



# Blacktown Mail

**Preparing Boys for their Future since 1959**  
**Partially Selective Boys High School**

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**Term 2 2016**

## Principal's Message



**Principal**  
**Mr Shaun Addy**

Welcome to the Term 2 BBHS Newsletter. As always there are so many exciting things happening at Blacktown Boys, and so many opportunities for me to sing the praises of students and staff.

Term 2 began with our Staff Development day. Teachers undertook professional learning activities dealing with the analysis of data and its use in assisting staff with the planning of targeted learning experiences for boys at all stages of development. Staff went away very keen to apply their new knowledge in creating lessons that best engage their students and thus help them achieve their personal bests.

On the first day back for students we held our annual ANZAC day ceremony. Although we weren't lucky enough to host our fantastic pipe band from last year, we still experienced a very moving ceremony with inspirational speeches by students and our guest representative from the armed services. I was very proud of how seriously the student body viewed this very

solemn occasion.

During the holidays, our most recent school improvement was commenced, with the installation of an additional outdoor learning area near the oval. Over the next two weeks seating and tables will be installed under the cover, which will allow classes to use the space as an alternative to traditional classrooms, and also provide a great place for students to sit during recess and lunchtime or when viewing sporting events.

Something that has made me particularly proud is the increasing number of boys who have achieved 100% attendance awards. The attendance rates at BBHS have increased every year for the past 8 years and we are now above the state average for boys only and co-ed schools. In year 7 and 8 the attendance is well above all state and national indicators. It is a well-known fact that there is a direct link between attendance and academic achievement, so please encourage our boys to make every effort to be at school as often as possible and on time.

On the subject of academic performance, this is an important time of year in terms of assessment. Exams are mostly completed and teachers are now finalising reports in time for parent / teacher evening. Week 3 is NAPLAN week, with tests for year seven and nine students.

Somehow amongst all of this we have managed to squeeze in sports carnivals, numerous state knockout sporting competitions, debating, robotics just to name a few.

In Terms 2 and 3 we will continue with our Macquarie University and Citibank associations. Boys in years 8; 9; 10 and 11 will have the opportunity to visit and work on a variety of mentoring, reading and volunteer programs.

Please enjoy the rest of the newsletter. I look forward to meeting up with you at Parent/Teacher evening.

Shaun Addy  
Principal

## Dates for your Diary

### MAY

2nd Year 11 Exams  
Year 10 Assessment week

3rd Year 11 Exams  
Year 10 Assessment week

4th Year 11 Exams  
Year 10 Assessment week

5th Year 11 Exams  
Year 10 Assessment week

6th Year 11 Exams  
Year 10 Assessment week  
Zone Cross Country

9th Art Express

10th NAPLAN

11th NAPLAN  
Year 11 Study Camp - Broken Bay

12th NAPLAN  
Year 11 Study Camp - Broken Bay

13th NAPLAN  
Year 11 Study Camp - Broken Bay

16th Year 9 Assessment week

17th Year 9 Assessment week  
ICAS Digital Technology  
P&C Meeting @ 10am

18th Year 9 Assessment week  
Year 8 Medieval Show  
Incursion Aim Higher Theatre performance

19th Year 9 Assessment week  
Australian Geography Competition

20th Year 9 Assessment week  
University Experience Day

### MAY continued

23rd Year 7 & 8 Assessment week

24th Year 7 & 8 Assessment week

25th Year 7 & 8 Assessment week  
Big Science Competition

26th Year 7 & 8 Assessment week

27th Year 7 & 8 Assessment week

30th ICAS Science Competition

### JUNE

2nd Zone Athletics

3rd Year 10 Commerce excursion to  
NSW Parliament House  
Zone Athletics

7th Parent Teacher Night - Year 10, 11 & 12

13th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

15th Year 12 HSC Drama Excursion  
ICAS Spelling - Year 7 only  
Sydney West Cross Country  
Riverside Theatre Excursion

16th Careers Expo  
ICAS Writing

21st P&C Meeting @ 10am

28th Parent Teacher Night - Years 7, 8 and 9

### JULY

1st Last day of Term 2



# Deputy Principal's Message



**Deputy Principal  
Mrs Trish Matthews**

The year seems to be moving quickly, 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 of the activities that boys can be and have been involved in Term 1, as well as our popular "Big Chess". 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 the boys 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 Barbecue Portfolio/Progress Report pick-up for years 7-11, where they discussed progress with parents and students in an informal setting. Record numbers certainly showed that parents liked this informal opportunity to meet with parents. 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 formalised Parent Teacher Meetings for Semester 1 which will be in Week 7 for Years 10, 11 and 12 and Week 11 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.

At our recent School Development Day, all staff were engaged in professional learning which was aimed at better knowing individual students and how they learn. With an increasing amount of data available for teachers to use to guide programs and differentiation, they are able to tailor learning opportunities to add value to students' learning, adding to their motivation and engagement.

The opening of the Parent Portal was welcomed by many parents on 24<sup>th</sup> March, giving them access to additional information such as, attendance, assessment documents and student timetables and a facility to make it easier to report on absences. Emails were sent to all parents, so if you have recently changed your email address, please contact the school and update those details. If you need any assistance with accessing the Portal, please contact the school and I will be able to assist you, or have your son come and see me and I will be able to provide him with the access key and written instructions. We also currently have a group of students, including the SRC, accessing the Student Portal to examine its possibilities.

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.

Mrs Trish Matthews

## From the Parents & Citizens

P&C Meetings for Term Two

Tuesday 17th May at 10am

Tuesday 21st June at 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 Administration upon arrival to school in the morning.

I thank you for your continued support.

Mr C. Pace

HT Administration

## Proud White Ribbon School

As of 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016, Blacktown Boys' High School is officially a White Ribbon school. At Blacktown, we are committed to educating our students to be positive and respectful young men. Being recognised in the Blacktown community as a White Ribbon school is one step forward in this endeavour.

Over the course of the year, staff and students will be engaging in activities and conversations about White Ribbon's campaign against domestic violence. These activities and conversations will culminate in a school-wide celebration of White Ribbon Day on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

### STUDENT PLEDGE

"As a **Blacktown Boy**, I promise to uphold the school's core values of **Learning, Respect** and **Safety** at all times.

I will endeavour to **improve my school** and **my community** by always doing **my personal best** in whatever I undertake, today and in the future.

As a **Blacktown Boy**, from this day forward, I promise to be part of the solution in **ending violence against women.**"

## 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>

# From the Front Office



**School Administrative  
Manager  
Ms Pennie Holley**

Welcome to Term 2, I hope all our families had a pleasant and safe term break.

As the weather is turning cooler, winter jumpers and jackets are now available at our uniform supply store LOWES in Blacktown. Our school proudly supports a full uniform policy and it very pleasing to see so many students proudly wearing their uniform and merit badges every day.

Thank you to the many families that have paid their student subject contributions and have received their free maths/science calculator. Your support is greatly appreciated by the school community.

These contributions ensure that our school is able to provide the very best resources for all students.

## Change of details:

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

The School 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.

If there are changes to your details, please have your son collect a *Change of Details* form from the front office. You will need to sign and date the completed change of details before returning it to the school. Your assistance with this information collection is most appreciated.

Please note that our office opening hours are from 7.45 am to 3.00 pm. Students are welcome to attend the front office window via the student foyer before school, at recess and lunch breaks. No student is to attend the front office during class time without a note from their teacher.

