



Term 4, Weeks 3 & 4,  
2019

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## NOVEMBER

- 7th Outdoor Classroom Day
- 8th SES Visit
- 11th to 15th National Recycling Week
- 11th to 22nd School Swim Scheme
- 12th Leadership Nominations
- 13th Kinde 2020 Transition KOALA Awards
- 14th Kinde Calmsley Hill Excursion
- SRE Concert
- 19th Leadership Elections
- 21st Helpers Morning Tea
- 22nd Soccer Gala Day
- 25th to 27th KHS Transition

## DECEMBER

- 3rd KHS Transition Day
- 10th Kinde & Stage 1 Presentation
- 12th Stage 2 & 3 Presentation Assembly
- Yr 6 Graduation
- 13th Yr 6 Farewell Dinner
- 16th Talent Quest
- 17th Class Parties
- 18th Final Assembly
- Last Day

PLEASE REFER TO THE  
SCHOOL WEBSITE OR  
SKOOLBAG FOR RELEVANT  
NOTES & FURTHER  
INFORMATION

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers & Friends,

Thank you to everyone who attended The **Rhodo Parade** on Saturday. It is a great opportunity to be part of our wonderful community as well as support our fabulous school. It was just perfect weather and lots of fun.



### 2020 Old Principal's Residence

We now have 55 Kinder students for 2020 which is very exciting.



You may be aware that the school residence has been used for over ten years by Before and After School Care which is run by the Blackheath Area Neighbourhood Centre. Prior to this BOOSH operated from the school hall. In 2020 the school will begin using the residence as our Music and Dance

hub. As you would be aware Dance and Music continues to grow within the school and we require more space to store instruments, costumes and run classes.

We are hoping that BOOSH will be able to move into the Music room and operate from the school grounds. The move will involve a new license as this is particular to its operational space. This situation will be clarified once BANC has had time to investigate. As you can imagine there is much to be discussed and sorted out. We are grateful to BANC and BOOSH staff for their hard work over the past years providing such a valuable community service.

The Department of Education owns the building and the land is crown land.

Warm Regards, Jane Davies Principal

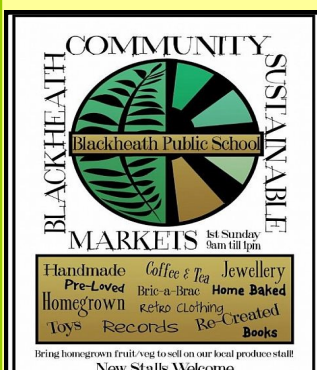
## SRC FOOD DRIVE - BANC



A very big **thank you** to the many BPS families who donated so generously to the BANC food drive last week. Ms Shute was able to transport three carloads of food and toiletries to the good people at BANC. In fact their storage area is now completely full! These supplies will be distributed directly to families in the Blackheath community who are experiencing hardship.

It is heart warming indeed to be part of such a generous community. We hope to hold another collection closer to Christmas to provide some festive treats for those who may be finding life a little tough over the holiday season.

