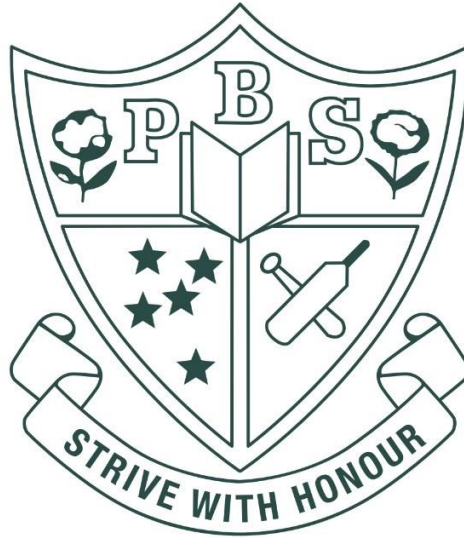


Blackheath Public School Newsletter 3





Term 1 Weeks 6 & 7, 2025

Important Dates 2025



TERM 1

MARCH

12th-24th NAPLAN

13th Peer Support

17th P&C Meeting

18th ES1 & S1 NSW Cricket Workshop

20th Peer Support

21st Harmony Day

Ride 2 School Day

25th Young Leaders Conference

27th Sydney West Area Swimming Carnival

28th ES1 & S1 NSW Cricket Workshop

Peer Support

31st Grandparents Day

APRIL

4th ES1 & S1 NSW Cricket Workshop

7th Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews

9th Junior Shadow Ranger Excursion

10th Stage 2 Rhododendron Gardens

11th ES1 & S1 NSW Cricket Workshop

11th Last Day Term 1

TERM 2

APRIL

30th Students return

30th ANZAC Ceremony

MAY

2nd Cross Country

12th P&C Meeting

14th Games Day

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Term 1 is flying by so quickly! It's hard to believe we have already headed into the second half of the term. Soon we will see the leaves on the trees turning and the onset of cooler weather. Please remember to pack a school jumper (labelled) each day for your child/ren.

We've had a busy time with Meet the Teacher, Zone Swimming Carnival and the P&C Discos. A big thank you to our teachers who gave up their own time to be at the Meet the Teacher evening and the discos. We hope those who attended the information sessions found them useful.

Thank you to the P&C for facilitating the discos in week 5. It was another successful night of dancing and fun. We appreciate the efforts of all involved.

Last week the dental van was on site. We had 88 students visit the dentist during the week. We hope that this service was again a productive and helpful one for the families who signed up.

Our peer support program commenced last week. This is such a valuable program which brings together students from across the school into small groups where they interact and are led by our Stage 3 students in many activities. The main focus will be around friendships

and how to make and maintain healthy friendships. Thank you to Mrs Marshall and the Stage 3 team who have enabled this program in our school. It is great to see our Stage 3 students lead these sessions, even when some might need to step out of their comfort zone.

Thank you to the teachers on the Aboriginal Education team for putting on such a lovely breakfast for our Aboriginal students last Friday. It was lovely to be able to catch up with those who were able to come along and build connections.

The Blackheath Aussies, consisting of Cyrus, Flynn, Lucas, James and Argento, made it to the finals of the 2025 Pitch for Purpose STEM challenge coordinated by Rotary. The team demonstrated strong creative problem-solving and design thinking skills to tackle a real-world environmental challenge. They're invited to present their design at the Pullman Sydney Penrith at their annual district conference. We wish them the best of luck!

We have had a few reported cases of whooping cough. Communication has been sent out via Compass. Please read this information carefully.

Thank you for your continued support of public education and our school.

Warm Regards, Kristin Harge



Library Monitors

Congratulations to the 2025 Library Monitors! It has been a wonderful and enthusiastic start to the year by the newly selected Library Monitors! It has been a busy time where many new skills have been learnt including shelving returned books and exploring how books are catalogued in our library. The library monitors have also been supporting "Lego Club" and helping the younger students during lunchtime. The Library is open Monday and Wednesday at lunchtime and everyone is welcome.

