Dear Blacktown North Public School community,

We are already in week 6 and teachers are working hard preparing reports for the students. Reports will be handed out in week 9. We will also be holding parent interviews in week 9. This is where you will get the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and view some of the wonderful work they have been doing.

Debating Team
Once again, congratulations to our debating team. The debating team spoke confidently, which demonstrated they were well prepared. They had strong arguments and represented our school with pride. Congratulations to our team, Mahlia Royhan (1st Speaker), Adriana Pandazopoulous (2nd Speaker), Tamanna Sayar (3rd Speaker) and Vaishvi Doctor (Fourth Speaker). We are very proud of you. The next round will be held at our school. As we get closer to the date we will notify parents.

Volunteers
Due to changes within the department of Education, if you are volunteering within our school you need to have a current Working with Children Check, this can be completed online.

Canberra/Snow Camp Years 3-6
Our camp this year will be an excellent education opportunity for your child. Camp will be held in Week 10 of Term 3 for 3 days and 2 nights. The cost of the camp is great value covering transport, accommodation, entry into various locations as well as activities and food. All food prepared is culturally appropriate. A note was sent home with a payment plan. Please ensure that further payments are made as indicated on the note. If you require further information please contact the office. There are no more spaces left for camp, but we do have a waiting list.

Important Notice
Please remember that all visitors to our school must come to the office and sign in and out. This is very important. We need to know who is on the premises at all times, for the safety of our students and staff.

Reading Eggs Reminder
Your child will now have access to ABC Reading Eggs at school and at home, the fun but effective program that teaches children how to read! ABC Reading Eggs is designed to get your child motivated and excited about reading.

ABC Reading Eggs teaches children the core reading and literacy skills they need for success at school. The engaging one-to-one learning activities contain colourful animations, fun music and exciting rewards that keep children motivated to learn! Your child has a login and password, and children are encouraged to use Reading Eggs at home. Please see your child’s teacher if they have forgotten their password. Have a look at website: www.readingeggs.com.au

Bollywood Dance Group
On Friday 6th June our Bollywood Dance group will be preforming at Blacktown Girls High School. They are looking wonderful, and Mrs Kalra and the dance group have been working very hard preparing for the event. Congratulations on all your efforts.

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**
- Abbas Syed
- Danbi Park
- Jack Thompson
- Lucas Hoffman
- Natasha Bajkanovic
- Aftab Patwary
- Naiia Maryam
- Angelo Sayas
- Erleen Santos
- Razia Tanweer
- Tommoy Roychowdhury
- Usman Hussain
- Jashandeep Singh
- Zainab Akbari
- Yukshi Patel
- Ayush Atri
- Meghal Bhatt
- Gurparteet Kaur
- Tamanna Sayar
- Adriana Pandazopoulos

**Citizenship**
- Elizabeth Muyambo
- Harpreet Kaur
- Inesh Saini
- Tamamutu Belvie
- Ayan Yasir
- Japjeet Brar
- Anup Poudel
- Thisanth Yogenthiram
- Likita Chikmath
- Vivek Rao
- Sandya Bista Chhetri
- Eshan Binesh
- Arian Amiri
- Shreya Dhanasekar
- Sukhjit Singh
- Linda Zeng
- Vivek Rawat
- Nikan Kaiwan
- Muaz Choudhry
- Aniket Aniket

**Bronze Certificate Recipients**
- Rudra Vekariya
- Varad Datt
- Ralph Frank
- Priyani Singh
- Niliya Pradhan
- Litha Chikmath
- Trusha Patel
- Jordan Devaney
- Ravneet Kaur
- Harry Saini
- Francis Gale
- Yuvraj Singh
- Aung San Oo

- Vikas Chikmath
- Erleen Santos
- Sabrina Zeng
- Naiia Maryam
- Misha Dhanasekar
- Aaliyah-Skyye Holloway
- Saman Habibi
- Jashandeep Singh
- Carmelo Ferraro
- San Win Yee Win
- Saul Sardis
- Axell Ramos
- Stuti Sigdel

**Silver Certificate Recipients**
- Stayesh Hardani
- Tommoy Roychowdhury
- Ismikka Bista Chhetri

- Eshan Binesh
- Ali Naderi Tehran

**Principal Award**

A principal award was awarded to Sukhman Kaur because she put someone else's feeling before hers. Sukhman chose her favourite book from the library; she saw that another student was upset because they missed out. Sukhman walked over to that student, gave them the book and chose another book. This shows how kind and thoughtful Sukhman is. We are extremely proud of her actions.
**Sneak Peek into 4/5R’s Classroom**

This term, the students from 4/5R have been working incredibly hard in all areas of their schooling. We have been learning a lot about Indigenous Australian Culture through Mr Wallace who was in our class for two weeks.

