

**Term 4,
Weeks 7 & 8,
2020**

**LAST DAY OF
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**FIRST DAY OF
SCHOOL 2021
FRID JAN 29**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents / Carers, Welcome to our final newsletter of 2020.

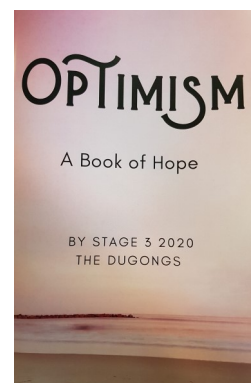
This year has certainly been a reflective and memorable one.

Amidst the stressors of the COVID-19 pandemic our school community has remained strongly united and our staff steadfast in their dedication and desire to provide the best possible experiences for our students. Our students have demonstrated their resilience and reminded us of how to positively look into the future with hope and determination.

Firstly, I wish to thank the staff at BPS. Sue, Rhonda and Janette in the office have managed admirably on the frontline under rapidly changing circumstances for much of the year and have been a tremendous support to both myself and the school community. Our Student Learning Support Officers have supported many students and teachers across the school and quickly adapted to working under different circumstances for much of the year. Our GA's Tom and David have done a remarkable job keeping our school grounds hazard free. Rhonda, and then Bronwyn and Nicole, our cleaning staff, have worked tirelessly to ensure our health and safety through their diligence in cleaning and hygiene. I'd like to thank Ms Sunderland, our School Counsellor, for her tireless commitment to supporting our students and teachers. Finally, I express my gratitude to the teaching staff who have proven to be innovative and flexible and their passion to provide the best possible learning experiences for students has shone through. Even at the height of the pandemic, teachers continued to dedicate themselves to the high-quality provision of learning experiences, putting aside personal anxieties and fears. I thank all staff for their dedication and commitment to making BPS the great school it is.

I also wish to extend a very big thank you to the outgoing and new P&C Committee for their support this year. I have really appreciated your positivity and tremendous efforts throughout the year. A massive thank you Chris, Dyani, Ylva and Liz for your ongoing efforts in providing such a wonderful service to our school community through the school canteen. Not only have you managed to run the canteen volunteer-free for most of the year, but you have done it with finesse and good humour. Your provision of over 1000 cupcakes to students for birthday celebrations is amazing and has made many children (and their parents) very happy. A very big thank you to Justine, Mel and Liz for managing the supply of uniforms under different and challenging circumstances this year. Your can-do attitude and flexibility have really made things run smoothly.

In other news, the Dugongs class (S3) has created and published an amazing poetry book called 'Optimism.' This poetry book reflects the thoughts and feelings of the students after a challenging year. The best part is that all profits will be going to Beyond Blue. This wonderful organisation provides information and support to help all Australians achieve their best possible mental health. You can purchase a copy from the school office for \$10. A huge thank you to Mr Dodds and the Dugongs for taking the time and putting in the effort to make such a wonderful publication.



In exciting news, I have the very great pleasure to announce our 2021 leadership team. Congratulations to these incoming leaders. I am sure you will fulfil your roles on the leadership team admirably and look forward to watching you grow in your leadership roles next year.

Captains: **Georgie T and Thomas C**

Vice Captains: **Aroha C and Hamish S**

Prefects: **Evie S, Alton F, Amber S, Cody S**

Keep your eyes peeled for the continuing

roll out of dance videos recorded in lieu of our Open Day. A very big thank you to Mr Dodds and Mr Musgrave for filming and editing these videos showcasing the talents of the students at BPS.

As the weather continues to warm up and as we head into the Summer season, we strongly encourage all students to wear a broad brimmed or legionnaires hat at school. These hat styles provide extra coverage and assist in keeping our students safe. All classrooms are equipped with sunscreen and we encourage all students to come to school wearing sunscreen and with a full water bottle to start the day. At this time of the year, many students and families may be casting their thoughts to 2021. All students have participated in a transition program to sample what school might be like next year. Planning for a new school year is always a complicated business and teachers take great care and consideration in class placements. Our school has 340 students and we place each student based on their academic, social and emotional needs. Please be secure in the knowledge that a great deal of thought and communication between teachers takes place when forming classes. Unfortunately, it is not possible to accommodate individual requests for class placement.