Mrs Gen Shute



Merit Awards

K-H Olive M, Isla E

1-2C Bridgitte McA, Lenny K, Violet H

1-2KL Padmai W, Henry M, Arabella D

1-2L Allie G



3-4G Ophelia P-F, Kahu T, James S, Elsie M

3-4H Emilia W, Ethan G, Fynn M, Lucy K

3-4Y Ellie C, Isaac C, Max M, Pippa S

4-5M Abigail C, Marcus W, Olive W, Nate M-P

5-6K Patrick C, Genevieve H, Lilly L, Rafael Mcl

5-6M Liam C, Aden H, Olivia R, Harry W

5-6OM Lachlan A, Clara H, Riley O, Gabriella W

Library: Glenn R



Principal Awards

K-H Esther F, Abby F, Emmett C, Otto S

1-2C Evie K, Jim S, Frankie F

1-2KL Sam S, Hunter C, Sage W, Charlie R

1-2L Ella F, Amara R, Bovin M K



3-4G Hazel K, Jack L, Ophelia P F

3-4H Daisy H, Demi M, Atticus L, Jack B

3-4Y Riley A, Sabine J, Harriet M, Archie S

4-5M Poppy D, Lacey A, Harry M, Flynn K

5-6K Arizona C-L, Lucas G, Patrick C, Michael M

5-6M Glenn R, Alaina M, Kiah L, Lachlan H

5-6OM Oliver M, Madeline N, Isobel S, Dusty S-R





"Caught you being good"



Congratulations to our fabulous "Caught you being good" recipients.

"Success starts with being here"



Congratulations to 5-6OM, recipients of "Snowy", awarded to the class with the best attendance since the last whole school assembly.

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 since the previous assembly. Teachers can award House Points for a range of successes such as positive behaviour, lovely class work and effort in activities. Congratulations to this assembly's winning House, the Kangaroos!