Ruth Harris



### BPS MARKETS

1st Sunday of each month

Coordinator Murray

042 904 1704



## MERIT AWARDS

### WEEK 2

**K-G** Aly Chambers & Dusty Stanford

**K-R** Liam Cashel & Thaonhi Exner

**K-1H** Arabella Slattery & Bernie Windsor

**1-2K** Olive Ward & Riley Marneros

**1-2N** Mia Bosman & Lily Hunter

**1-2R** Kaylee Ross & Liam Angove

**1-2S** Alonso Ho & Aden Hastings



### Week 3

**K-G** Rafael McIver & Isaac Flannery

**K-R** Lucas Gadd

**K-1H** Ruby Ross & Heidi Hanemann

**1-2K** Chance Groube-Piepschyk, Lieke Chambers-Rennert & Maddi Sweeny

**1-2R** Ariela Gabara & Amelia Wards

**1-2S** Theo Araya Cho & Becky-May Lamerton-Mall



## PRINCIPAL AWARDS



**K-G** Jude Ledden-Lewis & Nigel Hall

**K-R** Maddison Pearson

**K-1H** Leese Holmwood & Lukas Wendl

**1-2K** Riley Marneros & Saxon Dzwinek-Cunningham

**1-2N** Mia Bosman & Hamish O'Connor

**1-2R** Ditas Dizon & Henry Pham

**1-2S** Caleb Cameron & Jemima Dzwinek

**MS BISHOP** Kalyan Farrell-Arce & Mackenzie Gurney

**3-4B** Mackenzie Gurney, Phoenix Metcalfe & Evie Schembri

**3-4M** Ruben Anthony, Elvan Hoekstra, Aletheia Cooper & Thomas Curtis

**3-4Y** Riley Nockolds, Noah Roe, Ashley Carson & Owen Stieger

**5-6H** Alec Fraser & Cateana Ewers

**5-6L** Annabel Dignam & Alma Rose

**5-6M** Perran Keedle & Julia Robinson

**5-6T** Giselle Brogan & Will Touhill





# BLACKHEATH RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL 2019

Happily the sun was shining on Saturday for the Rhododendron Festival Parade. Blackheath PS was wonderfully represented by many of our students and parents who participated in the parade. This year we celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing as well as our Wakakirri entry, obviously 'Space' was the theme!! Students sparkled whilst carrying stars and moons with the odd space alien along for the ride. A very big thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers (Mrs Davies, Mrs Tomiczek, Mrs Lynch, Mrs Hardge, Mr Yeong, Ms Blackwell, Ms Nankervis, Mrs Reeves, Miss Harris and Ms Bishop) who gave up their precious weekend time to participate in the parade. The parade organisers were also grateful for the support of the Festival. The hardworking committee has contributed enormously to the Blackheath community over many years.

Ruth Harris



## RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL PARADE



## RHODODENDRON FESTIVAL ART SHOW

Festival Art Show. The Stage 3 students were fabulous chaperones for our Kinder and Year One students and enjoyed sharing their thoughts and ideas about the amazing array of artwork on display. BPS students had 16 entries hung in the show and students were proud to view their own works. BPS was well represented in the prizes and commendations by the following students:

Olivia Roberts	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize (K-2)
Flynn Bagnall	Very Highly Commended (K-2)
Annie Quirk	Commended (K-2)
Leese Holmwood	Commended (K-2)
Astrid Nagel	Highly Commended (K-2)
Olin Reed-Watres	Commended (3-6)
Alton Freeman	Very Highly Commended (3-6)
Emily Weber	Highly Commended (3-6)
Keira Atkinson	Commended (3-6)

Congratulations to all our budding artists. All the displayed artworks will now be hung in the school hall for the coming year.

Ruth Harris

Throughout last week many of our classes took the opportunity to visit the Rhododendron



Olivia Roberts

# Travelbugs

MOBILE MINI-BEASTS

Last Friday, Stage 1 enjoyed an incursion to see minibeasts in the school hall. Jacqui and Tamara showed us lots of different creatures – from sleepy silkworms to spindly leaf insects. The students used magnifying glasses to look closely at different animals – some were alive while others, such as a Sydney funnel web, were encased in glass. There were millipedes, spiders, a very large (but shy) snail, and even a scorpion! Students had the opportunity to pick up various minibeasts, the favourite being the leaf insects. These amazing animals are very ticklish when they climb up your hand! We had a fabulous time and students were able to ask lots of questions about their favourite minibeasts.

Vanessa Kirkpatrick



NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.



## Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

It is also important to arrive on time to:

- ensure students do not miss out on learning activities scheduled early in the day
- help students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- give students time to greet their friends before class
- reduce classroom disruption.

Please follow this link for further information <https://schoolsequella.det.nsw.edu.au/file/51561b22-712a-4e98-9873-6a14eae6cac1/1/english-compulsory-school-attendance-parent-brochure.pdf>



## ILLNESS AT SCHOOL AND NOTIFYING

Please do not send your child to school if they are sick. If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhea, they must not have vomited or had runny stools for a minimum of 24 hours (even if they feel better) as they may still be infectious. Staff have only the best interests of our students at heart when we ask this so as to avoid outbreaks in classrooms. We also have children with compromised immune systems at school for whom contracting these illnesses can have serious repercussions. It is important for these students that they participate actively in the day to day school program without any major limitations. Towards this end another major concern is if these children were to develop measles, chickenpox, whooping cough or influenza so 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.**

Thanking you in anticipation, Jane Davies Principal



## 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

A gentle reminder that all payments MUST be in by the due date on the note. Owing to our Department of Education system we cannot process money that comes in

after the closing date. You may find that the online payment may seem to work as this is the bank's system but the money cannot be processed for that event and will be put into credit for your future use. If finance is an issue PLEASE complete the assistance form BEFORE the due date. You are more than welcome to reimburse us after the date.

