

## Term 1, Weeks 3 & 4, 2021

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### TERM 1

#### FEBRUARY

- 18th Scripture/Ethics begins
- 19th PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival
- 22nd Meet the Teacher

#### MARCH

- 5th BPS Clean Up Australia Day
- 19th Harmony Day  
"Say NO to Bullying"
- 26th Stg3 Zoo Excursion
- 29th to 31st Parent Teacher interviews
- 31st Stg2 Rhododendron Garden Excursion

#### APRIL

- 1st Easter Hat Parade
- Last day term 1

### TERM 2

#### APRIL

- 20th Students first day
- 30th Cross Country

#### MAY

- 6th Yr 4 Excursion
- 7th Yr 4 Gymnastics
- 11th to 14th NAPLAN
- 13th Blackheath Day
- 14th PSSA Zone Cross Country
- 19th National Simultaneous Storytime

27th to June 3rd  
Reconciliation Week

#### JUNE

- 23rd Stg2 Australian Museum
- Stg3 Planetarium

Dear Parents / Carers and Friends,

First term is humming along, and we already find ourselves in Week 4 of the term. Students are beautifully settled in their classes and our new year of learning has begun in earnest. It is so heart-warming to visit classrooms around the school and witness the quality, engaging learning activities our teachers are facilitating for our students.

Last week our school crossing supervisors commenced their duties on both Leichhardt and Wentworth Streets. These supervisors are employed by Transport for New South Wales and are fully trained in their roles. We welcome both Kelly and Nathan to our school community and thank them for their commitment to keeping our students and families safe when crossing these busy roads.

The swimming carnival last Wednesday was a great success. The rain held off and we were able to enjoy an exciting day of competition at Katoomba Pool. Thank you to Mrs Lynch and her team for organising our carnival and thank you also to the parents who came along and volunteered on the day. We wish our zone competitors the very best of luck for their upcoming competition this Friday at Glenbrook Pool.

The sharing of home-made food is still off limits at school, so we ask that you do not send in home-baked goods for birthdays. The canteen crew are continuing to take orders for birthday cupcakes, so please get in touch with them if you would like to purchase cupcakes for your child's birthday.

Earlier this week information was sent home to families about 'Compulsory School Attendance'. Please familiarise yourself with this document and follow the guidelines about school attendance.

Please RSVP to the Meet the Teacher sessions if you are intending on attending. It is important for us to know participation numbers prior to the evening to ensure we have room allocations which cater for social distancing requirements.

Thank you for your continued support of Public Education.

Warm Regards, Kristin  
Hardge Principal

MEET  
the  
TEACHER



# HOUSE CAPTAINS 2021

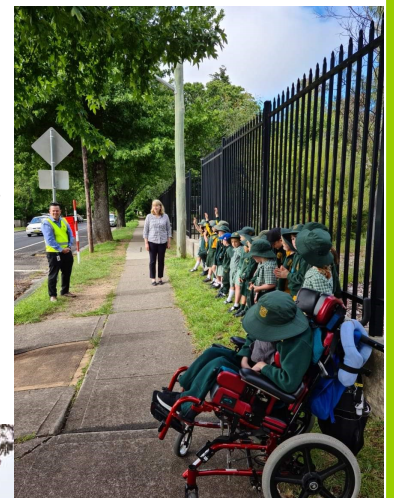
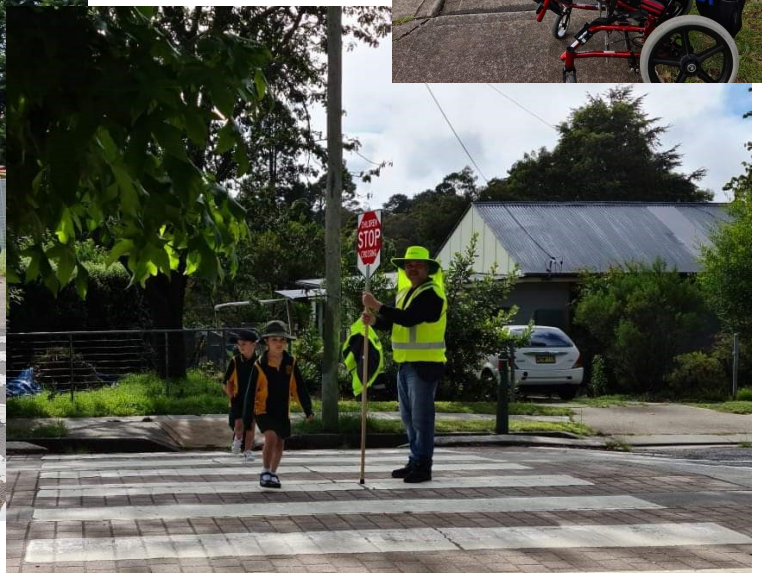
Congratulations to our Sport House Leaders who were presented with their badges this week.