As I reflect on my year as Relieving Principal at BPS, I am eternally grateful for having been given this opportunity to support our great public education system. Through the trials and tribulations of 2020, I have felt extremely privileged to have led this great school community. I wish all families a very safe, peaceful holiday season where good health, happiness and positivity are celebrated.

Thank you for your continued support of Public Education.

Warm Regards,

Kristin Hardge

Relieving Principal



PRINCIPAL AWARDS



3-4B Charlie E & Amelia H

3-4C Lieke C-R & Oliver D

3-4M Liam K & Sophia S

3-4Y Thomas H & Ditas D

5-6D Lucas T &

Julia R

5-6L Sam S &

Noah A-C

5-6T Landan M &

Dylan C

K-E Isobel S & Olive W

K-H Pippa P & Nour H

1-2H Juniper H & Henry L

1-2K Angus C-R, & Abigail G

1-2S Aden H & Heidi H



LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS

On Tuesday 17 November, 20 Year 5 students addressed the school in an effort to be elected to the Blackheath Public School Leadership Team for 2021. All candidates presented wonderful speeches addressing the qualities they possess that would make them a great leader at BPS. We would have been very fortunate to have any of these students on the 2021 team. After the speeches all students in Years 1 – 6 voted for who they would like to see on the Leadership Team. Well done to all students who stood for leadership and congratulations to our 2021 team.

School Captains: *Thomas C and Georgie T*

Vice Captains: *Hamish S and Aroha C*

Prefects: *Alton F, Cody S and Amber S*



MERIT AWARDS



K-E Rafael M, Cooper D & Bella B

K-H Lachlan D, Bella G, Lachlan A
& Nour H

K-R Harley D, Jaxon G, Kate M & Lily K

1-2B Charlie T

1-2H Lauren C, Rafael Mc & Glenn R

1-2K Lucy W, Kamalika C & Alisa C

1-2S Otto F & Jojo A

Our Wonder Wall

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

STAGE 1

Henry C, Samuel H, Juniper H, Riley P, Arabella S, Crosby M, Lucy W & Audrey F



STAGE 3

Angie C, Riley N, Evie S, Julia R, Arlan O'K, Georgia C, Sophia A, Sophie A & Finn W



“CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD”

Congratulations to our fabulous “Caught You Being Good” recipients.



NAIDOC ASSEMBLY

To celebrate NAIDOC week we held our first whole school assembly in a long while—safely outside and socially distanced. We were honoured to have two special guests: Aunty Carol Cooper and Charmaine Ledden-Guy, who both spoke inspiring and painted some vivid images in our minds. 'Always was, always will be' is the NAIDOC theme for 2020, and this was brought to life for us when Charmaine took us on a journey through time, right where we sat. A magical moment was appreciated by all when our school totem, the crimson rosella, flew straight past Charmaine as she spoke. Another special moment was Jude L-L in year 1, giving his first acknowledgement of country. We look forward to hearing many more in his bright future!

A huge congratulations to the whole school community, for having raised \$315 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation on our NAIDOC mufti day. This is especially important this year, as we were not able to hold our Annual Great Book Swap to contribute to the ILF.

Thank you all.

Kind Regards,
Cathy Lamond



**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**



ART WORK



Unfortunately the Annual Rhododendron Festival Art Show was cancelled this year due to Covid-19, and we were unable to enter student's artwork. Instead we now have our very own Blackheath Public School mini-collection on display in the hall. These artworks will be exhibited in our hall for the next 12 months. A very big thank you to Mr Garry Trezise (Ivy and Juniper's granddad), who generously offered to cut all of the mats for the frames.

