergalactic Gas**

Aaron Blabey

* **Billie B Brown: Billie's Yummy Bakery Adventure**

Sally Rippin, Alisa Coburn

* **Ella And Olivia: Zoo Rescue**

Yvette Poshoglian, Danielle McDonald

* **Ella Diaries: Pony School Showdown**

Meredith Costain, Danielle McDonald

* **Eric Vale Off The Rails**

Michael Gerard Bauer, Joe Bauer

* **Hotdog!: Party Time!**

Anh Do, Dan McGuinness

* **Polly And Buster: The Wayward Witch & The Feelings Monster**

Sally Rippin

* **Sporty Kids: Handball**

Felice Arena, Tom Jellett

* **WeirDo: Really Weird!**

Anh Do, Jules Faber

* **You Choose: Footy Fever**

George Ivanoff, James Hart

Fiction for Older Readers

* **Aquatica**

Lance Balchin

* **Friday Barnes: Danger Ahead**

R A Spratt

* **Funny Kid For President**

Matt Stanton

* **Grimsdon**

Deborah Abela

* **Iris And The Tiger**

Leanne Hall

* **Our Australian Girl: Meet Grace**

Sofie Laguna, Lucia Masciullo

* **Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables**

Tim Harris, James Hart

* **The 91-Storey Treehouse**

Andy Griffiths, Terry Denton

* **The Boy And The Spy**

Felice Arena

* **The Forgotten Pearl**

Belinda Murrell

Fiction for Years 7-9

* **Are You Seeing Me?**

Darren Groth

* **Every Word**

Ellie Marney

* **Game Theory**

Barry Jonsberg

* **Graffiti Moon**

Cath Crowley

* **Maybe**

Morris Gleitzman

* **Nona & Me**

Clare Atkins

* **The Fall**

Tristan Bancks

* **The Protected**

Claire Zorn

* **The Secrets We Keep**

Nova Weetman

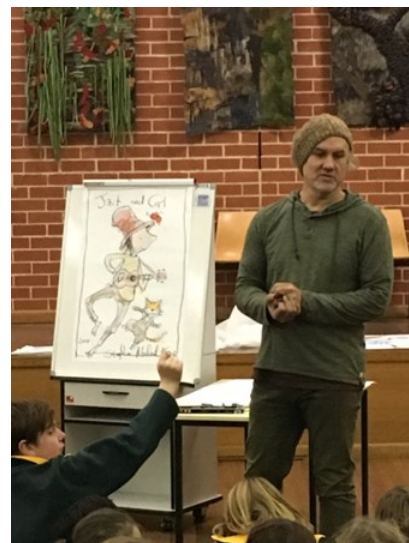
* **Yellow**

Megan Jacobson



The next thing to do is to try to read as many of these books as possible so you can vote for your favourites by the end of term 3. Then in term 4 we'll see which books win at the awards day!

Stephen Michael King Visit



Thanks to Margaret Hamilton of Pinerolo, and the Blue Mountains Sub-branch of the Children's Book Council, we were extremely fortunate to enjoy a visit from celebrated Australian author and illustrator, Stephen Michael King on Monday 21 May. Stephen has created some of our kids' best beloved books, such as Mutt Dog, Leaf, Milli, Jack and the Dancing Cat and collaborated with others to bring us The Kingdom of Silk, One Blue Sock, Scary Night and many dozens of others. He brought some of his original art, shared some of his stories with us and even created some drawings for our school as we watched. We hope he will come and visit us again soon!



Anzac Day thanks

We are lucky to be supported by local organisations that choose to donate books or book vouchers to our school library instead of, or in addition to, laying wreaths as part of local Anzac Day commemorations. This year we'd like to thank **Shipley RFB, Blackheath Quota Club, Blackheath CWA**, and another, anonymous donor for their generous gifts.



Changes to library opening hours

This term I've moved Lego Club to Monday lunchtimes. This will allow for longer play time, as I have the opportunity to set up before lunch. Also the library is now opening Wednesday lunchtimes, and is closed on Friday lunchtimes. Most afternoons, except Monday when we have staff meetings, students are welcome to visit, browse and borrow with their parents. I am happy to help any of you with your Premier's Reading Challenge or book selection when you visit after school.

Keep enjoying those books!
Cathy Lamond



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>

No specials this week as the canteen will be running a pop-up venue down at the District Cross Country. Never fear, the canteen will be open on Friday for all the usual lunchie munchies and other delicious treats and any volunteers who want help at the District Cross Carnival event will be welcomed with open arms and a hot coffee.



BREAKFAST CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TUESDAY MORNINGS

To help kids get the best out of their school day breakfast plays a huge part. Did you know that there is a breakfast club each morning from 8.30am until 8.55am for anyone who hasn't been able to have breakfast? This amazing service is run by volunteers and breakfast supplies are provided by donations from **The Friendly Grocer** (for the milk) and other breakfast treats and fresh fruit from parents (nudge, nudge, wink, wink). We need a regular helper for Tuesday mornings between 8.30am until 8.55am otherwise there will be no Breakfast Club on this day. Please contact **Mewi Webb** our wonderful Breakfast Club wrangler on 0422 951 202 or drop into the canteen and put your name down.

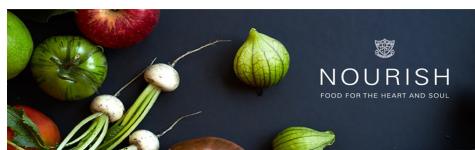
P&C NOTES AND INFORMATION ON COMING EVENTS

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 STALL

Hope all the BPS mother's enjoyed their surprise presents. Thank you to all who came along and nabbed a priceless present for their mum – we raised over \$200 to go towards resources for the school. Big thanks to **Dyani Hoekstra and Liz Hunter** for working the stall and the raffle in the mornings before school.



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

This little cookbook of ours is still heading out into the world. Did you know that every single cent goes back to the school. So if you know of someone who hasn't got their hands on a cookbook, a little persuasion might help.

This is your school cookbook and your child/ren will benefit directly from the money raised.

A big thank you to **Tanya Burston** (one of our kindy mums) of **RA Lawrence** for being proud supporters of our cookbook. Not only did they nab a stash for their clients but they are also selling them to the customers who pop into their real estate agency in Leura.

UNIFORM NEWS

Drop by 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, card and EFTPOS is also available.

P&C
Meeting

NEXT P&C MEETING IS MONDAY, 18
June 2018 AT 7.30PM IN THE SCHOOL
LIBRARY

Come along to the next P&C meeting for the
goss, the lowdown and to see what all that
money from the cookbook is going towards.
We will also be running auditions for cover
bands of any genre or persuasion for the next
roller disco.

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 30th & Thursday 31st 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 25th by contacting Principal Master MHFA Instructor Jane Armstrong on 0422 363 912 or email ommnapadmehum55@hotmail.com

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

Find out more about MHFA: mhfa.com.au



Proudly supported by:



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.