Payment of school contributions may be made in full or in regular small instalments at the front office using eftpos or cash each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be no receipts processed on Mondays, however, students may complete a payment envelope and leave it at the front office on Mondays to be receipted the next day.

Many of our parents have accessed our webpage to make payments as this is a very convenient method of payment for excursions and competitions as well as school contributions.

All of these payments may be made on our school website page:

[www.blacktownb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.blacktownb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) – look for “*Make a Payment*” tab, the process is the same as paying your bills online.

Remember that the school’s webpage is full of information about the school’s upcoming activities, newsletter and other helpful information.

P Holley

School Administrative Manager

# From the English Faculty



**Relieving Head Teacher  
English  
Mr David Martin**

Term One was a busy time for the English Faculty as we faced some personnel changes and were busy as the year got underway. From the fresh-faced year 7s to the experienced Stage 6 students, the focus was on getting off to a good start and developing all students for the year ahead. We also saw Ms Withington join us for the first two terms to fill temporary positions within the faculty. The search for our new Head Teacher concluded with the appointment of Mrs Bystrzynski, who we would like to welcome wholeheartedly. We looking forward to the experience and enthusiasm she will bring to the role. Sadly, Ms Aknar, who had been with us since Term Two in 2015 on a temporary basis, was also successful in her application for a new permanent position, and we would like to wish her all the best in the future and thank her for the contributions and positivity she shared with us.

Students can look forward to Term Two with much anticipation. Year 7 and 8 will be learning about the art of story-telling through creative writing and constructing their own tales. Year 9 and 10 will be studying novels, films and poetry, learning about the representation of themes and ideas and the way different individuals view the world around them. Year 11 begin the term

with exams before further developing their skills and understandings before the HSC commences in Term 4. Year 12 continue to study the prescribed Modules in the HSC syllabus, also developing their skills in essay writing. The Year 12 Drama students begin the planning and development of their Group Performance as they work towards the submission of the practical components of the course. Students are encouraged to continue applying themselves diligently for success.

Within the faculty, Term Two also sees us increase our extra-curricular activities as the ICAS competitions commence, with students sitting the Spelling, Writing and English competitions throughout the term. Our Junior and Senior debating teams will also be entering a few different tournaments during the term, beginning in Week 2. We wish students in all competitions and extra-curricular activities the best of luck and hope they are successful in their endeavours.

# From the Mathematics Faculty



**Head Teacher  
Mathematics  
Mrs Miriam Lees**

High School is always a busy environment, and Term 2 will be no different in the Mathematics faculty with half-yearly examinations, reports, competition organisation and excursions all happening.

## **ICAS Mathematics Competition**

While notes for the Australian Mathematics Competition have already been returned, permission notes for the ICAS competitions have been handed out in classes during Week 1 and 2 to be returned by 20<sup>th</sup> May. Participation in these external competitions is an excellent opportunity for students to practise examination techniques without the risk of “failing” as the results do not affect school marks.

## **Excursions**

During Term 2, notes will be sent out for two extracurricular excursions for elite students in Year 10 (Mathematics in Surveying in August) and the senior Mathematics and Extension Mathematics students (MathsInspiration in Au-

gust). These excursions are 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. 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.*

### **How to Prepare for an Exam**

There are a number of ways that students can prepare for exams. As every student learns in a different way, the most effective preparation for each student is different.

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 practise the method of studying that BEST suits them. In the junior years of school, it is essential that students learn HOW to study. This might mean some experimentation with their preparation which might affect their marks in the short term. However, if students do not take time to establish a routine for preparing for examinations, they will struggle as pressure mounts in senior school.

As a parent, we need to support our student in trying their very best. There is no benefit to focusing on marks without reference to the EFFORT that a student has made. Every year, I see Year 12 students “suddenly” achieving great marks purely because they have made consistent, a sustained effort throughout high school.

Study techniques that work well in Mathematics include:

- \* Practise, practise, practise: The more you practise 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 he walks into the examination room.

The schedule of Half-Yearly Examinations for all grades can be found on the Mathematics Faculty page on

the school website.

### CSIRO Maths by Email

Did you know that the CSIRO sends out a free fortnightly newsletter called “Maths by Email”? The newsletter focuses on interesting facts and developments in Mathematics. There are brainteaser questions (with answers) and links to hundreds of resources for those of us who are mathematically inclined. To subscribe, just email: [mathsbyemail@csiro.au](mailto:mathsbyemail@csiro.au) and have fun!

Here is a sample article from the 11 March 2016 edition.

#### New prime looms large

While learning your times tables, you probably noticed that lots of numbers can be made by multiplying. Two times three is six, seven times six is 42. But some numbers can't be made by multiplication – seven, 13, 101. These indivisible numbers are called primes.

Mathematicians have loved primes for thousands of years. The ancient Greek mathematicians Eratosthenes and Euclid both wrote about prime numbers, creating new ways to find them, and showing that there are always more to be found.

Modern mathematicians are equally interested. One of the greatest unsolved questions in mathematics, the Riemann hypothesis, is deeply connected to prime numbers. And many mathematicians have been working together on the twin prime conjecture, research we reported on in 2013.

One of the reasons prime numbers are fascinating is that there will always be more of them. We can't write down all the prime numbers, because there are an infinite number of them. That means there's always more to find.

One group of mathematicians are looking for very big prime numbers. They run the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search, or GIMPS for short. The GIMPS project has thousands of volunteers, who run searching programs on their computers. These programs check to see if a number is prime and then send the answer back to the researchers.

In September last year, a GIMPS computer found the largest prime number yet, 22 338 618 digits long. However, there was a bug in the program, and the GIMPS team didn't receive the message until early this year.

The mathematicians have now checked this number on several different computers, using various methods, and they're sure that this titanic number is special. It can't be written as the product of two smaller numbers – it's a prime.

(Written by David Shaw)

## From the Science Faculty



**Head Teacher  
Science**

**Mrs Melissa Sharman**

Classes around the senior block have been buzzing with activity over Term 1, and our students are to be congratulated on their positive start to the school year.

Year 9 modelling convection currents and volcanoes



Year 12 are now a little over half way through their HSC courses, having completed two of the core modules and sitting for their half-yearly examinations. It is a pleasure to see students reflecting on their learning and actively seeking feedback on ways to continue developing their understanding and application of content knowledge. At the time of writing, year 11 are completing their exams, and we trust they will show the same commitment to accepting constructive criticism, as well as delighting in their successes!

Year 9 and 10 students will complete a skills assessment task this term, while it is year 8's turn to have a practical task (on separation techniques).

The majority of year 10 students submitted their independent research tasks on time, impressing teachers





Year 11 Physics students completing a practical investigation on the refraction of light



with their application of the scientific method and their ability to draw conclusions from the information they gathered. Students who have received N-Award warnings are reminded to complete the missed work or task in order to have their learning back on track.

The “Case of Identity” incursion was a great success, with all students enjoying the problem solving tasks. They matched finger prints, used a digital microscope to examine fibres, and were able to piece together the story of poor “Sally” whose death turned out to be accidental, but provided many warnings in terms of cyber safety.



Listening to the story and moral

# From the HSIE Faculty



**Head Teacher  
HSIE  
Ms Gina Jackson**

## ANZAC Day 2016 Blacktown Boys High remembers those who have fought and died in war

This year ANZAC Day fell during the school holidays, but we could not let this important event pass without marking its significance. On our return to school on the 27<sup>th</sup> April we stopped as a school to remember and reflect on the significance of ANZAC Day.

