

**Term 4,  
Weeks 9 & 10,  
2023**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



**Term 4**

**DECEMBER**

14th Talent Quest

15th Last Day

**2024**

**FEBRUARY**

1st First day for  
students Yrs1-6

6th Kindergarten's  
first day



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On behalf of Blackheath Public School I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful summer break.

What a year it has been! So many exciting opportunities for our students, staff and school community.

A massive thank you to the executive team – Mrs Harris, Mrs Marshall, Mrs Tomicek and Mr Yeong. Your support and collegiality throughout the year has been truly remarkable and I thank you whole heartedly.

A very big thank you to our teaching staff for the dedication you have shown this year. You inspire our students to achieve their very best through your positivity, engaging learning experiences and commitment to knowing your students so well. All the extras our teachers do – before school, after school, extra duties, late night events, overnight trips are all truly appreciated. Thank you for going above and beyond to make sure our students can participate in so many additional opportunities.

Thank you so much Sue, Rhonda and Janette for EVERYTHING! You are amazing – keeping our school running so smoothly with humour and kindness. Thanks, Wayne, for your hard work upkeeping our school grounds so well and to Maria our fabulous cleaner for doing such a beautiful job keeping our school looking so clean and tidy. Thank you to our amazing school learning support officers for being so caring and passionate. We are fortunate to have such a lovely team of SLSOs who are compassionate and clever. Our School Counsellor, Ms Sunderland, and our Wellbeing nurse, Ms Malone have been strong supports for our school community and we express our gratitude for all they do.

The P&C have supported our school this year in so many ways. We are very grateful for your monetary donations for classroom equipment and resources, and student welfare. Thank you, Paul and Alison, for ensuring our Wholesome Kids Café continues to be such a terrific canteen.

To all of the volunteers who have helped throughout the year and to the parents, carers and community members who have attended events in support we acknowledge and thank you for your support.

Finally – thank you to our students – you are the heart of our school. Enjoy a well deserved rest and we look forward to welcoming you back in 2024. We wish our outgoing year 6 students all the best as they commence their high school journey.

Good luck Ms Lanyon for your 2024 adventures and happy retirement Mrs Lynch.

Students in years 1 to 6 return on Thursday 1 February 2023.

Happy Holidays everyone!

Warm Regards, Kristin Hardge

Principal







THE MANY FACES OF KIM LYNCH.

ENJOY RETIREMENT

WE'LL MISS YOU !!!



## BPS TALENT QUEST

The annual BPS Talent Quest will take place on Thursday December 14 in the School Hall. Parents are invited to attend, with a running sheet posted on the Hall door. Students require a gold coin to attend, which helps pay for prizes. It's sure to be an entertaining event. Jenny Lanyon

## MERIT AWARDS

KC Zailey H & Allie G

KH Bridgitte Mca

1N Essie C & Finn S

1R Reuben A, Simon M & Scarlett J

2L Mackenzie L & Emilia W

2OM Alex J





## K-2 PRESENTATION



The K-2 Presentation Day was a wonderful way to celebrate the achievements of our youngest students. It was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and friends in attendance and the students performed beautifully. Each and every student was honoured with a special award, all should be proud of their progress and personal bests. A very big thank you to Mrs Jenny Lanyon for conducting our students and bringing out the best in them. Thanks also to Mr Yeong for operating the sound, audio and visuals. We would like to thank all of our parents who have helped in so many different ways across the year. Wishing you a safe and happy holiday.  
Ruth Harris, and the K-2 Team

## STAGES 2 & 3 PRESENTATION

Stage 2 and 3 enjoyed a wonderful celebration of our students' achievements at the S2/3 presentation assembly with families, teachers and the community. This was followed by a delicious morning tea farewelling our Year 6 students and parents. Thanks to Katoomba High School for catering.





# TOTEM CEREMONY & YEAR 6 GRADUATION



At Tuesday's annual Totem Ceremony, the school community gathered to witness the 2023 year 6 students hand over the BPS totem, of the Crimson Rosella, to the incoming year 6.