☆ ☆ Wonder Wall ☆ ☆

KH Willow L, Lily M

1-2C Olivia M

1-2KL Hunter C, Padmai W,

3-4G Lachlan M, Enzo P

3-4H Jack B

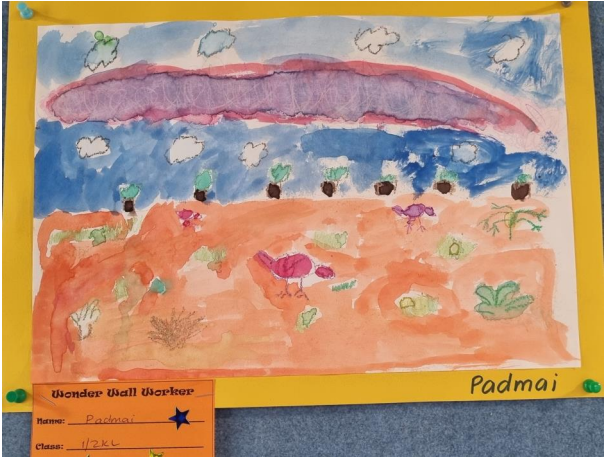
3-4Y Carlijah T, Daisy N

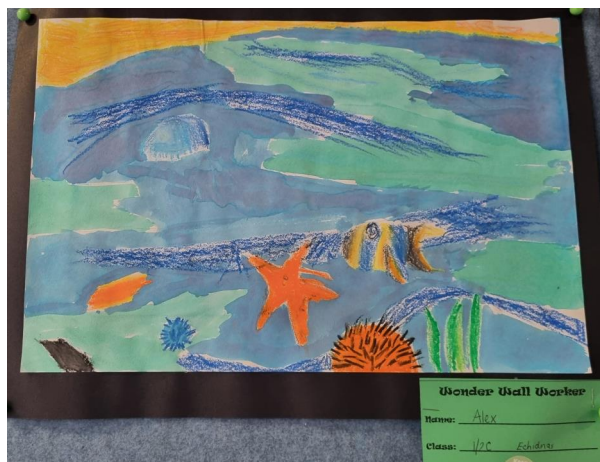
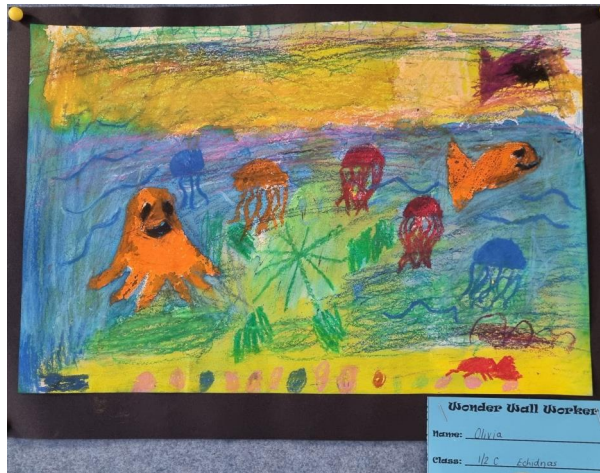