## PAYMENTS



## KINDY ROSELLA DANCE

Kindergarten had Jo Clancy come and teach us the Rosella dance. We looked at some different native bird feathers and talked about the way birds move. We also learned a dance about a kangaroo, and had some ochre paint put on our hands and faces. Kindergarten were beautiful dancers and enjoyed learning from Jo.



## POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

Stage 2 students visited the MAAS Powerhouse Museum in week 2 this term. Our day started early at 7:30, with a long trip into Sydney. We crossed the Harbour Bridge and got a glimpse of the Opera House. After we entered the museum and had a bite to eat, we got to participate in a zero-g experience, see what life can be like in space, learn about the US-Russia space race and see how objects created in the race are used in everyday life. In our down time between learning programs, our classes also got to look at the other exhibitions that were open during our visit, such as Experimentations. Stage 2 had a brilliant time!



## THANK YOU

**BOOK DONATION** Thank you to **Jody Lee**, our former P&C President, who has kindly donated an enormous box of new children's books to our school.

**FLAGS** Thanks to **Susan Templeman MP** who donated new Australian & Aboriginal flags to BPS

**AUTO INJECTOR** Much thanks to **Blackheath Country Women's Association** for supplying our school with a vital epipen for our First Aid Kit.



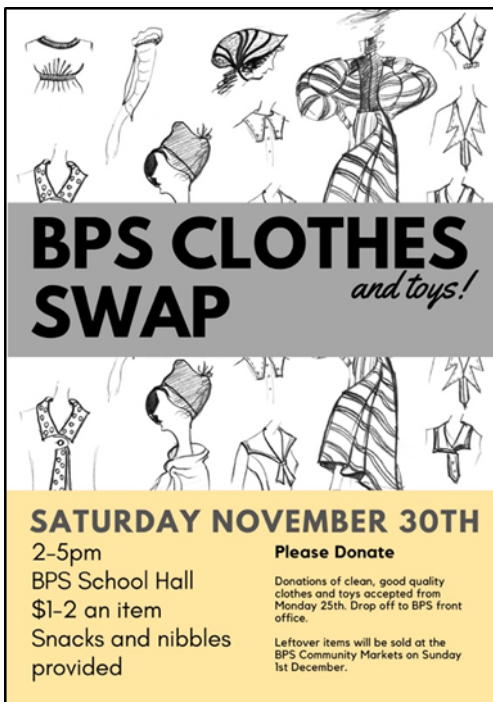
## P & C NEWS

Spring has well and truly sprung, Rhodo has been and gone and here we are in the last term of the year. As you all know by now, we are saying farewell to our fantastic Principal Jane Davies who is taking some well-earned leave to spend time with family before retiring. Jane has made the P&C an integral part of the school and makes sure to involve us in as many aspects of the school's operations as possible. The P&C wishes Jane all the best, and we look forward to working with Kristin Hardge next year.

Jane and Morgan met with the Blue Mountains City Council traffic team last week to follow up on concerns recently raised with Ward 1 Councillors. We hope that improved signage and safety, extended kiss-and-ride areas, consultation with bus companies and finalisation of highway changes will combine to ensure a safe and welcoming surrounds for our students.

As part of our ongoing fundraising efforts, the P&C is holding a clothes and toy swap on Saturday November 30th in the school hall (see flyer below!). Our Colour Run fundraising tally reached more than \$13,000 - many thanks again to Mia Castrission and her team for organising this fun and successful event! We are also looking at holding an end-of-year party. Keep your eyes peeled and ears out for further information. Our final meeting of the year will be held on Monday 2nd December at 7pm at the Gardiner's Inn - hope to see you there!

### Can you help out at the Clothes (and Toys!) Swap on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.



**BPS CLOTHES SWAP** *and toys!*

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30TH**  
2-5pm  
BPS School Hall  
\$1-2 an item  
Snacks and nibbles provided

**Please Donate**  
Donations of clean, good quality clothes and toys accepted from Monday 25th. Drop off to BPS front office.  
Leftover items will be sold at the BPS Community Markets on Sunday 1st December.

