We respect and acknowledge the Dharruk people as the traditional custodians of this land.

The Principal’s Message

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Congratulations to our choir and drummers for the wonderful performance on Tuesday night at the Blacktown Music Festival.

Stranger Danger
We are still reading about incidents of suspicious behaviour occurring right across Sydney. There has been a recent report made by concerned high school students, of being approached by a male. The male was in a white Nissan 4WD around 5.15 pm. He drove up next to the girls, got out of the vehicle and asked the girls where they were going and told them to get in the car.

Described as:
- approx. 50-60 yrs of age
- grey hair in a ponytail
- a tattoo on his arm

The incident has been reported to the police.

We need to continue to be vigilant in supporting the travel of our students to and from school. Please report any suspicious activity in the area to the local police.

Could you please remind your child / children on how to be safe walking to and from school. Where possible, it is best that children walk with someone else or in a group.

Some ideas for discussion:
- Make sure your child knows what a ‘stranger’ is.
- Tell your child not to listen to strangers.
- Tell your child to never ever go off with a stranger, no matter what they say.
- Tell your child that you will never send a stranger to collect them.

If you see anything suspicious please inform the police as soon as possible.

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 these 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.

HEAD LICE
This week we received a complaint from a parent that her child was re-infected with nits after returning to school following treatment at home. We will only get rid of nits if all families check and treat their children’s hair. Could you please check the family’s hair every Saturday night.

Did you know?
Anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age or how clean their hair is.

How can you get rid of head lice?
Daily combing using white hair conditioner with a fine-tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits).

How can you help reduce the spread of head lice?
- Regularly check your children’s hair.
- Teach older children to check their own hair.
- Tie back and braid long hair.
- Keep a fine-tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

There is a great video put out by the NSW Department of Education about preventing and treating head lice at www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmhOMrP_XgE

Your cooperation is appreciated.

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**
- KM: Guneet Kaur, Youkabed Mirzaei, Thisana Yogenthiram
- 1/2B: Qais Jafari, Elijah Aviles, Harpreet Kaur
- 1/2P: Priyani Singh, Raghunandan Bheemreddy, Toorjo Roychowdhury
- 1/2R: Kalfiopi Chorafiti, Ashley Matore, Japjeet Brar
- 3/4K: Jaimann Salh, Sandy Bista Chhetri, Ezekiel Aviles
- 4/5L: Sukhan Kaur, Shamikchha Bhandari, Husna Omar
- 5/6S: Ajay Kumar, Parul Chopra, Malitha Royhan

**Citizenship**
- KM: Jasmeen Kooner, Maulik Mishra, Smerika Rai
- 1/2B: Jack Thompson, Ishan Verma, Varsha Krishnagiri
- 1/2P: Ebony Howells, Arnish Acharya, Inesh Saini
- 1/2R: Saamya Goyal, Sabrina Zeng, Usman Hussain
- 3/4K: Leaha Hoffman, Tonmoy Roychowdhury, Inesh Saini
- 4/5L: Amreen Kaur, Tremann Salh, Majabbeen Akter
- 5/6S: Emily Muyambo, Aditya Verma, Francis Gale

**Bronze Certificate Recipients**

| KM | Dunya Jafari | Mira Khokhar | Jasmeen Kooner |
| KA | Maulik Mishra | Mahuta Puru-Maher | Smerika Rai |
| TM | Thisana Yogenthiram | Steven Zhao |
| KA | Ojasvi Sharma | Yafi Yousuf | Tamamutu Belvie |
| 1/2B | Meloni Chopra | Gemma Sherlock | Vishu Patel |
| 1/2B | Vikas Chikmath | Ayush Gupta | Taaha Naderi |
| 1/2P | Elijah Aviles | Prathmi Shah | Arra Ramos |
| 1/2P | Maria Alrahoumi | Phillip Muyambo | Naila Maryam |
| 1/2P | Eshan Binesh | Nicholas Sherlock | Raghava Tirumala |
| 1/2P | Ebony Howells | Inesh Saini | Rudra Vekariya |
| 1/2R | Hasini Konduru | Padina Ghazanjary | Rijwan Panchal |
| 1/2R | Akshleen Kaur | Lucas Hoffman | Aftab Patwary |
| 1/2R | Monesh Reddy | Serena Kirk |
| 3/4K | Elizabeth Muyambo | Shrisha Nair | Likhita Chikmath |
| 3/4K | Saamya Goyal | Razia Tanweer | Sabrina Zeng |
| 3/4K | Saad Omar | Yadural Tripathi |
| 3/4K | Amreen Kaur | Kyna Nand | Alexandra Pandazopoulos |
| 3/4K | Georgia Potts | Harjap Brar | Tonmoy Roychowdhury |
| 4/5L | Shanna Moodley | Richard Chen | Mohammad Hussain |
| 4/5L | Prathnam Shah | Hanoor Singh | Ali Naderi Tehrani |
| 4/5L | Udhayraj Singh | Ismirika Bista Chhetri | Mira Chhatbar |
| 5/6S | Sahibnoor Singh |
| 5/6S | Bansu Patel | Mridula Tirumala | Linda Zeng |
| 5/6S | Malitha Royhan | Tamney Sullivan | Miguel Antonio Resurreccion |
| 5/6S | Aung San Oo | Saksham Wadhwa | Kaavya Udaya Kumar |
| 5/6S | Tyson Belvie | Aditya Verma | Nafia Tanweer |
| 5/6S | Samarth Talati | Hina Omar |
Silver Certificate Recipients

| KM    | Smerika Rai             | Thisana Yogenthiram            |
| KA    | Ojasvi Sharma           | Yafi Yousuf                    |
| 1/2B  | Vikas Chikmath          | Maria Alrahouni                |
| 1/2P  | Eshan Binesh            | Nicholas Sherlock               |
| 1/2R  | Elizabeth Muyambo       | Likhita Chikmath               |
|       | Yaduraj Tripathi        |                               |
| 3/4K  | Amreen Kaur             | Harjap Kaur                    |
|       | Mohammad Hussain        | Pratham Shah                   |
| 4/5L  | Udhayraj Singh          | Mira Chhatbar                  |
| 5/6S  | Mridula Tirimula        | Linda Zeng                     |
|       | Tamney Suliman          | Aung San Oo                    |
|       | Saksham Wadhwa          | Kaavya Udaya Kumar             |
|       | Samarth Talati          | Hina Omar                      |
|       |                         |                               |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to the following students who will celebrate a birthday in August

