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Principal's Message



Principal
Mr Shaun Addy

Welcome to the newsletter for Term 2, and what a pleasure it is to report on the goings on at BBHS at the moment. As I write this article, I have just returned from attending a moving and very inspiring ANZAC Day ceremony in our school hall. It is such a wonderful experience to see 400 boys together with staff and invited guests show such respect and attention to an event that has so shaped our country. The added bonus of the Sikh Sri Dasmesh pipe and drum band from Malaysia performing both in the hall and during recess in the school quad ensured that the day will be remembered for a long time. (See photos later in this edition, under HSIE)

Late last Term, I also had the pleasure of accompanying Ms Sharman and Ms Kemp to the Regional Robotics competition at Sydney Olympic Park. This competition saw teams from Australia, Hawaii, Singapore, China, Korea and New Zealand battle each other in an exciting challenge to see who had designed and built the most functional robot. Our boys did Australia proud, and although they did not win, it took teams who had far more experience at international level to beat them. We already have big plans for the next event.

NAPLAN 2015 happens soon and boys in YR 7 and YR 9 will be involved. As I say each year, the NAPLAN test is a very useful diagnostic tool for schools to help in planning literacy and numeracy strategies for the following year, but it is not an exam. Take it seriously – yes, but do not become overly stressed.

We are very close to completing our School Plan 2015-17 and our 2014 School Annual Report. Both will be loaded onto our website in May, and will give parents and the community an insight into what happened over the past 12 months, and our focus for student learning over the next 3 years.

The terrible weather last week had its impact on BBHS, as it did with most schools. We had some storm damage in the library and our kitchen, however students and staff have been very cooperative in dealing with the disruption and repairs will be completed shortly. Our thoughts go out to those who were hit much worse than us.

Bad weather further afield last Term led us to hold an impromptu fund raiser for the Vanuatu appeal. Although there was very little lead up time, it was pleasing to see the boys raise over \$400 to send to the cyclone hit area. Well done Blacktown!

Staff professional learning during last Term centred on *Anaphylaxis* training (All BBHS Staff have now completed the course), *Reading to Learn* (All BBHS teachers are now accredited), and the use of film as a teaching / Learning tool. Mr Pace and Mr Elsner have become quite expert in the latest techniques and technology, and are introducing the concept to all faculties as a way of engaging boys in alternative ways to research and learn subject specific content.

Please enjoy the rest of our newsletter, and feel free to contact me about its contents or any other matter concerning the school.

Regards

Shaun Addy

Principal

Dates for your Diary

May

4th School photos
5th Year 8 GAT Day
6th Belvoir Workshop
8th Zone Cross Country
Year 9 Assessment Week
11th Year 9 Assessment Week
12th Year 9 Assessment Week
Naplan Testing
13th Year 9 Assessment Week
Naplan Testing
14th Year 9 Assessment Week
Naplan Testing
15th Year 9 Assessment Week
18th Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week
School Photo catch up
19th Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week
ICAS Computer Digital Technology
P&C Meeting 10am
20th Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week
21st Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week
Big Science Competition
22nd Year 7 & 8 Assessment Week
26th Parent/Teacher Night
27th Australian History Competition
28th Blacktown SSSA Zone Athletics Carnival
29th Blacktown SSSA Zone Athletics Carnival

June

3rd ICAS Science Competition
8th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
10th Sydney West Cross Country
12th Titration Competition
15th Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
16th ICAS Spelling Competition
Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
P&C Meeting 10am
17th ICAS Writing Competition
Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
18th Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
19th Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
22nd Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
23rd Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
Parent/Teacher Night
24th Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
26th Last Day of Term Two



Deputy Principal's Message



**Deputy Principal
Mrs Trish Matthews**

The year is flying by, and it is no wonder with all the exciting opportunities for our boys to show their enthusiasm for academic, extra-curricular and sporting pursuits. Blacktown Boys' is certainly the place to be. An International Robotics Competition, Zone Sporting Trials, Cricket Competitions and Mock Trial are just some the activities that boys can be and have been involved in Term 1. Term 2 promises to be just as exciting, with Debating rounds starting, the Premier's Reading Challenge continuing and ICAS competitions taking place, so it is important that they listen well during assemblies and Home Room, as these are our main points of communication for day to day activities.

Staff welcomed the opportunity in Week 10 of Term 1 to meet parents at our Portfolio/Progress report pick-up for years 7-11, where they discussed progress with parents and students in an informal setting. We are now moving into our Semester 1 Assessment period for all years, the culmination of which will be the issuing of Semester 1 reports and more formalized Parent Teacher Meetings for Semester 1 which will be in Week 6 for Years 10, 11 and 12 and Week 10 for years 7, 8 and 9. On this occasion parents can pick up reports and schedule specific meeting times with teachers. I look forward to the opportunity to meet parents on this occasion.

As I move into the start of my third year as Deputy Principal at Blacktown Boys' I must say that I am immensely proud of the staff that I work with on a daily basis. I have seen an increased commitment to work in and outside of the classroom, which makes our boys the big winners. Staff are continually developing their skills with new ideas and technologies which all lead to increased engagement in the classroom and gives our boys the 'edge' in their academic learning. An example of this was our School Development Day where faculties from Blacktown Boys' engaged with other faculties in the Nirimba Learning Community to share ideas and lead professional learning.

We always welcome input and suggestions from parents, and thank parents who have been involved in phone surveys and information evenings in the past. We also welcome suggestions to further engage with our school community and look forward to hearing from you with any suggestions about what you would like to hear and discuss in parent seminars or information evenings. I can be contacted on 9622 1558 if you would like to make any suggestions, or discuss any ideas about how we can serve you better.

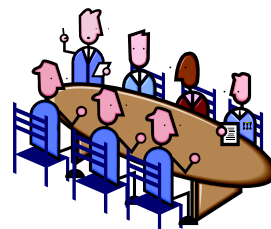
From the Parents and Citizens

P&C Meetings for Term Two:

19th May 10am

16th June 10am

The meetings will be held in the library. All parents are welcome.



From the Head Teacher Administration



**Head Teacher
Administration
Mr Christopher Pace**

School Uniform

Blacktown Boys' High School has a reputation in the community that it values highly. Part of that good reputation centres on our students wearing correct uniform at all times. The P&C fully supports the school's endeavours to ensure that all students wear full school uniform.

We strongly request that all parents support the school by insisting that their sons wear correct school uniform every day especially in the upcoming colder months when some students choose to wear jumpers and jackets that are not part of the school uniform.

School hats are also an issue with some students choosing to wear non-school uniform hats.

If there is any particular occasion when a student is unable to wear full uniform, please make sure that they have a note which is to be taken to the HT Admin-

istration upon arrival to school in the morning.

I thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. Pace

HT Administration

From the Front Office



**School Administrative
Manager
Ms Pennie Holley**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Absences

This term the school is busy putting Semester 1 student academic reports together for collection at parent teacher nights.

The information you receive on the report includes student absences, if you have received letters of your son/ward's outstanding absences please complete the attendance letter and return it to the front office so that the absence dates may be corrected.

Change of details

Having current contact details for all students is vital for communicating with you. Some families may have moved house over the term break or changed phone numbers or email addresses.

The front office endeavours to contact parents/carers when a student is unwell and attending the school clinic, so your current contact details and emergency details are essential.

Please complete the "Change of Details form" mailed out to you recently. You will also need to sign and

date the form. Your assistance with this information collection is most appreciated.

Student Invoices

Thank you to the many families that have paid their student subject contributions and have received their free science calculator. This special deal will continue in term two. These contributions ensure that our school is able to provide the very best resources for all students.

