



Blacktown Mail

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Partially Selective Boys High School

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Term 1 2014

Principal's Message



Principal
Mr Shaun Addy

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2014

It has been a very busy but exciting start to the school year, with a number of changes and successes already recorded at Blacktown Boys' High. I would firstly like to welcome back all students and staff, but in particular, make mention of the positive way in which Year Seven (our latest additions to the Blacktown family) have settled into the routine of High School.

Transition from Primary School can often be a stressful time for students and we are mindful of our role in assisting boys make the move as smoothly as possible. I would ask all parents and carers to talk to their sons about their experiences so far and please pass on to us any comments both positive and negative, that may help us provide the best possible learning and social experiences for all boys.

New Staff

For the fifth year in a row our school numbers have increased, and as a result, so has the need for extra teachers. Our new teachers for 2014 are Mr D'Souza and Mr Martin, each in the English faculty. Both are settling in well and are excited about starting their careers at Blacktown Boys.

In addition, we will be interviewing to fill the Head Teacher Mathematics position and hope to have someone in the position before the end of Term 1.

Uniform

It makes me proud to be Principal of a school that places such importance on uniform. Our boys are ambassadors when they are in the public arena and their presentation goes a long way to ensuring that our school is seen in the best light. It is great to hear members of the general public and colleagues from other schools comment on how good our boys look.

STARTT Project

This year is our third involving STARTT. This is a fitness and leadership project run during each semester targeting Yr 7 students. The first semester program has already commenced with a group of 25 boys attending. Boys who missed out will have the opportunity to join in semester 2.

ABCN

Our links with Citibank via the ABCN organisation continues to grow. This year our boys will again have access to a total of five different projects. These include senior mentoring, literacy, problem solving, the arts, and job preparation. Those students involved will bring home information packs at the relevant time.

Senior continuers Scholarship

For those who were unable to attend our presentation evening last week, I would like to repeat my announcement of Sarthak Garg as the recipient of our inaugural Senior scholarship award. This scholarship is valued at \$1000, and will be offered each year to a selected Yr 10 student to support them in their senior studies at Blacktown Boys High. This scholarship is in addition to our existing \$1000 dux award. Please enjoy the rest of the newsletter

Regards

Shaun Addy

Principal

Dates for the Diary

March

- 3rd Year 7 & 9 Immunisations
- 6th Newcastle Camp
P & C meeting @ 4pm
- 7th Newcastle Camp
Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion
Zone Swimming
- 13th Selective High School Placement Test
- 14th Pi Day
Art Express Years 11 & 12
- 17th Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
- 18th Year 12 Half Yearly Exams continued
- 19th Year 12 Half Yearly Exams continued
- 20th Year 12 Half Yearly Exams continued
Year 7 Peer Support Camp

March continued

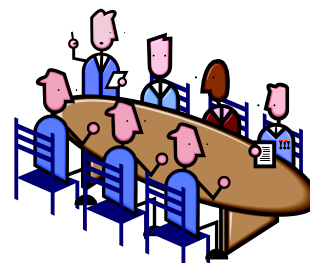
- 21st Year 12 Half Yearly Exams continued
Year 7 Peer Support Camp
- 25th Year 12 Half Yearly Exams continued
- 24th Year 12 Half Yearly Exams continued
- 26th National Geographic Channel Aust Geography
Competition
- 28th Bring Back the Bush
- 31st Stage 6 Art Express

April

- 1st BBHS Cross Country
Parent Information Meeting
- 4th 7S and 7G Nicolson Museum excursion
- 11th Last day of Term 1

From the Parents and Citizens

The P&C will be holding a meeting on Thursday 6th March 2014 from 4pm. The meeting will be held in the school library. All parents are welcome.



Deputy Principal's Message



Deputy Principal
Mrs Trish Matthews

We have had a great start to the year, welcoming back our continuing students in Years 8 to 12, our new enrolments from far and near, and of course all of our year 7 students who have transitioned into our school.

