Dear Blacktown North Public School community,

I would like to begin this week by thanking all the parents that attended the parent meeting in the library. These meetings are an important aspect of our school, where parents are able to put forward any ideas, concerns and let us know what is working.

This meeting was very successful because as a school community we were able to discuss the future direction of our school. We will also be sending out two surveys that will assist us in making decisions regarding the direction we want our school to head in over the next three years. Please take the time to read them and fill them out when they come home with your children. The surveys should be ready to go out in the next three weeks.

Celebrating Education week

I would like to thank Mr Leskovec and all the teachers for their hard work in preparing and ensuring we had a successful celebration for Education Week. All the teachers and students looked wonderful in their costumes. Thank you to all the parents that came along to help us celebrate.

Why is regular attendance important?

Regular school attendance will help your child to succeed in later life. Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children.

Did you Know? If students miss as little as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

Canberra/Snow Camp Years 3-6

Camp is only three weeks away. Students need to ensure that they return all their notes and that final payment are made in the next two weeks as final numbers need to be submitted with the final payment.

A note will be going home to students that need to make further payments and we will also send a note home to remind students what they need to bring.

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.

The education and wellbeing of our students is of 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

## Bronze Certificate Recipients

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## Silver Certificate Recipients

| 1/2K  | Saman Habibi            | Razia Tarween |
|       | Natalie Singh           | Leaha Hoffman |
| 4/5R  | Shamikchha Bhandari     | Sukhman Kaur  |
|       | Sampada Sigdel          | Asim Fagouf   |
|       | San Win Yee Win         | Tanvir Nandha |
|       | Ravneet Kaur            | Ayush Atri    |

## Principal Award

Principal awards were awarded to Nafia Tanweer and Varun Krishnagiri.

We are extremely proud of their actions. Nafia found $50 and promptly returned it to the office. This was part of another student’s camp money. Varun showed great initiative taking on a leadership role without direction when he led other students to assist teachers and the principal in various ways.
UPCOMING EVENTS:
- Student Banking every Monday in the Library 8.30 am to 8.45 am
- Circus Excursion 2/09/14
- Multicultural Festival Celebration 3/09/14

Bumble Bees Playtime is on Monday mornings in the Community Room. Also English classes are being held on Wednesdays. Child minding is available in the hall.
Welcome to 1/2J!

This week was education week and 1/2J had a wonderful time participating in the maths and literacy activities.

We are especially excited to have won the 5c competition, raising $38.70 for the Year 6 Farewell! Well done 1/2J, you have done an amazing job working together to support your school.

1/2J looked great on Thursday, all dressed up for the disco as their favourite character. They showed off their dance moves as they paraded around the COLA, then headed to the disco for even more dancing. What a day!

Throughout Term 3, 1/2J students have been investigating insects and other creepy crawlies. They have been on many backyard safaris and are enjoying learning all about the world around them.
During Week 6 students from Blacktown North had a week of celebrations and fun to celebrate Education week. The activities included a Maths Fun Day and 5 cent competition, Literacy Fun Day, Book parade and Disco. We also had visiting performers – a Science show and a Circus Acrobatic performance. Many parents and community members joined us for all the exciting events which were enjoyed by all the students.
Maths Fun Day

As part of our Education week celebrations, students took part in fun maths activities. These included: Orienteering, Problem Solving, 2D Shape Hunt, Smartie Graphing, Measurement Olympics and other exciting maths related activities.

Orienteering – what fun!

Measurement Olympics – Shotput!

What can we make with 3D shapes?

Problem solving and teamwork!

Mmm, how many smarties will I get?

5c coin competition – which class brought in the most money?
Garden Club Term 3
Meet Joe, our scarecrow!

Students in the garden club had a lot of fun making a scarecrow to keep the birds at bay, and protect our vegetable garden. Much discussion was held as to how to secure his clothing and his hat! We also had to give him a cheerful face, and voted unanimously to name him Joe!

Lots of concentration and care taken to give Joe a smiling face!

Almost ready!

Joe settled in his new home.