In our recent mail out we have attached invoices to those families where fees have not yet been attended to. For your convenience, small instalment payments may be made to the school either over the phone by eftpos or at the administration office by either cash or card from Monday to Thursday during school hours.

We look forward to continuing our service to our students and their families.

Regards

Ms Pennie Holley

From the English Faculty



Head Teacher
English
Mr Mitchell Comans

Term One has flown by, we're all rested after a well-deserved break and we're ready to go for Term Two! Our Year 7 students have settled in really well and enjoyed their introduction to high school English last term, a unit of work on 'Heroes'. This term we're looking at picture books and digital narratives, which is one of the new units of work we designed for the Australian Curriculum. This unit of work has a significant Information and Communication Technology component, which students really enjoy. This term, Year 8 will be studying short stories, Year 9 will study poetry and Year 10 will study a novel. The faculty has bought a lot of new books and resources lately (thanks Mr Addy!) and the English staff is looking forward to using these in their classes.

Years 7 and 9 do NAPLAN this term. The literacy skills assessed by NAPLAN are taught in every English lesson, but this Term we do have a special focus on language and writing, to help students feel as well prepared for the tests as possible. We are proud of our improved results in recent years and are dedicated to maintaining this trend. English teachers are increasingly using 'Reading to Learn' teaching strategies in the classroom, and we believe this is contributing to these results.

Reports will be issued later this term. Please encourage your sons to be diligent in completing all homework and assessments in a timely way in order to obtain the best English report possible. When there might not be any English homework on a particular day, encourage them to spend 15 minutes or more reading a quality book – it's one of the best ways to improve literacy skills.

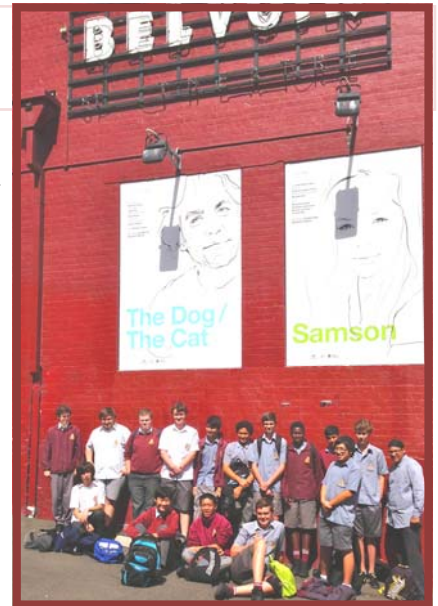
Watch out for some great drama incursions and the start of the debating season this term. It's bound to fly by as quickly as the first. That's what happens when you're having fun!

Until next time,

Mitchell Comans

Drama

Year 10 and Year 11 Drama Students have been busy this term with extending their knowledge and experience of dramatic elements and theatre styles by visiting two prestigious theatre companies. Firstly, *Bell Shakespeare* performed 'As you like it', at The Sydney Opera House and *Belvoir Theatre* displayed a modernised version of Greek Tragedies through a moving and engaging performance.



Early Term 2 we will be to host a reputable director from *Belvoir Theatre* as they provide our Year 10 and Year 11 Drama students with intensive workshops that are imperative for the HSC Drama course. The 4 hour workshop will focus on teaching the students valuable skills and techniques that can be applied for their group performance and their individual performances (monologues).

From the HSIE Faculty



**Head Teacher
HSIE
Ms Gina Jackson**

The HSIE faculty would like to thank both Miss Hrnjadovic and Miss Hawken for their contribution to the HSIE faculty. Miss Hrnjadovic leaves us as she has relocated to Melbourne, and Miss Hawken begins her permanent placement at Sefton. Miss Shields is our enthusiastic new staff member who has already proven to be a valuable addition to the HSIE faculty.

Miss Jessica Shields

I am delighted to be teaching at Blacktown Boys High School this year in the HSIE faculty. Whilst my passion is Geography, I also enjoy sport. My sporting interests are swimming (I'm a qualified swimming coach and lifeguard) and European handball, in which I've represented NSW. I love setting goals and challenging myself to work towards them, so I will be



excited to see your son/ward achieve their goals in 2015!

I look forward to an awesome year at Blacktown Boys' High School, and meeting a lot of you later this term during Parent & Teacher night.

ANZAC DAY 2015

HSIE as in previous years organised the annual ANZAC Day Ceremony to commemorate the sacrifices made by our armed forces.

This year's ANZAC Day was particularly significant as it marked the centenary of the Gallipoli landing. On the 24 April, a day before the official ANZAC Day commemorative services across the nation, we too, at Blacktown Boys High School stopped and especially honoured and remembered the bravery and battle

sacrifices made by our first Anzacs.

We were particularly fortunate to have Mr Manjit Singh Gill as our special guest, who spoke about the Sikhs at Gallipoli and the Sri Dasmesh Pipe Band marching band from Malaysia as part of our very special assembly.



MOCK TRIAL

As this newsletter goes to print our Mock Trial team are in the final stages of preparing for their second round against Doonside High School. We will be playing the role of the defence in a civil case. Our team members for the round are Jashan Mahl, Sanchit Sud, Manthan Agrawal, Nishil Patel, Ashwin Rajkumar and Alan Reji. Good luck team.

Waterfront Workout Excursion

On Friday, Week Six, fifty year 10 students attended the Waterfront Workout Excursion run by the Observatory Hill Environmental Education Centre. The focus on the excursion is on the current urban growth and decline occurring in the CBD. This excursion provides students with a great opportunity to participate in primary fieldwork for human geography.

During the day students gathered primary data at Circular Quay. This included surveying members of the public, as well as testing air quality, noise pollution and wind speed. Students then observed the various land uses around the harbour from the comfort of a private chartered ferry.



Students also observed the new development at Barangaroo and were taken through on a tour through Miller's Point. This part of Sydney is topical for geographers at the moment due to State Government plans to sell off public housing and relocate residents in the area.

The students enjoyed the excursion and will be able to relate their study of geographical issues in the classroom to the real world.

Mr Dewane

From the Mathematics Faculty



**Head Teacher
Mathematics
Mrs Miriam Lees**

We are looking forward to another busy term in Mathematics with half-yearly examinations, reports, competitions and excursions all happening.

ICAS Mathematics Competition

While notes for the Australian Mathematics Competition have already been returned, permission notes for the ICAS competitions will be handed out early this term. These external competitions provide an excellent opportunity to practice examination techniques without the risk of “failing” as the results do not affect school marks.

Excursions

Early in Term 2, notes will be sent out for two extracurricular excursions for elite students in Year 8 (the Gifted and Talented Students Day in May) and Year 10 (Mathematics in Surveying in August). These excursions will be invitation only and your son should be proud if he receives an invitation. I encourage all students to take these extension opportunities as a way of:

- * Improving their Working Mathematically and teamwork skills,
- * Undertaking practical applications of their coursework,
- * Demonstrating a willingness to extend themselves, and
- * Competing against other mathematically talented students.

Financial assistance can be provided if needed by contacting Mrs Lees.

Equipment

As we approach Half-Yearly Examinations, it is timely to remind parents and students that it is essential that ALL students have a calculator that they can bring to EVERY class.

We recommend the *Casio FX82 Plus* as it greatly simplifies fraction and statistics work for the students. This calculator can be purchased at the school office for \$22.00 inc. GST. If you are unable to purchase a calculator, please let Mrs Lees know so that we can arrange access for your son.

NOTE: BOSTES does NOT accept mobile phones as calculators in the HSC Exams and neither do we.

Homework vs Study

Students and parents often confuse ‘Homework’ and ‘Study’. This can create misunderstandings and lead to poor preparation for assessment tasks.