Thanks to the great work of our year 7 advisor, Ms Fuller and her Peer Support team, I am confident that all of our new boys feel 'at home', and feedback from staff indicates that they have all settled in well to their new learning routines and are working enthusiastically. Already the boys are getting involved in sporting teams and extra-curricular activities. Our Welcome Barbecue in Week 4 gave parents an opportunity to meet each other and provided an informal setting for teachers to meet our new families.

A highlight of Week 3 was Presentation Evening, which gave us the opportunity to celebrate the successes of our continuing students in years 8 to 12 and applaud their efforts throughout 2013. Celebrations such as this encourage students to go on to bigger and better achievements, but it is just part of our reward and award system which encourages all to work towards achieving their potential in all aspects of their learning, as well contributing to the school community, throughout the year.

From the Head Teacher Admin



Head Teacher
Administration
Mr Christopher Pace

It's not OK to be away!

Many students have their educational progress severely interrupted by absences which are more often than not are unnecessary and for reasons fairly low on the '**important to my future**' scale.

To reach their full potential at school, students need to attend every day. This means a few days off per year due to genuine illness. During the cold winter months it is very tempting for students to want to stay in a warm bed rather than wake up to go to school.

How can any student be expected to keep up with work under such circumstances?

Parents have a critical role to play in protecting their own son's future. Absences can be minimised by arranging dental and doctor's appointments after school or during the holidays. Shopping, helping at

home and visiting relatives may all seem important at the time but not as important as a person's **FUTURE**.

Let's work together and make our boys understand that '**It's not OK to be away!**'

From the Front Office



**School Administrative
Manager
Ms Pennie Holley,**

Welcome to our incoming Year 7 students, and welcome back to our returning students. The administration team is happy to be of service to all students, staff, parents and visitors to the school.

Please be aware that our office opening hours are from 7.45 am to 3.00 pm and students are welcome to attend the front office window via the student foyer at recess and lunch breaks also.

Parent/Carers please note:

Student Invoices

Invoices for student Subject Contributions and General contributions are included with this newsletter.

Payments for Subject and General Contributions may be made in full or in regular small instalments at the front office using eftpos, credit card or cash.

Please also note that receipting at the front office can only be processed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. There will be no receipts processed on Fridays.

Alternatively payments may be made over the phone by credit/debit card.

We look forward to meeting all our new families and sharing your school experience with you.

P Holley

From the SRC

School Representative Council is back in action under the leadership of School Captain Vincent Maulio and Vice Captain Hezron Fekitoa. It is exciting time for Year 7 as they will be electing their representatives from their year group on 18th February. These elected members will be attending the SRC Induction ceremony on 10th March. Parents will be sent invitations shortly.

SRC will also participate in Clean Up Australia day on 28th February as part of joint initiative with HSIE Faculty. This will give our school leaders the opportunity to help keep the environment clean and also set an example for our students.



On 27th March some of our senior students will be attending the Salvos Ambassador Conference at Auburn, which will focus on Youth homelessness, Refugees and Human Trafficking.

From the English Faculty



**Head Teacher
English
Mr Mitchell Comans**

In the English faculty, we are all excited to be back for another fun and productive year. Mr D'Souza joins the faculty and Mr Martin is temporarily replacing Mr Witchard who had accepted a new role for a year at another school. Ms Dayal will continue to provide ESL assistance to our boys two days per week, as well as spending one day a week in the HSIE faculty. Mr Dibbs continues his valuable work in Learning Support and also picks up a class in drama, one of his specialty areas. Myself, Ms Fuller, Ms Kaur, Ms Lal and Ms Josan constitute the remainder of the faculty team.

The new national curriculum is being implemented for years 7 and 9 in English this year. The faculty worked very hard last year to ensure that we had high quality programs in place to reflect this huge change. Students in these years will benefit from this hard work, as we have endeavoured to create interesting, meaningful and challenging work for boys of all ability levels and backgrounds.

The faculty welcomes our new year 7 students. Teachers of year 7 classes, myself included, have been impressed by their attitude and application so far in classes. We expect this to continue and we hope to develop very productive learning environments for these students for the next six years. English is the one compulsory subject for all of high school and we encourage students and parents to appreciate its central importance in school life.