This Ceremony was followed by the Year 6 Graduation, celebrating the BP school life of our outgoing year 6 students. We congratulated them on their achievements and bade them farewell with our best wishes, knowing they are well prepared for the next exciting stage of their lives.



**A sincere THANK YOU to our presentation award sponsors for their continued support of our school.**

**Thanks too, to Blackheath Butchery for their generous donation of sausages for our class parties.**



## YEAR 6 FAREWELL



Stage 3 gathered on Friday night last week to attend the Year 6 Farewell. It was a very hot evening. There were many different table themes and students dressed the part. On the night Candy Land won the People's Choice. The Medieval Table won Teacher's Choice. The Business Table won for exceptional manners. The Barbie Table won for most unique table. It was a fun night for all, dancing under the twinkle of the COLA lights! Tasrah Marshall





## YEAR 6 2023



Good luck  
BPS Year 6 2023!





## YR7 ORIENTATION KHS



On Tuesday 18th November our year 6 students who are attending Katoomba High School next year, participated in a year 7 orientation at the school. The 24 students travelled by bus with Mr Kelly to Katoomba High School. When we arrived the students were put in their classes for next year. There was a talk and welcome by the year adviser and then everyone set off for a tour of the school. After that, everyone participated in a demonstration lesson conducted by science, maths and physical education teachers. The day finished with a barbeque lunch. The students gained some valuable experience of high school to help them adjust to the next chapter of their lives.

Matt Kelly





# THE GREEN TEAM

The celebratory and thank you breakfast for all Green Team members and BPS community helpers was a great success. Delicious rolls with eggs from our chickens were enjoyed, followed by a viewing of short videos showcasing everyone's great work. Thanks to Mr Musgrave for his help with these videos and a huge congratulations and thank you to Mrs Windsor, the driving force behind the Green Team and it's projects.



## COMPASS REMINDER



Dear Parents/Caregivers

Our school sends communication regularly via the Compass app. At a minimum, our school newsletter is issued every fortnight and the canteen specials weekly. If you've noticed that you are no longer receiving notifications, please delete and reinstall the Compass app on your mobile device. Philip Yeong



## 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.





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## YOUTH SHOE BOX PROJECT

A big, big thank you to all the families who participated in the Youth Shoebox Project this year. The photocopier room was overflowing with boxes on, under and beside the table. I'm so thrilled that our little school community has such a massive heart. The spirit of giving at Christmas is alive and well and there will be many, many children with smiles on their faces Christmas day, thanks to your generosity. Louise Bishop

## EXTENDED LEAVE –TRAVEL or HOLIDAY

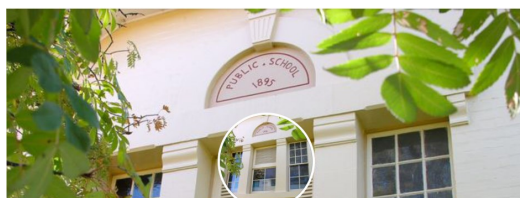
A reminder that under DoE procedures, parents/carers are required to complete an Application for Extended Leave—Travel and provide travel documentation, if they are travelling or holidaying outside of the school vacation period. Where the principal considers the travel appropriate during the school term, the absence will be recorded as leave and a certificate granted.

## SCHOOL VISITOR/VOLUNTEER CHECK IN

In line with DoE policy, all visitors to our school need to check in by scanning the QR code, or via the office tablet. This includes morning and afternoon home reading volunteers. Thank you for your cooperation.

## P&C NEWS

What a wonderful year we have had! I would like to thank everyone who supported our P&C and its events. Special thanks to Matt, Elena and Kathy for keeping things running smoothly. Huge thanks to Paul and Alison for keeping our canteen delicious and for all their hard work! Thanks also to those who volunteer in the canteen, it is so helpful to have extra hands and thanks so much for your time. Thank you Liz, Carly and Megan for the amazing work putting together the markets and special thanks to Mrs Hardge for all her support. A happy festive season to everyone! Hope to see you at our next meeting.



**Blackheath Public School P&C Association**  
The official page of Blackheath Public School Parents & Citizens Association.

