Dear Blacktown North Public School community,

**Staffing**
Due to the retirement of Mrs Croker, Blacktown North Public School had an opening for a permanent teaching position. A panel was formed, the position was advertised and through merit selection, Miss Annika Butler was the successful applicant. Congratulations Miss Butler.

**Parent Survey**
Two surveys went out to parents this term, one regarding communication between the parents and the school (green) and one about different aspects of the school (Yellow). I would like to thank all the parents that filled out and returned the surveys. These surveys will assist with the strategic planning of the school for next year. We have been working hard in analysing all the information. As soon as it is completed we will put the results in the next newsletter and parents will have further input.

**Public Speaking Competition**
The following students, Om Prajapati, Ravneet Kaur, Malika Royhan and Tamanna Sayar, represented Blacktown North Public School with pride at the Public Speaking Competition that was held at Bert Oldfield Public school on Wednesday 12th November. Thank you to Mrs Kerr for assisting the students. All the students did really well and spoke wonderfully. We are very proud of them. Well done.

**Library**
The library will be closed for borrowing from next week. All books should be returned during the next two weeks. This is a perfect time to clean out under beds, book cases and anywhere else stray books may lurk! There will be a prize for the first class to return their books.

The Principal's Message

**Blacktown North Public School**

**What makes us a great school?**
Our reputation is spreading. The word is getting out that we have:

😊 Wonderful parents who proactively support us in so many ways
😊 Fantastic teachers who go above and beyond the call of duty for the children and for each other
😊 Great students – who care for and support each other
😊 Wonderful experiences for our students, including student selected interest groups, PSSA sport, choir, public speaking, debating, Bollywood Dancing, Hip Hop, Drumming, Reading Challenge
😊 Friendly, caring, efficient front office staff
😊 Magnificent school programs, such as our: Bumble Bees Playgroup, Busy Bees Transition to School, Language Program and our many enrichment programs
😊 Targeted learning support for students
😊 Our cutting edge technology
😊 Parent English Language Programs
😊 Friendship Garden, where students can sit and read, celebrate a birthday, or participate in gardening activities
😊 Professional Dance Lessons for all students
😊 Kiss and Drop Zone
😊 Reading Recovery
😊 Before and After school care
😊 Reading Eggs

The education and wellbeing of our students is of the utmost importance to us and we look forward to working with you. We have high expectations for your children both academically and socially.

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Carmen Cefai
Principal
## Awards from Assembly Week 6

### Merit
- **KB**
  - Kalliopi Chorafiti
  - Elijah Aviles
- **KM**
  - Lucas Hoffman
  - Taahaa Naderi Tehrani
  - Padina Ghazanfary
- **1/2J**
  - Yaduraj Tripathi
  - Erleen Santos
  - Kyna Nand
- **1/2K**
  - Natalie Singh
  - Leaha Hoffman
  - Eshan Binesh
- **3/4G**
  - Om Prajapati
- **4/5R**
  - Axell Ramos
  - Carmelo Ferraro
  - Ata Surer
- **5/6S**
  - Amy Chen
  - Stuti Sigdel
  - Yashvi Sheth

### Citizenship
- **KB**
  - Harpreet Kaur
  - Arra Ramos
  - Musawir Baluchzada
- **KM**
  - Ashley Matore
  - Aftab Patwary
  - Japjeet Brar
- **1/2J**
  - Morsal Amiri
  - Varsha Krishnagiri
  - Naiia Maryam
- **1/2K**
  - Usman Hussain
  - Aya Fagouf
  - Zainab Abbas
- **3/4G**
  - Jashandeep Singh
- **4/5R**
  - Sempada Sigdel
  - Yuvraj Singh
  - San Win Yee Win
- **5/6S**
  - Prathik Suryaneni
  - Aung San Oo
  - Mollay Kollie

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K-2 bronze award winners:

3-6 bronze award winners

Silver award winners
Last Assembly, the talented students of 3/4G amazed the rest of the school with their fabulous dance performance of One Direction’s hit song ‘What makes you beautiful?’

The students had so much fun during rehearsals and really gave it their best efforts at the assembly.

Great Work

3/4G!!!!

Keep those feet dancing!!

Mrs Sayas
Enrol Now For Kindergarten 2015

Do you have a child who will be turning 5 before July 31st 2015?

We are currently taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 and are encouraging parents to pick up an enrolment form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

Please note that date of birth must be verified before enrolment can be completed. A birth certificate, passport or record of birth will satisfy this requirement. It is also necessary to obtain current immunisation details (in the form of a certificate) as these are required for school record cards.