## CROSSING SUPERVISORS

Welcome to our new Crossing Supervisors, Kelly and Nathan.

We are so glad to have you at BPS.





# PRINCIPAL AWARDS

K-E Harriet M & Isaac C

K-R Diana P & Argento S

K-1H Lachlan A & Maple H

1-2G Clara H & Cooper D

1-2K Jerome B & Audrey F

1-2NM Bernie W, Amaya J C, Olivia R & Aden Hastings



3-4B Jarrah P, Kaylee R & Saxon D C

3-4C Bailey C, Sam C & Astrid N

3-4M Sophia S, Pieta D & Amy H

5-6C Eli R & Jessica E

5-6D Alex A & Ruby D

5-6L Michaela R & Thomas H

5-6T Arrow C & Liam K





## MERIT AWARDS

K-E Abigail C

K-R Peytyn D

K-1H Ivy W, Oscar C, Sam F & Nour H

1-2G Carter B, Charlie C, Lacey A &  
Zuko C

1-2G Carter B, Charlie C, Lacey A & Zuko C

1-2K Jerome B, Thaonhi E & Angus C-R

1-2NM Matari H-L, Charlie T & Charlie H

1-2S Audrey O'H, Poppy D & Jason R



## “CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD”

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



**MISTAKEN UNIFORM ITEMS Should your child bring home a uniform item that is not theirs, please make sure it is returned to the school to be reunited with it's rightful owner. Thanks.**



# BPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival was held on Wednesday the 10th with competitive swimming, great team spirit, outstanding sportsmanship, enthusiastic cheering and fun water games. Thanks to all our parent volunteers who helped make the day such a success.





## 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.

## BPS CLUBS

Our 2021 extra-curricular activities begin this week, thanks to our wonderful teachers who volunteer to take these groups. Please check the timetable when these activities are happening.

### Blackheath Public School – Clubs Timetable for 2021

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School		Recorder Group (Stage 2/3) <i>Music Cottage - Mrs Lanyon</i>			
Recess		SRC (K-6 reps only) Wks: 3, 6, 9 <i>1/2S – Ms Shute</i>			
Lunch – Clubs start at 1:10pm (after eating) except for Lego Club	Percussion Group (Stage 3) <i>Music Cottage - Mrs Lanyon</i>	Book Club (Stage 3) <i>5/6C room - Ms Bishop &amp; Ms Lamond</i>	Lunch Club (Invitation) <i>Owlery - Ms Bishop</i>	Rosella Dance Group (Invitation) <i>*when required* Hall - Miss Harris</i>	Dance Group (Stage 2) <i>Hall - Mr Yeong</i>
		Dance Group (Stage 1) <i>Hall - Miss Harris</i>	Dance Group (Stage 3) <i>Hall - Ms Reeves</i>	Writing Group (Stage 1/2/3) <i>Tardis - Ms Kirkpatrick</i>	
	1.22-1.45 Lego Club (All stages) <i>Library – Miss Macfarlane</i>	Skipping Group (Stage 1, 2 & 3) Commence: Wk 5 <i>Outside Stage 1 rooms - Mrs Gillian</i>		Chess Club & Minecraft (Stage 2/3) <i>5/6D - Mr Dodds</i>	
After School			Band (Invitation) <i>Music Cottage - Mrs Lanyon</i>		

## P&C NEWS

Hi parents and carers!

