Dear Blacktown North Public School community,

The No Parking Zone in front of the school has been approved by council for parents to park. The no parking restrictions will allow parents to pick up and drop off at any time. Please ensure you use this space if the line to Kiss & Drop is blocking traffic. Also a reminder that all cars must turn left when leaving the exit gate so not to hold up traffic. Thank you for your cooperation.

This has been a very exciting week. Our visit to the Circus Quirkus, where parents, students and teachers had a wonderful time enjoying the spectacular performances. A special thank you to Mrs Kerr for the wonderful organisation of Multicultural Day. What a wonderful day, all the students and parents had a great day, enjoying all the performances and the spectacular food that the parents brought in. A big thank you to the drumming group from Blacktown Girls High School and the Dance groups from Doonside Public School.

Our students once again shone through with their wonderful performances.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2015
It is that time of year again. Kindergarten enrolments for 2015 are now open. If your child turns five before the 31st July next year, then you can enrol them in Kindergarten. Please fill out an enrolment form and return to the office as soon as possible to ensure a placement in the school. Contact Mrs Johnston in our office, if you require further information.

HATS
Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world, a dreadful statistic. We would love to see hats on students' heads all year round; however, heading into warmer months it's even more important to wear hats to and from school and during recess and lunch. As adults, it might be too late to change our habits, but it is a good (and necessary) habit that students can develop and take right through their life. Please help us to support our SunSmart Policy.

High Expectations
We continue to expect high standards of behaviour from our students. To ensure that our standards do not slip we need consistency. Our school rules are reinforced every day in every classroom.

Students: With so many exciting activities coming up it would be a shame for students to miss out! Let's work together to ensure that at Blacktown North we are Safe Respectful Learners.

STRANGER DANGER
We are still receiving reports of suspicious behaviour in our region.

Please continue to teach our children about Stranger Danger:

- Tell your child not to listen to or be near a stranger—rather to move away or back inside.
- Tell your child to never ever go with a stranger—no matter what the stranger says.
- Tell your child that strangers may make up sad stories, like looking for a lost pet, needing help with a sick child, or needing directions.
- Tell your child that a stranger should never be believed, no matter what they say.
- Tell your child that strangers may offer treats, gifts or lollies for 'helping'.
- Tell your child that you will never send a stranger to collect them. Make a list of the only known people you would send to pick them up.
- Tell your child to go immediately back inside and ask someone they know if they are unsure.

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 8**

### Merit

**KB**
- Kalliopi Chorafiti
- Inesha Saini
- Ojasvi Sharma

**KM**
- Tamamutu Belvie
- Raghu Bheemreddy
- Taahaa Naderi Tehrani

**1/2J**
- Sabrina Zeng
- Ralph Frank
- Likhita Chikmath

**1/2K**
- Shreya Tangri
- Leaha Hoffman
- Eshan Binesh

**4/5R**
- Harry Saini
- Vivek Rawat
- Meghal Bhatt

**5/6S**
- Saksham Wadhwa
- Samarth Talati

### Principal's awards:

**Varun** showed great leadership skills initiating activities and assisting staff without direction from any adult, well done Varun.

**Nafia Tanweer** was very honest by handing in a large sum of money she had picked up, which was a part of camp money of one of her classmates.

### Bronze Certificate Recipients

**KB**
- Elijah Aviles
- Nabeela Ahmed
- Kathy Kaur
- Toorjo Roychowdhury

**KM**
- Thisanth Yogenthiram
- Ezekiel Aviles
- Erleen Santos
- Ralph Frank
- Pratishtha Verma
- Naila Maryam
- Niliya Pradhan

**1/2J**
- Aaliyah-Skye Holloway
- Usman Hussain
- Shreya Dhanasekar
- Isminkha Bista-Chhetri

**1/2K**
- Yakshvi Patel
- Tamney Suliman
- Vivek Rawat

**3/4G**
- Musawir Baluchzada
- Varad Dhatt
- Tamamutu Belvie

**4/5R**
- Morsal Amiri
- Jaimann Salh
- Misha Dhanasekar
- Trusha Patel
- Amish Acharya
- Priyani Singh
- Varsha Krishnagiri

**5/6S**
- Tonmoy Roychowdhury
- Aditi Patel
- Harry Saini
- Ajay Kumar
- Vaishvi Doctor
Silver Certificate Recipients

KB
Elijah Aviles
KM
Tonmoy Roychowdhury
1/2J
Thisanth Yogenthiram
Ezekiel Aviles
Trusha Patel
Ralph Frank
Pratishtha Verma
Naila Maryam
Morsal Amiri
3/4G
Amberskye Ramos
4/5R
Ajay Kumar
5/6S
Vaishvi Doctor

