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Term 3, Weeks 7 & 8 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL





Dear Parents / Carers,

It is so lovely to be feeling the warmth in the air and seeing the blossoms begin to bloom as we head into this glorious Spring weather. Please remember to send a hat with your child every day as well as a full water bottle.

Attendance It is important that students arrive at school on time each day. Arriving late to school by only a few minutes can be unsettling not only for the student who is arriving late, but also for the other members of the class. Every minute of every lesson is important, and the expectation is that students are here, on time, ready to learn each day.

Mobile Phones A reminder that any student who brings a mobile phone or other electronic device to school must leave the device at the front office for the day, regardless of whether it is switched on or off during the day. This is in line with DoE policy. The school's Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Procedure was communicated to parents at the beginning of the year and can be found on the School Website.

Inclusive Education Statement for Students with Disability

The NSW Department of Education has released an <u>Inclusive Education Statement for Students with</u> Disability.

This is the next step in the Department's Disability Strategy commitment to improve learning and wellbeing for students with disability in every public school. The Disability Strategy was released in February 2019, and sets out the Department's plan for providing children and young people with disability, their families and the broader community with an education system that meets their needs. The statement is about strengthening inclusive education for all students with disability in mainstream schools and their support classes, and schools for specific purposes.

Inclusive education Inclusive education means all students can access and fully participate in learning, supported by reasonable adjustments and teaching strategies tailored to meet their individual needs

Inclusion should be embedded in all aspects of school life, and is supported by culture, policies and everyday practices.

All NSW public schools should champion inclusive education.

Have your say The Department will listen and work with students, parents and educators over 2020 on what support is needed to strengthen inclusion of students with disability. This feedback will inform an Inclusive Education Policy and practice resources.

Support resources The statement and materials to help understand this are available online at: www.education.nsw.gov.au/inclusive-education.

This includes an Easy Read version of the statement.

If you would like to find out more about this work or give feedback please email the team in the Department of Education working on this.

Warm Regards, Kristin Hardge Relieving Principal

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

K-E Bella B & Joey W K-H Hazel R & Rhys S K-R Jaxon G & William C 1-2B Flynn B & Ella K 1-2H Zuko C 1-2K Liam A & Angus C-R

1-2S Otto F & Jojo A

3-4B Olive W & Owen R 3-4C Cameron F & Lieke C-R 3-4M Liam K & Lily H 3-4Y Michaela R 5-6D Georgie T & Arlan O'K 5-6L Lucas H & Kathy L

5-6T Ainsley P & Jack C







MERIT AWARDS

K-E Isobel S, Cooper D & Jason R K-H Nour H, Charlie H & Lachlan A K-R Harley D, Lucy H & Josie H

















1-2B Summer Hayes, Ella-May M & Henry C 1-2H Dusty S, Carter B & Annie Z 1-2K Maia Bateman 1-2S Aden H, Astrid N, Arabella S & Theo A C























Congratulations to all BPS students whose artworks were chosen for our Wonder Wall.

STAGE 1 Lachlan A, Bella G, Kate M, Eva C, Rafael M & Coco C



"CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD"

Congratulation to our fabulous "Caught You Being Good" recipients.



MODIFIED ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Under 11 Boys Discuss

BPS is hoping to hold a modified version of our Athletics Carnival this Friday, 11th September. Only track events will be contested with Stage 3 competing before recess and Stage Two (and Stage One 8 year olds) racing after recess. Students are encouraged to wear their House colours. (Inline with COVID-19 restrictions parents cannot attend). Good luck to all competitors!

Kim Lynch



YELLOW

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STAGE 2 SPELLING BEE

Two finalists from each Stage 2 class competed in a Spelling Bee competition at school with all finalists progressing to round two. The competition had many nail biting moments, with words like buoy, hessian, transitory, acquisition and translucent to challenge our spellers. Congratulations to Oliver E who spelled abhorrent, to be Stage 2 Spelling Bee champion. In second and third

place were Hazel Mc and Michaela R.