Our mountain “summer” proceeds wet and cool, but does afford some opportunities for hot weather occasionally – please ensure your child/ren have the range of clothing they need for our changeable environment. And, make sure you write their name on their uniform items! For those new parents and carers, the Lost Property boxes are located in the hallway between the Kindy classrooms and the Canteen – if your child comes home without their jumper, jacket or lunch box it’s a good chance it will be waiting for them there!

A quick reminder that this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> the P+C will be running a raffle as provided by Megalong Creek Estate at their whip cracking extravaganza, as well as face-painting on the day between 12 and 4 PM. Let’s hope for some dry weather and a... cracking... good time. At this stage we are still hoping to run a disco in Term 2 and are looking at options to hold the event outside the school. This would necessarily involve a greater involvement of parent volunteers...so if you are keen to help out and ensure your children can experience a greater social environment then let us know at [blackheath-publicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:blackheath-publicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au) or contact Christine Curtis from the Canteen via email at [wholesomekidscafe@gmail.com](mailto:wholesomekidscafe@gmail.com) or Liz Hunter at the Uniform shop on Monday mornings or via [blackheathpublic.uniform.shop@gmail.com](mailto:blackheathpublic.uniform.shop@gmail.com)

The canteen are still looking to fill volunteer positions. If you are interested in helping and having a laugh please contact Chris via email.

We hope that you and your child/ren are all settling into the new school year,  
The P&C

P.S. A big thank you to our Principal Kristin Hardge for organising our new crossing wardens – the kiss and drop zone and the school crossings are much safer and easier all community members to navigate!!!

## P&C FUNDRAISER

A simple, environmentally friendly and Covid safe way to fundraise for Blackheath Public School!! We are asking families to save their empty cans and bottles and take them to Blackheath Mitre 10 to be cashed in via the Return and Earn initiative.

Every empty bottle or can you deposit equals 10c which can really add up if everyone takes part!

Simply take your rinsed bottles and cans to Blackheath Mitre 10. When you deposit your containers just let the staff know that you are collecting for Blackheath Public School P&C and they will ensure your donation gets added to our account. It's that easy!



Please note that your containers must be clean, unbroken, uncrushed and have their labels intact.

Thank you in advance for contributing to this simple and environmentally friendly fundraiser!

Get the kids involved!!

See P&C Facebook page  
for more information





LET'S RIDE TOGETHER

### Come & Try Day

Come find out about BMX, our club and experience riding the track.


**FEBRUARY 20, 2021**  
**12:30PM - 2PM**

What to Bring:  
Blue, Full Face Helmet, Gloves, Long Sleeves & Long Pants. The club has some protective equipment to borrow. Bells, reflectors and stands must be removed, we will have bike mechanics to help out on the day.

For further information please contact us:  
Website: [www.bluemountainsbmx.com](http://www.bluemountainsbmx.com)  
Email: [bluemountainsbmx@outlook.com](mailto:bluemountainsbmx@outlook.com)  
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Club President, Ian, 0403 016 414  
Club Vice President, Tristan, 0435 794 795



Blue Mountains BMX



# My AMAZING Body

My Amazing Body is a program for parent / carer and child to work together through art mediums to better understand their emotions, where they are feeling them in their body and how to express them

**When:** Wednesdays on the 3rd, 10th and 17th and 24th March 2021 @ 3.30 pm—4.45 pm

**Where:** 123–125 Wentworth St Blackheath

**Who:** For children aged 6–9 years.

For more information contact Kylie on 4782 1555