As I write this, the school's annual presentation night is a few hours away. It is an appropriate time to reflect on the successes of our boys last year. We commend all prize winners and look forward to another year of high expectations and success.

We have much planned this year as always. Debating competitions, drama excursions and live performances, Macquarie Mentoring and Literacy Week are just some of the events the faculty will be organising and running. We look forward to a great year.

Until next time,

Mitchell Comans

Head Teacher English



Introducing Mr Daniel D'Souza

So... tell us a little bit about yourself?

Born and raised in western Sydney, this is my first year teaching full time. I am trained in English and H.S.I.E, with a keen interest in fantasy novels. I am a passionate football (or 'soccer' to some) fan, following Arsenal FC and the Western Sydney Wanderers! I am really excited to be at BBHS and am looking forward to the year ahead!



Why did you get into teaching?

I kind of 'fell' into teaching by accident! Subconsciously, I was influenced strongly by my year 12 teachers' love and passion for teaching young men and as a result, found myself studying, and loving, high school English teaching.

What do you like to do when you're not preparing lessons and marking?

When I'm not preparing lessons and marking, I'm enjoying a variety of rock music, whilst kicking a round football (not soccer ball!) and supporting the mighty Arsenal FC actively and openly. Many BBHS students have already made their feelings known to me about my love of my team!



What are your first impressions of BBHS?

My first feeling I had walking through the front doors of the Office building on my first day was "Uh oh, what have I forgotten!?" Once I met the students of BBHS though, they made me feel welcome and comfortable. I went to an all boys' school myself and found it easier to adjust to BBHS because of this. The boys all have a great sense of humour and I have noticed they are very proud to be Blacktown Boys. This is why I am really excited about my upcoming time here!

From the Learning Support Team

Dear parents and caregivers,

The Learning Support Team strongly recommends that students should use their diaries more effectively. The diary can be used as a reminder for students to do their homework. If your son/ward uses his diary extensively, parents and teachers can communicate regularly about any concerns and successes students may have at school.

We encourage all parents/caregivers to sign the student's diary so that you know if your child has any assignment or test coming up. It is necessary for a parent to know if your child is struggling with some work or is not doing any work a teacher has given him. This is all for your child's benefit. It is important that a student maintains a rhythm so that he finishes all set tasks. Diary use is very important especially for year 7, as if they get used to it now, they will eventually be using it perfectly in years 11 & 12.

From the HSIE faculty



Head Teacher HSIE
Ms Gina Jackson

Welcome to all students to HSIE in 2014.

It is wonderful to see all of year 12 students return this year, ready to work diligently to gain great results in the HSC. We wish them all well for these important examinations and know that all will be concerned to excel in their studies.

It is also pleasing to see many students choose courses in this discipline in year 11. We have classes in Ancient History, Legal Studies, Business Studies, and Economics. This constitutes a large number of year 11 students who will all be experiencing new courses and enjoying the skills and opportunities these offer.

All HSIE faculty members look forward to enriching the educational experiences of both junior and senior students through establishing high expectations, developing engaging lesson activities and participating in extracurricular activities. I therefore, urge you to support and encourage your son/ward to "get involved" in all that we offer in 2014.

As per previous years, our students will have the opportunity to participate in Mock Trial, Clean Up Australia Day, History Mastermind and a range of Geography and History competitions. These activities allow students to develop both their creative and analytical thinking skills, as well as their civic awareness.

In Term 1 we have entered two National Competitions the:

GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The 2014 National Geographic Channel Australian Geography Competition will be held again this year by the HSIE Department and is a great opportunity for our students to enhance their skills as Geographers.

The competition is open for all of our students from 7-10 Geography. Every student entering will receive an award for participation and will be competing for some great prizes. Cost of entry is \$3.00, and the competition will be held on the 26 March. Interested students can collect a note from Mrs. Mahmood.



THE NATIONAL HISTORY COMPETITION

The Australian National History Competition will take place this year on 28th May. This is open to students in Years 7-10 and is sat by students from all over Australia. Places can be booked by obtaining a permission form from the HSIE staff room, having it signed by a parent/carers and paying \$7.00 to the front office. The test will be conducted in the school hall in Periods 1 and 2.