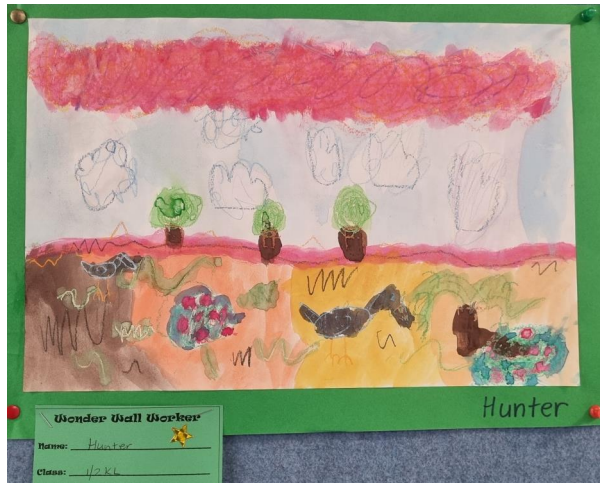
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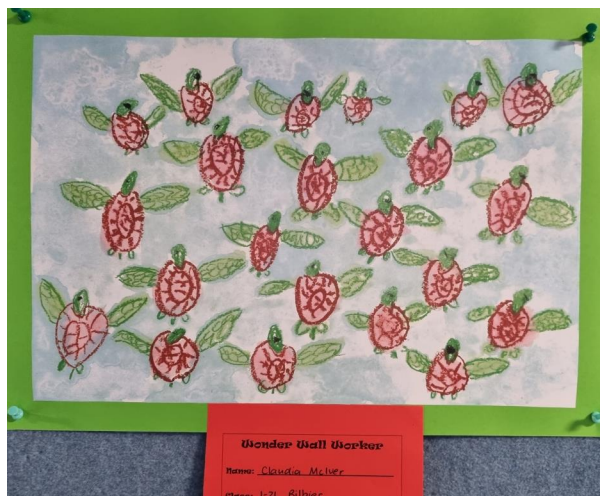
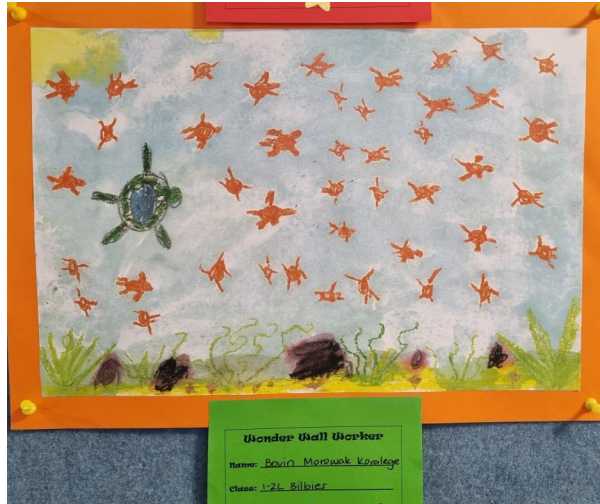
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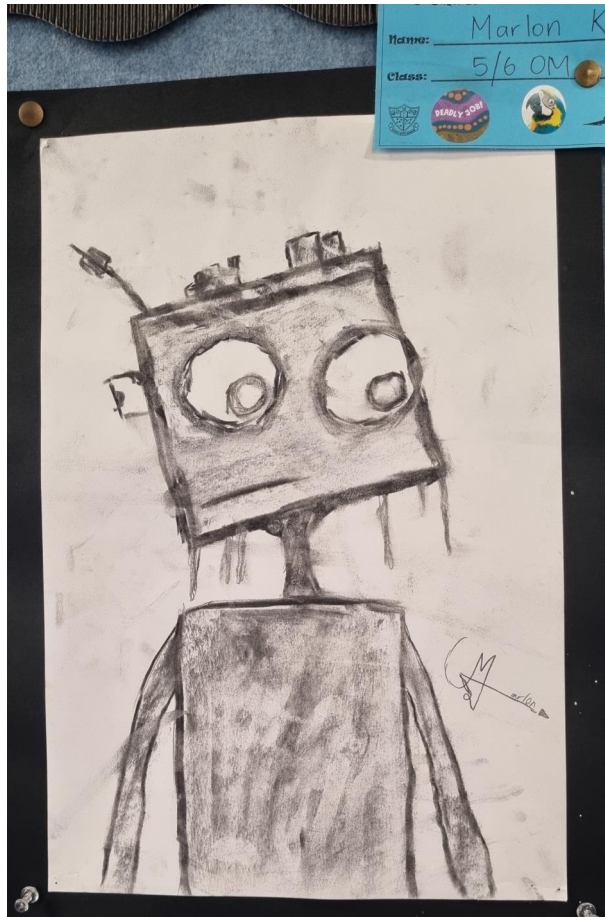