Throughout the rest of the term we are looking forward to learning more about endangered animals and the environment and are sure to have a lot of fun along the way!

Ms Rumsey

4/5R enjoys reading groups each day where they get to read books at their level and complete different activities to improve their reading and comprehension. They particularly enjoy going on Study Ladder and Reading Eggs to complete online comprehension activities.

This term 4/5R have been working hard to build our vocabulary and are discovering the meaning of lots of descriptive words such as bizarre, tolerant and timid.

During our time with student teacher Mr Wallace we were able to explore the relationship between fractions and decimals. The students had a lot of fun creating fractions using playdough in Mr Wallace’s Pizza Shop.
During term 2 students have been very busy working in our vegetable garden.

So far this term we have harvested capsicum, chillies and have an abundant supply of herbs in the herb garden. Students assisted in preparing the garden beds, as well as planting out seedlings – we have planted lettuce, cabbage, carrots, peas, carrots and sweet basil. Students eagerly assist in weeding, watering and caring for our garden.

It’s a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn new skills and help each other care for the garden. They all take pride in the garden, and eagerly give up their time at lunchtime too to assist in caring for the plants.

We are all looking forward to harvesting our next crops, and being able to sell the produce to families – all funds raised are used to purchase more seedlings and sustain the garden.

Mrs Bishop
Zone Cross Country Friday 23rd May 2014

23 students represented our school in the Zone Cross Country Carnival which was held at Alwyn Lindfield Reserve at Glenwood. It was a beautiful sunny day and the students did their best in their races. They enjoyed the day eating fruits that Mrs Bishop had packed for us and made some new friends on the field. Our students were well behaved and they happily cheered for their team mates. They also made an extra effort to keep their area clean and tidy. Mrs Lukachikli and I were really impressed. Well done!

Mrs Kalra
Blacktown Recycling Show

On Tuesday, 3rd of June, a Recycling performance was organised by Blacktown Council for Stage 3 students. All 5/6 S and 4/5 R students had the opportunity to attend this performance. It covered the following curriculum areas: Environment & Sustainability, English, Drama, Maths and Science. Students learned about the importance of recycling and the council had come up with a theatrical approach to meet the needs and interests of the students. It was an interactive and fast paced performance with crazy characters and lots of facts. The students enjoyed the performance and loved participating in different acts.
Round 2 of the Pickles Shield Debate at Lethbridge Park Public School
Topic: School uniforms are good for us

Our debating team supported each other through another challenging topic against an experienced opposition and last year’s champions. Each speaker spoke clearly and with conviction. We had to convince the adjudicator that, School uniforms are not good for us.

Maliha Royhan cleverly defined the topic pointing out that the act of wearing a uniform does not improve our well-being or health. She introduced the team’s catch phrase that, “There is no truth or proof that wearing school uniforms is good for us.”

A great point made by Adriana Pandazopoulos was, “... that you never get to wear much of your other clothes because you have to wear your school uniform most of the time. So what happens to the rest of your clothes in your wardrobes? You grow out of them when they are still in near new condition of course! ...which is a huge waste of money.”

Tamanna Sayar summed our teams case thoroughly and rebutted vigorously. She paced her speech perfectly to make the first bell in three and half minutes.

Our fourth speaker Vaishvi Doctor supported all team members throughout the morning. She encouraged everyone and passed insightful rebuttal points to each speaker that helped us win the debate.

Congratulations to our hard working debating team on their second win of the competition!

Mrs Kerr
Debating Coach
Jollybops

Wow, what a show!

Jollybops entertained the students from K-6 with flight, sound and fire. Students discovered the science behind the boomerang and inventions of the great Aboriginal Scientist David Unaipon. Students were very excited and we would love to have jollybops come again.
Sorry Day

On Monday the 26th May at 11:25 our school gathered together for a Sorry Day assembly. Sorry Day is a day when we remember and commemorate the mistreatment of Australia’s Indigenous population and raise awareness of the impact that these events have had on the Aboriginal People. During this assembly a group of boys from Year 3 to Year 6 performed for the first time as our Aboriginal Dance group. These boys worked very hard the week before to learn an Aboriginal welcome dance and did a fantastic performance.
Thankyou to everyone who attended our assembly this week hosted by KM.