Philip Yeong

STAGE 3 SPELLING BEE, DEBATES & BILLYCARTS

Last week we had our thrilling Stage 3 Spelling Bee final in the hall. The twelve participants were Ginger F, Jonah C, Olivia P, Alton F, Xavier D, Rosie L-M, Finn W, Julia R, Dillon P-G, Ned T, Ruby D, and Noah A-C. Our winner was Xavier, and the runner up was Alton. Congratulations to Xavier on his win!



This week, we had our second amazing house debate of the year. In a very close debate on the topic of 'Zoos should be banned', the Platypus team were deemed the winners over the Kangaroos. The Wombats also won against the Koalas, debating the topic 'Is it better to live in the country than the city'.

Throughout the week students have been working hard to create colourful box billycarts for the upcoming event. They will bring their wonderful boxes to school and run a course made by our teachers.

Ginger F and Olivia E

NEW CLASSROOM ADDITIONS

New learning display panels were installed in Kindergarten and Stage 3 classrooms at the start of Term 3, replacing the old interactive whiteboards. The new learning displays provide a crystal clear display, even when the room is brightly lit, as well as touch functions. Our teachers and students have welcomed the improved clarity and features of the new learning panels.

Feedback from our students on the new learning panels: "When you write it doesn't go all messy" Pippa
"It looks like a television and it's nice and clear" Genevieve

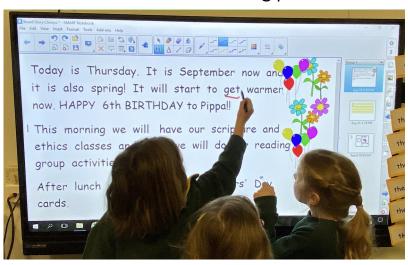
"I like the new pens" Lachlan & Nour

"It came with a pointer" **Luella**Philip Yeong









The Big Cats are loving their new furniture and more flexible learning environment.

Erin Reeves









THE EUCALYPTS

The Eucalypts have been working very hard this term! They earned '15 minutes bonus play time' as a class acknowledgement.

Well done Eucalypts!

Miss Coady is very proud of you all!







FANTASTIC FORCES



Stage 1 have currently learning about Fantastic Forces in Science this term. They have been using a parachute to demonstrate the force of gravity pulling the parachute towards the Earth and the force of the air pushing it up.





Here is a picture of Juniper H showing her homemade Newton's cradle to the Elephants and explaining how it works. Amanda Gillian

KISS & DROP / PICK UP

Kiss and Drop/Pick up Zones are designed for your convenience and for your child's safety. Designed for quick entry and exit, these zones minimise congestion and risk when used properly by all parents and carers. These zones



operate under the same conditions as no parking zones, which means you may stop to drop off or pick up children for a **maximum of 2 minutes.** You're required to remain in, or within 3 metres of, your vehicle. Fines do apply.

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

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.

It is also important to arrive on time to:



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

- -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

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

STAMPS

the foundation is used to support under-privileged families in Australia



PAYMENTS

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.



Play is the Way is our school-wide program that uses physical activities and carefully guided discussions in order to empower children by teaching them how to think, reason, analyse and problem-solve in the course of daily living. We introduced the program in 2019. For those families new to

the school, Play is the Way directly teaches children positive behaviours such as good manners, perseverance, bravery, honesty, empathy and fairness. Students will be able to demonstrate these skills in a fun way with the ultimate goal that they will be intrinsically motivated to make ethical decisions. We believe this is a powerful strategy in developing a healthy positive culture in the school.

With all the restrictions that coronavirus has given us, it has been tricky to get Play is the Way up and running in 2020. However, it's back!

"Be Brave – Participate to Progress" is the Play is the Way focus for the fortnight. It is all about being a brave learner. Children are taught that in order to learn they need to take risks and step out of their comfort zone at times. It helps children to be brave when they are surrounded by supportive adults and peers. So, in our practical games, the children are having heaps of fun whilst being challenged to be fair, supportive of each other and cooperate with each other in order to achieve success. Please do ask your child about what their class has been doing in Play is the Way lessons. Louise Bishop

P&C News

The P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) was postponed last week so it's not too late to attend! Tune in to the meeting from the comfort of your own home this **Monday**, **21st September at 6pm** via Zoom (due to Covid restrictions we are currently unable to host physical meetings). You don't need the Zoom app to join the meeting- just email us at blackheathpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au and click on the Zoom link we send you.