Mary Jane Azzopardi
Likhita Chikmath
Leaha Hoffman
Lucas Hoffman
Usman Hoffman
Qais Jafari
Emily Muyambo
Phillipe Muyambo

Bansu Patel
Vivek Rawat
Tara Sherlock
Sukhjit Singh
Sreenath Srinivasan
Aditya Srinivasan
Ishana Verma

Enrol Now For Kindergarten 2016

Do you have a child who will be turning 5 before July 31st 2016?

We are currently organising our Kindergarten 2016 program 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.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Please remember to keep saving your stickers and putting them on the sheets. There is a box in the front foyer where you can deposit any completed sheets, or you can hand them to your teacher.

The more we save the more educational products we can get.
1/2B’s Assembly

1/2B hosted the whole school assembly in week 6.

1/2B has been learning about ‘Wet and Dry environments’, and have learnt about where different creatures, birds and animals live. We are also learning about where different people live, and our item was about Aboriginal children and the places they come from. We have also been doing music this term, and our item incorporated using percussion instruments and singing.

They had a lot of fun preparing for the item, and can all be very proud of the great performance during the assembly!

Well done to the 4 students who helped as speakers at the assembly: Naila, Ishan, Naman and Jack, a job well done!

These students were recognised for their excellent effort in using the Mathletics and Reading Eggs programs. Well done to Tremann Salh, Inesha Saini, Ayush Gupta, Vivek Rao, Jack Thompson and Nabeela Ahmad!
On Tuesday 25th August 36 talented students from Blacktown North Public School represented our school at the Blacktown Music Festival. The Year 3-6 Choir sang beautifully with other school choirs from the Blacktown area to perform various songs that kept the audience entertained throughout the night. Our K-2 Choir joined with the African Drumming Group to take the audience into the jungle for a wonderful performance of ‘The Lion Sleeps Tonight’. It was an amazing night with our students demonstrating outstanding behaviour and musical talents. Thank you to all the parents, family members and school staff who came on the night to support our school!
Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder that CARES excursion (Community and Road Education Scheme) will be coming up next Thursday 3rd September 2015!

It was a wonderful day for those who attended the CARES excursion last year and we are excited to announce the fantastic news that it will also be held again this year.

Permission notes have been handed out. If you did not get a note, please collect one from your teacher.

Students enjoyed learning about road safety and took some valuable training on bike safety. We are looking forward to spending a wonderful day at Prospect.

Here are some photos we took from the excursion last year.
Transition Class to Kindergarten

Who: Children who are starting Kindergarten in 2016 and will be attending Blacktown North Public School.

When: Every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am – 11am, until the end of Term 4 in December.

What to bring: Small recess, with a piece of fruit and water to drink.

At the moment, there are 19 children attending our Transition class. 13 boys and 6 girls. To prepare the children for kindergarten so that ‘Big School’ will not be so overwhelming for them, we strive to make them feel more settled and familiar with the school. We try to develop their listening, cognitive, manipulative and motor skills. Reading stories and Maths activities are also provided. With 19 children from different countries, they are trained to work alongside other children, share and take turns and follow the rules of the classroom. Activities on being a Respectful, Safe, Learners are also taught and provide children the means to improve their personal and social life.
UPCOMING EVENTS:
- Every Thursday 9 – 11 am
  Transition through Play program is running-
- Camp 7/9 – 9/9
- C.A.R.E.S. 3rd September

Important Information from the Office

➢ School Photographs – information from the photographers.
The photographs will be with us at the beginning of term 4, they may be ready before that
but they would not like to commit to a date then disappoint parents.
You may still order if you have not done so, in two ways.
  1 Go to the website www.theschoolphotographer.com.au and select the "Click here for
    Online Payments" button and follow the on screen instructions
    OR
    Call the School Photographer's office on 9674 9824 and they will take your credit card
    payment over the phone.
(Note – there is a processing fee of $5.00 for phone payments)

They have also said that you can order after you have seen the photographs but there is
a $15.00 processing fee if you decide to follow through.

➢ Please find the letter attached for the information for the school newsletter to go
  paperless. Thank you to the families that have already returned the form but we still have
  some families who have not answered.

Mrs Sheena Johnston  Mrs Wendy McCarthy  Miss Hailey McConnell
29th July 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Blacktown North PS distributes the newsletter fortnightly in a printed format, we encourage all our students to be environmentally friendly and as a school we need to lead by example. Our school is going paperless; this will mean that newsletters and notes will be issued electronically. Being paperless is a great saving to the school; funds can be used more effectively towards educational resources.

In order for the school to begin this process, we request that parents/care complete the form below and return to the school as soon as possible. Parents will be notified when everything is in place.

We recognise that some of our families may not wish to receive notes and the newsletter in this format and if this is the case we will still print out a few and distributed the ones that are needed.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Carmen Cefai
Principal

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