Our commemorative assembly was chaired by our school captain Hussin Gorashi and Vice-captain Devarshi Naik. One of the highlights of the ceremony was a presentation from Corporal Chris Xuereb who shared his personal experience



of being in the Australian Army and linking the ANZAC ideals of courage, endurance and mateship to today’s society.

Utkarsh Sharma, Lachlan Hibbert, Ahmed Malik, Cameron Heydeman and Akshayram Karthikeyan also contributed to the moving and dignified tone of the assembly.

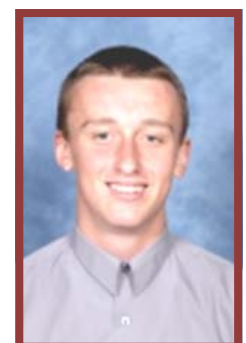


## Lest We Forget

### RSL KAKODA TRACK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The HSIE faculty would like to congratulate Jack Olsen for the effort he put into applying for the KAKODA track Scholarship Program offered by the RSL movement. The process for selection was gruelling involving a written application, and an interview. Jack spent many hours writing his application and was successful in progressing to the interview stage.

At the interview he performed credibly, narrowly missing selection and is now the offi-



cial reserve. Jack stated that “the whole process was really nerve-racking, but rewarding especially learning a lot about my grandfathers and their participation in WWI.”

### **CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA**



As part of our commitment to active citizenship and positively promoting environment education, the HSIE faculty enthusiastically participated in the event of Clean up Australia Day. Years 7, 8 & 9 HSIE students worked together in teams to clean up our school site. They also collected data on the type of rubbish found, classifying it as either recyclable or non-recyclable and proposed ideas for making the school community more environmentally responsible.

### **HARMONY DAY**

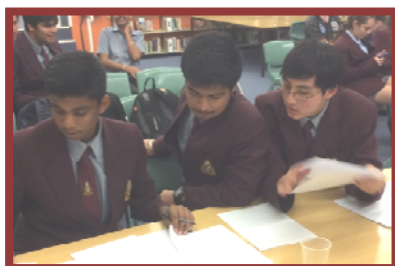
On the 21<sup>st</sup> March our school celebrated Australia's cultural diversity by participating in Harmony Day. The Community Links and Well-being team (CLAW) organised orange ribbons to be distributed to the school community as a symbol of our commitment to inclusiveness, respect and belonging. It was great to see our students and staff wear their ribbon with pride.



Students from Year 12 helped Ms Aknar design and paint our harmony banner which is currently displayed in our library foyer.

Year 7 HSIE students participated in a poster competition which centred around the theme– ‘At BBHS Diversity Is Our Strength’.

We would like to thank everyone who blew up balloons, painted, cut orange ribbons and our Year 7 students who produced such artistic and creative posters to promote cultural diversity in Australia.



### **MOCK TRIAL**

Round two of Mock Trial was held on Thursday, 28th April against Jamison High School. The trial was a criminal case involving an accident on a horse in the Snowy Mountains. The defence case was argued effectively by our barristers Jia Yi Wang and Samuel Hossain. Eashan Chhabra our solicitor provided effective notes and advice to our barristers. Ritwhik Gupta and Dellushan Rajkumar were convincing as our two witnesses. Abubakr Sajid

assisted the magistrate as Court Officer. Unfortunately we lost the round on points but our team are already busy preparing for round three.

### **VIETNAM VETERANS’ VISIT**

In term one our school was visited by members of the Vietnam Veterans’ Association of Australia. They provided our students with invaluable information about their experiences in the war. Our students were a receptive audience and the Association was appreciative of the donation provided by our students.



### **WATERFRONT WORKOUT EXCURSION**



In week 5 of Term One, Year Ten attended the Waterfront Workout excursion held at Barangaroo and Circular Quay. The excursion focused on the Urban Growth and Decline occurring in the area, as well as the role of the State Government and Lend Lease in developing residential and urban space in the CBD. The students had the opportunity to conduct geographical fieldwork experiments, as well as travel on a privately chartered ferry on Sydney Harbour. The data gathered was also able to be incorporated into our students’ first assessment task.

# From the CAPA Faculty

## SEMESTER 1 CAPA Camp - NSW South Coast

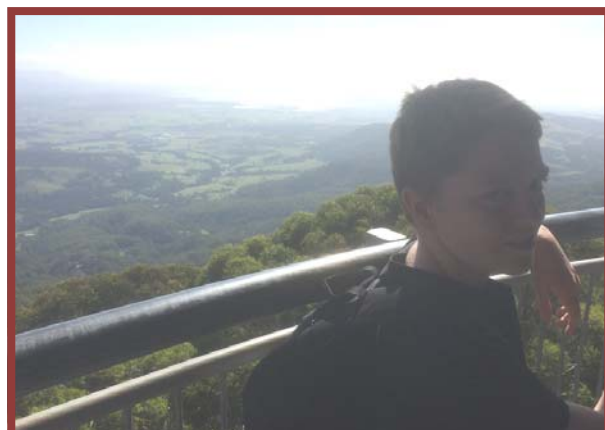
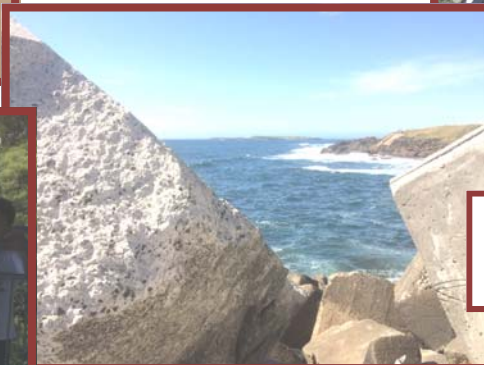


**Head Teacher  
CAPA/PDHPE  
Mrs Kate Burne**

The CAPA camp continues to provide a strong opportunity for students to research and explore new imagery and sights through photography. We have dedicated this newsletter to the power of image, to capture our fabulous creative community at Blacktown Boys High. We visited Austinmer, Wollongong, Port Kembla, Kiama, Gerringong, Robertson, Bowral and Mittagong. The staff thoroughly enjoyed supervising our students on this trip and the work will form the basis of the Citibank exhibition on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June. Due to popular request we will be soon taking students to our 2017 Canberra trip. Unfortunately, we have limited places and our excursions book out very quickly.



*Kiama Lighthouse*  
By Ahmet Numan



# From the PDHPE Faculty

## Sydney West Volleyball

For the second year in a row, we played Baulkham Hills High School in the Opens Volleyball, although this time in the second round. After several training sessions, the boys were feeling confident, although they were also a bit apprehensive of the disciplined approach our opponents had taken the year before. After pushing Baulkham Hills in the first set and playing some very competitive points, we went down 1 set to 0. We continued to fight well in the second, but struggled to win some close points, and found ourselves 0-2 at the end of the second set. With a slow start in the third, it was a huge uphill battle to get back into it. Peter Sultana showed some prowess on serve, bringing us close to them with 9 consecutive points, but the early lead we'd given them was too much to overcome. A huge congratulations to the whole team.

