



**Term 1,
Weeks 7 & 8,
2024**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 1

MARCH

18th to 22nd

Dental Van

21st Harmony Day
Bullying No
Way!

Peer Support

22nd National
Ride2School
Day

26th S1 Scenic
World
Excursion

28th Easter Hat Pde
Grandparents
Day
Syd West
Swimming

APRIL

3rd Peer Support

4th Backflips
Against
Bullying

8th to 12th Autism Wk
8th 3 Way Interviews

11th Peer Support

12th Last day Term 1

30th Students first
day Term 2
ANZAC
ceremony

MAY

3rd BPS Cross
Country

6th P&C Mother's
Day Stall

8th Musica Viva

Dear Parents / Carers,

The school term is flying by and the Autumn weather is starting to set in. With three and a half weeks left before our end of term break classrooms continue to be hives of activity.

Recently our year six students visited Katoomba High School for the "Sneak Peek" day. They had a lovely time learning about life at high school and participated in some taster high school lessons. There will be further opportunities for transition to high school later in the year. Last week we held our inaugural Koori Club Breakfast to welcome our Aboriginal students and families. The morning was misty, but it did not dampen the spirits of the families who attended. Beau presented a heart felt Acknowledgement of Country and Amelia shared her thanks for our school and community. Thank you to the staff who coordinated the morning and the families who came along.

The dental program has commenced this week. We have many students scheduled to visit the dental van over the course of the week and hope that this has assisted families to access important dental services.

We will celebrate Harmony Day and Bullying No Way Day this Thursday. All students are encouraged to wear orange and bring a gold coin donation. The Student Representative Council members will decide on the recipient of the collected donations. All students will participate in lessons during the day and our peer support session will focus on these themes.

Ride to School Day is also happening this week! We encourage students to ride to school on Friday – students in years K – 2 need to be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. All students are encouraged to decorate their helmet – there will be prizes awarded for the best decorated helmets in each class.

I would like to send out a personal thank you to Paul and Alison in the canteen. Paul and Alison work tirelessly to continue to provide our school community with amazing food and drinks, often without any volunteer assistance. With orders steadily increasing they are more and more frequently completely run off their feet. On the day of the disco, they worked from 8am until 7.30pm that night with the extra hours from the end of school being completely voluntary. Please consider volunteering in the canteen to ensure this valuable resource can remain in our school. Once again, thank you Paul and Alison Don't forget this Sunday we will be having a working bee – weather dependent. We will send out a message on Compass and the P&C Facebook page on Friday afternoon to confirm if we will be going ahead.

In week 9 and 10 (next week and the week after) we will have short weeks due to Good Friday on 29 March and Easter Monday on 1 April. We hope you enjoy the long weekend!

In the final week of the term we will be holding our teacher/parent/caregiver/student interviews on Monday 8 April. Term 1 finishes on Friday 12 April.

Warm Regards,

Kristin Hardge Principal

Merit Awards



K-C Cooper L

K-H Braithen J

1-2KM Cohen E & Aamarni S

1-2L Hunter C, Ethan G, Fynn M & Rose G

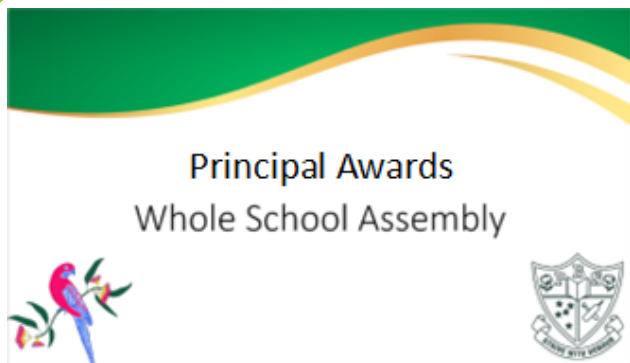
1-2RP Hazel K, Rhys K & Tommy H



HOUSE POINTS TROPHY

The House Points Trophy is awarded fortnightly at our whole school assembly to the House that has collected the highest number of House points in the previous 2 weeks. Teachers can award House points for a range of successes such as positive behaviour, lovely class work and effort in activities. Congratulations to this fortnights winning House the Kangaroos!