All eligible students are encouraged to enter both the History and Geography Competition.

EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS

Year 8/9 Medieval Show - 21ST March - \$6.00

Year 11 Legal Studies - Penrith Court - 7/3/14

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Our school has once again entered Mock Trial competition run by the Law Society of NSW. The competition is open to students in year 10 and 11 with a team of six students competing in each round. It has been pleasing to see a high level of interest from our students and a selection process is already under way to determine the final team. We wish our students the best of luck in this year's competition.

We look forward to your continued support and co-operation in our commitment to the education of all our students.

G. Jackson

From the CAPA faculty



Head Teacher CAPA
Mrs Kate Burne

We have had a happy and progressive start to school with our initiatives, projects and classwork being on target. Year 7 will be on excursion to Cronulla Beach to research and experience a coastal environment on Friday 21st February. A lifeguard has been hired and we will be learning about safety in the water and sun while at the beach. Students engage with photography and observational drawing while there. Year 7 are expected to complete the homework tasks attached to this unit on return to school. Surf and sun are so much a part of the Australian culture and this unit of study has been designed to provide both safety awareness of swimming at the beach and as an exciting topic to study.

Year 7 are currently studying a unit on the coastline and have demonstrated a lot of creativity, research and determination to produce quality work. They are

reminded to bring their aprons each lesson to protect their clothes from paint spills etc. and follow all protocols when in the studio. The art fee covers all materials used in the studio including paint, canvas, DAS clay, and lino block this year.

Year 8 have shown great interest in the Newcastle trip where we will be documenting an industrial city, port movements and coastal culture. The work from this excursion will form the basis of our big project development for 2014 with external exhibition. In 2013 we exhibited at Citibank Sydney and are hoping to extend this in 2014. Students wishing to pursue elective Visual Arts and Music need to extend their learning in the classroom with the challenge of broader community exposure that these projects provide. We enjoy working with our students to understand their environment and to create artworks that project their responses and ideas about it in visual and musical form. Much of the site specific excursion will be used in Cafe'd Art this year.

Our school is a busy place to be and students should be aware of their goals and commitment in order to manage time productively. Our current year 9 have shown potential and are immersed in their coursework with Mr Shiel and Mr Conley. Our new piano has arrived and has been installed in the practice room giving us a much better capability to provide for budding performers. We are currently in the process of identifying our talented students with Livingston Tavita, Viliama Pasikala, Johnathon Irwin, Sherwin Ramezani, Austin Tsai finding artroom 3 to be an alternative space for keyboard when the Music rooms are fully booked.



Mrs Burne, Mr Conley, Ms Hunter and Mr Shiel are looking forward to a great year in CAPA and sadly we say farewell to Mr Phillips who has worked in the faculty over the last few years. He will be taking up a new position and we wish him well, as he has made an amazing contribution to our faculty and to the students he has taught. A big thank-you to all the performers in the Jazz band and to Mr Shiel for the musical item at Presentation Evening 2013.

Finally a few words from our new students in year 7 about school in 2014.

Eunny Choi 7S

'School as in high school, at the moment is like a new step into life. Where we prepare for the lives ahead of us. Blacktown boys is a great school to learn from and be a part of. '

Nikhil Paul 7S

'High school has been fun since the beginning, and I strive to achieve the best out of high school. This is the 3rd stage of becoming a successful person and I find that this school will help me achieve my dream. Art has always been a passion'.

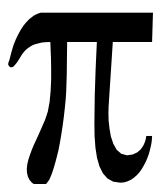
And from Adib Imam 10S

"Art has most certainly opened new doors throughout schooling. The new year of Art in year 10 has introduced me into a course quite enjoyable, both with interest and with the many friends I have made. I wish to further my study in the Visual Arts."

From the Science & Mathematics faculty



**Head Teacher
Science &
Mathematics
Mrs Melissa Sharman**



Pi Day - 14th March

Students in all classes are to be congratulated on their approach to learning so far this year. All science and mathematics teachers have reported a growing rapport with their students and are excited about the prospect of watching them grow this year!

