Tuesday 9th February 2016

Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to everyone. The students have already started working hard in their new classes working to achieve their personal best in every Key Learning Area.

I would like to welcome a new staff member to BWPS, Ms Cigdem Dogan who is teaching a Year 2 class.

The current class model is as follows for 2016:

KG – Mrs Justine Goldrick
KK – Mrs Cheryl Knight
KL – Mrs Susan Laidler
1F – Mrs Ruth Flanagan
1G – Mrs Megan Garbutt
1S – Ms Louise Smith
2B – Miss Nicole Blackshaw
2D – Ms Cigdem Dogan
2K – Mr Steven Knight
3H – Miss Cassandra Hoste
3J – Miss Sophie Sakoulas
3N – Mrs Merryn Noakes
3/4/5S – Ms Louise Sharrock
4A – Miss Jessica Andrews
4K – Mrs Jessica Kirmani
5N – Ms Nejel Sami
5/6O – Ms Maria O’Rourke
6A – Ms Amor Abarquez
6L – Mrs Lisa Ole
6W – Mrs Natalie Wraight

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Next Wednesday, 17th February, the annual swimming carnival for Years 3 – 6 students will be held at Emerton Swimming Centre. The buses to transport the children will be leaving school at 9:00am. Please ensure that your child is at school by this time so that they don’t miss the bus.

The cost of the excursion is $10:00. Cash payment for the carnival closes on Tuesday 16th February & online payment closes at 6pm Monday 15th February. NO payments will be accepted on the day of the carnival. Parents are most welcome to meet us at the swimming centre to cheer on the children in their races and novelty events.

NEW UNIFORM

Congratulations to all students who have purchased the new uniform. The school has received numerous positive comments from parents and public members in regards to how smart the students look in their new uniform. Currently, the P & C uniform shop is awaiting on new stock as the rush to buy the polo shirt has exhausted all supplies. As soon as the new shipment is in a letter will go out to all parents.

SPORTS’ HOUSE CAPTAINS

Yesterday, the students in Years 3 -6 had their first house meeting where they elected their 2016 House Captains and Vice Captains. The badges will be presented to the students at tomorrow morning’s assembly.

Congratulations to all the newly elected representatives!
YEAR 6 T SHIRTS
The Year 6 students have been given the order form for their Year 6 T Shirt. The shirt will be in the new school colours with their names printed on the back. The shirts cost $30.00. The closing date for orders is 26th February. Students need to pay either the full price per shirt or a $15.00 deposit per shirt to secure their order. It is hoped that the orders will be delivered by the end of March.

PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOON
The parent / teacher information afternoon is scheduled for Wednesday 9th March. There will be two sessions: 3:30 – 4:15 & 4:30 – 5:15. The second session is a repeat of the first. This is a great chance to meet your child’s teacher as well as hear about the units of work your child will be learning, homework expectations and any upcoming excursions, projects or requirements. There will be a sausage sizzle under the cola for parents. For Year 6 parents, there will be a meeting at 5:30pm to explain the process for completing ‘expression of interest forms’ for their child going to high school.

STAGE THREE CAMP
A letter went home last week inviting Stage Three students to attend the annual school camp. This year we will be going to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. The cost of the camp is $330.00 which covers transportation, entry to all activities, the hire of snow gear (with the exception of gloves), accommodation and meals. A $50.00 deposit is required to secure your child’s place with regular payments made after that. Numbers are limited and a waiting list will be established if the number of students exceeds the bus seating. Students who receive multiple blue slips or slips of a serious nature leading up to the camp will forfeit their place.

BOOK PACKS
Congratulations to KK & 3H! All students in these two classes have purchased their book packs and have all their stationery items for the year.
Thank you to all the parents who have paid for the book packs. These packs ensure that the students have all the stationery requirements for the 2016 school year.

MORNING ASSEMBLY
We welcome all parents to attend our morning assembly at 9:00am each day; however, we ask that you refrain from talking while the announcements are given to the students and ask if you could stand back from the classes. It is difficult for the students at the back of the assembly to hear the messages when people are talking and it is also difficult for teachers to organise class lines when parents are standing too close. Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 23rd March. We ask if all students could be in full summer school uniform on this day. Payment envelopes will be coming home shortly for parents who wish to purchase photo packs.

PSSA SPORT
BWPS will not be participating in the summer rounds of the PSSA competition; however, it is hoped that we will be fielding teams for the Winter PSSA competition.

ONLINE PAYMENT
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard or debit card.
Go to www.blacktownw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Please see attached information sheet for all the details.
For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the Office on 9622 2285.
CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Remember to collect your 10 awards – they can be stamped for a special award. Don’t forget to keep all awards with the school tree in a safe place.

Term 1 Week 2
2016
SPECIAL AWARDS

SILVER BAR
Ayesha V

Well done to all the students who have received an award.