K-C Lea D-G & Isath WA
K-H Violet H & Sam S
1-2RP Ezra A & Grace E
1-2KM Isla C & Lexi O
1-2L Heidi R



3-4G Aurelia B & Beau L-L
3-4H Arizona C-L
3-4M Lachlan A & Willow C

5-6K Flynn B & Dusty S-R
5-6M Glenn R
5-6OW Gabriella W



LIBRARY MONITORS

Congratulations to our 2024 Library Monitors, who received their badges at our Week 8 assembly.



“SNOWY” THE SNOW LEOPARD



Congratulations to 3-4Y, this week's recipients of “Snowy”.



“CAUGHT YOU BEING GOOD”

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



KOORI CLUB NEWS

We enjoyed a breakfast BBQ to welcome our Koori Club students back for the year. It was a dreary morning, but the rain held off and we were able to enjoy our bacon and egg rolls in the clearing mist. Beau led a wonderful acknowledgement of Country and Amelia followed suit to say thanks for this school, her family and friends. A sentiment shared by many! Thanks also to our school chickens and the wonderful Green team for the donation of eggs. Thank you to all who were able to attend.



Cat Corkins



BMPSSA BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Stage 3 students who attended the trial for the Blue Mountains PSSA representative basketball team. We are very pleased to announce that five students were successful in making the team. Otto F, Crosby M, Madeline N, Gabriella W and Mae K will now attend the Sydney West Gala Day in Penrith. The team will have an opportunity to play against teams from all over the metropolitan west area. We wish them well and I am sure that they will represent Blackheath PS with excellent sportsmanship. Ruth Harris





BMPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival

Twenty two of our fabulous swimmers represented Blackheath Public School at the BMPSSA Swimming Carnival on Wednesday the 28th of February at Glenbrook Swimming pool.

Congratulations to Lacey A, Theo AC, Pinky C-W, Charlotte C, Alisa C, Lucinda CB, Otto F, Ella K, Lucy K, Frankie L, Harry Mc, Lucas Mc, Elsie Mc, Rafael Mc, Crosby M, Astrid N, Ruby R, James S, Lukas W, Harry W, Bernie W and Ivy W for their tremendous effort on the day. They gave it their all and displayed fine sportsmanship.

Ruby R and Ella K have also been invited to participate in the Sydney West championships on the 28th of March at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, and we wish them the very best of luck!

Amanda Gillian and Gyorgyi Ross



SYDNEY WEST PRIMARY TENNIS TRIALS

Loic represented Blackheath Public School at the Sydney West Primary Tennis Trials in Penrith. It was his first competitive singles competition. He played 35 games in total! What an amazing effort!





Friday 22nd of March is National Ride2School Day, you can decorate your helmet to win a canteen voucher. If you can't ride all the way, park a few blocks away. If you don't have a bike you can use a scooter or skateboard, and if you don't have one of the vehicles, you can walk to school. K-2 must ride with a parent.

Elise C and Jerome B, SRC



Harmony Day & Bullying. No Way! are on Thursday 21st March. Please wear orange and bring a gold coin donation. If you don't have orange clothes please wear yellow or red.

Lucas G and Lukas W, SRC

BANC FOOD DRIVE

This year our school is part of the BANC food drive. If possible please donate canned food, packaged food, non refrigerated liquids but no fresh produce or anything that expires quickly. Bring any time until Monday the 8th of April. When you arrive at school take donations to your classroom where your teacher will arrange a spot for them to go. Poppy D and Ilka W-S, SRC.