‘Homework’ is set work by the classroom teacher after most lessons. Homework gives a student a chance to independently practice what they have learnt in class. Completing homework helps a student to consolidate their learnings and prepare for the next lesson.

In contrast, ‘Studying’ involves a complete revision of previous learning. The aim of studying is to pre-

prepare a student for a specific assessment task. At BBHS, all students are given a formal notice of assessment tasks at least two weeks before they are due. This notification will list all the topics that a student needs to study to be prepared for the task.

As every student is different, they will each study in a different way. Students should use the assessment tasks in Year 7 – 10 to practice the method of studying that BEST suits them. Study techniques that work well in Mathematics include:

- * Practice, practice, practice: The more you practice answering maths problems, the better you will be at them.
- * Review Errors: By understanding how you approached the problem before and where you went wrong, you can avoid making the same mistakes in the future.
- * Master the Key Concepts: Try to understand the process (how you did it) and logic rather than rote learn rules.
- * Understand your Doubts: Avoid skipping questions that you don't understand. Ask for help from your teacher or a friend.
- * Create a Distraction Free Study Environment: When studying, make sure your FULL attention is on the problem and that you are not distracted. Studying with suitable music can help create a relaxing atmosphere and stimulate the flow of information.
- * Create a Mathematical Dictionary: Create Notes or Flashcards with all the concepts, terminology and definitions you need to know.
- * Apply Maths to Real World Problems: Looking for a practical application on what you are learning can help you remember the concepts better.

Maths requires time and patience to master and cannot be studied the night before the test. By preparing properly, you will help your son to have confidence when they walk into the examination room.

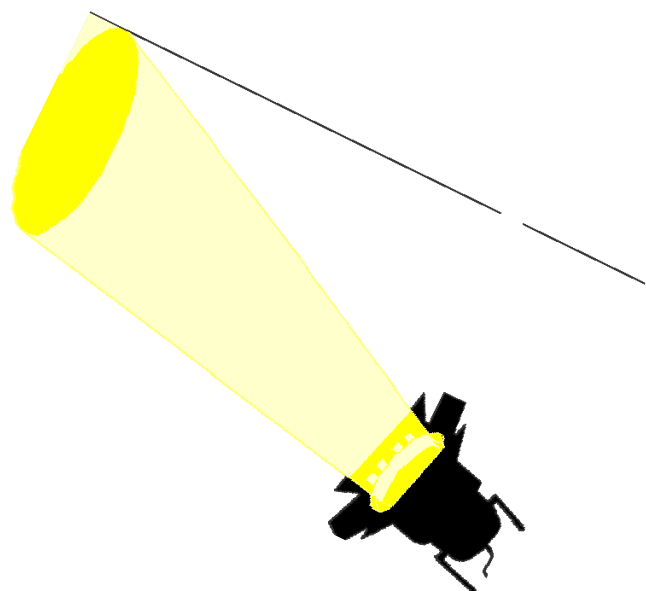
The schedule of Half-Yearly Examinations for all grades can be found on the school website.

Spotlight on Probability and Statistics

Most people use the language and concepts covered in Probability and Statistics on a daily basis. Newspapers, magazines, TV News and advertisements all use statistics and chance to entice us to buy their products, play their games, and believe their message. Probability and Statistics is one of the three strands in the Mathematics Curriculum and is taught to students in every grade of high school, from Year 7 to the top students in Year 12. To help your son succeed in these topics, you can:

- * Discuss situations involving risk eg. buying insurance or a lotto ticket
- * Draw attention to 'sensationalist' reporting that may use statistics badly
- * Play games and do puzzles with your child that involve risk including card games.

Get your son to explain his Maths homework to you. If he can explain it in a way you understand, it shows that he "gets it".



From the Science Faculty



**Head Teacher
Science**
Mrs Melissa Sharman

Science students have really hit the ground running in 2015! We have had a great first term, with successful extra-curricular activities and happily engaged classrooms. At the time of writing this, we are looking forward to capping term 1 off with the snake tails incursion, which I'm sure will be a key feature in the next newsletter, and finalising the entry forms for students to compete in the ICAS competition and Rio Tinto Big Science competition.

Term 2 brings the next round of assignments and assessment tasks for all students, and we especially wish years 10 and 11 well in their examinations, to be held over the first few weeks. Science staff will be busy marking and analysing student progress, ready to write reports and provide you with feedback on your student's progress during the half-yearly parent teacher interviews. As always, if there are any questions you have, or concerns about your son's progress, please feel free to contact the school and arrange an appointment earlier.

Mrs Sharman (HT Science)

Year 11 Biology

On the 5th of March, Mrs Bou-Khalil took our year 11 biology class to Penrith Lakes. We completed field work exercises to improve our skills at measuring the abundance and distribution of various species in an ecosystem through the use of quadrats and transects. Upon arriving at



Penrith lakes, we were welcomed by two experienced instructors who guided us throughout the events of the day. Our fieldwork was based around working at two main sites (big pond and small pond) where we worked with various scientific instruments and concepts to gather information for our subsequent assessment task that followed.



After a fun day of investigating abiotic and biotic factors of the ecosystem we ended the day with a summary session where we discussed the information gathered and

related them to biological concepts. Overall the experience was highly beneficial but also incredible one.

From Adithya Pradeep, Venkata Bommireddipalli and Talha Siddiquie (year 11 Biology)

Pictures taken by Karanveer Bakhtawar



Chemistry Excursion

On February 25, Year 12, Year 11 Chemistry and some of 10S visited the Nuclear Facility, ANSTO, at Lucas Heights. It was an enjoyable day where we learnt about the uses and applications of nuclear chemistry and its future. We saw an exciting place where scientists work and saw some of Australia's most

advanced scientific tools including Australia's only nuclear research reactor. Students learnt how through applying our knowledge of the basic building blocks of the universe, scientists are helping solve the big issues surrounding health, climate science and solutions for industry. A tour of the facility included an engaging hands-on involvement in the Discovery Centre, and then we entered Commonwealth territory with an experienced guide and toured the OPAL centre, the Neutron Guide HALL and the STAR linear accelerators.



Picture: The OPAL (Open Pool Australian Lightwater) Reactor at ANSTO, Lucas Heights
Miss Hussein (Chemistry co-ordinator)

FRC Team 4801: Cyber Phoenix



Our school team entered the International FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC). A large-scale robotics competition, FRC brings together students and mentors to build robots that perform in a competitive but gracious environment against teams from all over the world. This was the first time that FIRST has held a regional qualifying event in Australia, with the winning teams moving on to compete in the USA later this year. There were 37 teams, from 6 different countries, involved in the three day event, held at the State sports Centre, Sydney Olympic Park. The winning team moving onto the championship was the "Thunder Down Under" from Macquarie University.

The boys did an outstanding job of representing themselves and the school, working together as a team to solve the challenges of completing the robot, programming it correctly, and then working with other teams to maximise the points scored in each individual round. This year's team really did meet all the technical and social challenges themselves, showing a fantastic amount of growth and maturity, and should be proud of their efforts.

To see how we went, please check out the team website: <http://robotics4801.webs.com>, and our video diary (both also created by students in the team).

Day 1 – <https://animoto.com/play/XLP113sogaQyYHUBOdQitQ>

Day 2 – <https://animoto.com/play/JrH3nT2aarlkCRs8YBAmtw>

The team will continue to meet afterschool through term 2, hoping to improve on our personal best scores at the upcoming "Duel Down Under", the Australian based competition for local teams to develop their skills and enjoy the spirit of "gracious professionalism" in order to continue enjoying the experiences of the FRC.