Keen to get involved in other ways but not sure how?

We are always keen to welcome new (or returning!) P&C parents and carers and we'd love to hear any fabulous ideas you have for social events and/or fundraisers! Given the current situation, we need creative ideas more than ever.

Get in touch through our Facebook page or email us at blackheathpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

P&C news and events are shared via the Skoolbag app, the Facebook page (@BlackheathPandC), on the noticeboard and in the newsletter. Due to <u>Covid</u> restrictions, our usual **breakfast club** isn't running at the moment.

Uniform orders can be made via the front office, by completing an order form and providing the correct money. You will receive a text when your order is ready to be picked up from the office.







Safe pick up and drop off around schools

Council, Transport for NSW and the community. Council takes the safety of school students very seriously and works to balance the needs of pedestrians, drivers, parents/carers, bus Road safety around our schools is a joint responsibility between Blue Mountains City services and other road users into the road area.

We need everyone to play their part in keeping children safe. Here's what you need to do EVERY time you pick up or drop off someone around the school:

'Kiss and Drop' / No Parking Zone – What does this mean?

- Always park legally this zone is only for dropping off or picking up children outside of school during the times on the sign.
- You can stop in a No Parking zone for a maximum of 2 minutes to drop off and pick up passengers.
 - You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle and cannot leave your vehicle unattended

How to use this zone?

- When approaching these zones please move to the first space available to allow for other vehicles to wait in spaces behind you.
- Use your indicators so that other vehicles know when you are moving in and out of the zone.
- You cannot double park, queue on the roadway or in any other zones while waiting for a space.
 - You need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to dn IInd

Other tips

- Children need to get in and out of the vehicle on the footpath side of the vehicle. Parents should not call out to children from across the road
- It is often quicker to park further away from the school and walk to the gate to meet
- It is illegal to U Turn over double white lines. It is also very dangerous to make a U turn anywhere in a school zone as you risk hitting a child or adult pedestrian.
- Council rangers and Police can turn up at any time and are there to enforce the road rules. If you are doing the wrong thing you may receive a fine. Many offences in school zones also come with Demerit Points.

Please help by doing the right thing. Remember road safety is about Every Child-Every Day.

For further road safety tips for parents see: https://www.safetytown.com.au/parents/



Primary Ethics class teachers wanted

Dear Parents and Carers,

Invitation to volunteer

We are seeking a volunteer who is available for about an hour each week to prepare and grandparent, neighbour) visit primaryethics.com.au or contact ethics coordinator Bruce deliver additional Ethics classes. If you or anyone you know might be interested (e.g. Kelley (below) to find out more. Volunteer Ethics teachers receive free training and support and the chance to contribute to with class discussion guides are provided. We currently have openings for Ethics teachers in Kindy, their local school in a rewarding way. Prior teaching experience is not required. Lesson plans STAGE 1, 2, AND 3.

moral reasoning skills and help them to make decisions based on logic and evidence, rather Lessons are thought provoking and are designed to enhance children's critical thinking and than out of habit or due to peer pressure while giving them practice at forming and expressing their own ideas.



PrimaryEthics@Home

get topic summaries delivered straight to your inbox. PrimaryEthics@Home primaryethics.com.au/parents. Click subscribe to PrimaryEthics@Home to provides stories and activities to help you introduce your child to ethical Each week children discuss a topic from the approved Primary Ethics curriculum. You can find out more about the topics by visiting discussions.

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School Coordinator, Blackheath BS and Mt Victoria BS



For more information on Primary Ethics visit www.primaryethics.com.au



Primary Ethics is a registered charity and the approved provider of Special Education in Ethics in NSW public schools. t (02) 8068 7752 e info@primaryethics.com.au

hese school holidays don't miss Love Local Lessons!