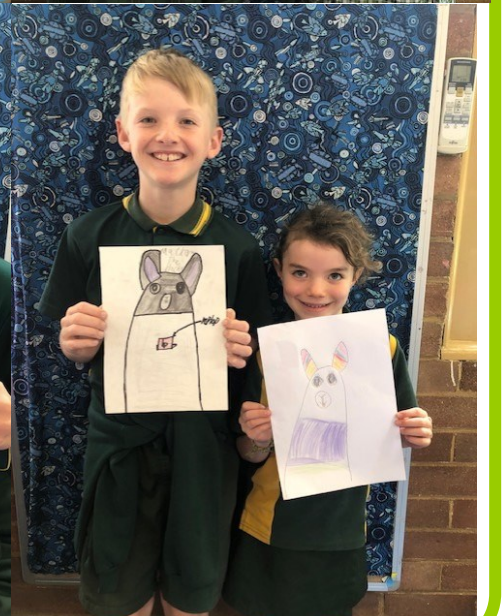


S2 CHINESE CULTURE INCURSION

Stage 2 enjoyed a wonderful day of learning at school with our Chinese Culture incursion. We learned about Chinese New Year, and participated in different activities, martial arts, lion dancing, making bracelets and writing Chinese calligraphy. Philip Yeong



PEER SUPPORT MACCA ALPACA



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>

EXTENDED LEAVE –TRAVEL or HOLIDAY

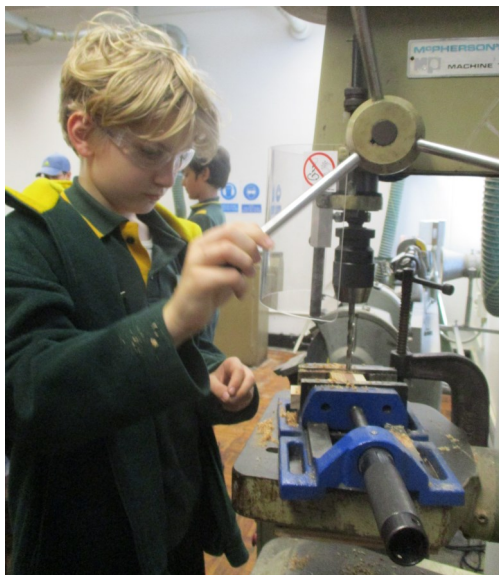
A reminder that under DoE procedures, parents/carers are required to complete an Application for Extended Leave—Travel and provide travel documentation, if they are travelling or holidaying outside of the school vacation period. Where the principal considers the travel appropriate during the school term,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

PAYMENTS

A gentle reminder that all payments **MUST** be submitted on either Compass or in person at the school office by the due date on the note. Owing to our Department of Education system we cannot process money that comes in later than the day. If finance is an issue **PLEASE** complete an assistance form, available from the office, **PRIOR** to the due date.



YR6 KHS SNEAK PEEK

Year 6 students had the opportunity to experience high school life. They were taken on a tour by Year 9 students - many whom attended BPS a few years back - and were shown around the school. Along the way, we were met with many excited faces from past BPS students. After a tour and a spot of recess they were off to their lessons. BPS students participated in either woodwork or history. The history lesson entailed Spartan strategies in war, the weapons used and war cries. The day concluded with a BBQ lunch put on by the older KHS students. A fun day was had by all!

Tasrah Marshall



YEAR 6 / EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Dear parents/carers of Year 6 students

To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2025, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. If you have already done so, thank you, otherwise forms can be located on the enrolment page of our school website or by using the direct links below from 6th March through to the 25th March.

The Expression of Interest process is available online at <https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=1246>. After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school.

If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please let us know by completing a Placement Not required form at <https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/no-placement/?schoolCode=1246>.

If you are unsure whether they will be attending a NSW Government school (you are planning to apply for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with the school once a decision has been made. The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make this process as smooth as possible.