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that black leather shoes, which provide protection for the whole of the foot, are required for students to complete their compulsory practical experiences in the science laboratories. The expectations have been explained to students, with many classes already able to experience the nature of scientific inquiry for themselves.

Similarly, an approved, scientific calculator is an essential tool in mathematics, and in the senior science courses. Students are encouraged to bring their own calculator to all lessons in order to be familiar with the methods for achieving different results. Calculators are available for purchase at the front office for \$20.



Organisation is underway for students to enter a variety of mathematics and science competitions, including the ICAS competitions. Many of our students have enjoyed competing in these competitions in the past and we urge parents and carers to support their son's participation by looking out for the upcoming permission notes!

From the TAS & PDHPE faculty



Head Teacher TAS/PDHPE
Mr Rolf Ballin

The TAS/PDHPE Faculty welcomes all students back from the Christmas vacation and we look forward to working closely with all the boys in our courses to assist them in achieving their 'personal best' in all they do. We encourage the boys to actively participate in all classes, as well as take on the extra curricular opportunities and challenges that will present themselves throughout this year.

A very special welcome is extended to our new Year 7 cohort and all the new enrolments in other years.

Many Year 7 students have nominated to participate in various extra curricular activities/clubs.

The Aero Modelling Club will be underway in Week 5. Details of meeting times will be given to boys during Homeroom. Students who still would like to participate and have not registered can see Mr Ballin in the TAS/PDHPE staffroom at recess or lunch for details.

Blacktown Boys' High School has proud traditions and we hope that all students enjoy 2014 in both academic and extra-curricular pursuits.

There have been no changes to the staff in the TAS/PDHPE Faculty.

Faculty team comprises:

TAS KLA:

Mr Rolf Ballin	Head Teacher
Mr Gony Naicker	
Mr Michael Elsner	
Miss Kimberley Kemp	

PDHPE KLA:

Mr James Muscio	
Mr Andy Franjic	Year 9 Advisor and Sports Coordinator
Miss Aimme French	Year 11 and Year 12 Advisor

Student Expectations in TAS/PDHPE:

The TAS/PDHPE Faculty encourage all boys to continue with the positive start to 2014 during Term 1 and to strive to achieve 'their personal best' in all they do. Boys are expected to be prepared for all lessons to ensure positive learning is taking place both in theory lessons and practical classes. The following expectations need to be met:



PE:

- Be prepared for theory lessons with appropriate books and stationary
- Be prepared for practical lessons by wearing the correct PE uniform including joggers for support.
- Ensuring they are changed into their correct school uniform after practical PE lessons and go to the next class promptly.

Participate in practical lessons with enthusiasm and the goal of improving on their personal and teamwork skills

TAS:

- Be prepared for all theory lessons with appropriate books and stationary
- Be prepared for practical lessons by wearing their aprons and correct footwear (black leather shoes with firm leather uppers – a DEC safety requirement)
- Wear appropriate hair restraints or school cap if required (teacher will assess the risk on an individual basis)

Be aware of and follow safety requirements when working in the workshops and kitchen

These fundamental requirements will assist the boys in working towards and achieving their personal best, producing quality practical projects, developing their skills as well as ensuring their safety in the activities they undertake in class.

I encourage parents and caregivers to support their boys in this endeavour.

Subject Contributions:

The various courses offered in TAS, being predominantly practical in nature, requires the purchase of consumable materials to enable interesting and quality projects being produced by the boys.

In this regard I would like to remind parents and caregivers of the subject contributions for the courses offered and encourage the payments to cover consumables to be made.

Boys are able to make payments at the front office before school, recess and lunch, Monday to Thursday. They will be given receipts for payments to take home.