### ***Volleyball Team 2016***

*Peter Sultana (co-captain), Vaughn Camacho (co-captain), Samuel He, Joaquin Dela Torre, Victor Leauanae, Nelson Palaki, and Christian Onesemo*

Mr Martin

Coach

## Rugby League - University Shield Gala Day

On Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March our Open Boys Rugby League team competed at the University Shield Gala Day. We played three matches on the day and our results were as follows:

Vs Kingswood High 0-14

Vs Glenwood High 10-18

Vs Kingswood High 18-10

The team was very competitive in every match and it was only some costly handling errors in our two losses that was the difference between the sides. The commitment in defence from our team was particularly impressive. I was immensely proud of the effort and sportsmanship that the boys displayed in every match and this effort was rewarded with a victory in the last pool match. The team was led resolutely by Junior Tapuagia (Captain) and Mohammed Darfour (Vice Captain). Special mention must go to Stevenson Upulasi, Christian Onosemo and Syd Carcamo who played at a consistently high standard in every match. In the last match we were defending our own try line and Stevenson made three consecutive tackles to prevent the other team from scoring which inspired the whole team.

### ***Rugby League Team 2016***

*David Mila, Jack Olsen, Stevenson Upulasi, Siosaia Mills, Jamaine Haufano, Eisa Darfour, Syd Carcamo, Junior Tapuagia (Captain), Mohammed Darfour (Vice-Captain), Christian Onesemo, Kalolo Matavesi, Jeremiah Siamani, Victor Leuanae, Dylan Brown, Mohammed Abdulrazak, Isaac Laws*

Mr Franjic

Coach

## CRICKET- MILO T20 BLAST (Year 7 & 8)

On Friday 4th March, 35 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. With smaller fields and shortened innings, the students also had increased opportunities to hit 6's which allowed for 'Big Bash'





style, atmosphere and excitement.

Blacktown Boys was separated into four teams, each named after Sydney Thunder players- McDonald, Green, Beadle and Patterson. Each team played 3 games in the round robins and then played a final to determine the final placing of all teams. BBHS teams had a successful and enjoyable.

A special mention to the following year 10 boys who helped Cricket NSW in umpiring games throughout the day: *Anuj Shah, Nitya Patel, Parin Bharawad,*

*Omair Mohammad.*

Year 7 and 8 participants included: *Kavessha Alakoon, Krish Amin, Drashy Bhavasar, Gurkirat Chahal, Neeladri Chakraborty, Benji Joesph, Orniban Julovi, Shehbaz Kugashia, Nirmay Maru, Kush Patel, Vraj Patel, Kritik Paudel, Agnik Podder, Jacob Ross, Nevil Shah, Sa-math Shah, Mahadi Shaheed, Rishabh Shresthra, Manavdeep Singh, Yuvraj Singh, Ravjot Thind, Shahir Ahmed, Dhyhan Bhavsar, Satwik Chemudupati, Rajevan Jeykumar, Alwin Joesph, Dylan Myers, Rishi Panchal, Atharva Pasarnikar, Akhand Patel, Anand Patel, Jay Patel, Krishi Patel, Atitaam Ramanan, Gurjot Singh, Nischay Pandya*



### Zone Swimming carnival

Congratulations to all those who participated and represented Blacktown Boys at the Zone swimming carnival on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. These students were: *Ahmed Amjed, Frank Li, Frank Starr, Kaveesha Alahakoon, Jason Louinder, Austin Tsai, Daniel Byun, Aws Nasser, Kayaan Udachia, Daniel Chavez, Jack Olsen, Caylan Van Hilst, Satwik*

*Chemudupati, Rishabh Patel, Manav Verma, Herschelle Dass, Roswell Perez, Henry Win, Cameron Heydeman, David Petkovic, Nicholas Wright, Rahyan Kazi, Ariraam Ramanan, Lachlan Klingberg, Jarrel Redoblado, Sami Kopra, Utkarsh Sharma, Chris Cheung, Prathik Shivashankar*

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

**Chris Cheung** 2<sup>nd</sup> - 13s 50m breaststroke; 13s 2<sup>nd</sup> - 100m Freestyle

**Frank Li** 2<sup>nd</sup> - 16s 50m Breaststroke

**Frank Starr** 3<sup>rd</sup> - 16s 50m Backstroke

3<sup>rd</sup> - 12yrs 200 Freestyle relay

2<sup>nd</sup> - 14yrs 200 Freestyle relay

*Congratulations to Chris Cheung and Frank Li who represented Blacktown Zone at the Sydney West carnival on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March.*



### Proud Shield Baseball

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March saw Blacktown Boys' Baseball team travel to Blacktown International Sports Park for the afternoon to play against Plumpton High .

Unfortunately the team lost 9-7 but it was an enjoyable and close game which showed our boys' ability to learn and transfer new skills. Well done all team members for attending training multiple times a week during recess and lunch breaks and their willingness to learn a new sport.

Some of the highlights of the game included Karanveer's leadoff homerun, Isaac as our starting pitcher working hard to get us out of the inning, Jeremy's strong pitching outing, solid defence behind the plate

(despite the heat) from our catcher Caylan Van Hilst and great hitting from our power hitter Ryan Franks. Congratulations to all the boys for a great afternoon and such a great improvement from when we started training!

### **Baseball Team 2016**

*Jack Olsen, Karanveer Bakhtawar, Isaac Laws, Nitya Patel, Aman Kumar, Victor Leauanae, Ryan Frank, Trent Dunk, Kalolo Matavesi, Daniel Byun, Jeremy Callaghan McDonald, David Mila, Caylan Van Hilst*

Miss Lovering

Coach

### **Sydney West Boys Knockout Tennis Competition**

Blacktown Boys High recently played Rooty Hill High on Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March at Blacktown Tennis Courts to decide who will progress in the Sydney West Boys Knockout Tennis Competition. The tie was played after school and Blacktown Boys was represented by Michael Thiab, Adithya Pradeep, Akshayram Karthikeyan and Ahmed Malik who were seeded 1 to 4 respectively. Omair Mohammed was the fifth seed and acted as the team reserve.

The Rooty Hill boys were too strong on the day winning all four singles matches. The match between the top seeds, which for Blacktown Boys was Michael Thiab, was a closely hard fought game with Michael unluckily edged out in a tie-break. The doubles matches were deemed dead rubbers and were not played.

The future looks positive for tennis at Blacktown Boys as Michael, Akshayram, Ahmed and Omair are all in Year 10, so Blacktown Boys will field a more experienced team when representing the school in tennis competitions.

Mr P Everingham

Coach

### **Opens Basketball 2016**

Congratulations to all the boys who represented Blacktown Boys in the opens 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 Girraween 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 the commitment they displayed not only at the game but also at 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.

### **Opens Basketball Team 2016**

*Karanveer Bakhtawar, Vaughn Camacho, Syd Carcamo, Emmanuel Castillo, Mathias Chripczuk, Abdalla Hussein, Isaac Laws, Yuvanraj Mahendran, Alan Reji, Mohamed Darfour, Utkarsh Sharma, Riak Kun*

Miss Kemp and Mr Shiel

Coaches

### **Sydney West Opens Cricket**

BBHS played Castle Hill High School in the Sydney West Cricket knockout. The students have been developing as a team for the past 3 years and as a result put in their best performance in this competition. Unfortunately, our 116 runs were not enough and the team was defeated. Congratulations to Tushar Virk who top scored with 21 and to Shaon Ahmed who contributed with 17. Our bowlers did their best but with a small total to defend had a difficult task. Parin Bharwad bowled well to claim a wicket and Jack Olsen also contributed with the ball. With the majority of our team in years 9 and 10 we can contin-

ue to improve in next year's competition.