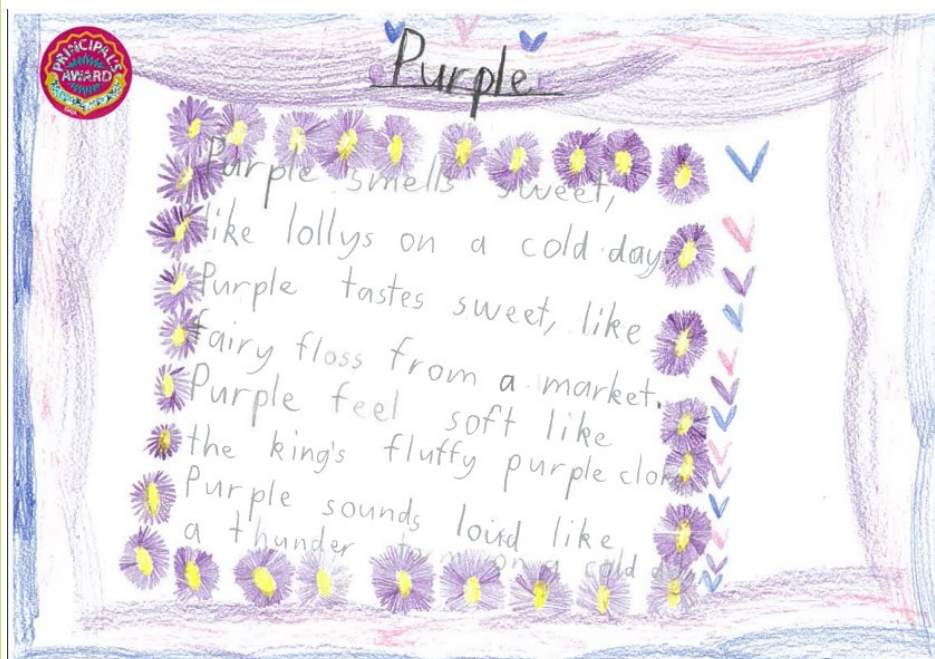
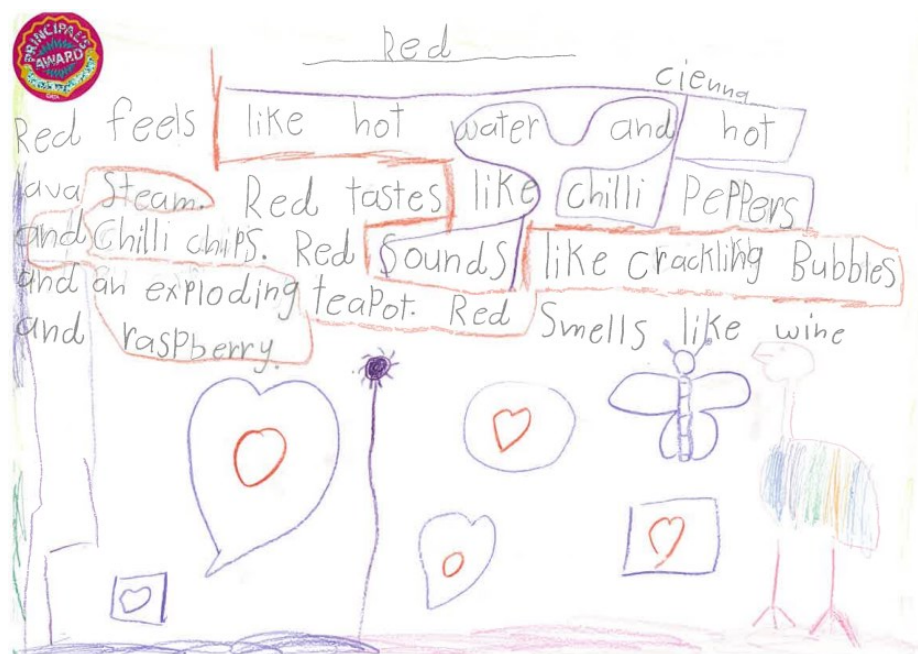
For parents/carers who are not able to complete an application form online, please see Sue in the office for a paper form which will need to be returned no later than 25th March.