Congratulations to the following students on having your work selected to be framed and displayed:

Early Stage 1 – Audrey O'H, Clara H, Luella J, Sylvie W

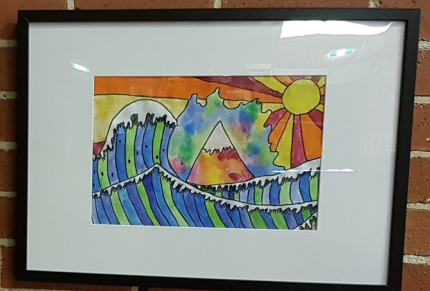
Stage 1 – (Winners not for publication)

Stage 2 – Pieta D, Lily M, Indigo M, Aletheia C

Stage 3 – Ginger F, Julia R, Nina R, Alex L

Well done to all our fabulous artists!

Ruth Harris

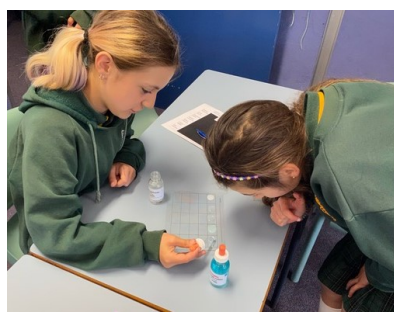
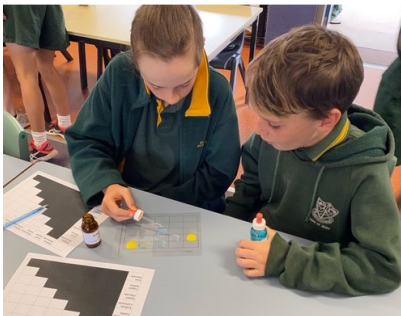




The Youth Shoebox Project has been a resounding success. On Friday it took a team of staff to help Charlie in Kindergarten carry the last boxes out to her mum's car. Thank you Krystal for carting all the gifts down to Springwood for us. There was a wonderful response from the school community. I lost count eventually but there were between 40 and 50 beautifully wrapped boxes sent into school. Thank you so much to you and your children for the generosity you have shown to other children this Christmas. Although the last day was Friday, we have received a couple more boxes which will be taken to Springwood in the next couple of days. Many thanks again,
Louise Bishop and the Staff at Blackheath

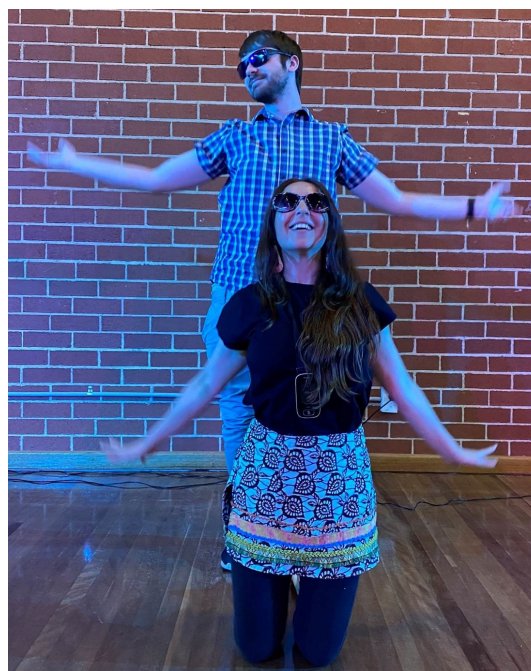
HIGH SCHOOL VISIT

On Wednesday November 25, Year 6 were fortunate to welcome two teachers from Katoomba High School, Mr Hoyle (science teacher) and Mr Boothroyd (Year 7 advisor and PE teacher), to sample a little taste of high school lessons. Students mixed substances and observed reactions that occurred and participated in a number of team games. We thank both Mr Hoyle and Mr Boothroyd for their time, we had a lot of fun.