Starting big school is a very exciting time, but it can also be an anxious time for both parents and their children. If you have any questions or concerns about your child starting school, please drop in and have a chat.
In Science this term, students have been learning about changes. By observing change, students glimpse the diversity of materials in their world. Students have enjoyed exploring change through the context of food including bread, chocolate and popcorn.
On Tuesday 11 November many excited parents and students attended our first Kindergarten orientation session for new kindergarten students in 2015.

Parents were involved in an information session in the hall during which they learned about a typical day in Kindergarten, school procedures and other relevant information. They also enjoyed a parade by current kindergarten students who were parading in correct school uniform. Parents also got to meet and chat to staff during morning tea.

The children got to spend time in the Kindergarten classrooms, meeting new friends and teachers. Children played games, sang songs and learnt about Blacktown North Public School. They all got a book to take home with photos and information of different areas of the school.

Children will attend two more Orientation sessions and are also welcome to attend Busy Bees Transition program till the end of the year.
Last week four of students represented our school at the Blacktown Learning Communities Public Speaking Competition: Tamanna Sayar; Maliha Royhan; Ravneet Kaur and Om Prajapati.

Our students delivered their well- prepared speeches with conviction and enthusiasm. Members of the community congratulated their efforts.

They listened attentively to all speeches appraising the merits of their fellow contestants with good will. Well done students!

Public Speaking Coordinator

Mrs Kerr
Uniform competition

Students have been rewarded for wearing correct school uniform to school every day. They were given raffle tickets for wearing correct uniform, and this was drawn on Friday. The winners got to attend a Magic Show at Horden Pavilion.

A reminder about correct school uniform:

**Boys’ uniform:**

Summer uniform – Black shorts, yellow polo shirt, a hat, black shoes & socks.

Winter – Black trackpants, yellow polo shirt, Blacktown North Zipper Jacket black shoes & socks and a hat.

**Girls’ uniform:**

Summer uniform – black skort, yellow polo shirt, black shoes and socks and a hat.

Winter uniform - black skort, yellow polo shirt, Blacktown North Zipper Jacket, black tights a hat.

Children who need to be fully covered for religious reasons may wear black tights under their skorts all year long.

**Sport uniform** – worn on Fridays—sports shirt, sport shorts, black sneakers and black socks

**Students who won the raffle tickets:**

Reeya, Varsha, Trusha, Toorjo, Likhita, Aung, Nikan, Parampreet, Saksham.

**New student zipper jacket for 2015**

**New sports uniform for 2015**
Community Hub news

Hello everyone

I’m Annette Rolfe, the new Community Hub Leader for your school. Community Hubs is a national program that links families and their preschool children to services and support, learning opportunities and the wider community.

I hope to use my experience of working in the Community Services Sector to build on the work already done in establishing a Community Hub in your school. Most recently I worked in a community centre in Fairfield where there was a very diverse community with many families newly arrived in Australia. Blacktown North Public School also has a wide diversity of families.

The Hub is located in the Community Room within the school. Every Monday morning from 9am to 11am there is ‘Bumble Bees’ Playgroup for parents and their babies, toddlers and pre-school children (0 – 5 Years).

Come and join us on Tuesday afternoons where the ‘Queen Bees Club’ – school mums – meet for a chat and help prepare school resources for your children to use in different classes, alongside the teachers, Assistant Principals and the Principal.

The other big activity in the Community Room is “Busy Bees” Transition to School group for children starting school the following year. Mrs Bishop runs the group from 9am to 11am on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Please come along and say hello and find out how the Community Hub can support you and your children. Generally, I’m in the Community Room from 8.30am to 4pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and part of the day on Thursday.

Contact me on: 0401 683 793 or the school no: 9622 2277
Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Community Members,

For your interest, are some dates of significance from the NSW Department of Education and Communities’ Calendar for cultural diversity.