From the TAS & PDHPE faculty

2015 promises to be another busy year for the TAS faculty. Mr R. Ballin, the Head teacher of TAS for the last 16 years retired at the end of 2014. He was an enthusiastic supporter of public education for many years and he will be missed. On your behalf, I would like to thank Mr Ballin for his tireless service and the positive impact he has had on his students over the years.

The TAS faculty would like to welcome Mr M. Hartley. He has extensive knowledge in a range of TAS subjects and he comes with a background in the computer graphics industry. We are glad to have him on board. His experience and knowledge is already having a positive impact on the students of BBH.

The retirement of Mr Ballin has made it necessary to re-organise the senior Engineering classes so that they get the necessary instruction time. The services of Mr R. Wyeth, an experienced Engineering Studies teacher, was enlisted and we are thankful to him for taking the stage 6 Engineering Studies classes.

Forthcoming events:

ICAS Computing Competition: Will be held on the 19th of May during periods 3 and 4. This competition is opened to year 9 and 10 students. Cost of entry is \$8.00 and students need to collect the application form from Mr Elsner.

From Mr Hartley's desk:

There has been some major advancement in Technology (Mandatory) this year, which is the course we run in years 7 and 8.

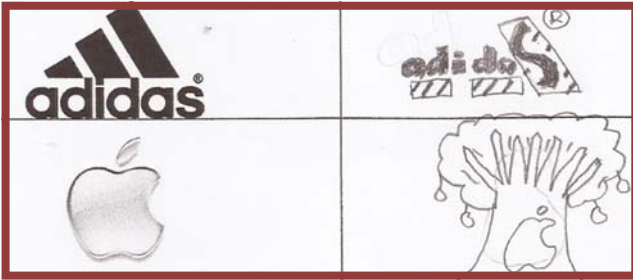
As Australia's digital industries grow, so to do the projects in school. As we prepare our students for their future careers, we integrate more current and modern technologies into schoolwork. Our year 8G class is currently excelling in producing high quality 3D models in an architectural design project in the field of Built Environments. These students have been given a professional design brief and been asked to design the space for a restaurant of their own choosing. Not only are the students producing high quality models using a software package that is used professionally in the architecture industry, but they are working through a design process which includes stages such as concept sketching, floor plan layouts, and model making.



Our 8TM2 class is working through a Promotional Design task in the field of Information & Communications. In this field, students focus on *“text, images, audio, video and numbers for the purposes of conveying a message”*, which translates into the very popular field of graphic design.

A 3D model of a restaurant designed in Google Sketch Up by Hailesslassie Kiros

These students have studied packaging, designed their own point-of-sale display, and critically looked at advertising, branding, and logo design. This has evolved into a project where they will use the design pro-



A re-branding of prominent companies through redesigning of their logos by Zachary Flores

cess design (through sketching and making cardboard mock-ups) to design and eventually, make a final prototype of their game using the industry standard graphic design software – Adobe Illustrator & Adobe Photoshop.

Our year 7 classes are also being introduced to traditional technology skills in a fun new way. 7 Tech3 is gaining metalworking skills as they follow the design process to manu-

facture a safety glasses case that they can use in the workshop. The case is made from galvanised steel, and the students learn about the material, how to work with it, and how to mark out, measure, and construct the product.

7 Tech5 are working with timber, and are making a product relevant to the digital technologies generation. They have spent the term



constructing an iPad stand made from Radiata Pine, and have always been eager to learn.

I believe with the great attitudes that these students are showing, and the enthusiasm for their projects, the future senior students of Blacktown Boys High have a promising career in a position in the vast field of the Technology industry if they so choose.

A timber iPad stand, constructed by Jalib Ansari



A sheet metal glasses case, manufactured by Swarnjeet Singh

From your Year Advisors

Year 7 - Kimberley Kemp



Congratulations to year 7 students in the completion of your first term of high school. You have all been excellent and should be very proud of yourselves. To ensure this continues don't forget the PBL values of learning respect and safety.

Camp

On the 19th of March 55 students ventured out to Cataract Scout Park for the Peer Support Camp. It was a fantastic two days jam packed with loads of activities. All the boys participated in high ropes, flying fox, giant swing and rock climbing. Lots conquered a fear of heights



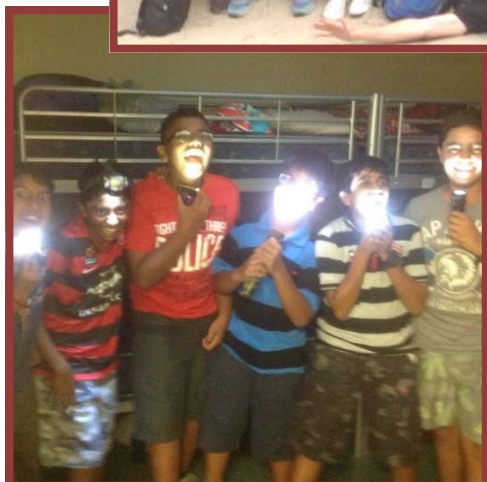
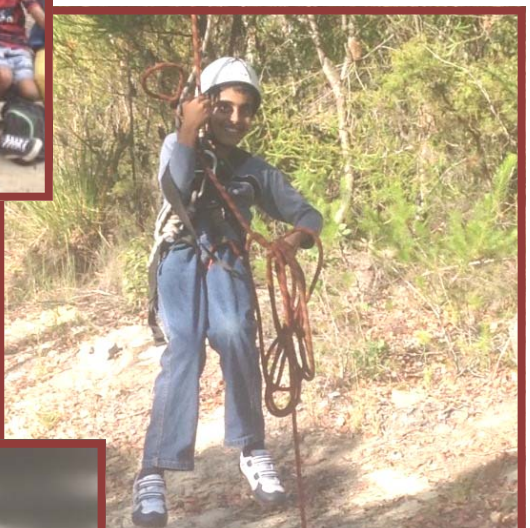
and it was great to see encouragement and support from all the boys for their peers.

Mr Dibbs, Mr D'souza, Miss Lovering and myself were thankful for the boys going to sleep early and proud of how they represented the school.

Well done boys, I will be more than happy to organise more camps in the future!

Diaries

Make sure your using your diaries for homework, assignments and reminders. Hopefully you are in a routine now and all important dates are being recorded. During term two I will be checking diaries every Friday during Homeroom. A reminder to parents if you need to, you can use them as a means of communication between myself and other teachers.



Year 8 - Chantell Fuller



Term 1 went quicker than imagined. We had students willingly and proudly participate in the Swimming Carnival and the Cross Country earlier this term. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm and involvement from our Year 8 Students in both events.

During our Year meetings, we have discussed '**Stranger Danger**' and the importance of being aware of your surroundings. A high percentage of our students make their own way to school via public transport or by walk. The presentation encouraged students to think about how to travel safely and how to be proactive with issues or concerns that may arise whilst travelling to or from school. Students were reminded that having both **earphones** in whilst travelling could be a safety hazard and that all students are encouraged to walk in groups rather than on their own.

8G students attended an educational and fun excursion at **The Sydney Opera House** through Bell Shakespeare, where we watched Shakespeare's masterpiece of 'As you like it' unfold.

I will be finishing up at the **end of week 7**, with my last day being Friday the 5th of June. I will be on 12 months **maternity leave** and look forward to seeing the growth and development of these fine young students.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to **contact me** via phone or email and I will be more than happy to assist.

Here is to a busy and packed Term 2; with half yearly exams soon approaching in some subjects and the external competitions being held in some faculties I know your son will be busy, busy, busy.