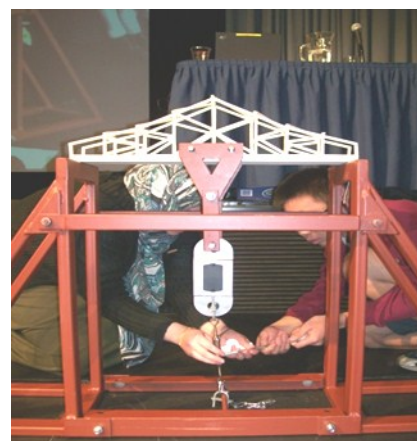
The following subjects involve a contribution to be made:

Technology Mandatory	Year 7 and Year 8	\$40 per year
Industrial Technology Electronics	Year 9 and Year 10	\$50 per year
Food Technology	Year 9 and Year 10	\$70 per year

Extra Curricular Activities/Opportunities:

The Aurecon Bridge Building competition will also be available for boys in Years 8 and 9 to enter. The competition requires a team of four students to design and construct a balsa model of a bridge to particular specifications. This competition is conducted in August. Further information will be given to boys interested in participating closer to the date of competition.

A previous bridge design being loaded for testing.





The Blacktown Show will be held again on the 8th and 9th March and we are encouraging students to enter this year. Miss Kemp is co-ordinating this event and boys will be informed of requirements to enter. We wish our boys all the best in displaying their 'cooking and baking' skills. This event will probably have been run by the time you receive this first newsletter. Results will be published in our next newsletter.

The ICAS Computing Skills Test is to be conducted on **Tuesday 20th May, 2014**. The closing date for entries to the competition is **Friday, 9th May 2014**.

Entry cost is \$8.00 per student and is to be paid at the front office at recess or lunch, Monday to Thursday.

This competition, run by the UNSW is open to ALL students from Year 7 to Year 10.



Further information will be distributed to boys interested in participating in this competition in the near future.

Various sports activities and events will also be run throughout the year including knockout competitions, Gala Days, swimming and Athletics carnivals and Cross Country events. Details for these competitions and events will be announced to the students via assembly and newsletters. More details for each event to follow.

Rolf Ballin

HT TAS/PDHPE

From the Library



Teacher/Librarian

Mr Patrick Everingham



The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is open again for 2014. The aim of the challenge is to encourage students to read widely for enjoyment and knowledge. Participation in the challenge will improve their reading and writing skills and expose them to a wide range of ideas and situations which will be of positive help in their developing intellectual and emotional maturity.

Last year was a very successful year at BBHS in regard to the Premier's Reading Challenge with 34 students from Years 7, 8 and 9 completing the Challenge. Gold awards were achieved by 7 students for completing the challenge 4 times. Four students achieved Platinum awards for completing the Reading Challenge 7 times, they were Alvy Ahmed, Abhitej Bhandari, Hary Nethra and Rafid Salah. Two students received Platinum Awards and a medal for completing the challenge 7 years consecutively from Years 3 to 9, they are Mohammed Ganaim and Sherwin Ramezani .

All boys from BBHS from years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to enter the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2014, and continue the recent history of attainment at Blacktown Boys High in this area. Those students who successfully undertake the challenge will read 20 books between February 1st and September the 1st 2014. Students who achieve this will be awarded a Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate and appear on the Premier's Reading Challenge Honour Roll 2014.

See Mr Everingham if you're interested in enrolling in the Premier's Reading Challenge 2014.

Magazine Subscriptions in the Library 2014

Every year the library subscribes to a number of magazines which are chosen educational content, popularity with students and their appropriateness for a school library.

This year the library is subscribing to the magazines:

Time Magazine, the world's most popular current affairs magazine.

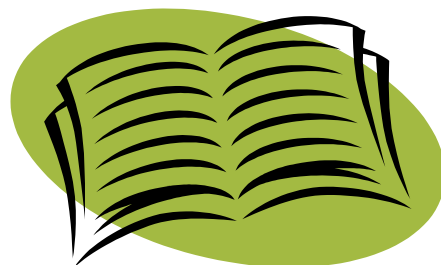
National Geographic, possibly the most admired and recognisable magazine in the world with unrivalled photography and information from all parts of the world on science, history, archaeology and geography.

Top Gear, a very popular magazine based on the TV show for students with an interest in motor vehicles.

Inside Sport, also a very popular general magazine on sport in Australia.

PC Authority, an Australian magazine on the subject of computers and technology.

Popular Science and Science Illustrated, this is a bundle of two magazines for the price of one and is extremely popular with those students who have a strong interest in science.