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## Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp/atsos/applying-to-be-an-atso>

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at [atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Calling all Seniors!


**Are you interested in taking part in an intergenerational playgroup with Blackheath preschoolers?**

If so, we'd love to hear from you! To find out more, please register your EOI with Marg at BANC: [community@banc.org.au](mailto:community@banc.org.au) Or call 4787 7770 We'll collect your contact details and be in touch with a date/time for an informal information session.

FYI, The intergenerational playgroup will commence Term 1 2024, with 90mins per session, over 10 consecutive weeks.

BLACKHEATH  
INTERGENERATIONAL  
PLAYGROUP 2024





# Blackheath Playgroup

Where | Blackheath Public School [school hall]  
When | Mondays [during school term] 9:30am - 11:00am


## ALL WELCOME!




Just turn up and meet other children | parents | carers in a friendly and informal setting.

What to bring: gold coin donation and a piece of fruit to share at morning tea.

Contact Thrive on 02 4782 1555 for more information

Keep up to date with us on our Facebook page





A joint venture activity of Blackheath Area High School, Blackheath Public School & Thrive Services



# Blackheath Golf and Community Club

## "\$20 School Holiday Golf Special"

### Mondays and Tuesdays

Only \$20 for an adult and up to 3 school children  
for 9 holes of Golf on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the  
School Holidays

Wondering what to do with the kids on the holidays that doesn't cost too much, is healthy and quality time with your children.

Mondays and Tuesdays you can enjoy nine holes of golf with your children and their friends for just \$20. Teach them new skills, great for their character, meet new people and something they can play all their lives. Something you can enjoy with your children and their friends. Get another parent to bring their young children and friends as well. Only \$20 a parent/ adult including up to 3 children.

An opportunity for school children to spend quality time with their parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc playing golf, getting to know one another and develop lifelong friendships and bonds.

Standard Hire Clubs only \$5

Must book beforehand phone 47 878406  
and mention "School Holiday Special"



GET THE KIDS INTO GOLF WITH OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY JUNIOR CLINIC  
WITH PGA PROFESSIONALS DARRIN & JACK WALDEN  
AT BLACKHEATH GOLF CLUB

**WHEN:** THURSDAY 18th JANUARY 2024

**TIME:** 10am – 1pm

**AGE:** 10 - 16 years

**COST:** \$30 (includes equipment, drink & sausage sandwich)

\*\*\*Bookings Essential\*\*\* limited spots available

To book: **PH: 4787 8406**

**EMAIL:** [proshop@blackheathgolf.com.au](mailto:proshop@blackheathgolf.com.au)



## Things to do in the School Holidays

Come and join the fun with NPWS ranger-guided activities for kids, teens and families. Discover, create, imagine and explore!

Summer 2024



## Claustral Canyon Virtual Reality

Experience one of the world's most spectacular canyons – Claustral canyon in the World Heritage Listed Greater Blue Mountains Area – using Oculus Quest VR.

## NPWS Blue Mountains Heritage Centre

Looking for a unique gift or experience these school holidays? Choose from a great range of gifts including Blue Mountains locally-made MTNS Made products, Australian made, and Australian designed products.

We also offer gift vouchers for your friends and family to experience the famous Claustral canyon located in the Blue Mountains with a virtual reality experience (\$10.00 per person)



End of Govetts Leap Road Blackheath NSW 2785 T 02 4787 8877



Join our team this January for some  
exciting school holiday activities.