The Students enjoyed performing their chant “Boom-Chicka-Boom”. The chant was a lot of fun to learn and the students enjoyed acting and singing in different voices.

Shrihna and Vikas did a great job introducing the teachers.

Well done to our school Captains and Vice Captains for assisting teachers in handing out the awards.

Congratulations to KB and 4/5R for winning the quietest class trophies.

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Mrs Harding
UPCOMING EVENTS:
- Student Banking every Monday
- HUB opening day – Tuesday 10th June

Bumble Bees Playtime is on Monday mornings in the Community Room. Also English and Computer classes are being held on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Child minding is available.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following students who will celebrate a birthday in June

Syed Abbas
Mahjabeen Abbas
Mina Alami
Eli Aviles
Tyson Belvie
Shreya Dhanasekar
Ayush Gupta
Varun Krishnagiri
Ashley Matore
Ali Nadeem
Taahaa Naderi Tehrani
Aatriey Pamana

Anup Poudel
Vivek Rao
Toorjo Roychowdhury
Harry Saini
Saul Sardis
Prathmi Shah
Sampada Sigdel
Moustafa Sulliman
Samarth Talati
Nafia Tanweer
Jack Thompson
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>The Milton Scarecrow Festival, held on Saturday of the June long weekend, features scarecrows, real and live, markets, farm yard animals, jumping castle, family bbqs and rides.</td>
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<td>8 June</td>
<td>Anniversary (Bounty) Day</td>
<td>Bounty Day celebrates the day when, in 1856, the first free and separate settlement was established on Norfolk Island. On this day the island was handed over to the Pitcairn Islanders who were the descendants of the 'Bounty' mutineers. Prior to this, Norfolk Island had been used as a convict settlement for many years.</td>
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<td>8 June</td>
<td>World Oceans Day</td>
<td>This annual observance acknowledges the importance of the world's oceans and the part they play in our global food chain, economy and regulating the global climate. This day provides an opportunity to consider the conservation of the world's oceans and the reduction of our impact on their fragile ecosystems.</td>
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<td>9 June</td>
<td>Queen's Birthday</td>
<td>The Queen's Birthday is observed in NSW on the second Monday of June. On this day the Queen's Birthday honours list of individuals nominated for their contribution to Australian society is published.</td>
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<td>11 June</td>
<td>Commonwealth of Australia Racial Discrimination Act 1975</td>
<td>Australia through the United Nations has agreed to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (1965). This agreement obliges Australia to eliminate racial discrimination and promotes understanding among all races, including in education and training. The Commonwealth Racial Discrimination Act (1975) applies throughout Australia, to all people regardless of their age or where they live. It makes racial discrimination against the law. The Commonwealth Racial Discrimination Act (1975) aims to ensure that everyone is treated equally, regardless of their race, colour, descent, or national or ethnic origin.</td>
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<td>15 - 21 June</td>
<td>National Refugee Week</td>
<td>National Refugee Week is a time when attention can be drawn to the needs of refugees both here and around the world and to how Australia and Australians can contribute to ensuring their protection. The Refugee Council of Australia is the key organisation behind this observance.</td>
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<td>16 June</td>
<td>International Day of the African Child</td>
<td>Formerly known as Soweto Day and South African Youth Day, this day commemorates 16 June, 1976, when some 30,000 high school students began a march to protest against racism in the South African government and the inferior quality education system for black students. One of the student demands was that they were taught in their own language. This day commemorates all those youth who were fatally shot or wounded in the fight to abolish apartheid in South Africa.</td>
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<td>World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought</td>
<td>The United Nations General Assembly, as part of its international campaign to tackle global environmental deterioration and in particular combating dry lands' degradation (which cover up to one quarter of the world's land surface) designated 17 June as World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. Celebrated worldwide, this day is designed to focus the world's attention on issues pertaining to land desertification (degradation) and drought. It is a unique occasion to remind everybody that solutions are possible, but only if we strengthen participation and cooperation at all levels. Continued concerted efforts to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development, coupled with an increased national awareness of the problems, can help us make a difference, particularly for our rural population who depend on many of these threatened resources for their livelihood.</td>
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<td>World Refugee Day</td>
<td>This day was first observed internationally in 2001 although previously many countries had celebrated a Refugee Day. The United Nations established the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in 1950 and since then it has been active in assisting the world's refugees and other displaced peoples.</td>
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<td>Winter Solstice</td>
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