Dear Blacktown North Public School community, Message

It seems hard to believe that we are already at the end of week 5 of this term, there always seems to be so much to do, and as we look back on this term there is so much that has been achieved. The students are engaged and every teacher is telling me that they have the best class in the school.

CAR PARK
This is for the safety of all students and parents, parents are not to drive more than 5km in the car park. This concern was also brought up in the community meeting held on Thursday 19th February. Parking on school grounds needs to be reviewed. The school’s WH&S committee will review our practice at our next meeting. A reminder that at no time should the driveway leading into the school be used as a walkway, or the car park used by unauthorised vehicles. Please consider the safety of all.

HIGH SCHOOL 2016

Don’t FORGET!

High School Forms
The 'Expression Of Interests' forms for high school are due back to our school office by next FRIDAY 6th March. If you have any difficulty with the forms please come in for a chat, they are very important in selecting the high school you want for your child.

NAPLAN information session was held by Mrs Kerr. Thank you to the parents that attended. Parents gave positive feedback and found it useful. Another session will keep your eye out for the dates.

NAPLAN will begin on the 12th May to the 14th May. Further information will be given closer to the date.

Playtime has commenced. All parents with children 0-5 years are welcome to join. It is a good way for children to develop language and social skills and for parents to socialise and get to know one another.

Parent Committee was formed on Thursday 26th February. It was wonderful to see so many parents turn up. This is such a good way for parents to work together towards the educational success of our student. Many ideas were discussed. The first fundraiser will be held on Tuesday 3rd March. A note with all the information has been handed out today.

Yours in partnership
Mrs Carmen Cefai
Principal
In class with 3/4K

Students in 3/4K take pride in their art work creating interesting and pleasing designs. These crayon designs were painted black and scratched back to make our writing book covers.

Word Power

Increasing our understanding of texts means we regularly check for the meaning of words. Students enjoyed using the dictionaries to find words and write down the meanings with the clearest definitions.

We are not Bully Bystanders

We have discussed what we can do to help others being bullied and shared our stories. Students have represented this in drawings.

2D Shapes

We are revising 2D shapes and their properties. Students made the shapes and rearranged them into interesting designs.
1/2R Assembly

Last Assembly, the amazing 1/2R performed a fantastic item of ‘The Mummy Song’. This item gave students the opportunity to share their talents in singing and dancing. It was a great item that really showed how well the class works together as a group. All students should be incredibly proud of their performance.

Ms Rumsey
Skoolbag Phone App
We now have a phone app, please install on your Smartphones. It will be used for reminders of events, news and other communication. It is free from the App Store – type in Blacktown North Public School and add to your Apps.

Swim School 2015

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Students from Years 2-6 were given notes about the Swim School program at the end of Week 2. This is reminder that the last day for payment and permission note is Tuesday 3rd of March.

The swim school is running from Monday 9th March to Friday 20th March. It is a good opportunity for students to learn a very important life skill. We encourage all students to attend.

Phillip Turtle
Swim School Coordinator

Parent group

On Thursday the parent committee met in the library at 9am. It was wonderful to see so many parents. Some ideas that parents came up with: Bunnings sausage sizzle, Harmony day stall, Easter parade stall. Approaching companies for donations, food stalls, drawing competition, talent quest, Parents decided to start fundraising straight away to ensure their goals are reached. They will be raising money for play equipment in the garden. Parents that attended: Harpreet Jaur, Pinki Saini, Nikki Charafituis, Rekha Bharduky, asma Yasir, Georgette Mansour, Kathy Mishra, Kathy Mishra, Suman Saini & Sushma Rani.
## Awards from Assembly Week 4

### Merit

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| 1/2P | Inesha Saini |
| Lucas Hoffman | Hasini Konduru |
| Eshan Binesh | Amish Acharya |

| 1/2R | Yaduraj Tripathi |
| Thivaish Yogenthiram | Likhita Chikmath |
| Mohammad Zangourzadeh | Danbi Park |
| Sabrina Zeng | |

| 3/4K | Hemel Belvie |
| Amreen Kaur | Pratham Shah |
| Tonmoy Roychowdhury | Erleen Santos |
| Mina Alami | |

| 4/5L | Jashandeep Singh |
| Shamikchha Bhandari | Sukhjit Singh |
| Ata Surer | Bojan Petkovic |
| Emily Muyambo | |

| 5/6S | Maliha Royhan |
| Abhayraj Singh | Linda Zeng |
| Aditya Verma | Harry Saini |
| Abhayraj Singh | |

### Bronze Certificate Recipients

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| 1/2B | Shreya Tangri |
| Phillipa Muyambo | |
| Varsha Krishnagiri | |

| 1/2R | Elizabeth Muyambo |
| Likhita Chikmath | |

| 3/4K | Amardeep Kaur |
| Alexandra Pandazopoulos | |

| 5/6S | Tanvir Nandha |
Reward System

Blacktown North Public School

Blacktown North Public School has an award program designed to encourage and reward students in all aspects of school life. The awards accumulate towards the pinnacle, The Principal’s medallion.