Future Matildas Leah Blayney, hula-hooping superstar Suzy Spindoll, 8 featuring local talent such as Head Coach of the Young Matildas and Watch eight free, online tutorials for both adults and children, Things chef Misha Laurent, and Pinot & Picasso's Brock Waugh

- Circus Skills: Hula Hooping Soccer Skills: Beginner
- Cooking Beef Burgundy
- Soccer Skills: Intermediate
 - Painting The Three Sisters Circus Skills: Juggling
- Soccer Skills: Advanced

Circus Skills: Poi

bmcc.nsw.gov.au/love-local-lessons Each video is available at:





T INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE Gram for Kids of All Abilities – whether it's your first Time with a bat or you're a backyard cricket star!

Blue Mountains Woolworths Cricket Blast Junior Blasters (Ages 4-7) & Master Blasters (Ages 7-10) Junior Blasters (Sat Mornings) Master Blasters (Thurs Evening)

\$99 for 8 weeks, or FREE with Active Kids Voucher

Head to playcricket.com.au to register!



JUNIOR BLASTERS

ACES 5-7 | 60 MINS | 6+ WEEKS Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and te through fun game based activities.







MASTER BLASTERS AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS | 6+ WEEKS



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JB (Sat morning) & MB (Thurs Evening)

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JOIN A CREW HEAR YOU TODAY 🔍 PLAY CRICKET



















GetReady!BM

Blue Mountains

Find an emergency preparedness or recovery event near you.

Get Ready - 6 Week Challenge

A weekly email from Katoomba/Leura RFS with topics such as what to do in the event of a bushfire, how to prepare your property, what to put in your Emergency Kit, and making a Plan B. Visit www.katoombaleurarfs.org.au/challenge/

How to Prepare Your Children for Bush Fire Season - Belona Blue Mountains

Wednesday 16th September 1pm

Saturday 19th September 10am A forum for parents who'd like practical strategies for managing the anxiety of children

around the upcoming bush-fire season. To register visit www.belongbm.org.au/getready or call 4782 1117

Katoomba/Leura RFS - GetReady! Live Online Saturday 19th September at 5pm

Facebook - Katoomba/Leura Rural Fire Brigade A live facebook presentation and Q&A open to all participants of the 6 Week Get Ready Challenge and members of the community to

Details at www.facebook.com/search/top? q=katoomba%2Fleura%20rural%20fire% 20brigade or find Katoomba/Leura Rural Fire Brigade facebook

RFS Get Ready Weekend

Contact your local brigade or find them on facebook.

20th September

Megalona Valley

Woodford

19th September Bullaburra Blaxland Faulconbridge Lawson Hazelbrook Hazelbrook Katoomba/Leura Linden Medlow Bath

Valley Heights Warrimoo Wentworth Falls Winmalee

Spring Story Time - Blue Mountains Libraries

Wednesday 23rd September 11am www.facebook.com/BlueMountainsLibrary

A Spring themed story time, including a story on bushfires

Mid Mountains GetReady! - Belong Blue Mountains

10am to 1pm Saturday 26th September Mid Mountains Community Centre

RFS information session on preparedness and getting ready. Step by Step information sessions on recovery, emotional preparedness and resilience in COVID times.

Bookings essential call Belong BM on 4759 2592

MOCS GetReady! Kids Quix

26th September to 9th October

Noble Park, Bullaburra, Wilson Park, Lawson, Gloria Park, Hazelbrook or Weroona Park, Woodford

Download a quiz sheet from mocs.org.au or find MOCSBlueMountains on facebook. Take the kids to visit any of the parks to find the 4 Steps to Get Ready. Once you've completed your quiz sheet turn over to see where to collect your prize.

www.facebook.com/MOCSBlueMountains or email hub@mocs.org.au for more information.