We need people to:

- Drop good quality clothes and toys to the front office between now and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November
- On the 30th, sort through clothes and toys from 12-2pm
- Help out at the Swap from 2-5pm
- Pack up afterwards from 5-6pm

We will be selling off remaining items at the BPS Community Markets the next day, Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> and need help:

- Setting up from 7.45am
- Running the stall (even just for an hour) from 8am-12pm
- Packing up from 12-1pm

Let us know if you can help by calling/texting Mel on 0452 217 388



Please join us for the last P&C meeting and End-of-Year P&C celebration at the Gardners Inn on Monday 2nd December at 7pm!

**P&C news and events** are shared via the Skoolbag app, our Facebook page (@BlackheathPandC), on the noticeboard and in the newsletter. **Get in touch** through our Facebook page or email us at [blackheathpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:blackheathpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) Order lunch from our wonderful **Wholesome Kids Café**, open every day. Lunch order forms are available at the canteen, on our Facebook page and on the Skoolbag app. Visit the **Uniform Shop** on Monday mornings from 8.30 to 9.30am near the canteen. Come along to our **Free Breakfast Club** from 8.30-8.55am daily @ The Wholesome Kids Café. We'd love you to come along to our next and final **P&C meeting**, on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December**, at **7pm** at the Gardners Inn.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US TO BE AWARE OF AND FOLLOW THE **ROAD SAFETY RULES** TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN. PLEASE REFER TO THIS LINK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/keeping-our-kids-safe-around-schools.pdf>

# Road safety

## Walking together safely to and from school

Walking to school and back home again is a great way to spend time with your children and encourage safe and healthy behaviours.

Here are a few things you can do to help keep your children safer as a pedestrian:

- Talk with your children about being alert in the road environment.
- Plan and practice your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
- Meet your child near the school gate and don't call them from across the road.
- Explain why the place you have chosen is the safest place to cross.
- Remind your child to **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** every time they cross the road and keep checking until safely across.
- Talk to them about why they should stop, look, listen, think before crossing a driveway, road or carpark.

Young children can learn and practice these safe pedestrian behaviours with you. This will help them to be safer pedestrians when they are old enough to travel alone.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)



### Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 2

- Hold a grown up's hand when:
  - you cross the road
  - you're on the footpath
  - you're in a car park

### Messages to share with children in Years 3 to 6

- Use a safe place to cross the road
- **Stop! Look! Listen! Think!** every time you cross the road and keep checking until safely across

#### **STOP!**

one step back from the kerb

#### **LOOK!**

continuously both ways

#### **LISTEN!**

for the sounds of approaching traffic

#### **THINK!**

whether it is safe to cross and keep checking until safely across

Free Parent/carer Info Session

## Coping Skills For Kids



Does your child...

- Have difficulty managing big emotions
- Act out or withdraw when they can't express how they are feeling
- Have difficulty dealing with everyday situations or challenges

This info session will provide carers and parents with the tools to develop their child's ability to manage the difficult feelings that often lead to poor behaviour.

When we help kids manage feelings they are in a better position to make helpful (thumbs up) behavioural choices and be more successful in relationships at school and at home.

**Date:** Thursday 7th November  
**Time:** 9:30am-11  
**Where:** Katoomba Public School, The Hub  
**Who:** Parents and carers of primary school aged children from any school

For more information please call or email The Got It! Team

4725 9800

NBMLHD-Got-It@health.nsw.gov.au



## Springwood Neighbourhood Centre

Co-operative Ltd

Striving for a community that is vibrant caring and inclusive



RAISING KIN  
grandparents relatives  
and kinship carers

2019

A support group

TERM 4 DATES

Raising Kin is a support group for grandparents, relatives and kinship carers who care for a child who is a relative. This group meet on the first Wednesday of the month during school terms. Come along to meet others who are the primary carers of a grandchild,

**2019 Term 4 dates:** WEDNESDAY November 6th & December 4th

**Time:** 10:00am-12:00pm

**Venue:** Tanderla OOSH, 14 Raymond Rd, Springwood

For more information and to RSVP please call

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Let's keep  
kids coming  
back to junior sport!

Shoosh for Kids is proudly supported by:



Join the Office of Sport, Sport NSW, State Sporting Organisations and grassroots clubs across the state for Shoosh for Kids, the initiative promoting positive spectator behaviour at junior sport. Visit our website to sign up, gain access to posters, social media posts and more and let your members know where you stand on poor spectator behaviour.

**SHOOSH  
FOR KIDS**  
**11 - 17 November 2019**  
[sport.nsw.gov.au/shooshforkids](http://sport.nsw.gov.au/shooshforkids)