STAGE 2 INDIAN



On Thursday 12th November, Stage 2 experienced an Indian immersion day. The day began with India's favourite game, cricket! Students participated in skills based drills and some even played a quick game. We returned to the classroom to listen to a podcast on Diwali, the festival of lights and then took part in a quick quiz to show what we had learnt. Students began to colour in rangoli patterns – a symbol of good fortune. After recess the students enjoyed a Bollywood dance class with Emily from Hands, Heart and Feet. Some promising dancers shimmied their way across the dance floor, sunglasses and all. Next we drew the intricate designs typical of henna and associated with celebration and beauty. The students created a variety of henna designs and were then ready for lunch, an inviting Indian feast lovingly prepared by the Wholesome Kids Café. After lunch and a run around in the sunshine we came back to the classroom to watch some clips on Indian culture and finished the day with a delicious sweet rice dessert.

Student quotes:

"I really enjoyed the Bollywood dancing. My favourite move was the driving a car move." - **Liam K**

"I really enjoyed the music in the Bollywood dancing." - **Sophia S**

"I really enjoyed when you got to eat different kinds of food." - **Lieke C-R**

"I liked the quiz because I got to learn more things!" - **Aletheia C**

"One thing I learnt was how cricket can bring people together and it is popular in India." - **Owen R**

"The immersion day was a fun, unique way to learn because we got to interact and experience some of the traditions." - **Michaela R**

"I enjoyed learning the Bollywood dancing and being involved rather than just watching it like when you watch a movie" - **Becky L-M**

"I really enjoyed the lunch, it was really delicious, especially the curry" - **Ruben A**



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

STAMPS



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.

MEDLOW BATH RURAL FIRE BRIGADE JUNIORS JUNIOR

Congratulations to BPS student Natalia T who was presented with this award, chosen by the juniors in the Medlow Bath Rural Fire Brigade for the junior they feel brings the most to the team in every aspect. Natalia received this for her



commitment, ability to be a team player and great attitude to training. (Natalia was also behind the fundraiser for junior brigade uniforms).

Well done Natalia!



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 deliver additional Ethics classes. If you or anyone you know might be interested (e.g. grandparent, neighbour) visit primaryethics.com.au or contact ethics coordinator Bruce Kelley (below) to find out more.

Volunteer Ethics teachers receive free training and support and the chance to contribute to their local school in a rewarding way. Prior teaching experience is not required. Lesson plans with class discussion guides are provided. We currently have openings for Ethics teachers in Kindy, STAGE 1, 2, AND 3.

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



PrimaryEthics@Home

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

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School Coordinator, Blackheath PS and Mt Victoria PS



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

ARCHER & HOBBS

BACK TO SCHOOL

10% OFF SHOES FOR 2021

Simply present this flyer or tell us in store which local school you are from to receive a 10% discount. We carry all the best brands including ROC's and Grosby's.

Open: Wednesday to Sunday - 10am to 6pm

E: info@archerandhobb.com.au W: archerandhobb.com.au
A: Shop 9 / 1-13 Katoomba St, Katoomba NSW 2780 Australia

R&W FRIDAY FOOD HAMPER COLLECTION

On behalf of BANC and St Vincents we are collecting non-perishable food items each FRIDAY that will be distributed for Christmas to members of our community who need it the most.

To donate please visit our office:
28 Govetts Leap Road, Blackheath

Thank you!



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SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN

Thursday 17/12

CHRISTMAS COOKING

Cook some yummy Christmas treats!



Friday 18/12

CHRISTMAS PARTY EXCURSION

Party at 12.30pm at the Rocket Park to celebrate Christmas!



Monday 4/1 CLAY WORKSHOP

Get messy and have some fun making clay craft! At BOOSH



Tuesday 5/1 SLIME & EXPLOSIVES



Make slime and practice fun science experiments!



Wednesday 6/1 WATER GAMES & WHEELS DAY



Bring swimmers, a towel and your bike or scooter. Helmets are essential.



