

PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents and carers who took the time to attend our recent parent and teacher interviews. Our teachers were thrilled to have the opportunity to welcome parents back into the classroom to discuss their child's / children's learning and wellbeing at school.

We are very proud of the high level of parent engagement at our school and look forward to continuing to share information with you. It is important that our parents and carers are kept up to date with information about student progress.

This week your child will receive their Term 1 PBL report. This report outlines the ways in which our students demonstrate their commitment to our school expectations:

- Be A Learner
- Act Responsibly
- Show Respect
- Stay Safe

Please take the time to read this report and celebrate success with your child / children.

Last week I had the wonderful opportunity to present badges to our Student Representative Council (SRC) Members. I was incredibly proud of each of these students, having moved through the process of class elections and selection by their peers as representatives.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended on the day.

I would like to acknowledge and extend a huge well done to all students who nominated themselves for a position on the SRC. I know that many students wrote and presented speeches, giving their very best along the way. I was thrilled to hear the speeches of many of our amazing students as they practised on the playground or visited my office to share their speech with me. Having heard so many of these speeches, I know that we have many brave and talented students with incredible leadership potential at our school.

I am certainly one very proud principal!

This will be our last newsletter for Term 1, and I want to acknowledge the wonderful work of our school community over the last 11 weeks. Term 1 has seen us navigate COVID 19 in new ways. We started the year with our students in strict cohorts, unable to have parents and carers onsite and with many restrictions. We were busy handing our RAT Kits and teachers were unable to attend the school site on our Staff Development Days.

We then moved away from cohorting and were able to invite visitors back into our school which has been wonderful.

Upcoming Events

April

Thurs 7	Easter Hat Parade
Fri 8	PBL Assembly
	Last day of term 1
Wed 27	First day back for students
Thurs 28	ANZAC Day Assembly

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Yet COVID 19 has continued to cause complexity, with staff having to isolate at times and finding themselves unable to attend our school due to illness. This has also been the case for students and families.

Staff and student absences have certainly had an impact and led to challenges at different times for all.

I would like to thank our amazing staff, students and families for continuing to work through the ever-changing COVID-19 space with positivity and care for each other.

I have no doubt that COVID 19 will continue to present us with challenges, but I know that our school community will continue to rise to these challenges with an unrelenting focus on supporting the learning and wellbeing of our students.

We are continuing to support the use of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for symptomatic testing in schools and ECE settings until the end of Term 1. All students have been provided with additional RAT Kits to be used when needed for symptomatic testing. If your child did not receive the RAT kits this week, please contact the office.

I'd like to wish each of our families a safe break. We look forward to seeing our students back at school on Wednesday 27 April 2022.

Year 5 Entry to an Opportunity Class in 2023

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2023, you need to apply between **Tuesday 26 April 2022** and **Friday 13 May 2022**. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>. You must **not** use the child's email address. Late applications are not usually accepted. Please contact the office for further details.

Once you complete and submit your application you can change details, send and receive messages through your application dashboard.

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2023?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Application website opens:
Tuesday 26 April 2022

Application website closes:
5pm, Friday 13 May 2022
You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:
Thursday 14 July 2022

Opportunity Class Placement Test:
Thursday 28 July 2022

Placement outcome information released overnight on:
Friday 7 October 2022

Please read this document carefully before applying.

Parents* monitor the Department's website regularly for updates throughout the application and placement process at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Please check the Department's website for information before you contact the Team.