Chess in the Library

Chess is a popular pastime at Blacktown Boys High Library and by way of supporting this interest in the ancient game of chess the library usually runs chess competitions for years 7, 8 and 9 at different times throughout the year. The competitions are generally round robin with a finals round to decide the overall winner. Certificates are awarded to all the students who participate. Notifications of these competitions are usually by posters in the library and by Daily Notices in Homeroom. So if you are interested in chess watch out for these notices.



Marist Youth

The Marist Youth group, situated close to the station in Blacktown offer a number of programs outside of school hours that may be of interest to students.

Their ONE Homework club is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-5.30pm. It offers quiet reading areas as well as tuition once needs are identified. As well as this they also offer, Literacy and Numeracy Workshops, ACU gate Programs, Health workshops, ACE (Adolescents Coping with Emotions) and workshops in Arts and Crafts, Living Skills and Public Speaking.

They can be found at 22 Main Street, Ground Floor, Blacktown or phoned on 0439 247 435 for further details.

Presentation Evening Ceremony

The Presentation Evening Ceremony to acknowledge the achievements of our students was held on Thursday, 13th February, 2014. The evening was extremely well attended by students, their families and staff. It was pleasing to see the spirit shown among students, not only receiving awards, but in the appreciation they displayed towards their peers.

Congratulations to all students of Blacktown Boys upon your many achievements. We look forward to seeing you continue this success into 2014.



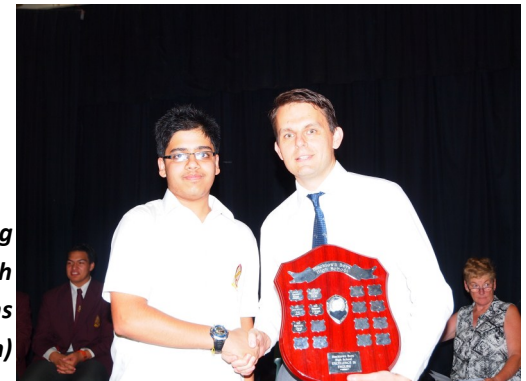
Samuel O'Brien
Year 11 Academic Award
with Mrs Kate Burne
(HT CAPA)



Dennis Lomax
Excellence in PDHPE
with Mr Rolf Ballin
(HT TAS/PDHPE)



Vincent Maulio
Excellence in CAPA
with Mrs Kate Burne
(HT CAPA)



Sarthak Garg
Excellence in English
with Mr Mitchell Comans
(HT English)



Livingston Tavita Lamositele
16 Year Age Champion Athletics
with Mrs Patricia Matthews
(Deputy Principal)



Hussin Gorashi
15 Year Age Champion Athletics and Cross
Country; Best and Fairest;
Duffy Encouragement Award
with Mrs Patricia Matthews
(Deputy Principal)



Kurt Kaufmann
Ken Bailey Trophy for Blacktown Spirit in the Junior School
with Mrs Melissa Sharman
(HT Science/Maths)



Kalolo Matavesi
Rotary Club of Blacktown Citizenship Award
with Mr Gus Baecker (Rotarian)



Manan Patel
Blacktown Police Service Award
with Constable Lachlan McCabe
(Police Youth Liaison Officer)



Hezron Fekitoa
GB Mancell Award for Blacktown Spirit
with Mr Peter Flowers (Principal BGHS)



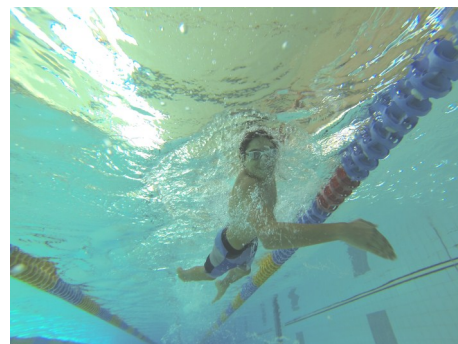
Sherwin Ramezani
Premier's Reading Challenge
with Mr Patrick Everingham
(Librarian)

2014 Swimming Carnival



The swimming carnival was held on Monday, 3rd February. There were 240 students in attendance which was very pleasing. The atmosphere at the pool was very positive with a lot of cheering by the respective houses, with some prompting from Miss Fuller & and our talented announcers, Mr Ballin & Mr Comans who gave some precise weather forecasts during the day. The winning

house on the day was Waugh which was a big improvement from last year. Congratulations to all students who attended and represented our school in a positive light, also, to those who made the effort to participate in events and score points for their house. Well done!!!