**S** For the Small and Curious **L** Living Country **B** Bush Alive **J** Junior Rangers

<b>B</b> 7-11yrs <b>The Buzz on Bees</b> Wednesday 3 January	<b>J</b> 8-14yrs <b>Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering</b> Thursday 4 January	<b>B</b> 5-12yrs <b>Spotlight!</b> Friday 5 January	<b>B</b> 6-10yrs <b>Leaping Lizards</b> Tuesday 9 January
<b>L</b> 7-11yrs <b>Aboriginal Games for Kids</b> Wednesday 10 January	<b>J</b> 8-14yrs <b>Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering</b> Thursday 11 January	<b>B</b> 6-12yrs <b>Spotlight!</b> Friday 12 January	<b>L</b> 12-15yrs <b>Aboriginal Games for Kids</b> Monday 15 January
<b>B</b> 6-10yrs <b>Leaping Lizards</b> Tuesday 16 January	<b>B</b> 7-11yrs <b>The Buzz on Bees</b> Wednesday 17 January	<b>J</b> 8-14yrs <b>Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering</b> Thursday 18 January	<b>B</b> 6-12yrs <b>Spotlight!</b> Friday 19 January
<b>B</b> 6-10yrs <b>Leaping Lizards</b> Monday 22 January	<b>L</b> 7-11yrs <b>Aboriginal Games for Kids</b> Tuesday 23 January	<b>J</b> 8-14yrs <b>Navigation, Mapping and Orienteering</b> Wednesday 24 January	<b>B</b> 5-12yrs <b>Spotlight!</b> Thursday 25 January

For more information and bookings visit  
[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kids-and-family-activities](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/kids-and-family-activities)  
Holiday activities \$20 per person. All activities are onsite at Blackheath from 10am-12pm, except for Spotlight which is held in Katoomba from 8pm-10pm. Meet 15 mins before activity start time.  
T 02 4784 7301 E [BlueMtns.Education@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:BlueMtns.Education@environment.nsw.gov.au)





# School holiday activities calendar



There are so many free and low cost activities happening across the Blue Mountains these school holidays, for children, teens and the whole family.

We've put together a list of all the Council and community events happening, so you can easily find the best activities to suit you and your family.

Find the full school holiday activities calendar at [strongerfamilies.net.au](http://strongerfamilies.net.au)



# School Holiday Workshops



**Suncatchers/ Mobiles with Tonica**

17th Jan 10:00-12:00 125 Wentworth st



**Lego with Bryce**

19th Jan 10:00-12:00 125 Wentworth st



**Felting with Julia**

22nd Jan 10:00-12:00 125 Wentworth st

**Parents/Carers must stay on site**

**FREE**

Bookings essential phone Marg or Bryce at:

4787 7770



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**SUMMER SWIMMING CLUB**

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- FRIENDLY AND WELCOMING CLUB
- VARIETY OF RACES

**JOIN US TODAY!**

**WELCOME TO OUR BREAKFAST CLUB**

We will now be offering a breakfast club in school holidays from 7-8am! This is separate to the program.

**TO BOOK, EMAIL: BOOSH@BANC.ORG.AU**

Costing: This will be a separate fee of \$13.75 per child before CCS.



# BOOSH Summer Holidays 23-24



Holiday opening hours: 8am-6pm weekdays

<b>Monday 18/12</b> <b>Holiday Craft Day</b> Create Christmas decorations and epic cards. We will have some holiday themed face painting.  <b>Extra cost: \$5</b>	<b>Tuesday 19/12</b> <b>Fire &amp; Gingerbread Men</b> A visit from local firemen and trucks + gingerbread baking and decorating! PLEASE BRING: Clothes to get wet/change of clothes	<b>Wednesday 20/12</b> <b>Cardboard Christmas Village</b> Create a cardboard Christmas Village in the hall.	<b>Thursday 21/12</b> <b>Ice Skating</b> Bring along your mittens, we are off to the Fairmont for a magical day of ice skating.  <b>When: 12-2pm</b> <b>Additional fee: \$30</b>	<b>Friday 22/12</b> <b>Christmas Disco</b> Come dress up and boogie at BOOSH for an afternoon disco complete with glow sticks and hair spray!  <b>Extra cost: \$5</b>
<b>Monday 8/1</b> <b>Wheels Day</b> Shred up with your scooter, rollerblades, skateboard or bike!  <b>PLEASE bring protective equipment (helmet and guards as needed)</b>	<b>Tuesday 9/1</b> <b>Picasso Craft Day</b> We will explore Picasso's famous artworks, multi media, self portraits and collages, and crazy crafts all day!	<b>Wednesday 10/1</b> <b>Build a Mind</b> A popular returning Incursion where we will be bringing Lego to life.  <b>Extra cost: \$30</b>	<b>Thursday 11/1</b> <b>Walk to Sushi Shop</b> We will walk to the new sushi shop for lunch. Each child will get TWO boxes of baby rolls!  <b>Extra cost: \$15</b>	<b>Friday 12/1</b> <b>Carnival Day</b> Join us for some awesome carnival games, a lolly jar guess and the challenge of creating your own carnival game  <b>Extra cost: \$5</b>