1F  Katie M, Gurshaan M
1G  Liam C, Beyza S
1S
2B  Muqeen A, Markus A
2D  Kellie G, Jayden E
2K  Morean L, Benjamin S
3/4SS  Seth L, Brittany A
3H  Hailey W, Smyan K
3J  Dominik D, Logo T, Kayla X
3N  John C, Bianca L
4A  Sanju K,
4K  Hitarth B, Sakeela S
5/6O  Oscar D, Angus S
5N  Tyrone W, Zirwat H
6A  Ashraf Z, Bareen P
6L  Tamika V, Tim C
6W  Creflo S, Cassidy R

MULTILIT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year we are going to continue with our MULTILIT Program to assist our students with their reading. Many tutors from previous years have said how rewarding it was to see our students making progress with their reading. It is a simple program where tutors will be trained to work with one student at a time. If you can spare as little as half an hour or an hour (or more if you are really keen) per week, then please complete the slip below and return it to the school office by FRIDAY 12th February. Training times will be arranged at a later date to suit all.

If you would like to discuss this with me before committing yourself, please call me on the School number 96222285.

Thanking you

Mrs Singh

I would like to volunteer to train as a tutor for MULTILIT.

NAME:______________________

CHILD’S NAME:_______________________

PHONE No:_____________________

CHILD’S CLASS:_____________________

Attendance

Much research has been done to show the link between excellent attendance at school and the correlation to students completing their high school studies and going on to being actively employed as adults. Please ensure your child is at school each day on time so he/she can develop good study habits.

Due to changes in the Department’s policy on attendance, overseas trips and holidays during school term time are no longer able to be approved by the Principal. The Department states that all trips and holidays should be taken during school holiday times.

Yours sincerely

Meg Peel

Principal
KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

FEELING THE HEAT?
IT’S TIME FOR A SKIN CANCER CHECK!

Exposure to the sun’s ultraviolet rays can cause sunburn and skin cancer and contribute to visible signs of ageing. There is a higher risk of skin damage, which can lead to skin cancer, during the summer months and that is why it is important to have regular skin checks with an accredited skin cancer doctor.

If necessary, KRMC®’s GPs will use mole-scanning technology to detect any suspect moles and to build up an accurate picture of changes to the skin over time. Our GPs and Nurses are able to perform excisions of moles that appear to be of concern and to send them for laboratory analysis via our on-site Pathology department. If required, follow up treatment and referrals are available.

For more information and to make an appointment at KRMC®’s Skin Cancer Clinic, please call Reception on 8822 3000.

OPEN 7 DAYS 8:00AM TO 8:00PM
Kildare Road Medical Centre / 36 Kildare Road, Blacktown, NSW 2148 / kildaremedical.com.au
BLACKTOWN BEARS JRLC

BECOME A BEAR IN 2016
REGISTRATION DAYS ARE TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS IN FEBRUARY & MARCH FROM 6PM AT JACK MYERS FIELD.
NOW REGISTERING PLAYERS FROM U/6 TO A GRADE ALL PLAYERS WELCOME TO PLAY
come and be part of this great family oriented club
CLUB CONTACT JAMIE - 0425352598
EMAIL blacktownbearsjrlc@gmail.com
JACK MYERS FIELD
ALIBERTI OR BLACKTOWN
REGISTRATIONS ARE ALSO ONLINE GOTO: PLAYNRL.COM

PCYC Spartans Rugby League Blacktown
Players required for 2016 season for U/6 to Open Age
Girls 13 to 16 years & Ladies 17 and over
Minimum age to register for children is 4 years
Discounted fees for families with multiple children

PCYC Spartans are a young club now heading into our Ninth season and boasting some great results with our teams winning premierships and the club nominated and winning many prestigious awards.
PCYC Spartans is a GoodSports accredited club and in 2015 was the NSW club of the year and National winner of the GoodSports Community Development award.
2016 we require players for all teams...
Girls can now register from U/6 to U/13 and compete in mixed teams with the boys and then 13 to Women's Open teams which are all female teams.
We are proudly partnered with the GEO Group at Parklea supporting us through their Industries programs.
We are located at Allen Robertson Reserve, North Parramatta - full details can be found on our Facebook page.

U/6 to U/17 Registrations can be done on our Facebook page by clicking the sign up button.
https://www.facebook.com/BlacktownPCyC.Spartans/
Or register at http://www.playnrl.com/

PCYC SPARTANS BLACKTOWN RUGBY LEAGUE
Strength
Pride
Attitude
Respect
Tradition
Academics
Never give up
Sportsmanship

All enquiries Phone 0466509790
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When you access the $Make a payment you must enter:

- Given name
- Surname
- Class
- Reference or invoice number (optional)
- Date of Birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them these are optional fields.

Items that can be paid include:

- Book pack: Category is Sales to students – Description is Book pack
- Library bag: Category is Sales to students – Description is Library bag
- School bag: Category is Sales to students – Description is School bag
- PSSA: Category is Sport – Description is PSSA
- Swimming Carnival: Category is Sport – Description is Swimming Carnival
- Zone Swimming Carnival: Category is Sport – Description is Zone Swimming Carnival
- Snowy Camp Y 5&6: Category is Excursion – Description is Snowy Camp
- Choir: Category is Excursion – Description is Choir

There is also a category called Other this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

- Check the permission note for the closing date and time for excursions / carnivals.
- Permission notes must be signed and receipt number filled out and returned to the school.
- Your child will not be able to attend excursions or carnivals if the permission note is not returned to the school.

The payment must be made before 6pm for the school to receive the funds the next day.

i.e pay before 6pm on Monday, the school will have the funds on Tuesday.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. If the payment is after 6pm then there will be 24 hour delay in the school receiving the funds

i.e pay after 6pm on Monday, the school will have the funds on Wednesday.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payment are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

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