The awards are:

- ** Caught Being Good Award**: These awards are given as an encouragement for an individual who is making an effort in any part of the school day. They are given out at the teacher’s discretion. Class teachers hand out six blue Caught Being good awards in a day and support teachers hand out two yellow caught being good awards each day.
- ** Bronze Award**: Five Caught Being good awards lead to one Bronze award.
- ** Silver Award**: Three Bronze awards lead to one silver award.
- ** Gold Award**: Three Silver awards lead to one Gold award.
- ** Principal’s Medallion**: Only one student per class receives a Principal’s medallion.
- ** Gotchas**: Students receive Gotchas from teachers on Playground and Asphalt duty for being safe, respectful or a learner. These go towards a draw in the assembly and the two winners get a free ice block.
- ** Merit Awards**: Three merit Awards are handed out at assembly each fortnight for excellence in class work.
- ** Class Citizenship Awards**: Three Citizenship Awards are handed at assembly each fortnight for acts of kindness, service or citizenship.

Caught Being Good  
Bronze Award  
Silver Award  

Gotcha Ticket  
Merit Award  
Class Citizenship Award

Gold Award and then Principal’s Medallion
Most schools experience heavy traffic congestion at school drop off and pick up times.

However it is still the responsibility of all parents and carers to ensure they follow the road rules around Blacktown North Public School.

Parking restrictions are in place around Blacktown North Public School to assist in the management of drop off and pick up of your children, and to increase all students’ safety.

Collect your child from the school allocated area and always use pedestrian crossings where possible – never call your child across the road.

Always ensure your child enters and exits the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.

A 40km school speed zone is in place around the school to make it safe and protect your children.

Blacktown North Public School is located in an industrial area on Bessemer Street. Blacktown North Public School has a road safety education program with quality teaching and learning activities for all our students.

Parent please
- always try and meet your child on the school side of the road
- always be a role model for your children
- never call your child across the road
- never double park your car
- always obey the 40km.

Please help support us by setting good examples, obeying all road rules and practising safe road behaviours with your children.

Carmen Cefai
Principal

Road safety practices are essential around all schools. Please read the following road safety advice specific for our school.
Supervision

Until they are 8 years old, children should hold hands with an adult:
- on the footpath
- in the car park and
- when crossing the road.

Until children are 10 years old, they should still be closely supervised in the traffic environment and hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

Children should enter and exit your vehicle via the rear passenger door on the footpath side, as this is the safest way.

Children up to 7 years old are required to sit in an approved booster seat, with the seat belt fastened, in the back seat of the car.

NSW Roads and Maritime recommend that children under 12 years do not travel in the front seat of a vehicle.

**Penalties range from $177 up to $3612 and loss of 2 - 7 demerit points for speeding in a school zone (as at 10 February 2014)**

Riding on wheels

Until children are 10 years old they should cycle in a safe place off the road and away from vehicles and driveways. If children ride to school parents and carers should actively supervise them.

They are to dismount and walk their bikes through the school grounds. Bikes are to be stored near the administration area at the owner's risk.

Students who ride to school without a helmet will not be allowed to take their bike home.

**Penalties range from $169 up to $405 and the loss of 2 demerit points (as at 10 February 2014)**

Kiss and drop zone

Children are seated in the allocated area for Kiss and Drop Zone. Parents wait in the car until the child is placed in the appropriate seat by a teacher. All students need to have their seat belt on before driving off.

Staff car park

The staff car park is for staff only. Please do not use the car park to drop off and pick up your children.

Please teach your children to enter and exit the school grounds using the pedestrian access gates located on Bessemer Street.

No stopping Zone

Parents are able to park in the No stopping zone to drop off and pick up students for 5 minutes. Please use school crossing at the pedestrian gate.
Club 2000 Seven Hills Physie & Dance

Classes start on Monday 16th February, 2015. Come along for your free first lesson!!

Mondays: Vardy’s Road Public School
Seniors: 13, 14 & 15yrs 5:00 - 6:00pm
1st, 2nd yr & Novice Seniors 6:00 - 7:00pm
Open Seniors 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Ladies: All Ladies 7:30 - 8:30pm

Wednesdays: Vardy’s Road Public School
Preschoolers: 3 & 4 Years 4:00 - 4:30pm
Juniors: 5 & 6 Years 4:30 - 5:30pm
7 & 8 Years 5:30 - 6:30pm
9, 10, 11 & 12 Years 6:30 - 7:45pm

Enquiries please contact:
Robyn: 0414 983 189 Lynda: 0478 648 434
Kelly: 0418 623 154 Pam: 9631 1068

Email: club2000sevenhillphysie@hotmail.com
Website: www.club2000physieanddance.com

Come along and discover the fun of Physie!
Physie is a form of dance, incorporating marching, exercises, jazz, dance, ballet and gymnastic movements. It supports core strength, flexibility, posture and coordination. It is a wonderful recreation choice girls and ladies aged 3 and up.
It is a fantastic way to keep fit and make new friends or bring along your friends too!

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