The daily fee is \$61 + the additional fee listed for relevant days  
 Note: CCS subsidies automatically reduce costs for eligible families

# BOOSH Summer Holidays 23-24



Holiday opening hours: 8am-6pm weekdays

<b>Monday 15/1</b> <b>Water guns and BBQ</b> Water guns on the oval and a BBQ afternoon tea  <b>Extra cost: \$8</b>	<b>Tuesday 16/1</b> <b>Walk to Rocket Park</b> We will walk to Rocket Park where we will feed the ducks, play picnic games and enjoy their awesome playground.  <b>Extra cost \$5</b>	<b>Wednesday 17/1</b> <b>Indigenous Activity</b> An Indigenous ranger will take us around the school to explore native bees, flora and fauna. You will create a bee hotel to take home. <b>extra cost: \$20</b>	<b>Thursday 18/1</b> <b>Baking day</b> Join us for a day of baking savoury and sweet treats.  Cook your own pizza in the afternoon.	<b>Friday 19/1</b> <b>Mad hatters tea party</b> Alice in Wonderland tea party. Come dressed up or use ours. We will watch Alice in Wonderland and feast on savoury and sweet treats. <b>Extra cost: \$5</b>
<b>Monday 22/1</b> <b>Clay Day!</b> Show your inner artist creating air dry sculptures that can be used in your mini garden or whatever you would like!	<b>Tuesday 23/1</b> <b>Mini Gardens</b> Practice your gardening skills creating and decorating a mini garden to take home.  <b>Extra cost: \$5</b>	<b>Wednesday 24/1</b> <b>Reptile Show</b> A visit from a professional reptile wrangler. There will be lizards, a croc and a python! Don't miss the chance to cuddle a python <b>extra cost: \$30</b>	<b>Thursday 25/1</b> <b>Wheels Day</b> Shred up with your scooter, rollerblades, skateboard or bike!  <b>PLEASE bring protective equipment (helmet and guards as needed)</b>	<b>Public holiday we will be closed</b>  Always was, always will be

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# BOOSH Summer Holidays 23-24



Holiday opening hours: 8am-6pm weekdays

<b>Monday 29/1</b> <b>Drink at local cafe</b> Join us for a walk to local café Sanguinary and sit in their garden while we enjoy a yummy drink.  <b>Extra cost: \$10</b>	<b>Tuesday 30/1</b> <b>Movie Popcorn Day</b> A day of movies and popcorn! We will have all different flavours of popcorn and films.	<b>Wednesday 31/1</b> <b>Back to school craft</b> We will laminate and decorate school books and create bag and pencil case charms galore! Bring along your supplies to decorate!  <b>extra cost: \$5</b>	<b>What to bring!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hat &amp; sun smart shirt</li> <li>• Water bottle</li> <li>• Large healthy recess &amp; lunch</li> <li>• A change of clothes</li> <li>• Closed shoes</li> </ul>	<b>All excursions and some incursion require a permission form to be completed digitally or on dropoff.</b>
			We supply afternoon tea BOOSH is a nut free zone	

## Existing BOOSH Clients

To book, login to <http://banc.hubworks.com.au>, select Login and go to BookMe

## New BOOSH Clients

To enrol at BOOSH, first visit <http://banc.hubworks.com.au> and select enrol

Website: [www.banc.org.au/boosh](http://www.banc.org.au/boosh)

Text: 0438 099 006 Email: [boosh@banc.org.au](mailto:boosh@banc.org.au)

## SAFETY FIRST!

On wheels days please bring a helmet! If you're riding a skateboard or rollerblades please bring protective pads for elbows, knees and wrists.

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