### **Opens Cricket Team 2016**

*Jack Olsen, Hary Nethra, Tushar Virk, Alan Reji, Abhi Bhandari, Parin Bharwad, Omair Mohammed, Atri Pandya, Nisarth Patel, Anuj Shah, Manav Patel, Shaon Ahmed*

### **Opens Soccer**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, Blacktown Boys' High School Opens Soccer team played their first round match against Evans High School. After a lot of preparation and focus, the boys were pumped do battle with an impressive Evans outfit. Blacktown Boys' were the visiting team to a very vocal oval on a windy day.

We opened the match sluggishly and were forced to absorb immense early pressure from Evans, with Omer Abdelaziz captaining the backline. Some streaks of brilliance through the middle of the park from Mosavar Parwani and Rohan Nath brought Blacktown to life however the deadlock was short lived, as Evans scored a quick counter attacking goal. Injuries soon struck as we headed into the break.

In the second half, the boys looked more lively once more, stringing together some poetic passing through the centre of the pitch but a lack of finesse up front kept us goalless. Evans again capitalised on our forward press and put 2 more counter attacking goals on us to round out the scoring 3 nil.

Goalkeeper Peter Sultana played an exceptional match, making some unbelievable saves. Omer Abdelaziz commanded the back with authority and prowess, ensuring as little as possible crept through the line.

Well done to the boys for representing Blacktown Boys' High School with pride, respect and dignity.

We look forward to preparing for next year's competition, with a vibrant and talented squad.

### **Opens soccer team 2016**

*Hussin Gorashi, Samson Mulbah, Anwar Alanzi, Omer Abdelaziz, Ilyas Nasiry, Peter Sultana, Kemdi Ukachi Nwata, Rohan Nath, Mosavar Parwani, Michael Thiab, Ayaz Nasiry, Faiaz Ali Shaffar, Ryan Tadveen and Ezekiel Adamako*

Mr D'Souza

Coach

### **OPENS TOUCH FOOTBALL**

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, BBHS played Baulkham Hills High School in the Opens Boys Touch Football Knockout competition. The Baulkham Hills High team was dominated by senior students, with our team having a number of junior boys stepping up to play in the senior competition.

It was a tough game and unfortunately Blacktown Boys only had 2 reserves to interchange which proved costly in such a fast paced game. In the first half, Blacktown drifted away from the original game plan which had been developed across several lunch and recess training sessions, leading to multiple tries against them early on. After half time and some much needed hydration in the heat, the BBHS team discussed playing to the original plan and pushed Baulkham Hills to step up their defence.

Baulkham Hills High 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.

### **Touch Football Team 2016**

*Mohammad Abdulrazak, Matthew Alauni, Dylan Brown, Zebe Flomo, Simati Leutogi, Jamiejose Paje and Jarome Toma*

Miss Lovering & Mr Muscio

Coaches



## CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March our annual School Cross Country was held around the school's back ovals. Each year group ran the event in different periods throughout the day. Participation during the event was great and all boys are to be commended for their efforts.



A big thanks to the Yr9 PASS class, who have this term been studying 'Event Management' as part of their program and therefore, were able to help out with the running and management of the event throughout the morning.



Congratulations to the following Cross Country Age Champions:

- 12s** - Omer Ramli
- 13s** - Omer Malik
- 14s** - Ibrahim Gorashi
- 15s** - Mustafa Musa
- 16s** - Noman Papal
- 17s+** - Upninder Saini



## From the TAS Faculty



**Head Teacher  
TAS  
Mr Nikolai Liu**

My first term as HT TAS at BBHS has been an enjoyable one and a positive one and I have really enjoyed immersing myself in school life. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff and students who have made me feel so welcome and have helped me settle in. I would like to particularly thank the TAS faculty who have been so supportive and welcoming. There are a lot of good things happening in TAS in BBHS and here is just a snapshot...

### Robotics

In Week 8, Mr Elsner and Mr Hartley took our team of 20 year 9 to 12 students to Sydney Olympic Park for three days of difficult robotic competition in the regional finals of the FIRST Robotics competition. The competition was the culmination of many extra hours of work over the term during recesses and lunchtimes. Our boys did really well getting as high as 12th in ranking but eventually finished a respectable 20th in the region against 48 other Government and non-Government schools. The Prime Minister of Australia, Malcolm Turnbull, and Julie Bishop, our Foreign Minister, were so impressed with our boys that they had a press conference right in front of

our boys pit stop on the final day of competition and many members of our team featured live on ABC News. I handed out special Head Teacher awards on assembly during week 11 to Lucas Rujicica and Thomas Verwey-Cuthbert for their significant contribution to the team's success nominated by Mr Hartley and Mr Elsner. A special thank you to Mr Hartley and Mr Elsner for all of their hard work organising our team. Thank you to our team for all of your hard work and dedication, and I look forward to see-



ing BBHS go even better in 2017.

### **Royal Easter Show Excursion**

Thank you to Ms Kemp for running an exciting Food Technology excursion to the Royal Easter Show in Week 10 in conjunction with Ms Hussein in Science. The reports from the day that it was an enjoyable and educational event and we are looking to expand this excursion in 2017 to make it even bigger and better and get more lucky students to attend this signature annual Sydney event.

### **Year 9 Electronics Excursion**

In week 11 I had the pleasure of taking 11 Year 9 Electronics students to the former Powerhouse Museum, now called MAAS: Museum of Applied Arts and Science. If you know me you'll know that I love electronics and there is no better place to get a hands-on feel for the science of electronics, the historical/social/environmental impacts of electronics and the the future potential and trends in electronics, than at MAAS. Some of the highlights from the day for me included being given seeing the new UTS School of Business building designed by architect Frank Gehry with its amazing curved brickwork, a piece of the moon in the space exhibit, the chocolate machine which gave away free pieces of chocolate, the Mars rover talk and the geostationary satellite talk, and the high quality Year 12 Major Projects on show at Shape 2015. And I have to mention how great it was to see Locomotive No.1 because I love trains. However, the students were fascinated by the mood rings which Jalp and Kithi bought from the shop. Later investigation by the students involving excess McDonalds ice seemed to suggest that the mood rings changed colour simply by changing their temperature. The students had a terrific day and I hope to see this year's year 8 picking electronics as an elective so that they too could visit MAAS with me in 2017!

### **Term 1 TAS Head Teacher Awards**

I asked each of my faculty members to nominate a stand-out student from Term 1, 2016 for a Head Teacher Award and an additional 25 Vivo Points and I had the pleasure of giving these out on assembly in Week 11. These students selected were:

Ventaka Bommireddipalli - Year 12 - Software Design and Development - Nominated by Mr Elsner

James Kidd - Year 12 - Industrial Technology - Timber - Nominated by Mr Naicker

Sebastian Vella - Year 11 - Food Technology - Nominated by Ms Kemp

Akashdeep Singh - Year 9 - Information Software Technology - Nominated by Mr Hartley

Samy Moussa - Year 8 - Technology - Nominated by Mr Liu

Congratulations to all students and I look forward to handing out more awards and Vivo Points next term.

### **Coffee Club**

I would like to thank Ms Kemp and our Food Technology students who have been running our Thursday morning coffee club for staff supplying a timely caffeinated boost on Thursday mornings for all staff. This initiative adds another dimension of learning into our thriving Food Technology program, which is run as an elective from years 9 through to year 11 in 2016.