1/2 L WRITING

1/2L Leopards have been reading some books in English that teach us about children with different ways of experiencing the world. *Boy* is about a boy who is deaf, and "speaks with dancing hands". We have been learning some Auslan so we can communicate without sound. *The Black Book of Colours* is about a boy who is blind, and experiences colours not using sight, but using his other senses of hearing, smell, touch and taste. We have created some of our own writing about experiencing colours using all of our senses.

Cathy Lamond



Did you know

All events run by the P&C are fundraising events for the school

All P&C events the canteen staff volunteer their time along with other parents who help out at these events

Money raised by the P&C goes towards yearly contributions to class budgets and subsidizing some school costs

The school Canteen is part of the P&C and is Non for Profit

Volunteers are always welcome at every event!

P&C NEWS

BLACKHEATH PUBLIC SCHOOL AND
THE P&C WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU
TO OUR

Working Bee Day

OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP
TO TIDY UP THE GARDEN
LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER!

EVERYBODY WELCOME! KIDS,
GRANDPARENTS, FRIENDS..

Sunday 24th of
March at 1pm

SEE YOU AT THE SCHOOL GROUNDS!

entry from gate one on Leichhardt St



Blackheath Public School P&C Association

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



Blackheath Kookaburra Kindergarten is taking enrolments for 2024.

Kookaburra Kindy is a community run preschool in beautiful Blackheath.

We have provided quality preschool education to children aged three to five for 70 years.

Our Educators are enthusiastic, warm and caring. They use the children's abilities, strengths, and interests to individualise learning.

Kookaburra uses play based learning that follows the EYLF (Early Years Learning Framework).

We aim to support families and children in our community to reach their full potential and provide assistance and advice where possible.

Fee Relief is available.

Times: Hours: 08.30am – 4pm

Days: Monday – Friday

E-mail: contact@kookaburrakindy.nsw.edu.au

Ph: 47878977

CALL OR EMAIL KERRIE TO BOOK A TOUR OF THE PRESCHOOL
TO SEE OUR LOVELY LEARNING AREAS AND NATURAL
PLAYGROUND AND TO MEET OUR WONDERFUL TEAM.

We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors



Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.



Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.



Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.

Permanent part-time available
Blackheath Public School - 92673

Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- 20 hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are between 8:25 am - 9:25 am and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

Apply today

Applications close Sunday 31st March 2024

Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 92673** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list or vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary
E: sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au
P: 0466 343 704



jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au





BLACKHEATH GOLF & COMMUNITY CLUB

2024 Easter Weekend Sale

Mega Book Sale, DVD's & More

Fri, Sat & Sun from 10-4pm & Mon from 10-2.

Come along and grab a bargain,
BOOKS \$3,
DVD's & CD'S only \$2 each.



Bag of books only \$15

This year we will have many other items for sale including jewellery at \$3 per item.

Proceeds will help the ongoing maintenance at the club and golf course.



Go4Fun

Healthy active happy kids

Katoomba program

Day: Tuesdays in Term 2

Dates: 30 April to 2 July 2024

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Location: Katoomba Sports and Aquatic Centre

Pool program

To register:

- Visit: go4fun.com.au
- Call: 1800 780 900
- SMS: 0409 745 645 for a call back



It's free and run
after school for
10 weeks



Make new
friends



Whole of
family
approach



Build self
confidence



Fun games
and prizes



Learn about
healthy eating

A FREE program for children aged 7-13 and their families
to become fitter, healthier and happier

All families that are looking for support with healthy eating,
physical activity and overall wellbeing are welcome to join