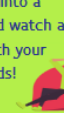
Thursday 7/1 ROCKET PARK EXCURSION \$15

Let's all have a yummy BBQ lunch at the park! Travel by foot.



Friday 8/1 MOVIE DAY WITH POPCORN

Snuggle into a beanbag and watch a movie with your friends!



Monday 11/1 COOKING FOR AFTERNOON TEA

Make pizzas and muffins for afternoon tea!



Tuesday 12/1 REVERSE GARBAGE INCURSION \$30 SCHOOL HALL

Make awesome craft from recycled objects!



Wednesday 13/1 EGG CARTON MONSTER CRAFT CHALLENGE

Make cool monster creations out of egg cartons with your friends!



Thursday 14/1 CULTURE CLUB INCURSION \$30 SCHOOL HALL

Explore France, South Korea, Mexico & the USA through drama, music & movement.



Friday 15/1 CLIMBING WALL CHALLENGE

Use your climbing skills and have fun playing on the Blackheath School play equipment.



Monday 18/1 YOGA & MINDFULNESS

Relax and unwind exploring yoga & mindfulness meditation practices.



Tuesday 19/1 SLIP 'n' SLIDE WATER ACTIVITIES

Bring swimmers and a towel!



Wednesday 20/1 OIL PASTEL SELF PORTRAITS

Draw yourself using a mirror!



Thursday 21/1 BUILD-A-MIND LEGO CODING \$30 INCURSION AT BOOSH

Learn to code!



Friday 22/1 WHEELS & SPORTS DAY

Bring a bike or scooter and have a fun day riding around! Helmets are essential. At BOOSH



Monday 25/1 LEGO DESIGN CHALLENGE

Create cool Lego designs with your friends!



Tuesday 26/1 PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 27/1 OUTDOOR TREASURE HUNT



Find yummy treasure and win prizes!

Thursday 28/1 YEE-HA! LINE-DANCING EXTRAVAGANZA!



VACATION CARE INFORMATION

Fees:

\$52.00 per day.

\$15.00-\$30.00 extra for excursion/incursion days.

Excursion and incursion costs are now included in the Child Care Subsidy.

Child Care Subsidy reduces the cost automatically for eligible families

Please arrive at BOOSH by 9am on excursion days.

ANY ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL BOOSH ON 0438 099 006

To enrol in Vacation Care, please go to:

<https://banc.hubworks.com.au>

WHAT TO BRING

A large healthy morning tea

A large healthy lunch

(kids get extra hungry in vacation care)

A drink

Afternoon tea provided

Appropriate footwear for walking and playing

A sun hat & light, long sleeved shirt

BOOSH is a nut free zone

SUMMER VACATION CARE BOOKING FORM 2021.

Child/ren's Name:

Parent/Carer Signature:

Date:

Dear Parents,

Please circle the dates required and please be mindful of our 24hr cancellation policy to avoid paying fees should you need to cancel a booking.

17/12/20: Christmas cookery and activities.

18/12/20: **Christmas Party**; Fish and Chips for lunch at Rocket Park @ 12.30pm.

4/1/21: Clay Workshop.

5/1/21: Slime and Science.

6/1/21: Water Sports/ Bikes and Wheels.

7/1/21: **Excursion. \$15.** BBQ at Rocket Park.

8/1/21: Movie Day.

11/1/21: Cookery: Pizza Muffins.

12/1/21: **Incursion; School Hall. \$30.** Reverse Garbage craft.

13/1/21: Egg carton Construction.

14/1/21: **Incursion; School Hall. \$30.** Culture Club.

15/1/21: Climbing Wall.

18/1/21: Yoga/Meditation.

19/1/21: Water games.

20/1/21: Self portrait/Pastel drawing.

21/1/21: **Incursion Boosh, \$30.** Build a Mind Lego and Science.

22/1/21: Bikes and Wheels Sports day.

25/1/21: Lego Design Challenge.

27/1/21: Outdoor Treasure Hunt.

28/1/21: Line Dancing.