

A Bee's Eye View

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Term 1

28th February 2025

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

The Principal's Message

When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts" Dalia Lama



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 1, 2025. I hope that parents and students had a wonderful break and are ready for another exciting year. Our first assembly was on Wednesday 26th February 1.55pm, under the COLA. We would like to thank all parents that attended our first assembly. Congratulations to 5/6K for a great job in presenting and the wonderful item celebrating Chinese New Year.

Garden

Parents and grandparents are welcome to help us maintain our garden. Students have been doing a wonderful job in ensuring that the plants are being watered and pulling out any weeds. Our herbs and vegetables are also growing beautifully. Any parent that wishes to use fresh herbs for their cooking is welcome to purchase them when they are ready. Just see Mrs Sudario, we require a small gold coin donation to be able to maintain the garden.

Camp

Our camp this year will be an excellent education opportunity for students. Camp will be in Week 10 of Term 3 for 3 days and 2 nights. The cost of the camp is great value covering transport, accommodation, entry as well as activities and food. All food prepared is culturally appropriate.



Volunteers

There is a saying that it takes a village to raise a child. At BNPS we believe that working with our community will enhance opportunities for our student success.

We are inviting parents to assist in classrooms, library, garden. If you have one hour a week, or more we would love to see you to work with us for our student success.

Parents will be trained in areas to be able to assist students within the class.

If you are volunteering within our school, you need to have a **working with children check**.

EASTER RAFFLE

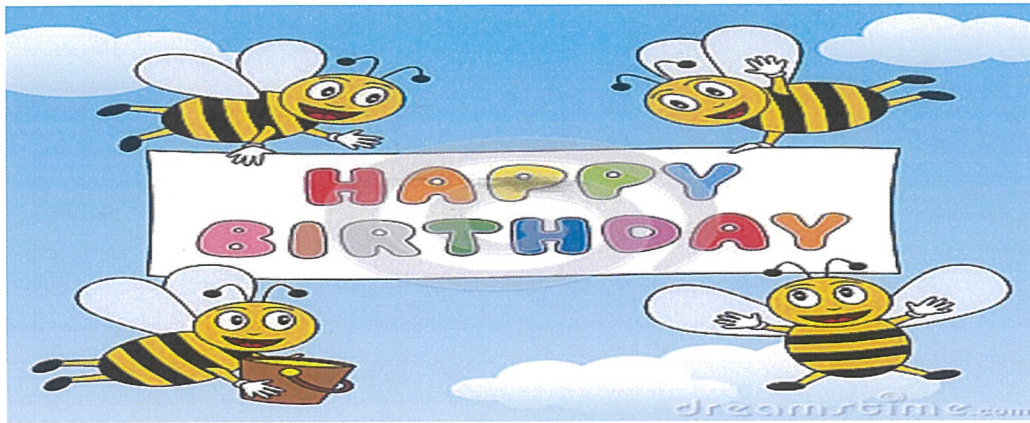
A reminder that Year 6 students are holding an Easter Raffle as part of their fund raising. We would appreciate any donations parents can make, but please do not feel pressured to do so. All donations are to be taken to the office. Students that donate will receive a free raffle ticket. Tickets will be sold at the office and in the playground.

Attendance

Please remember that students need to be at school by half past eight, so they are not late. School is very important and your child/ren needs to be at school every day (unless sick) to learn important information, routines, and structures for them to be successful learners.

The education and wellbeing of our students is of the utmost importance to us, and we look forward to working with you. We have high expectations for your children both academically and socially.

Yours in partnership,
Mrs Carmen Cefai
Principal



To the following students who will celebrate a birthday in **January 2025**

LIAM GOODWIN RAFAEL SARTIN CAVIN DCOSTA STAR GAGLIARDI YASHASVI RAMPAL
 AGNIMITRA SADHUKHAN HARTEIJ THAKOR GISSO AKBARI SHIVAM BANSAL
 ANOUM MALVANKAR JANA MOHAMMAD YASIR MOHAMMED ASSRA QAYOMI
 VISHNAV VIJAYAKUMAR ARMAAN SINGH GILL DITHI JAIN AISHMEET KAUR
 EVA EL MOUBAID SIRAJ JASSI ANSH DHAWADE SOFINA FAIVRE BHASHITHA GAJULA
 HARSIMRAT KAUR PURVAM PATEL DILAN DEO AUSTIN LI FARIS RAJA
 SHAZAADBR SINGH SUKMANDEEP SINGH ARYAN VERMA SHASHWAT PATEL
 CHRISTOPHER AZZOPARDI TYLER LOPES ODIN MCKIE

To the following students who will celebrate a birthday in **February 2025**

MOKSH PATEL SANVIKA SHRESTHA AGAMJOT SAMRA SHRIYA KACHHADIA
 MAHIRA BILLAH SAYESHA DHINGRA MISHA PATEL HAFASSA QAYOOMI AARUSHI MAHAT
 RAJATPREET SEKHON SAANVI SIMKHADA EDNIT MAHARAJ MAITRI CHHATBAR
 IRSHITA IRSHITA AANYA SHARMA ZEKE DREW ELI FRASER-PYE





- Please remember to write your child's name on all their school belongings to best avoid losing items. If your child has lost an item, please come to the office, and check our lost property.
- A reminder that every Wednesday all our staff have a communication meeting between 8.15am-8.45am so our office will be locked. On a general note, the school office doesn't open until 8.15am.
- Just a reminder that it is very important to change your details at the office each time your phone number, address, email, or emergency contacts change. We need to be able to contact parents at all times & send mail to the correct address.