If I could please ask all parents and carers to be monitoring your son's **diary**, especially for homework and ensuring that he is completing regular homework at least 2 – 4 times per week. This will ensure the content and knowledge he is gaining in class is being reinforced at home.

Warmest Regards,

Chantell Fuller

Year 9 - Evan Shiel



Welcome back to all year 9 students for Term 2. This term is a big term for assessments with all subjects having their Half Yearly exams in the next few weeks. Students should be using their time effectively in class and to do some extra study leading up to their exams. At the end of this term parents are reminded of the Parent Teacher evening. It's a great opportunity to learn how your son is going in class and to bring up any issues you might have. Organisation has also begun on the Year 9 camp, happening at this stage in term 3, there will be information coming home in the next few weeks regarding details and pricing for that.

Evan Shiel

Year 10 - Andy Franjic



Assessment Booklets

To assist with time management and being aware of what is happening in their respective subjects I would once again like to reiterate the importance of both students and parents familiarising themselves with the Assessment Booklets and using them to their advantage. Our students will be receiving multiple tasks from their respective subjects and it is important that they manage their time well and start assessment tasks promptly. Meeting deadlines is an important life skill and our students need to ensure that they are submitting assessable tasks on the due date(s) as agreed to when signing the assessment task register.

Assessment Week

The half yearly exams for Year 10 will be held in Week 2 of Term 2. All students are encouraged to prepare vigilantly for assessable tasks in order to give themselves every opportunity to achieve their personal best in everything they do.

I wish all our students well in their exams.

Technology Policy

Our Principal, Mr Addy has given the students a clear message on adhering to the school technology policy. Mr Addy emphasised the importance of students keeping their mobile phones in their bags and not using these during school hours unless permission has been given by a classroom teacher. Any important phone calls that need to be made must be done so by coming to the front office during school hours. Students are not to be using their phones during class time or on the school grounds for their own safety. Breaches of this policy will lead to disciplinary action and can include suspension from school.

Stage Meeting

This meeting was conducted in the library this term and I was pleased to be able to hand out subject awards to those students who were unable to attend the Presentation Evening. Mr Shiel did an engaging presentation on cyber-safety to raise awareness on possible consequences of distributing images on social networks of a sexually explicit nature. The message to our students is very clear. Keep safe and avoid placing yourself at risk of embarrassment and harm by sending explicit images through social networks.

Uniform

Overall I have been very impressed with the number of students who are consistently in full school uniform. It reflects positively both at school and in the community outside the school grounds. As the weather is getting colder I encourage all students to maintain our uniform policy and get prepared for the winter by purchasing school jumpers or jackets. It is also important that students only come to school wearing their sports uniform on their designated sports day, which is Thursday. Students should be wearing their normal school uniform on every other day of the week and have their sports uniform in their bags for PE lessons for which they will need to get changed.

Attendance

The first and most important step to academic success is attendance. While the overall attendance from our year group has been very good I would like to remind students that attending school each and every day will lead to achievement of learning outcomes at their optimal level. Students should only be away from school if genuinely sick or an unavoidable event such as a medical appointment needs to be attended during school hours.

Mr Franjic

Year 11 - Lee Dewane



Year 11 Study Skills Camp

The Year Eleven Study Skills camp was held on the 16th to 18th of March. Students arrived bright and early at Blacktown Station at 6am for the train journey to Hawkesbury River Station. From there a ferry took us across to the Sport and Recreation Centre at Broken Bay.

It didn't take long for the students to get up close and personal with the local wildlife as within minutes of arrival we observed a two metre long Diamond Python lying in the sun. Along with the goannas and bush turkeys roaming around we felt a long way from Sydney, despite only being on the northern

banks of the Hawkesbury River.

The students were kept busy for all three days. The focus of the camp was on the development of study skills. These were taught in a practical way, with students being taught the skills they needed the day before each activity. Students had to record the information in a form most suitable to them, revise the skills and information each night, before implementing the new skills in a series of challenges the next day.

The highlight for most of the students was a camp out where students were given a tight time frame to set up camp, light their fires and cook their dinner before the sun set. A focus of this activity was on prioritising and time management, with one of the groups realising that setting up their music probably shouldn't have been given priority over getting their fire started.

The students all enjoyed the camp and will hopefully be able to utilise some of their new skills as they work towards the HSC.

Aspirations

Our school is again partnered with Citibank this year for the Aspirations Program. There are twenty places for our year eleven students in the program. Students wishing to nominate will need to complete a nomination form and return it to Mr Dewane by the end of week 4. The program runs over a series of four sessions at the Citibank offices in the city. The aim is to prepare students for the modern workforce and will focus on interview skills, goal setting and team work skills. I encourage all students to nominate for this valuable program.

Mr Dewane



Sport Report

Term 1 has seen a busy start to the year!

Term 2 will see a another eventful start in sport with our school Athletics carnival taking place Friday Week 2 and zone cross country Friday week 3!

Congratulations to all students who participated in the following events!

Miss Lovering

-Sports coordinator

Opens Basketball 2015

Congratulations to all the boys who represented Blacktown Boys in the open's basketball teams this year. It was fantastic to see such a large number of students at the tryouts.

The team had a home game against Doonside High School. It was a close game and all the boys played a fantastic game. Unfortunately only 2 points defeated us. The team should be commended on their sportsmanship and commitment they displayed not only at the game but also to the training sessions in the lead up, well done.

For all those interested there will be trials for the under 15's team early term 2.

Miss Kemp and Mr Sheil

2015 Opens Basketball Team

Mohamed Darfour

Emmanuel Castillo

Abdalla Hussein

Utkarsh Sharma

Syd Carcamo

Connor Nicholson

Yuvanraj Mahendran

Alex Wu

Mathias Chripczuk

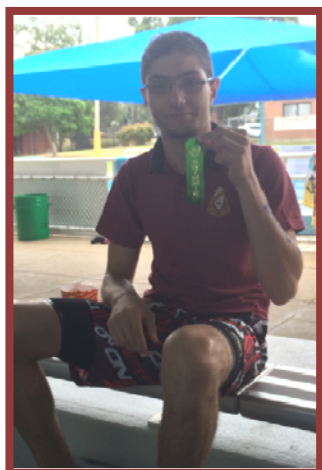


Zone Swimming carnival

Congratulations to all those who participated and represented Blacktown Boys at the Zone swimming carnival on Monday 10 March.

Paramveer Bassi	Malik Dib	Aws Nasser	Austin Tsai
Daniel Byun	Cameron Heydeman	Jack Olsen	Kayaan Uldachia
Daniel Chavez	Benjamin Kane	Jaime Paje	Andy Wu
Satwik Chemudupati	Daniel Kim	Prathik Shivashankar	Timothy Yatco
Herschelle Das	Sami Kopra	Frank Starr	

A great day was had by all with a special mention to the following winners



Andy Wu 3rd 50m breaststroke
 Malik Dib 3rd 100m freestyle
 3rd 50m freestyle
 Daniel Chavez, Prathik Shivashankar,
 Daniel Kim, Aws Nasser
 3rd 13yrs 200 Freestyle Relay



2015 Buckley Shield Under 14's Rugby League Team

The Buckley Shield Gala Day was held on Tuesday, 24th March at Whalan Reserve. Our school played against Erskine Park High School and Granville Boys High School. While the boys were defeated in both of their pool matches I was very proud of the commitment they displayed in coming to training and making the effort to be part of this team. Rugby League is a game that requires passion and courage and each player in this team was required to display these qualities against much bigger physical opposition on the day. Only half of the boys in this team actually play Rugby League on the weekend so each of the boys is to be commended for stepping up to represent the school in this sport.