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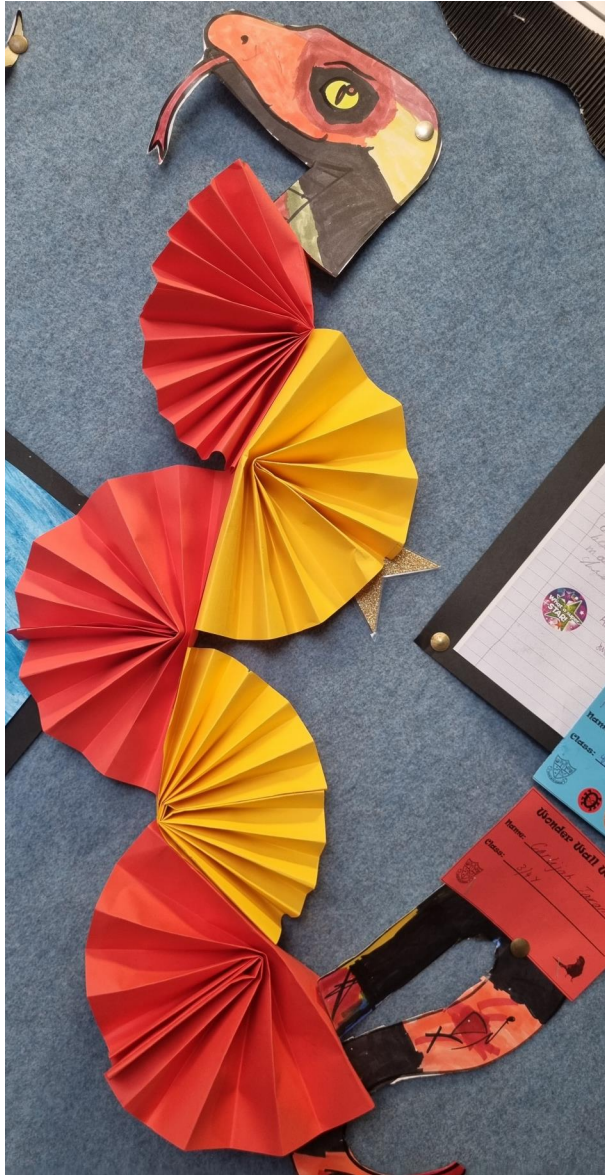
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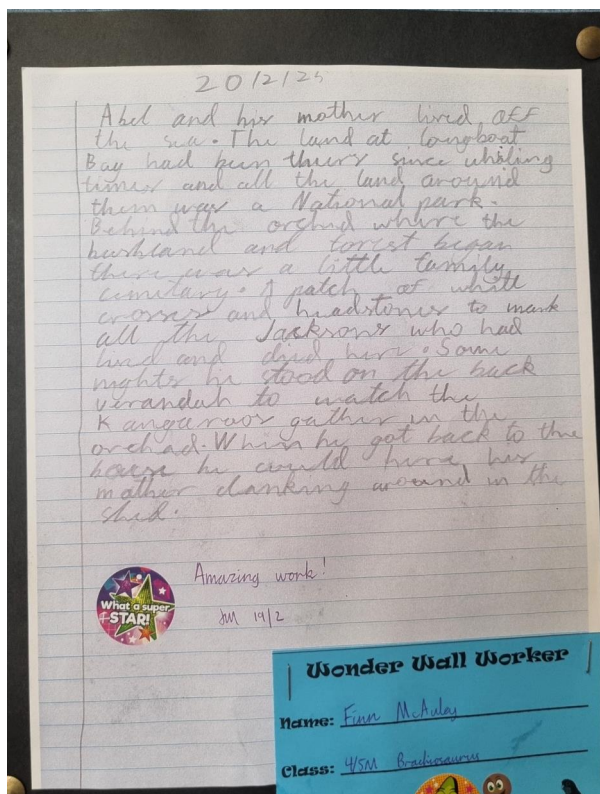
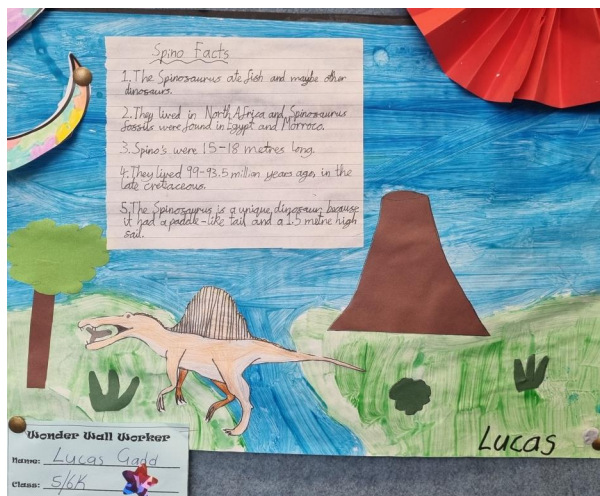
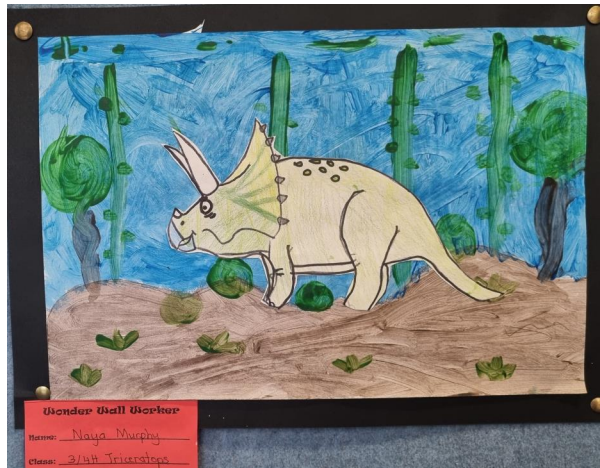