Harvesting carrots under Joe’s watchful eye!
Multicultural Festival Celebration
Wednesday 3rd September 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Come to our school’s annual Multicultural Festival to celebrate the many cultures we have in our community!

Wear the costume or colours of your country of origin!

Celebrations will begin at 9am and will include:
- Performances from all classes
- Visiting Cultural Performers
- Choir and Dance Groups
- Visits to each class to learn about another country’s culture
- A Multicultural Food Fair

We ask you to please bring in food from your country to share for lunch time.

We look forward to sharing this special celebration with you and your family!

Kind Regards
Angela Kerr
ESL Coordinator
COMMUNITY NEWS

Bumble Bees Playtime!
Children 0–5 years & their carer/guardian
Mondays 9am—11am
Community Hub Room
Blacktown North Primary School
*Bring along a snack for your child

English Class
TAFE Outreach
Wednesdays 9am—11.30am
Free onsite child minding provided.
To book your place speak to Casey in the Community Room at Blacktown North Public School or call (02) 9622 2968

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Are you interested in helping out with Playtime?
Would you like assistance in obtaining your Working with Children’s Check?
Do you have a skill you can share with parents and families, such as art, knitting or dance?
Are you a Yoga Instructor willing to hold classes for our families at a discounted cost?
We are always looking for fresh ideas and new skills to continue to make our Community Hub an exciting place to be. If you would like to be involved, please speak with Casey or Lisa.

Casey Harris
Community Hub Leader (Mon - Wed & Thurs mornings)
Phone - 0422 122 410
E-mail address - Casey.Harris@connect.asn.au

Tea & Coffee Provided!
Children Welcome!
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>18 August</td>
<td>Vietnam Veterans’ Day</td>
<td>On 18 August 1966 Australian troops fought in the Battle of Long Tan. On this day we pay tribute to the 59,000 Australian men and women who served in the Vietnam War and remember the 520 who died in service.</td>
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<td>22–23 August</td>
<td>Tweed Valley Banana Festival and Harvest Week, Murwillumbah</td>
<td>This festival celebrates the banana industry in the Tweed Valley and has been held annually since 1956. It provides an opportunity for the community to celebrate, raise funds for charities and to promote its to the wider community.</td>
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<td>23 August</td>
<td>International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition</td>
<td>The night of 22 August 1791, in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) saw the beginning of the uprising that played a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is intended to inscribe the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade in the memory of all peoples.</td>
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<td>24 August</td>
<td>Daffodil Day</td>
<td>The Anti-Cancer Foundation of South Australia and other state members of the Australian Cancer held the first national Daffodil Day in 1983 to raise funds for cancer research. It has continued to annual national event. The daffodil symbolises hope to all cancer sufferers.</td>
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<td>Meals on Wheels Day</td>
<td>‘Meals on Wheels’ started over 55 years ago and currently the organisation delivers over 15 million meals a year to frail, aged and disabled people throughout Australia. This day recognises the work of some 80,000 volunteers assist in the delivery of fresh or frozen meals and provision of social contact for people who are housebound.</td>
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<td>Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu)</td>
<td>This day marks the beginning of a ten-day festival to honour Lord Ganesh, the elephant headed Hindu god of good beginnings, prosperity and success. In northern India, statues of Lord Ganesh are worshipped everywhere. On the tenth day, amidst a procession of song, music and dance the statues are taken to rivers, lakes or the sea where they are immersed.</td>
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<td>Refugee and Migrant Sunday</td>
<td>Refugee and Migrant Sunday is an ecumenical program to encourage the celebration of the contribution made by migrants and refugees to Australia. It also is an opportunity for churches and their parishioners to promote understanding, compassion and recognition of the needs and challenges facing refugees and asylum seekers.</td>
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<td>Legacy Badge Week</td>
<td>Legacy was established in 1923 by ex-servicemen dedicated to the task of caring for the widows and dependants of their comrades. Legacy cares for more than 132,000 widows, providing advice and assistance, accommodation, medical and social support. Legacy relies on donations, bequests and the proceeds from the annual Badge Day Appeal to carry out this service.</td>
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<td>National Wattle Day</td>
<td>National Wattle Day is a celebration of Australia’s national floral emblem, the Golden Wattle (Acacia pycnantha). Wattle is found on many Australian symbols. Australians representing their country at international sporting events wear the national colours ‘GREEN &amp; GOLD’ based on wattle flowers and foliage.</td>
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<td>Landcare Week</td>
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Beyond Yelling!
Developing Positive Children

Children today live in a world that is more negative and judgmental than ever before, a world where their weaknesses are exaggerated, their strengths over examined and their failures are posted on Facebook.