Mr Andy Franjic

Team Coach

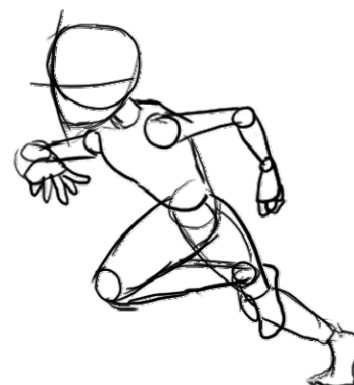
Team members as listed:

Last Name	First Name
Alauni	Matthew
Flomo	Zebe
Lamin	Alfred
Reardon	Todd
Pese	David
Saad	Emad
El-Sadik	Haysam
Mustapha	Nabil
Gill	Baljosh
Kiros	Hailesslassie
Faatape	Keysland
Toutaiolepo-Irwin	Jonothan
Siamani	Jeremiah
Zohaib	Hussein

Cross country

Congratulations to our age cross country champions!

12s	Benny Muyambo	15s	Ezekiel Adomako
13s	Favour Ogie	16s	Zahid Rashid Khan
14s	Mustafa Musa	17s+	Abdalla Hassan



Zone Trial Gala Day

Congratulations to all those who participated in the Zone trial afternoon on Friday 20th February. Blacktown Boys were commended on their performances and extra congratulations to those who were successful in their trials-

Yuvanraj Mahendran	basketball
Mathias Chripczuk	basketball
Michael Sowa	soccer and regional shadow squad

Volleyball

A team of 7 students from years 10-12 went to Baulkham Hills High School for knockout volleyball. In a best-of-5 sets match, we started slow as the team began to learn more about each other. Although the first set was over quickly, the BBHS team came back well in the second and became increasingly comfortable, holding their own for much of the set, but unfortunately lost the second to go down 0-2. In the third set the team fought well, taking the lead for much of the set and looking like they were going to make a huge comeback. However, a short lapse of concentration allowed Baulkham Hills to get back in the set, and the third set was very closely won by our opposition. Congratulations to the team who didn't give up, and formed a strong foundation for next year's team.

Mr Martin

Team coach

Opens Touch Football

On Wednesday 4th March at 2pm BBHS played Rooty Hill High School in the Open's Boys Touch Football Knockout competition. The game was played at BBHS on the back oval. The Rooty Hill team was dominated by senior students, with our team having a number of junior boys stepping up to play in the senior squad. The Rooty Hill team's speed and cohesion ended up being too much for us to match with our younger team.

The BBHS team played hard for the full 40 minutes in the heat and pushed Rooty Hill to step up their defence. It was a tough game and unfortunately Rooty Hill came away with the victory and moved through to the next round.

Congratulations to all the boys who participated and worked hard during their training sessions.

Team List:

Ezekiel Adomako	Luke Murphy
Jude Adomako	Jake Prosser Hamburger
Andrew Alauni	Emad Saad
Aimen El-Saddik	Daniel Sandberg
Hussin Gorashi	Michael Sowa
John Johnson-Gretch	
Victor Leauanae	
Troy Matoto	
Samson Mulbah	

Coach: Miss French

Soccer

The Western Sydney boys open soccer game was played at Greystanes High on the 12th of March. The Blacktown Boys High school team consisted of students from years 10 -12.

Blacktown started the game of slowly but then became more confident as time progressed. The boys started to gain more possession and created a few opportunities but we were unable to turn them into goals. Greystanes scored the first school. However, about five minutes later one of our students were fouled about four metres out from Greystanes goal box. Faizal stepped up to take the free kick. He kicked the ball perfectly and drove it in to the back of the net, this levelled the game. During the second half Blacktown dominated possession, but could not get the winning goal. Omar played an amazing game at full back, he performed several amazing saves that kept Blacktown Boys in the game and the score at 1-1. We suffered many injuries throughout the game and at times had to even put on injured players and place players in positions they were not used to.

The game went into extra time and unfortunately Blacktown conceded a goal, which led to us exiting the competition.

Mr D'Souza and Mr Elsner

Team coaches

Sowa	Michael
Alanzi	Thamir
Lomax	Dennis
Faiaz	Faizal
Kamal	Ahmed
Faiaz	Faizal
Kamal	Ahmed
Kahfi	Ravi
Siddiqi	Abed
Gorashi	Hussin
Mulbah	Samson
Adamako	Ezekiel
Adamako	Jude
Abeldelaziz	Omer
Asouza	Ramzi
Alanzi	Anwar

Opens Knockout Cricket – Monday 23/02/15

BBHS played Greystanes High School in the Opens cricket knockout on Monday 23/02/15. After winning the toss BBHS elected to bowl and Jack Olsen and Manthan Agrawal bowled extremely well but without luck and after 11 overs Greystanes High School had only scored 15 runs for the loss of 1 wicket. At this point the rain started to fall intermittently for the rest of the morning. As a consequence, our bowlers started to struggle to control the wet ball and a Greystanes started to score more freely. At the end of the 40 overs Greystanes had amassed very good score of 181 runs from their 40 overs.

Unfortunately, the rain stopped and the field dried out, so with a dry ball and overcast skies the ball was swinging for the Greystanes bowlers and this made it really difficult for the BBHS batsman. Unfortunately, the Greystanes opening bowlers were too good for our batsman and BBHS was all out for 49 runs. However, the students displayed excellent sportsmanship and were great ambassadors for BBHS.



2015 BBHS Opens Cricket Team

Back Row: Jack Olsen, Karanveer Bakhtawar (captain), Sartaj Mahli, Tushar Virk, Shubham Jani, Manthan Agrawal

Front Row: Adithya Pradeep, Nishil Patel, Alen Reji, Ashwin Rajkumar, Sanchit Sud, Jashan Mahl (absent)

CRICKET - MILO T20 BLAST (Year 7 & 8)

On Friday 27/02/15 38 year 7 & 8 students attended the Milo T20 Blast which was organised by Cricket NSW. The day was organised as a Gala Day to provide the students with maximum participation opportunities and also to introduce and encourage students to participate in cricket. Each team played 2 games in the round robins and then played a semi-final to determine the final placing of all teams. BBHS teams had a successful and enjoyable day with one of our teams finishing in First place, whilst the other BBHS teams finished in Third, Fifth and Sixth places. A major high light for the students was getting to meet the vice-captain of the Australians Women cricket team Alex Blackwell.



Congratulations to the players in the winning team – Kirtan Vagahala, Keerthi Gopalraj, Anand Patel, Akhand Patel, Dev Patel, Jay Patel, Shaon Ahmed, Aditya Dhandhukiya, Vansh Darji, Ajay Arudselvam



WINNERS ARE GRINNERS!!!