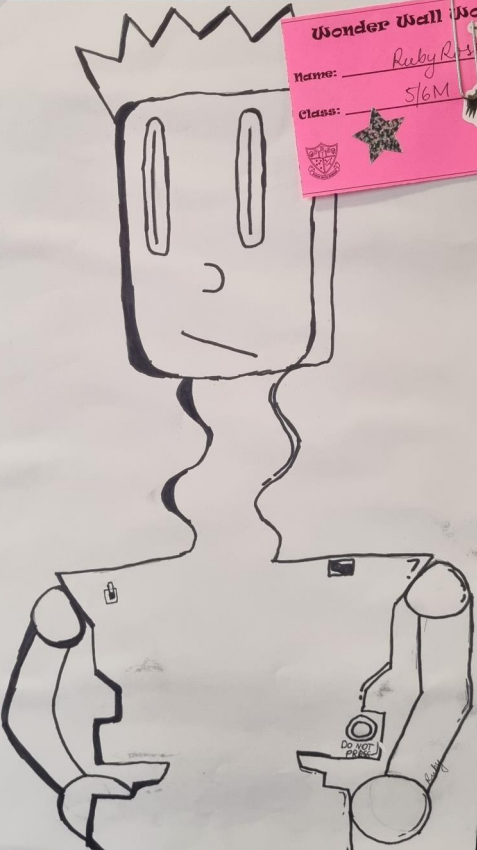




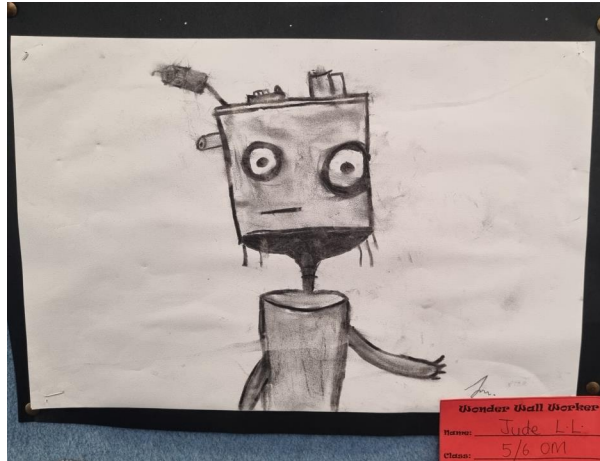


Thursday 20th February 2025
 Abel and his mother lived off the sea.
 The land at Longboat bay had been theirs since whaling times and all the land around them was a national park. Behind the orant, where the bushland and forest began, there was a little family cemetery. A patch of white crosses and headstones to mark all the Jackson who had lived and died here. Some nights he stood on the back verandah to watch the kangaroos gather in the orchard. When he got back to the house, he could hear his mother clanking around in the she

Wonder Wall Worker
 Name: Nate Martin-Pekovich
 Class: 4/5M Brachiosaurus



Wonder Wall Worker
 Name: Ruby R...
 Class: 5/6M



Peer Support

In Peer Support students are working on a module called *Keeping Friends*. This module explores the concept of friendship, building relationships and developing skills in empathy and critical thinking. The first session enables children to get to know everyone, agree on how they work together and cooperate with others. They also begin to think about the meaning of friendship.



Swimming

Update from our school swimming carnival: Two school records were broken by the talented Ruby R. The first record was the Senior Girls 50m butterfly in a new time of 39:22, while the second record broken was the Senior Girls 200m IM in a new time of 3:10:20.



1 - Stage 1 swimming place getters

Seventeen swimmers represented our school at the **Zone swimming carnival** in Glenbrook. There were some incredible swims. Bernie W came 2nd in the 12/13 boys 50m breaststroke. Ruby R came first in the 200m IM and 50m butterfly, and second in 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke. What an achievement!

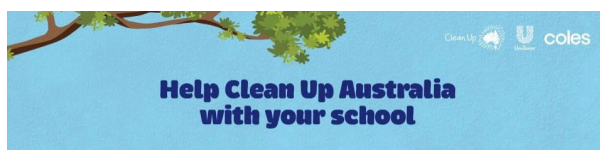
A big thank you to Mrs Windsor and Mrs Harris for managing the team and helping out at the carnival.

Mr Philip Yeong





Clean Up Schools Day



On Friday the 28th February our school participated in the annual 'Clean Up Schools Day'. Our students moved throughout the school grounds and surrounding footpaths collecting litter in biodegradable rubbish bags supplied by the Clean Up Australia team. It was great to see so many students voicing their concern about the impact of litter on our waterways and surrounding bushland as well as the birds and animals that share our home in the beautiful Blue Mountains. We can all make a difference to the amount of rubbish sent to landfill by choosing to adopt "litterless lunchboxes" and avoiding sending lots of packaged foods in lunchboxes.

Mrs Ruth Harris

Blue Mountains 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 nine of our Stage 3 students were successful in making the team. This is a fabulous effort, and Blackheath PS will be very well represented at the Sydney West Basketball Trials. Jude L-L, Lucas M, Marlon K, Zander Q, Lucy and Josie H, Ilka W-S, Audrey O, Poppy D will now attend the Sydney West Gala Day at Penrith Stadium. 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.