Ali Naderi Tehrani
Jaimann Salh
Erleen Santos
Niliya Pradhan
Amish Acharya
Priyani Singh
Varsha Krishnagiri
Misha Dhanasekar
Udhayraj Singh
Stuti Sigdel

UPCOMING EVENTS:
• Student Banking every Monday
• Debate 16th September
• Camp – 17th – 19th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following students who will celebrate a birthday in September
Amish Acharya
Naman Bhatt
Ismirika Bista Chhetri
Kalliope Chorafiti
Mel Ferraro
Anshdeep Kaur
Naila Maryam
Aung San OO

Yakshvi Patel
Om Prajapati
Amberskye Ramos
Pratham Shah
Yuvraj Singh
Pratishtha Verma
San Win Yee
Sharing 2014

This year, our school participated in Blacktown Learning Communities Sharing 2014. As part of this program, 8 students from our school participated in different Sharing sessions at other schools. At our school, Mrs Kalra organised a Science Sharing session for Stage 3 students on the topic “Life on other planets”. 12 students from different schools participated in this event. It was the first time our school participated in such an event. Well done!
Our Henna Hands CAPA group enjoyed learning the traditional Indian art of applying Henna on their hands. Our talented students helped each other in perfecting their patterns. Well done girls!
Blacktown North Public School acknowledged and celebrated our diverse, multicultural community in style on Wednesday 3 September. The day began with cultural performances from all classes in the school as well as items from our Hip-hop dance group, Bollywood dance group and the choir. We were also entertained by visiting performers from Doonside Public School and Blacktown Girls High School. Students and parents then had the opportunity to visit classrooms across the school where countries from around the world were discussed. Students learnt about culture, language, dance, celebrations and food in these countries.

At lunchtime a shared community feast was held. Parents and teachers from the school community had prepared delicious food representing their cultures, and students as well as community members got to sample delightful food of other countries.

It was a wonderful day, thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated!
Multicultural Day 2014
Circus Quirkus excursion

On Tuesday 2nd September many excited students and their families were treated to a sensational performance at the Horden Pavilion. The audience were treated to a series of performances including acrobatics, juggling and some wonderful tricks with hoops! We would like to acknowledge and thank the Rotary Club of Ryde for sponsoring the tickets for our school community.
Zone Athletics Carnival 2014

This year, 22 students from Blacktown North Public School represented at the Zone Athletics Carnival. Our students braved the wet weather and enjoyed participating in the track event. The field events have been postponed to Friday, 5th September. Well done boys and girls!
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>Australian National Day</td>
<td>Australia’s National Flag was first flown on 3 September 1901, the year of Federation. In 1996, on the Flag 95th anniversary of the Australian national flag Sir William Deane, the then Governor General of Australia, declared 3 September as Australian National Flag Day. For more information visit <a href="http://www.flagaustralia.asn.au">www.flagaustralia.asn.au</a>.</td>
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<td>Legacy Badge Day</td>
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<td>Bankstown Children’s Festival</td>
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<td>6 – 14 September</td>
<td>History Week NSW “The Great War”</td>
<td>History Week was initiated in 1997 by the NSW History Council as an annual celebration of history, historians and historical practice. History Week is an opportunity to showcase the rich, diverse history produced by organisations and individuals across the state of NSW. History Week 2014 will explore the impact of World War One abroad and at home.</td>
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<td>Threatened Species Day</td>
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<td>Fathers’ Day</td>
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<td>Mid Autumn Festival (Chinese)</td>
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<td>International Literacy Day</td>
<td>In 1956, the World Conference of Ministers on the Eradication of Illiteracy was held in Iran. It was recommended that the date of the inauguration of the Conference be proclaimed as International Literacy Day. In 1967 UNESCO began officially observing this day. The day is dedicated to efforts to combating illiteracy and providing education for all.</td>
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<td>International Day of Democracy</td>
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<td>Australian Citizenship</td>
<td>Australian Citizenship Day is an opportunity for all Australian citizens to celebrate and take pride in their Day citizenship and reflect on the values which unite us as Australian citizens. On this day a range of activities is held including special citizenship ceremonies and affirmation ceremonies for people who are already Australian citizens.</td>
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