Katoomba Parents GetReady! - Belong Blue Mountains

Saturday 17th October 10am to 1pm KOOSH Rear of 10 Station Street, Katoomba Information sessions by the RFS and Step by Step including practical strategies for how to help your child prepare

Bookings essential - Call Belong BM on 4782 1117 or go to www.belongbm.org.au/getready

Get Ready Weekend - Blackheath

10am Saturday 7th November 2020 Blackheath RFS, Station Street, Blackheath Drop by and chat with the RFS, BANC & Step by

For more information visit www.banc.org.au

Mount Victoria Community Picnic

Monday 7th December 4pm to 6pm Memorial Park, Mount Victoria A community barbeque for bush fire recovery Call 4787 7770 for more info or visit www.banc.org.gu

Mount Irvine Community Barbeque

To be confirmed

A community barbeque for bush fire recovery Call 4787 7770 for more info or visit www.banc.org.au

Medlow Bath Get Ready BBQ

To be confirmed

Medlow Bath

Community barbeque for bush fire recovery &

Call 4787 7770 for more info or visit

KHS Celebration and Reflection

Katoomba High School

An event for the school community to reflect on the 2019/20 fires and to celebrate the contribution students and staff who volunteered.

Imelda, Community Liaison at KHS for more

Be prepared for an emergency



Have a conversation with your family and friends



Prepare your emergency kit



Connect with your neighbours and attend a local get ready event



Find a local Get Ready Blue Mountains event at mcrn.org.au

Recovery Services

Headspace Blue Mountains Recovery Service

each program servicing the Blue Mountains, Lithgow

Blue Mountains Headspace Bushfire Recovery Service provides care coordination & early intervention services to young people in the Blue Mountains

Contact: charley.mason@parramattamission.org.au or phone 0438 871 120

Step by Step - Disaster Recovery Support

Step by Step is a personalised disaster recovery support service assisting people across the Hawkesbury, Lithgow and Blue

Mountains who have been affected by the bush fires or other emergency events. Contact: 0417 298 832 or

stepbystep@gatewayfamilyservices.org.au



For more information visit

www.mcrn.org.au/index.php/emergencies/emergency-resources-for-the-community www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/getready for 5 easy steps to Get Ready







boosh SPRING HOLIDAY FUN

Monday 28/9

BPS CLIMBING WALL

Test your climbing skills or do gymnastics on the gym mat!







FORM.

BOOKING

CARE

SPRING VACATION

Tuesday 29/9

EGG CARTON ART

Create fabulous artworks using egg cartons.



Tuesday 6/10 SCIENCE DAY

Make slime and bottle rockets!





Wednesday 30/9

CLAY & KINETIC SAND WORKSHOP

Create fantastic clay works and make kinetic sand at BOOSH



Wednesday 7/10

BOOSH ORCHESTRA

Make your own instuments out of recycled objects and play in the BOOSH







Thursday 8/10

Thursday 1/10

LEGO DESIGN

COMPETITION

Design and build your own

lego construction and

TREASURE HUNT

Hunt for kinder surprise treasure on an obstacle course at BOOSH with your friends!



Friday 2/10

THAI SILK LUNCH

Walk to Thai Silk and enjoy a yummy lunch with your friends Cost \$15





Friday 9/10

COOKING DAY

Make delicious savoury muffins to share with your friends!





Operating hours: 8am- 6pm weekdays.

Child Care Subsidy reduces the cost automatically for eligible families. Excursion costs are included in subsidy.

To enrol at BOOSH, please go to: https://banc.hubworks.com.au PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO SECURE YOUR PLACE!

ENQUIRIES: 0438 099 006 or boosh@banc.org.au

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WHAT TO BRING

A large healthy morning tea A large healthy lunch (kids get extra hungry in vacation care) A water bottle Afternoon tea provided Please wear appropriate footwear Bring a lightweight coat and sun hat

> BRING YOUR BIKE OR SCOOTER!

NUT FREE ZONE

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PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE:

DATE

CHILD/REN'S NAME:

Please circle the date which you would like to book in for and emember our 24hr cancellation policy. Thanks.

Climbing Wall.

28/9/20:

29/9/20: Egg Carton Creations.

30/9/20: Clay and Kinetic Sand Craft.

1/10/20: Lego Design Competition.

2/10/20: Excursion \$15: Lunch at Thai Silk, Blackheath.

5/10/20: Public Holiday.

Science: Rockets and Slime 6/10/20:

7/10/20: Creating BOOSH Orchestra.

8/10/20: Obstacle Treasure Hunt with Kinder Surprise.

9/10/20: Cookery making Savoury Muffins.