Kind Regards,
Angela Kerr
ESL Coordinator

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<td>World Fisheries Day</td>
<td>This day, celebrated by fishing communities worldwide, highlights the importance of maintaining fisheries in the world’s rivers, lakes and oceans. World Fisheries Day focuses on how the global fishing industry must be managed to ensure sustainable stocks and ongoing healthy ecosystems.</td>
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<td>21 November</td>
<td>World Television Day</td>
<td>In 1996, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 21 November as World Television Day. Member states are invited to observe the day by encouraging global exchange of television programs focusing on issues such as peace, security, economic and social development and the enhancement of cultural exchanges.</td>
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<td>24 November</td>
<td>Guru Teg Bahadur’s Martyrdom Day (Sikh)</td>
<td>Guru Teg Bahadur (1621–1675) was the ninth of ten Sikh gurus. He was executed in Delhi on the 11th November 1675 for upholding the Sikh faith and pursuing the right of religious liberty.</td>
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<td>25 November</td>
<td>International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women</td>
<td>In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 25 November as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The day commemorates the political assassination of the Mirabal sisters in the Dominican Republic in 1960. The UN was concerned to raise awareness of the fact that women endure violence against women was impeding women's opportunities to achieve legal, social, political and economic equality in society.</td>
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<td>27 November</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Day</td>
<td>The first Thanksgiving Day was held by Plymouth Plantation colonists in 1621. It was a three-day feast to celebrate their first harvest. 'Thanksgiving Day' was first proclaimed by President George Washington in 1789 as a day for public prayer and thanksgiving. Various dates for this occasion were used in the ensuing years until 1941 when President Roosevelt set it at the fourth Thursday in November. The day is symbolised by the cornucopia, the horn of plenty.</td>
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<td>St Andrew’s Day (Scotland)</td>
<td>St Andrew, one of Christ’s apostles was crucified by the Romans on an X-shaped cross. Scotland’s flag today is the Cross of St Andrew. Although the reasons why he became the patron saint of Scotland are now unknown, this feast day (St Andrew’s Day) has been on the Scottish calendar for more than one thousand years. St Andrew’s Day is not a public holiday however it is still celebrated wherever people of Scottish descent gather.</td>
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<td>1 December</td>
<td>World AIDS Day</td>
<td>In 1988, a World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programs of AIDS Prevention called for the opening of channels of communication worldwide. They wanted to strengthen the exchange of information and experience for dealing with AIDS and to promote a spirit of social tolerance. World AIDS Day receives support from the World Health Assembly, the United Nations and governments and communities around the world.</td>
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<td>2 December</td>
<td>International Day for the Abolition of Slavery</td>
<td>This day commemorates the decision by the United Nations General Assembly to adopt the ‘Convention for the Suppression of Traffic in Persons and the Exploitation of Others’ in 1949. It is important that new forms of exploitation and oppression are not allowed to occur and that old forms of slavery are eradicated.</td>
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<td>3 December</td>
<td>International Day of People with a Disability</td>
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Open Day

All women and children are welcome!

You are invited to Blacktown Women's and Girls' Health Centre!

Date: Tuesday 2nd December 2014
Time: 12-3PM
Location: 6 Prince Street, Blacktown NSW 2148
RSVP: Tuesday 25th November 2014

If you have any questions please contact Christine or Zoe on:
Email: info@womensandgirls.org.au
Phone: 02 9831 2070

→ Face painting
→ Introduction to our centre
→ Lots of free giveaways
→ Health information
→ Free lunch
→ Live music
→ Children's entertainment
→ Local community members...and more

Blacktown Women’s and Girls’ Health Centre Inc.

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The simplest way to be SunSmart!

Showing children that you wear sunscreen is the best way to teach them about our harmful UV rays.

Children imitate adult behavior – both good and bad. When it comes to sun protection, setting the best example is important for teachers and parents.

What should you do?

- Wear a sun safe hat.
- Wear a shirt with a collar and sleeves.
- Apply sunscreen before going outside, and then at regular two hour intervals throughout the day.
- Make sure your shirt is not see-through.
- Use a sun cream which is specific to children.

Nutrition Snippet

...stay healthy over Summer.

Summer time = BBQ time in Australia.

Here are five ways to make your barbies as healthy and delicious as possible.

- Limit or avoid processed meat like sausages and bacon.
- Make sure your plate is filled with veggies.
- Make a few salads to serve on the side.
- Freeze fruits like grapes and berries make a delicious treat for a dessert on a hot day.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit
The simplest way
...to help fussy eaters.

One way manage fussy eaters is to hide your fruit and veg in smoothies.

Kids think they're a milkshake and will slurp them up happily!

Ingredients
- 2 cups reduced-fat milk
- 1/2 cup reduced-fat natural yoghurt
- 1 ripe banana
- 1-2 tbs rolled oats

Method
1. Place all ingredients in a blender, mixing until smooth and well combined.
2. Serve immediately in a tall glass.

Try other fruits - like berries and drained canned fruit - for another delicious smoothie!

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The Eat It To Beat It program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.

The simplest way
...to make healthy ice cream.

Everyone loves ice cream, right? It's cool and delicious, and perfect for cooling down on a summer's day.

Try making our fruit-filled ice-cream: it's healthy and yummy!

- ½ a 440 g can crushed pineapple in natural juice, frozen
- 1 ripe banana, frozen
- pulp of 1 large passionfruit

Method
1. Roughly chop frozen fruit and place in the bowl of a food processor.
2. Process until fruit becomes granular. Scrape down sides of bowl with a spatula and process again. Repeat 4-5 times until fruit mixture is a smooth, thick and creamy texture.

Spoon into bowls and serve immediately with fresh fruit, or freeze some for later!

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