### **Shoes/Aprons**

An ongoing reminder for parents and carers to ensure that your son is equipped with enclosed leather shoes and an apron for all workshop and kitchen lessons in compliance with the Department's WHS policies and our school uniform policy. This includes sport days and PE days. I will be asking my faculty to continue to make contact with home when students have not brought the correct equipment to a lesson on three or more occasions during a term. I appreciate your understanding and support and I thank all students who continue to do the right thing every lesson.

Thank you again and I look forward to another exciting and busy term in Term 2.

Mr Liu (HT TAS)



# From the Library



**Teacher/Librarian**  
**Mr Patrick Everingham**



## Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is open again for 2016. 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.

All boys from BBHS from years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to enter the Premier's Reading Challenge for 2016, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and September the 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Students who achieve this will be awarded a Premier's Reading Challenge Certificate and appear on the Premier's Reading Challenge Honour Roll 2016.

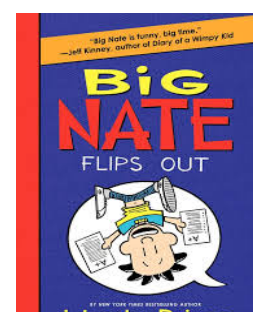
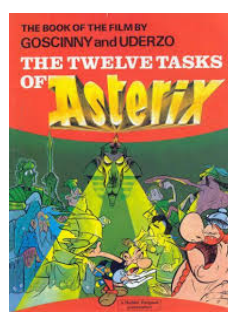
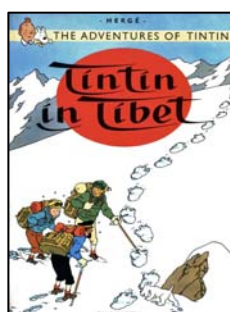
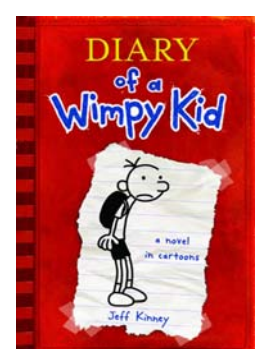
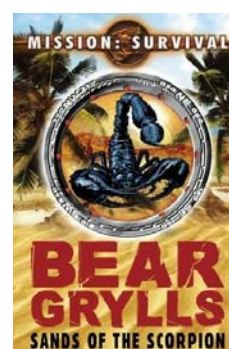
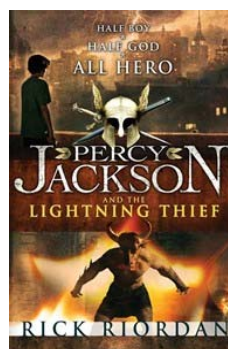
Parents may be interested to know that students who want to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge 2016 can enter any books they have read from the beginning of the year. The amount is 20 books; 15 of which must be on the Premiers Reading Challenge Booklist Ages 7-9. The remaining 5 books are the personal choice of the student. The books can be library books or books they own or books they have read in conjunction with their English classes. Entering the information on the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge website is a simple process and all students in NSW public education schools are automatically registered. A separate password is not needed; to logon to the site students use the same password they logon to the internet with at school.

See the librarian for further information about the Premier's Reading Challenge 2016.

## Popular Books on the Premiers Reading Challenge 7-9 Booklist

There are hundreds of books on the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Booklist for Years 7-9 Students. There are Fiction Books, Non Fiction Books and Picture Books of all different reading levels. Fiction books are by far the most common type of book on the list.

Some examples of the type of books on the Premier's Reading Challenge 7-9 Book-



list are:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series books, Big Nate books, Bear Grylls books, Percy Jackson books, Rangers Apprentice books, Tin Tin books and Asterix books, as well as many other single book titles. The list also includes many classic books such as Call of the Wild, Oliver Twist, the Count of Monte Cristo and Huck-leberrry Finn. There are many hundreds of books on the booklist to suit the taste and reading level of any student who wishes to enter.

### Year 7 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.



The **BBHS Year 7 Library Chess Competition** is currently open and as of writing this newsletter about 25 year 7 students have joined the competition.

# From your Year Advisors



*Miss Pembe Hussein*

## Year 7

Welcome back from a well-deserved break! Term 2 has got off to a great start!

Last Term we had the Year 7 Peer Support Camp, which was a great success. A big thank you to all those that were involved and congratulations to the boys on their maturity and continuing respect while on camp. We did activities like rock climbing, walking on high ropes and swinging from a giant swing. The boys strengthened their friendships and formed some new friendships. Thanks to the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders who joined and helped the boys support their Year 7 groups.

It was great to see so many parents at the Portfolio Pick Up BBQ last term. It was good catching up on how well your son has been progressing, and learning about all the fantastic things they have been doing in their classes. Just remember the next Portfolio Pick Up BBQ will be in Term 3.

A big congratulations to all those that participated in Athletics and Cross Country. It was a fun day where the boys showcased the skills that they

learnt in PE in a setting of friendly competition. The students participated in shotput, 100m, 200m and 400m running distances and had a friendly game of volleyball, where they had the opportunity to gain points for their School Houses.

In Term 2 Year 7 will be undergoing NAPLAN and their Half Yearly Assessment



Week. It is not meant to be a stressful time, so if there are any worries, please contact the school. In Homeroom and other classes, students have been learning study skills and things to help with their examinations.

There are just some important dates for Term 2 that we should keep in mind:

NAPLAN	10th-12th May
Aim Higher Incursion	16th May
Year 7 Assessment Week	Week 5
Parent Teacher Night	28th June



We hope you have an awesome Term 2, and hope to see you at Parent Teacher Night.

Kind regards,  
Miss Hussein



**Miss Kimberley Kemp**

## Year 8

Welcome back to Term 2, Year 8 and families. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for a busy term.

Term 2 brings us half yearly examinations in week 5. Students are encouraged to speak with their teachers to discuss requirements for their exams. A study program at home will ensure they are prepared for each subject.

Congratulations to all the year 8 award winners at presentation evening in Term 1. All students are encouraged to work consistently throughout the year to be a candidate for this year's awards. Student of the term is an award system that is continuing this year. Congratulations to Benny Muyambo our Term 1 winner!

As the mornings become cooler its important students look for their school jumper or jacket. Students out of uniform will need to see Mr Pace before 8:10am with a note from home if out of uniform for that day. Also a reminder that the only acceptable hat to wear is a black BBHS cap.

It was great to see year 8 participating in the term 1 stage meeting, now being the older grade in stage 4 they showed respect in a group setting, and leadership, to the new Year 7 students. In the stage meeting we spoke about Body Image and Self Esteem. The boys learned about positive self-esteem and the effects of the media on individuals' body image. The boys made a list of things they liked about themselves and were encouraged to refer to this regularly.

Subject selection for Stage 5 is soon approaching. Year 8 are advised to start thinking about their subjects for year 9 and to talk to their teachers about their options.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at school on 9622 1558 or via email [kimberley.kemp3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kimberley.kemp3@det.nsw.edu.au)

Kind Regards  
Miss Kemp

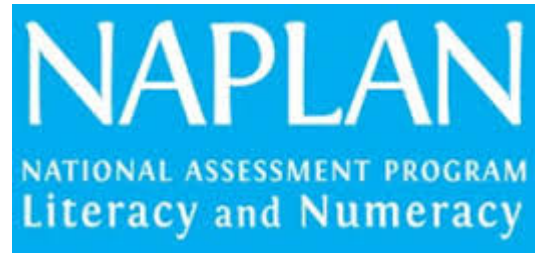




**Mr David Martin**

# Year 9

Another term has come and gone, and Year 9 have taken another step towards adulthood and their senior years of schooling. I have been in the role for nearly a full year now and I am constantly feeling pride over the achievements that the



year group makes, as well as the overall positive and respectful attitude and behaviour shown by the students. The boys have NAPLAN for the last time in Week 3, while they are only a term away from commencing the RoSA component of Stage 5. In what will be no time at all, they will be making subject selections for Year 11 and 12, learning to drive, and for some of

them, finding part-time or casual employment.