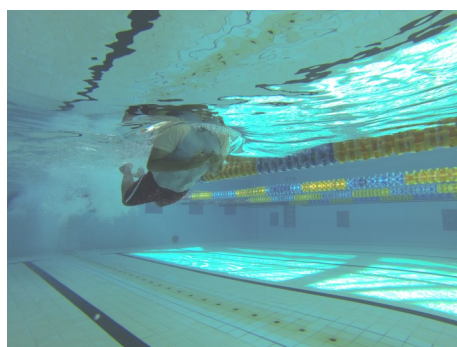
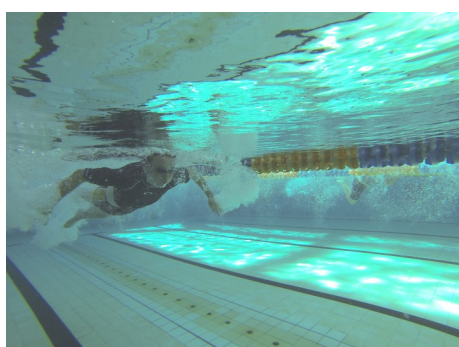
2014 Age & House Champions

Swimming Age Champions

Champion			Runner up	
Age	Name	Points	Name	Points
12yrs	Prathik Shivashankar	40	Seinthan Sivakumar	16
13yrs	Liam Devaney	21	Jakkaphet Kokprakhon	18
14yrs	Utkarsh Sharma	46	Cameron Heydeman	25
15yrs	Harry Lomax	32	Jack Olsen	13
16yrs	Malik Dib	40	Mrunal Patel	8
			Waheed Amiri	8
17yrs+	Dennis Lomax	38	Sam O'Brien	28

House Championship

1 st Waugh	198	2 nd Hall	175
3 rd Macquarie	139	4 th Bradman	125



Learning Assistance at School

The Learning Assistance Program provides support to students to address their learning needs as well as support for teachers. It implements and co-ordinates the following programs in the school to maximise educational opportunities for students with learning difficulties and to support their learning:

- Assistance in settling in when students change from primary to high school.
- Implementing different measures of assessment to assess the ability of students in the areas of literacy and numeracy.
- Primary school transition program to strengthen relationship with feeder primary schools.
- Analysis of NAPLAN data to identify strengths and weaknesses of students.
- Meeting with parents to develop individualised literacy programs.
- Intensive/small group activities to help improve:
 - Reading fluency
 - Comprehension
 - Vocabulary
 - Writing
 - Mathematical skills
- Supporting students through team teaching and in-class activities.
- Supporting students with class work and assessment tasks.
- Co-ordinating 'Home Reading Scheme' to help students to develop passion for reading in order to become independent and confident readers.

The Learning Support Team encourages regular, meaningful two way communication between school and parents / caregivers about their sons' learning, especially in literacy and numeracy. We welcome any feedback and ideas for improving the education that the school provides for its students.

*B. Josan
Learning and Support Teacher*

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CHANGE/UPDATE OF STUDENT DETAILS

Student Family Name: _____ First name: _____ Year Group: _____

Your New Address: _____

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Your New Home Number: _____ Your New Work Number: _____

Your Mum's New Mobile Number: _____ Your New Email Address: _____

Your Dad's New Mobile Number: _____ Your New Email Address: _____

Your Change of Student Family Name: _____

Your Change of Student Parent/Guardian Details

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Your Attached documentation eg Deed Poll, Custody Agreement, Statutory Declaration.

Your Change of Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Your Medical Information – Additional form to be completed "Administration of Prescribed Medication" available from the Office.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Family Code: _____ ERN: _____ Staff Initials: _____