Parents today need a regular dose of positivity to prevent their children falling into the thought pattern that goes something like “If you knew me as I really am you wouldn’t like me so I’ll pretend to be someone else!”

This entertaining, humorous and challenging presentation explores raising children through the concepts of resilience, success and progress.

This seminar looks at...

- Overcoming the problem of negative attraction.
- How to teach your child that resilience is your ability to survive what the world throws at you and to thrive when others fall apart.
- How to move beyond the “It’s not fair!” syndrome.
- The great power of teaching delayed gratification.
- How to deal with trust issues.
- Teaching the great skills of modern learning.
- How to impart the major social skills that make family a place to grow in and develop.
- How to create win/win situations.

Greg Mitchell is a father of three, a grandfather of eight, has been a teacher for over thirty years and still suffers from enthusiasm.

These day Greg works with students, schools, organisations and businesses throughout Australia who wish to utilise positive psychology to improve performance, heighten their motivation and overcome their fears.

He believes that it would be a great achievement if we could create a sense of community where we collectively understood a common set of agreed manners or social skills and where we took responsibility for our own child’s behaviours and the behaviour of their friends.
Dear Parents

In Australia, toothache is the number one reason children miss school. We have been providing dental services since 2010. We offer free assessments and basic dental treatment to students covered under Medicare. If students require ongoing dental treatment they will be referred to the local dentist(s) in the area.

MEDICARE "GROW UP SMILING" PROGRAM 2014

From the 1st of January 2014, the Australian Government will introduce a new dental scheme called Grow Up Smiling (GUS) and will provide benefits for basic dental services to around 3.4 million children aged 2-17 years.

This new program will replace the existing Medicare Teen Dental Plan (MTDP) with an expanded program that increases the eligibility age range, benefit amount and the services that can be provided.

The total benefit entitlement will be capped at $1,000 per child over a two calendar year period. Grow Up Smiling (GUS) will have the same means test as the Medicare Teen Dental Plan, which requires receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) or certain other government payments.

The schedule of dental services for Grow Up Smiling will consist of services for essential dental treatment, such as check-ups, x-rays, fillings and extractions. High end (crowns, bridges, root canal) and orthodontic items are excluded.

As the payment of benefits will be administered through Medicare, using details held by Centrelink you should ensure that your details are up to date.

(The above information was extracted from Department of Health)
Dental Consent Form

PATIENT INFORMATION

Last Name: 
School Name: 
Parent/Legal Guardian's Name: 
Address: 
Suburb: 
Postcode: 
Email: 
Medicare Card Number: 

First Name(s): 
Date of Birth: 
Roll Call Class: 
Gender: Male / Female 
Phone (H): 
Phone [W]: 
Mobile: 
Reference No: 

Please (✓) if Applicable

☐ I give consent to a dental assessment by AMDC; (including an exam, x-rays and photo’s and it’s free through Medicare)

☐ I give consent to a dental assessment, scale and clean, fissure seals, polish & fluoride treatment; (free if eligible through Medicare CDBS) by AMDC

Please (✓) if Applicable

☐ My child is eligible for the Medicare CDBS program

☐ I am not sure if my child is eligible for the Medicare CDBS program; please check on my behalf with Medicare

☐ I do not want any further treatment for my child

☐ I consent to being contacted by phone if my child requires a filling to discuss the treatment options

Medical Conditions (eg. Heart disease): ☐ No ☐ Yes

Medications (eg. Epilim): ☐ No ☐ Yes

Allergies (eg. Penicillin): ☐ No ☐ Yes

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