Mrs Ruth Harris





Koori Club Breakfast

We enjoyed a lovely catch up with Koori club members and their families on Friday 7th March. Croissants with jam, and ham and cheese, fruit platters and juice were munched and sipped as we chatted and shared stories of Uncle Lex's recent visit to our school. Thanks to all the families who came along to share in the morning, despite the wet weather! We look forward to catching up with you all again soon.

Mrs Cat Corkins

Sneak Peek KHS

It was a drizzly but downright engaging day at the Katoomba High School Sneak Peek on Tuesday. Our beautiful Year 6 students were taken on a tour of some of the key sites of Katoomba High School by Year 9 leaders from KHS. We were then treated to a very exciting history lesson where students stepped into the role of the Spartans of Ancient Greece! Finally, we ate a yummy sausage sizzle lunch cooked by the KHS students. What a great introduction to our local high school.

Mrs Bonnie McIntosh









Kiss & Drop / Pick Up



Kiss and Drop / Pick Up Zones are created 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. For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools, please visit the parent section on safetytown.com.au

Extended Leave Application - 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. [Extended leave \(travel or holiday\) application and certificate](#)

School Visitors & Volunteers

All visitors to our school during school hours are required to check in by scanning the displayed QR code or via the office tablet. At this time, visitors are provided with the BPS Induction Health and Safety Briefing which they must indicate as part of their check in. This includes morning and afternoon home reading volunteers.

We welcome volunteers at our school, but in line with NSW DoE Policy all volunteers must have a clearance. Please inquire at the office what is required to perform this valuable role.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Payments

A gentle reminder that all payments MUST be submitted via Compass, or in person at the school office, by the due date. If finance is an issue, please complete an assistance request form available from the office PRIOR to the due date.

P & C News



Blackheath Public School P&C Association



What a fun night we had at the Term 1 disco! A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers, students and school staff who helped out on the night. Thanks also to Kath and her team of volunteers for the disco food packs and delicious baked goods sold on the night.

The event would not have been possible without the time and efforts of Katharine and Mareike. We are excited to share that the disco raised around \$1000 that will go towards supporting school programs.

A special shout out and thank you to Blackheath Vegie Patch who have been generously donating fruit and vegetables to our school canteen.

Our next P&C meeting is on 17th March at 6pm, and everyone is welcome to join us. If you are unable to make the meeting but can help volunteer at an event throughout the year, please email: blackheathpandc@gmail.com



Wholesome Kids' Cafe News



Wholesome Kids Cafe

Monday - Friday from 8.30am

Volunteers always welcome!



ORDER IN PERSON OR ON THE COMPASS APP

SNACKS AVAILABLE FOR RECESS & LUNCH

Chunky watermelon cup	\$2.00	Popcorn	\$1.00
Yoghurt cup with berries	\$3.00	Seaweed	\$2.00
Cheesy Scroll	50c	Dried apricots	\$1.50
Whole Apple/banana/orange	50c	Dried Sultanas	\$1.50
Sweet Treat of the week	\$2.00	Messy Monkeys	\$2.00

LUNCH MONDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY ONLY

SANDWICHES ON WHOLEMEAL BREAD

(GF AVAILABLE)

vegemite, honey, cheese	\$3.50
ham and cheese	\$4.00
ham, cheese and tomato	\$4.50

WRAPS - WHOLEMEAL

(GF AVAILABLE)

chicken, mayo, lettuce, cucumber	\$6.50
salad cheese and hommus	\$6.00

HOT FOOD

sausage roll	\$6.50
corn fritters w salad (GF)	\$6.00
pesto pasta (GF available)	\$6.00
neapolitan pasta (GF available)	\$6.00
baked beans w cheesy	\$5.00
garlic bread (GF available)	

TUESDAY ONLY PIZZA DAY \$6

Made on homemade wholemeal bases (GF available)

Margherita	
Pepperoni	
Hawaiian	
Sweet Potato, Feta and Pesto	
Homemade fruit Sorbet	\$2.00

THURSDAY ONLY SUSHI DAY \$4.50 EA

Sushi made fresh by Sushi @ Co

Teriyaki Beef	
Tuna & Avocado	
Chicken Katsu & cucumber	
Vegetarian	
Small Edamame Beans	\$3.00
Fortune Cookie	\$1.50