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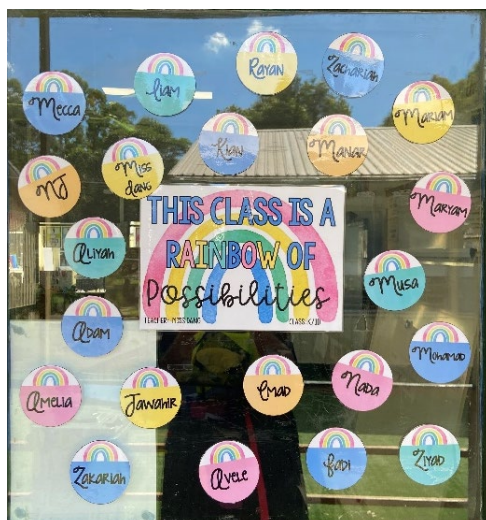


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STUDENT WELLBEING – Positive Behaviour For Learning

DOOR DISPLAYS

Teachers have made some great door displays for their classrooms this year, creating warm, safe and inviting entrances so that all of their students feel a sense of belonging.



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POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING - GAMES ROOM

Each day, Monday to Thursday, at the first break, the Games Room is open!

Miss Southwell provides opportunities for students to play with playdough, cars or jigsaw puzzles. They can paint, draw or colour-in, play cards, memory games or board games.

Everyone is welcome in the Games Room.



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PBL ASSEMBLY

This Friday, we will be holding our first PBL Assembly for the year.

During this special assembly, we will

- recap what we learnt through PBL this term
- present some PBL Awards, as well as any First Mate or Crewmaster awards
- draw our raffle for each stage to see who will win the gift cards this term
- name our 'Top Deck' students for Term 1 - the students from each class who have consistently demonstrated our school expectations throughout the entire term

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GALA DAYS - UPDATE

Unfortunately, due to the recent wet weather, our Summer Gala day had to be cancelled. Whilst it was disappointing, we congratulate all of the students who were selected in teams and know that they will look forward to playing in Term 4.



Next term, students will again trial for teams, this time in preparation for the winter gala days which will be held twice in Terms 2 and 3. Sports to trial for include boys and girls soccer, netball and rugby league.

WE CONTINUE TO PROMOTE KINDNESS



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ONLINE CRICKET CAMP



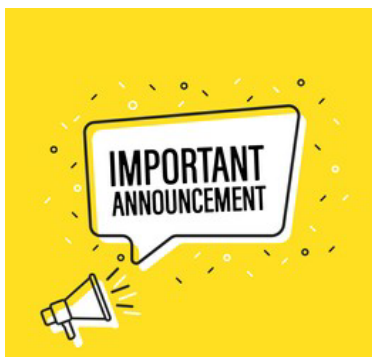
New South Wales
Aboriginal Education
Consultative Group Inc.

The NSW Aboriginal Education Group recently held an online Cricket Show Camp in conjunction with the Sydney Thunder for any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Jordan and Ethan attended the online session where they listened to a Sydney Thunder player talk all things cricket. They also participated in some cricket activities and went away with an activity book.



SPORTING CAPTAINS & VICE-CAPTAINS



On Monday afternoon, all students in Years 3-6 attended house meetings to elect their Captains and Vice-Captains for 2022. Firstly, congratulations to all of the students who put their hand up for nomination and secondly, well done for making a speech in front of your peers.

The following students were successful in being elected and will be presented with their badges at morning assembly on the first day of Term 2.

Blaxland

Captains - Said M and Roukaya M

Vice-Captains - Houssam H and Priya V

Macquarie

Captains - Mohamed S and Imogen L

Vice-Captains – Zain I and Brooklyn E

Lawson

Captains – Majdi K and Angela D

Vice-Captains – Khaled E and Fatimah Y

Wentworth

Captains – Mohamed A and Razan C

Vice-Captains – Qassim W & Carmaleeta



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Bass Hill Public School Community Hub Program

Term 2 -2022

TUESDAY

Tuning into kids

5 week
parenting
course

Start 24th May
12.30pm- 2.30pm

WEDNESDAY

**Wellness
Wednesdays**

1st June
TBA

THURSDAY

**Coffee and
chat**

All welcome
@9am

FRIDAY

FLORISTRY

Free 6 week TAFE
Course
Start 6th May

**For more information
about any of the
activities and for
registrations please
contact your hub
leader**

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