I would like to encourage all students to consider any extra-curricular activities they can be involved in. Some students have already participated in sporting teams, leadership or academic events, and there are plenty of opportunities to come during the year. Students may wish to think about what they can contribute to Men's Health Day later in the year, or even suggest activities and events in which they want to be involved. Best of luck to those students who are competing in Zone Cross Country and Athletics during the term, and hopefully we can replicate the success of last year with students from the year group reaching the next levels.

I would also like to remind all students and parents about the potential and seriousness of mental health. Being in Year 9, the boys are at an age where mental illness becomes more prevalent and we all need to work together to create healthy minds. We need to look out for each other, talk to each other, and avoid any feelings of shame and embarrassment that we might feel when talking about mental illness. I strongly encourage you to speak to others if you feel you need help or aren't coping with anything. There are plenty of options, including family; friends; another teacher, myself, or the school counsellor; or a GP or other medical professional. If you think you know someone that might need help, do not be afraid to inform an adult either- we are all here to help and will do everything we can to help anyone in need. Sometimes it is simply a matter of starting a conversation by saying, "Are you ok?" We have a responsibility to each other as a school community to look out for each other and work together. There is nothing wrong with needing extra help, and our minds are just as important as any other body part. When you are sick, you look after yourself. If you break a bone, pull a muscle, or need an operation, you take action. We need to do the same when our mental health is not at 100% capacity, and often talking to each other about it, or noticing that someone else might be struggling is the first step. For anyone wishing to know more, you can visit any of the following websites or contact the school:

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

<http://headspace.org.au/>

<http://mantherapy.org/>



**Mr Evan Shiel**

regarding Subject Selection for Senior Schooling and if there are any questions please contact me at the school.

Mr Shiel

Year 10 Advisor

## Year 10

Welcome back to all of Year 10 for Term 2. Students will have now completed their half yearly exams across all of their subject areas. In Week 3 of this term all of Year 10 attended a Year Meeting that focussed on two important areas, the issue of Mental Health amongst teenagers and secondly, their Subject Choices for Years 11 and 12. We examined the topics of Anger and Anxiety and the warning signs students are to look out for if they start to feel stressed and worried. They were also shown the Headspace website which offers a wealth of resources to help school aged students.

We then spent time examining the UAC website which provides information for students on what an ATAR is, the requirements for University entry and to answer some common misconceptions about subject choice and HSC marks. Students will be receiving more information in the coming months



**Mr Andy Franjic**

17 students will be attending the camp at Broken Bay Sport & Recreation Centre which is scheduled to run from Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May to Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. This is a study skills camp where students will be involved in practical based activities that build upon their decision making and ability to work in collaboration with others to achieve a common goal. I am sure the students attending will make the most of the opportunities presented to them at the camp. Staff attending will be Mr Dibbs and myself.

### **Aspirations**

20 of our students will be taking part in Aspirations which is a program targeting interested students with Citibank. Our students will have the opportunity to sit with mentors from Citibank and discuss issues such as career pathways, interview techniques & relevant policies and procedures in the workplace that will give students a greater insight into what actually happens in a workplace environment of that nature. The program launch is on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Senior Parent Teacher Evening**

This important event on our school calendar is scheduled for Tuesday of Week 7. Students will receive notes in upcoming weeks. I would encourage all parents/carers to attend if possible to discuss the learning outcomes of students. If you are unable to attend and wish to get in contact with a teacher this can be

## Year 11

It has been a busy start to Term 2 for our Year 11 students who have been completing their half yearly examinations in the first two weeks. The examination period can always be a stressful time for students but it is important that our students become familiar with the processes and procedures of formal examinations in the senior years. I would encourage all students to reflect upon their performance in these examinations and work on areas that can be improved upon in the future. It is essential that students settle back into the classroom routine as quickly as possible and put all their efforts into the upcoming learning opportunities in each subject.

### **Year 11 Camp**

done by contacting the school via phone or email.

## Half Yearly Reports

Students are scheduled to receive their half yearly reports at the Parent Teacher Evening mentioned above. I encourage all students to make the most of the feedback and results provided in their reports by reading each subject report carefully and addressing any areas of concern that may arise.

Andy Franjic

Year 11 Adviser



*Mr Lee Dewane*

# Year 12

## Final subject choices

The HSC is fast approaching and it is important that all students think carefully about their final subject choice. Some students have elected to reduce their load to ten units. This is a valid option if students have a clear weaker subject and are confident in their ability to maximise results in the other ten units. It is also allows students to increase the time they spend studying for each subject. It is important to remember, however, that this option leaves no margin for error as all ten units will count towards the ATAR calculation. I would recommend that if students are unsure, they should maintain the units they are currently studying. This will allow the weakest subject to not be included in the calculation of the ATAR.

## Formal Planning

I am currently in the process of finalising a date and venue for the school formal. Payments for the formal will be required towards the end of this term. All students who wish to attend the formal need to ensure they have paid all subject contributions before being allowed to make the formal payment. It is a valuable experience to be able to celebrate the completion of your secondary studies and I urge all year 12 students to ensure their school payments are up to date by the end of this term.

## Maximising Study Periods

Some students now have study periods available to them during school time. It is pleasing that most students are using these periods productively for study, either in the library or in the senior area. It is important that students do not waste this time as any time lost now can never be made back. I urge all students to remember that electing to reduce your subject load is done so to allow increase time to study for your remaining subjects.

Keep working hard Year 12 and good luck for the remainder of your HSC year.

## 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.

# Parent Teacher Evenings

Dates for our two annual Parent Teacher evenings for 2016 are:

**Years 10, 11 and 12 - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June between 4.00pm to 6.30pm**

**Years 7, 8 and 9 - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June between 3.00pm – 7.00 pm**

Both of these events will be held in our School Hall.

Now is a good time to put the relevant date(s) on your calendar or in your diary, and also to let your son know the times that you will be available to meet with his teachers.

Your son will be bringing home a booking sheet that lists the names of staff as well as more information about the evening. There is a space on the booking sheet for you to write the names of the teachers you would like to see. Your son will then take it to his teachers and finalise the times. Students who make the booking straight away are more likely to book your preferred times.

On each of these evenings you will be required to meet with your son's teachers and have them sign the booking sheet before you collect your son's report.

This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss your child's learning with their teacher and Year Adviser and gain important feedback about their achievements. It also provides you with an opportunity to discuss, any concerns he or you have, and ways in which we can work together to support your son's needs and education.

Interpreters can be organised for the evening, if necessary, but will need to be booked at least two weeks in advance. The school can be contacted at any time on 9622-1558 to organise this facility.