Integrated Sport Points Update

Points are allocated for Win (3 points, Draw 2 points and Loss 1 point)

Year 7 Sport – Cricket

	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Total Points
2148	7	4	1	2	16
Ultimate Legends	7	2	1	4	12
Raining Thunder	7	2	1	4	12
Barbarians	7	1	1	5	10
Leprechauns	7	5	1	1	18
Undecideds	7	1	1	5	10
Elite Force	7	4	1	2	16
Maroon	7	5	1	1	18

Year 8 Sport – Cricket

	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Total Points
Sloppy Joes	10	2	2	6	16
The Last Crusaders	10	5	0	5	20
Falcons	10	5	0	5	20
Frontline Soldiers	10	3	0	7	16
Victory	10	4	1	5	19
Ravenclaw	10	8	1	1	27

Year 9 Sport – Cricket

	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Total Points
Titans	10	5	0	5	20
Beast FC	10	8	0	2	26
Gattling Guns	10	5	1	4	21
Las Kings	10	2	0	9	15
Kumars Krew	10	3	1	6	17
Last Warriors	10	5	0	5	20

Year 10 Sport – Cricket

	Played	Won	Draw	Loss	Total Points
Cookies n Cream	10	8	0	2	26
Flawless Knights	10	4	1	5	19
The Lads	10	7	1	2	25
Wolfgang	10	5	0	5	20
Bok Choi	10	0	0	10	10
Da One	10	5	1	4	21

Presentation Evening

The Presentation Evening to celebrate the achievements of our students in 2014 was held on Thursday, 19th February in the school hall. The evening was very well attended and has proven to be a positive inclusion to our Term 1 schedule. I would like to thank all parents, friends, staff and our distinguished guests who made the effort to attend this special evening on our school calendar. I would also like to thank our School Captain – Dennis Lomax and Vice- Captain – Visagan Kajendran who both did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies. A special mention to Mr Evan Shiel, Mr Patrick Everingham, Mr David Martin, Ms Maureen Burns, Ms Pennie Holley and Trent Dunk from Year 11 who all contributed to making the evening a success.

I would like to congratulate all recipients of awards in recognition of your personal achievements as

well as the contribution you all make to our school. Please find below the recipients of our major awards:

KLA Excellence Awards

Devarshi Naik	Excellence in PDHPE
Venkata Bommireddipalli	Excellence in TAS
Joshua Min	Excellence in CAPA
Timothy Pagulayan	Excellence in HSIE
Jashan Mahl	Excellence in English
Justin Lee	Excellence in Mathematics
Tushar Virk	Excellence in Science

Sports Awards

Mustafa Musa	Junior Sportsman of the Year
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Best & Fairest Awards

Year 7	Mark Lopez
Year 8	Michael Thiab
Year 9	Peter Sultana
Year 10	Samson Mulbah

Special Awards

Samuel O'Brien	Ken Gunderson- Briggs award for Dux 2014
Manik Mahajan	Blacktown Lions Club Award for Diligence
Kalolo Matavesi	Rotary Club of Blacktown City Citizenship Award
Devarshi Naik	Rotary Scholarships in Schools
Devarshi Naik	Year 10 Shield Award for Outstanding School Service
Alan Reji	Ken Bailey Trophy for Blacktown
Sartak Garg	UWS Award for the Most Outstanding Year 11 Student
Aman Aman	Ted Hyslop Encouragement Award
	Careers Advisers' Association of NSW
Devarshi Naik	Blacktown Police Service Award
Michael Thiab	John Manuel Prize – All Rounder
Malik Dib	GB Mancell Award for Blacktown Spirit
Jonas Tay	Community Spirit Award
Vincent Maulio	ADF Long Tan Award for Leadership and Teamwork
Michael Sowa	Mal Scanes Award for Academic and Sporting Excellence
Anwar Alanzi	Duffy Encouragement Award
Malik Dib	Raymond Hodge Memorial Award
Dennis Lomax	Caltex Best All Rounder
Aman Aman	Senior Continuers Award

SRC News

SRC Investiture ceremony was conducted on 9th March in the school hall. 24 elected student leaders from each year group took an oath of office led by the school Captain Dennis Lomax in the presence of their parents, staff and their fellow peers. These smartly dressed students promised to uphold the values and beliefs of Blacktown Boys' High School by consistently following the three school expectations of Learning, Respect and Safety. The BBHS leadership team also received their SRC badges from Mr Addy and Mrs Matthews.



Part of the ceremony also included the highlights of 2014 presented by Sarthak and Timothy from Year 12 showing interesting events of the SRC team. On the other hand, Devarshi presented the upcoming events of 2015 which will involve the students in developing their leadership qualities throughout the year.



Later on the whole SRC team joined their proud parents for the morning tea in the library.

Congratulations to all SRC students for their achievement. I wish them good luck and look forward working with them over this year.



On 27th February two year 11 student leaders Hussin Gorashi and Samson Mulbah participated in Clean Up Australia Day in partnership with year 10 Geography class. They displayed their excellent leadership qualities by leading the groups.

On 27th March five of our senior students will attend the Salvos Ambassadors Conference at Auburn which will enable them to enhance their knowledge about the issues such as human trafficking and ending human slavery. This conference will provide a good opportunity to our students to meet and interact with SRC representatives from other schools.

Mrs Kaur

SRC Co-ordinator



BBHS Bollywood Club

I had the pleasure of working with the students from years 9, 10 and 11, last term in preparing for their performance during a Multicultural Day at Kings Langley Primary school in week 10, Term 1. Students from The Bollywood Club worked extremely hard and gave up their recess time on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays to prepare for this event. They gain skills in teamwork, determination, courage and discipline that they can then bring back to the classroom.

It was in the performance that the students really developed their characters and gave it their all. This was a fantastic experience for the staff and students at KLPS. Staff and I were very proud of how our students behaved and performed. They not only upheld the reputation of our school, but helped to promote it. Well done team!!

Mrs B.Josan



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'Rotary Scholarship in School' (RSIS)

Attention Year 10 Students:

Do you want a scholarship that will help pay your way through years 11 & 12?

The 'Rotary Scholarship in School' (RSIS) project is to assist Year 10 students complete their Secondary education through High School Years 11 and 12.

The Scholarship value is \$250 each year during Year 11 and Year 12.

Year 10 Students need to:

- Apply through their School for a 'Rotary Scholarship in School'
- Write in 'their own words' a 100 word essay on 'How does Rotary improve the lives of youth in our community'
- Submit their essay to their School by the date to be confirmed (early Term 3)
- Attend at least two Rotary meetings a year while in Years 11 and 12 to report on their progress (this will enable Rotary to engage students in further Rotary Youth programs)
- Participate in at least two Rotary community activities while in Years 11 and 12
- Complete Year 11 and 12 at the School where they received their Scholarship

Please see your Year 10 Advisor Mr Franjic for more information.

For information about other Rotary Youth projects contact:

David Bamford Club Secretary at the Rotary Club of Blacktown City email: drb03@optusnet.com.au

“A Rotary Youth project – connecting youth with the community”



School Uniforms Online

I am pleased to let you know that the school uniforms can now be ordered online at Lowes. This is an exciting addition to the service that Lowes currently provides to Blacktown Boys High School.

<http://www.lowes.com.au/CampusCategories.aspx?depid=354>

Lowes offers free delivery for orders over \$100. There is a \$10 delivery fee for orders less than \$100 or they can be picked up from the store at no extra cost. See the advertisement in this newsletter for further details.



The graphic is a promotional banner for Lowes School Uniforms. It features a blue background with a white dashed border. At the top, the 'LOWES' logo is in white on a red background, with 'SCHOOL UNIFORMS' in white text below it. The main text reads 'Your school uniform is now available online at www.lowes.com.au'. A red banner at the bottom left says 'FREE SHIPPING FOR ORDERS OVER \$100'. At the bottom right, it says 'Register online and receive a DISCOUNT ON YOUR FIRST ORDER'.

SAP Business One (Financials)

SAP Business One (Financials) is a user-training course. The course provides participants with the knowledge and skills to maintain computerised accounts, manage inventory, and produce financial reports using the standard SAP Business One software. You will gain skills to process company accounts, prepare for the job market, seek promotion and/or undertake career change. This knowledge is especially useful for those who wish to seek employment or promotions in workplaces such as small or medium enterprises where the SAP Business One software is used, eg, service providers, wholesale distributors, retailers, private enterprises and the public sector.

Students will be able to operate the software to complete a range of financial activities.

