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

The Principal’s Message

Dear Blacktown North Public School community,

As this is our first newsletter for 2016, I would like to acknowledge that our school is built on the land of the Dharruk people. I would like to acknowledge the strength and resilience of Aboriginal people and pay my respect to Aboriginal people past and present.

Welcome back to the 2016 School Year!
We would especially like to welcome our new families to our community. It has been great to see so many happy faces.

We welcome our new Kindergarten students and their families to our school! We hope you will enjoy being part of our school community.

My key thoughts driving the leadership of this school:
- Our school is inclusive, student centred, and committed to quality teaching
- Our school works in partnership with our community
- Positive relationships drive learning
- We have high expectations for all

Classes 2016
At present we have 195 students enrolled in our school.
Classes for 2016
KL Mrs Joan Lam
KM Mrs Melissa Harding
1/2P Mrs Sunita Prasad
1/2G Mrs Genus Sayas
1/2R Miss Nicole Rumsey
3/4A Miss Arwen Seccombe
4/5L Mrs Sandra Lukachich
5/6S Mrs Sapna Kalra

This year, we have a major FOCUS on READING & Writing
Reading Support Teams, made up of our School Learning Support Officers, Learning and Support Teacher and the ESL Teacher. Teachers will work together to track and monitor the reading progress of students and develop strategies for individual needs.

Transition to School
We are now taking enrolments for 2017 Kindergarten.

A reminder – your child’s health
We welcome information from you about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child’s health needs.

A reminder – the school is a smoke free environment
Please remember that smoking is not allowed on school premises at any time.

Wanted
Parent helpers. We would like to encourage parents to be a part of our school. Every parent has a talent they can share. We need parent helpers in classrooms, covering books, making resources for the students, in the garden and many more.

IMPORTANT NOTICES
- Students cannot leave school grounds between 8.45am and 2.45pm unless signed out at the office.
- If students arrive late they must get a note from the office before going to class
- Parents are not to leave their car when utilising Kiss & Drop
- Students are not to be left unattended after being picked up within the school grounds especially in the carpark
- Parents need to start arriving at 2.45pm if utilising Kiss & Drop

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
As a new teacher working at your school, I would like to introduce myself.

My name is Ashley Scott.

I am a specialist teacher in Vision Impairment for the NSW Department of Education. I teach students who gave low vision and blindness in preschools, primary schools, high schools, support classes and special schools.

I am part of the Blacktown Vision Team and I visit schools across Western Sydney.

This year I will be working with a student at Blacktown North Public School

Hello my name is Mrs Duignan and I will be running the Home to School Transition Program as well as teaching Science to Kindergarten and Year 1 and 2. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the children and parents this year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following students who will celebrate a birthday in January 2016

Musawir Baluchzada
Saman Habibi
Shneha Rai
Ata Surer

Sandya Bista Chhetri
Youkabed Mirzaei
Axell Ramos
Trivash Yogenthiram

Sudeep Bista Chhetri
Maulik Mishra
Ajaypal Randhawa

and to those students who celebrate a birthday in February 2016

Shanujan Baranetharan
Prabhjeet Gill
Amardeep Kaur
Georgia Potts
Priyani Singh

Tanav Chettiar
Leyla Guccuk
Harpreet Kaur
Region Rai

Darren Fisher-Gardner
Ereny Hanna
Aftab Patwary
Gurvansh Singh

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Crazy Hair Day – 26th Feb
Photo Day - 1st March
Harmony Day Assembly – 2nd March

Busy Bees Transition is on Tues & Wed mornings in the Community Room. If you know of a child who will start Kindergarten in 2017 ask them to call into the office for an application form.
24th February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Our school runs a Kiss and Drop Zone, where students are picked up every afternoon. This has been put in place to ensure the safety of our students. In order for this to continue to work we will need all parents to cooperate and abide by the rules.

Parents will need to display their child’s name on the passenger side, in the front of each car, as they drive into the school. Please remember to remove them before leaving school grounds.

For the first few weeks teachers will be assisting to show new parents what they need to do.

- All cars need to display names for teacher to see clearly
- All students must enter the car from the passenger side with teacher assistance at the kiss and drop area.
- No cars are to come onto school grounds before 2.40pm
- Parents with students in year 5 & 6 need to arrive at 2.40pm
- Parents with students in year 3 & 4 need to arrive at 2.45pm
- Parents with students in year K, 1 & 2 need to arrive at 2.50pm
  Families with children in various grades need to arrive at the time allocated to the eldest child.
- Please ensure you teach your child how to do their seat belt up safely.
- PARENTS ARE NOT TO LEAVE THEIR CARS AT ANY TIME WHILE THEY ARE IN THE KISS AND DROP AREA.
- ALL CARS LEAVING THE SCHOOL CAR PARK MUST TURN LEFT. This will make the traffic move faster.

Unfortunately, to ensure the safety of our students we will need to stop parent cars from entering the school grounds at this time if the above instructions are not followed.

Due to safety concerns for our students, parents are not to park in the staff car park. If you are parked on the street you must use the school crossing and small exit gates at all time. One is located next to the car entry gate and the other one is at the top of the school grounds near the community room.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Carmen Cefai (Mrs)
Principal
Adverts and other information

Club 2000 Seven Hills
Physie & Dance

Classes start on Monday 1st February, 2016.
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 - 7.30pm
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
Names: 0433 255 949 Pam: 9631 1068
Email: club2000sevenhillphysie@hotmail.com
Website: www.club2000physie.weebly.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 co-ordination. It is a wonderful recreation choice for 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!

Your first lesson is free!!!
United Taekwondo Blacktown (NEW LOCATION)

2nd KINGS LANDLEY
SOSHUT HALL
20 Venn Avenue, Laker Park
MONDAY & TUESDAY 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Website: www.MasternPaul.com.au
Mobile: 0421 710 945

SPECIAL PROMOTION
- One Months Training
- Registration
- Taekwondo Uniform
- Instructional DVD
- Personalised Attention
- Train at your own pace

$130
$90

Reminder to Parents

Canteen will not be reopening.
Dear Principal,

Important news for your school community.
Make sure they're aware that they may be eligible to receive
a $1000 benefit to be used on selected dental services.

Many families in 2014 and 2015 were surprised to discover their children were eligible for the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

If their child was eligible in 2014 and received services it may be worthwhile checking eligibility for 2016 as they may now be able to access a further $1000 to be used over another 2 consecutive calendar years.

The Child Dental Benefit Schedule provides eligible children with $1000 dental benefits over a 2 calendar year period and covers selected services including: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure seals, fillings, root canals and extractions.

It is important for families to check their eligibility with Medicare to see if they are eligible in 2016. If families first utilised the benefit in 2015, they may also have additional funds available to be used in 2016 for their child.

To gain access to benefits children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

It is vital that children establish good dental health habits whilst they are young. We encourage you to share information about this government scheme with your school so that families are able to take advantage of the reset $1000 free dental benefit*.

We’ve included some basic information on the scheme overleaf and on our website which you can share in your school’s newsletter, website or social media channels.

We look forward to helping the children of your school smile for life!

Yours Sincerely,

[Signature]

Peter Watson - Centre Manager | Pacific Smiles Dental, Blacktown

*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government's Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating dentists for treatments provided to eligible patients.
$1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL* WITH THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE!

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2016! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a $1000 free kids dental benefit* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In 2014 and 2015 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free $1000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if you’re kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au for further information.

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