DRINKS

Water	\$1.00	Coconut Water	\$3.00
Chill J	\$3.00	Banana Smoothie	\$4.50
Poppers (Orange/Apple)	\$2.50	Berry Frappe	\$4.50
Blackcurrant/Tropical/Apple)		Hot Chocolate	Sm \$3.50 Lge \$4.50
Flavoured Milk (Strawberry/Choc)	\$2.50	Oat/Soy/Lactose Free	60c

Please email the canteen with any suggestions or variations your child may require, we are more than happy to accommodate with menu item adjustments for sensory issues or for a particular ingredient as long as it's in house, we'd love to assist you and your family!
wholesomekidscafe@gmail.com

Wholesome Kids Cafe

Monday - Friday from 8.30am



MONDAY

REGULAR
MENU

TUESDAY

PIZZA
DAY
\$6.00

WEDNESDAY

REGULAR
MENU

THURSDAY

SUSHI
DAY
\$4.50

FRIDAY

REGULAR
MENU

RECESS MENU AVAILABLE 5 DAYS A WEEK
ORDER IN PERSON OR ON THE COMPASS APP

Community Notices



Transport for NSW

Free child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not used correctly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by a Transport for NSW Authorised Restraint Fitter. You can have your child car seats and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit.



DATE:	Saturday 22 March 2025
TIME:	9am - 1pm
LOCATION:	United Cinema, Katoomba (underground car park)

Bookings are essential. Call 4780 5000 or email council@bmcc.nsw.gov.au



An initiative of your local council and Transport for NSW as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program



2025 YOUTH SOCCER SEASON

FIRST GAME: 05 APRIL 2025

JOIN THE FUN – REGISTER NOW!
Calling all young soccer stars!
The 2025 soccer season is here, and it's time to lace up your cleats, hit the field, and experience the excitement of the game!

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, our league offers a fun, supportive, and competitive environment for all skill levels.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



SATURDAYS LITHGOW

Training at Blackheath Oval mid-week, games at Lithgow

Register by visiting www.blackheathfc.com or find us on Facebook

BASKETBALL COME & TRY

FREE



EVENT

FRIDAY 4th APRIL 2025 | 4-6 PM
KATOOMBA AQUATIC CENTRE

JUMP INTO THE WORLD OF BASKETBALL, GRAB A MATE AND
REGISTER FOR A FREE AFTERNOON OF FUN!

ALL KIDS WELCOME | AGES 7 TO 12

SPECIAL GUEST COACH
SYDNEY FLAMES PLAYER CAITLYN MARTIN

REGISTER NOW VIA LINK OR QR Code
<https://bnsw.info/OMOG-Try>



BLUE MOUNTAINS CULTURAL CENTRE

Sat 15 Mar
6 - 8.30 pm

*Bat
Night
2025*

30 Parke St, Katoomba

FREE - all welcome

Listen to bat experts
Meet a flying fox
Storytime | Bat bus
Library treasure hunt
Face painting | Craft cave
Gallery up late

Image: Terry Reardon, Gould's Long-eared Bat

bluemountainculturalcentre.com.au



Photo Credit: Alan Page

Wildlife Real Estate: Homes for Nature

Family Day – Saturday, 22nd March | 2pm-5pm
Mid Mountains Community Centre, Lawson

Step into the wild and discover the hidden homes of our native wildlife!

- **Meet our wild neighbours** with up-close encounters from **Me&Zoo**
- **Uncover the secret life of tree hollows** and why they're vital for possums, birds, and gliders
- **Learn how you can help** protect and create safe homes for wildlife
- **Hands-on activities and fun for all ages!**

A free community event for nature lovers big and small.
Bookings: scan QR code to book.



An initiative of Blue Mountains Conservation Society Inc.
More info: www.bluemountains.org.au

Please refer to our school's Community Notice Board in the Administration Building for other notices.

Acknowledgement of Country



We at Blackheath Public School would like to say thank you to the Dharug and Gundungurra People for letting us share your land. We promise to look after the land, people and animals too.