Parent Teacher Coordinators

Ms Jackson & Ms Burne

## Community Notices



### KILDARE ROAD MEDICAL CENTRE

#### INTRODUCING...

#### Dr. Shyam Sharma:

- interested in adolescent and adult mental health, diving & hyperbaric medicine, aviation medicine and travel advice and minor surgical procedures, including skin cancer surgery. Works in the KRMC<sup>®</sup> Skin Cancer Clinic

#### Dr. Amit Patel:

- graduated from University College, London in 2006
- interested in general and preventative medicine
- speaks Gujarati

To make an appointment with Dr. Sharma or Dr. Patel, book online at [kildaremedical.com.au](http://kildaremedical.com.au), via the free Appointuit App or call Reception on 8822 3000



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Achieving School Success

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

This is an invitation for you to attend a **Free Parenting Program** called Achieving School Success which is run by Prosper Project Australia

- When: **Tuesday 17th May, 2016**
- **Tuesday 24th May, 2016**
- **Tuesday 31st May, 2016**
- **Tuesday 7th June, 2016**

• Where: School Hall

• When: **9-11am**

This program will assist you to

- Understand the Australian Education System
- Help your child succeed at school
- Understand how your home life can affect your child's learning

Please register your interest with Hasret in the Community Hub or the School Office as places are limited!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Hasret Mehmedali

Mrs Carmen Cefai

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# Eastern Creek Public School

*Proud of our past, focused on our future*  
**Celebrating 150 years**



## It's our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday!



Eastern Creek Public School is celebrating 150 years in 2016. If you are an ex-pupil, staff-member or community member (past or present) please register through the school to get emails with up-to-date information as it becomes available. If you know someone who should be informed of these exciting events, encourage them to visit our school Facebook page or contact the school on: (02) 9625 8112 to obtain additional information via email. We hope to reach out to as many 'Eastern Creek Public School Families' as we can.

There are a range of events happening and we would like to invite everyone to come along and help us to celebrate this exciting milestone.

Our celebrations will commence on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October. This is the date 150 years to the day, of the official opening of the school in 1866. A community fete is planned for Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October to begin our week of birthday festivities. We will have rides, entertainment, a BBQ, a display of school memorabilia and a wide range of stalls for you to enjoy. Visit our Facebook page for more details closer to this event.

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October an official assembly will be held to celebrate our wonderful achievement in Public Education. On this day there will be performances, the opening of the memorial path area, an aerial photo shoot (in the formation of the numbers 150) and the cutting of our birthday cake.

Make sure you have ordered your own paver by the 1st July, 2016 so that you too can be included in our historical path. Attached to this letter is an order form with the details needed to make sure you can have a lasting memory of your time at the school.

The birthday week will continue with an outdoor family movie night on Friday 21st October. Tickets will go on sale prior to the event.

There will also be a Celebration Dinner held on Saturday 22nd October in the Waratah Room at Rooty Hill RSL. This event will be a wonderful time to reconnect with other past pupils and staff, an opportunity to share a trip down memory lane together. Again, more details will be available closer to the date.

We warmly invite everyone to come along and join us in celebrating this exciting milestone. Don't forget to mark it on the calendar, the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2016!

Yours sincerely,

The Eastern Creek Public School Celebration Committee



**Celebrating 150 years of teaching and learning**  
 at  
**EASTERN CREEK PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
 In 2016

**You are invited to join the celebrations in 2016 and contribute a lasting personalized paver to our memorial path.**

Your payment of \$35.00 entitles you to have your name engraved into a paver as a lasting record of your association with Eastern Creek Public School.

The paver will be permanently installed in a memorial path near the original school bell.  
 Each paver is: 230 x 115 x 40mm and can be engraved with the words of your choice, within the limits set below.  
 Your payment includes both delivery and installation.



### ENGRAVING DETAILS

Please print clearly in block letters. Each box represents a character (letter, number, punctuation mark or space). Please complete a separate order form for each paver required.  
 Max 16 characters per line, three lines per brick. (No hand drawings.)

LINE 1															
LINE 2															
LINE 3															

Simply fill out this form and return along with full payment by cash, cheque, Eftpos details or money order to: Eastern Creek Public School, 200 Rooty Hill Rd South, EASTERN CREEK NSW 2766  
 Alternatively call: +612 9625 8112 to make a credit card payment over the phone.  
 Email: [easterncreek-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:easterncreek-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Name:	Phone:
Street:	Email:
Suburb:	State:
	Post Code:
Offer closes Term 2, 2016	

Card Number																				
Expiry Date			/			Type of card (please tick)	VISA		MasterCard											
Name on Card																				

CCV (three digit number on back of card)

Signature: ..... Cardholder contact phone number: .....



## Dear School Principal

World Education Program Australia, a registered not-for-profit student exchange organisation, is searching for volunteer host families to welcome overseas students arriving in Australia in **July 2016**.

We would be grateful if you could share this opportunity with your school community.

Please find attached Word and PDF documents outlining the hosting experience. Included also in the documents are the profiles of just some of the students awaiting their host family placement.

The attached formats are suitable for printed newsletters and may also be used for display on your noticeboard. An electronic version is also available here: <https://wep.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Hosting-for-your-newsletter-February.pdf>

Please also share our search on your school's Facebook page using this link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1558193954497713/> along with the following blurb:

### Become a WEP host family in 2016!

Do you want to experience new cultures? Are you curious, welcoming and keen to show off your lifestyle? Have you thought about hosting an overseas exchange student? WEP Australia are looking for volunteer host families now! If you think you match the above criteria, request an information pack on our website today: <https://wep.org.au/host/>

Thank you for your support.

**Annie Taylor**  
Communications

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**Module one:** A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

**Module two:** A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: \$140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

To find your closest club or book into the next available course check out our website:  
[www.saferdrivers.org.au](http://www.saferdrivers.org.au)

Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more

PCYC Mount Druitt 453A Luxford Road, Shalvey, 2770 Ph. 9628 2628

# ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

## Penalties from 1 July 2014

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 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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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**

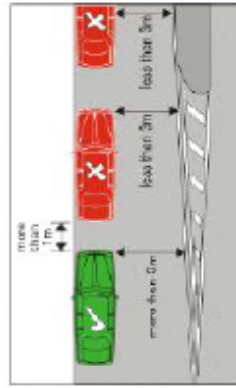
You must not stop or park your vehicle on or across a driveway, or block access to a property.

**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**

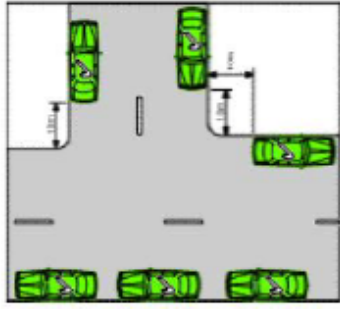
You must not stop or park your vehicle within 3 metres of the continuous dividing line or dividing strip unless a sign allows you to park there.



**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](http://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 2016

Subject Contributions - cover the purchase of materials in certain key learning areas and to cover costs associated with sports or excursions.	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	\$80	\$80
Hospitality - Food and Beverage Strand					\$100 + uniform purchase (\$70)	\$100 + uniform purchase (\$70)
Industrial Technology – Electronics			\$70	\$70		
Industrial Technology – Engineering			\$40	\$40		
Industrial Technology - Metal			\$30	\$30		
Industrial Technology - Multi-media			\$20	\$20		
Industrial Technology - Timber			\$50	\$50	\$40 + special project costs	\$15 + special project costs
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. Entry facility available. Phone payments accepted.	\$140	\$140	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable
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# BLACKTOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

## CHANGE/UPDATE OF STUDENT DETAILS

Student Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Your New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Office Use Only**

Family Code: \_\_\_\_\_ ERN: \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

Please excuse my son \_\_\_\_\_ of roll class \_\_\_\_\_

For being absent on \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: / /

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