This course covers topics such as:

- Chart of Accounts
- Purchasing
- Sales
- Banking
- Reporting
- Inventory Overview

This course is a pathway to SAP certification.

Call Nicole on 9208 7071 or Raelene on 9208 7474 for more information.

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.

PARENT TIPS

Teenagers seeking more independence

Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they're your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article '*Shifting responsibility to your child*' worth reading. Go to [www. bit.ly/1jCxKhe](http://www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe)

Study help for high school

It's often quite difficult for parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don't feel bad, teachers' own children do exactly the same thing .) www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

Preparing for the HSC

Is someone in your house preparing for the HSC? Here's some practical advice on everything from writing an essay to helping the rest of the family stay supportive (and sane) while your teen works towards their final exams. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/tips-for-surviving-the-hsc/hsc-resources-to-help-your-child/>

Choosing the right shoes

School shoes may all look the same but the cost can vary from about \$30 to \$120 and beyond. Does a more expensive shoe mean a better shoe? Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/choosing-the-right-school-shoes>



We are pleased to present our third
COOK4GOOD MUMS & DAUGHTERS: SIDE BY SIDE'
a volunteer program for mothers and daughters
aged 12 to 16 years

Join us to prepare, package and deliver approximately 350+ nutritious meals for the homeless and individuals in need. Experience the richness and fun of giving to others, together.



Check out our very cool short video to see last year's girls and mums shaking it up in the kitchen <http://tinyurl.com/mums-girls-Cook4Good2014-video>

"Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to such a wonderful day. Small gifts of time and energy created so many delicious meals; sharing and generosity were in abundance." Barb M. - participant

Date: Sunday, May 31st, 2015

Time: 12.00pm to 4.00pm including delivery

Location: Our Big Kitchen, 36 Flood Street, Bondi

Cost: \$80 for mum and daughter - \$40 each additional person

Payment covers the cost of ingredients supplied by OBK plus an afternoon snack

Pre-registration required via Eventbrite:

<http://cook4good-mumsdaughter31-5-15.eventbrite.com.au>

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-- Ruth and Carole

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ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Penalties from 1 July 2014

Blacktown City Council

This Fact Sheet provides an overview of some of the penalties that apply to illegal parking on all roads in School Zones

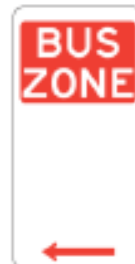
**If you stop in a 'No Stopping' area
- Fine from \$311 + 2 demerit points**



You must not stop your vehicle on a length of road or in an area in which a No Stopping sign applies.

No Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

**If you stop in a 'Bus Zone'
- Fine from \$311 + 2 demerit points**



You must not stop or park your vehicle in a bus zone for any reason.

This includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running.

**If you disobey a 'No Parking' sign
- Fine from \$173 + 2 demerit points**

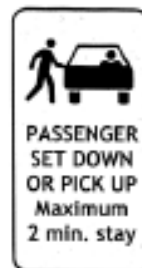


You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to set down or pick up passengers, or goods.

Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

A 'Kiss & Ride' area is always within a 'No Parking' zone. The 'No Parking' rules apply to all 'Kiss & Ride' areas.

- Fine from \$173 + 2 demerit points



You are allowed to stop your vehicle only to set down or pick up passengers, or goods.

Your vehicle must not stop for more than 2 minutes. The driver must not be more than 3 metres from the vehicle.

If you stop on or near a 'Pedestrian Crossing' - Fine from \$415 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop or park your vehicle on or near a pedestrian crossing to drop people off or pick them up.

If you are Double Parked - Fine from \$311 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop your vehicle or park in the middle of the road to drop people off or pick them up. Always stop or park legally and safely at the edge of the road or in a parking area.

When you obey the parking rules, it makes it easier to see what pedestrians are doing.

More information over the page

If you block access to a ramp, path or passageway - Fine from \$104

You must not stop or park your vehicle where it stops people using a pram ramp, footpath or passageway. This includes when you are queuing around a corner while waiting to pick up someone from the school.

If you stop on or across a driveway or block access to a property - Fine from \$173 + 2 demerit points

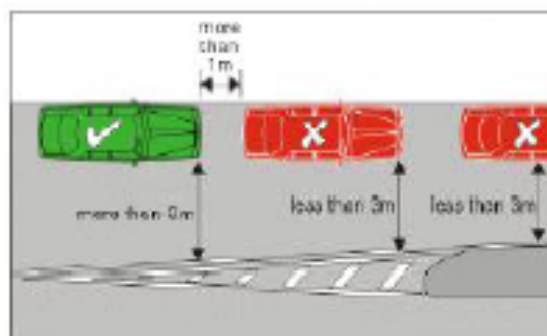
You must not stop or park your vehicle on or across a driveway, or block access to a property.

If you stop on a footpath or nature strip - Fine from \$173 + 2 demerit points

You must not stop or park your vehicle on a footpath or nature strip in a built up area. This includes stopping with two wheels on the road and two on the path or nature strip.

If you park too close to the road dividing line or strip - Fine from \$242

You must not stop or park your vehicle within 3 metres of the continuous dividing line or dividing strip unless a sign allows you to park there.

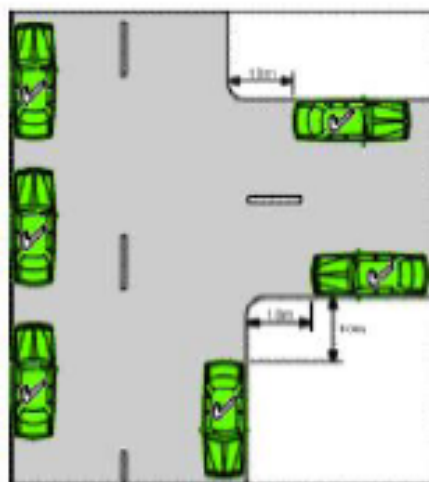


For more information contact the Blacktown City Council on 9839 6000

If you stop in, on or near an intersection - Fine from \$242

Unless a sign allows you to park there, you must not stop or park your vehicle:

- within 20 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection with traffic lights.
- within 10 metres of an intersecting road at an intersection without traffic lights including roundabouts.



There are many more parking rules that could affect you. For more information see the RMS website www.myrta.com

ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Penalties from 1 July 2014

Double Parked



Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

School Zone

Fine from \$311 + 2 demerit points

All other roads

Fine from \$242

BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

Contribution Schedule 2015

Subject Contributions - cover the purchase of materials in certain key learning areas and to cover costs associated with sports or	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Drama			\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
Engineering Studies					\$15	\$15
Food Technology			\$80	\$80		
Hospitality - Food and Beverage Strand					\$100 + uniform purchase	\$100 + uniform purchase
Industrial Technology –			\$70	\$70		
Industrial Technology –			\$40	\$40		
Industrial Technology -			\$30	\$30		
Industrial Technology -			\$20	\$20		
Industrial Technology - Timber			\$50	\$50	\$40 + special project	\$15 + special project
Music	\$10	\$10				
Music (Elective)			\$20	\$20	\$30	\$30
Technology	\$40	\$40				
Visual Arts	\$30	\$30				
Visual Arts (Elective)			\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Visual Design (Elective)			\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50

General Contribution – cover services such as library, textbooks and curriculum-related resources.	\$45	\$45	\$50	\$50	\$65	\$65
Sport Levy – This ensures that the school is registered for all Zone, Regional, State and National Competitions.	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15		

Total – Full or regular part-payment accepted. Eftpos facility available. Phone payments accepted.	\$140	\$140	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable
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ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please excuse my son _____ of roll class _____

For being absent on _____ because _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: / /

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