Here in the office for 2025

**Relieving School Administrative Manager – Ms Samantha Philips
School Admin officers – Mrs Rekha Bhardwaj & Ms Sonali
Sharma**



Meet The Teacher!

About me:

I LOVE teaching! I went to Macquarie University and have a double degree in Early Childhood and Primary Education. This is my first-year full time teaching, however I have a passion for inclusive education and have had experience in special education.



Fun facts:

- I know signlanguage (AUSLAN)
- I read a book a week
- I love cooking!
- In my spare time I'll Walk for 7km
- I made a guitar cake recently!

My Favourites:

Food: Anything with cheese on it

Colour: Green (can you tell)

Hobby: Walking and Reading

Drink: Coffee

What to Expect:

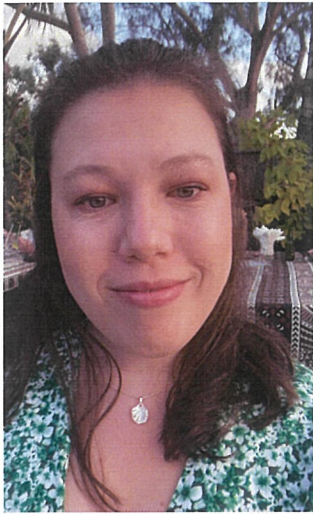
Welcome to year 1/2M! My name is Miss Meaker and I am so excited to have your child in my class this year. We are going to be learning so many wonderful things and I look forward to getting to know you and your child this year.

Classroom and Contact:

SeeSaw



Meet the teacher- 1/2K



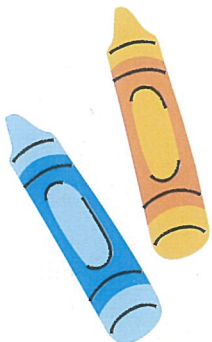
About Me:

I will be teaching year
1/2K, Monday- Friday



Interests:

Outside of work I enjoy:
Swimming, horse riding,
reading and arcades.



My Teaching Experience:
After 3 years teaching in
childcare, I completed my
Master of Teaching
(Primary).

I worked as a relief teacher
while I finished my degree
before starting at
Blacktown North Public. I
look forward to a rewarding
year in the Blacktown North
Public community.

Outcome of consultation for co-educational high school options

The NSW Department of Education has determined that Blacktown Boys High School and Blacktown Girls High School will remain as separate single-sex schools.

Adjustments will be made to surrounding intake areas to ensure all students in the Blacktown area have access to a co-educational high school option.

In response to feedback gathered during the consultation process, the department will also explore co-educational academic, sporting and extracurricular opportunities for students at Blacktown Boys and Blacktown Girls high schools and will work closely with both schools to identify and implement initiatives.

This outcome has been determined following careful review of feedback received from the Blacktown community during the consultation process and reflects the community's preference regarding local high school options.

Key changes:

- The department has heard community feedback on proposed intake areas for surrounding high schools, presented during the consultation process.
- The final intake areas for each school will be made available via [School Finder](#) and will be applied for any new enrolment application for 2026.
- The department will explore the introduction of co-educational learning opportunities to enhance curriculum offerings at both schools, in collaboration with staff.

How to apply for Year 7 2026

Families interested in applying for Year 7 in 2026 at their local high school or for an out of area high school placement, including for Blacktown Boys or Blacktown Girls high school can express interest through the high school application process on department's website.

Thank you to all students, parents, carers, staff and community members who took part in the consultation process, which ran from 28 October to 6 December 2024.

Your feedback has been valuable in ensuring we continue to provide the most suitable schooling arrangements for students in the Blacktown area.

More information is available on the [department's website](#).

STARTTS - Families in Cultural Transition (FICT) program for Afghan mothers - Term 2 2025

Program Overview

STARTTS is planning to run a **Families in Cultural Transition (FICT) program** for **Afghan mothers with a refugee/like experience** at the STARTTS Blacktown office during school hours in **Term 2, 2025**. This **10-week program** helps newly arrived refugee families navigate life in Australia while building social connections.

- **Location:** STARTTS Blacktown office
- **Duration:** 10 weeks, **2 hours per week**
- **Facilitator:** Seema Dar + a bi-cultural worker
- **Minimum Participants:** 12

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Participate in a
research study for
parents and caregivers

Online telehealth
parenting program –
families can participate
from anywhere in NSW



Who can participate?

- Parents/caregivers (fathers, mothers, grandparents, foster and kinship carers) of children aged between 3-years and 9-years 11 months.

What is the study about?

- This study is called *Measuring Change in Parenting Programs*. It offers an evidence-based 8-10 session parenting program, delivered via telehealth, to help parents manage their child's challenging behaviours. This study examines the effectiveness of measure completion at different time points in the program.
- All families taking part in the study will receive an 8-10 session parenting program and will complete measures about their child and family before and after the program, and again after three months. In addition, families will be randomly allocated to either complete additional weekly measures before and after sessions or to not complete these measures.

What does the parenting program involve?

This evidence-based parenting program is 8-10 sessions and provides parents with evidence-based strategies to manage challenging child behaviour, promote positive parent-child interactions, and support parental teamwork.

- This research will help us find out how often to measure progress and change in parenting programs, so we can better support parents/caregivers.

How do I get involved?

- Contact the researchers at the University of Sydney to find out more about this study. Email your enquiry to scbrc@sydney.edu.au or call (02) 9114 4326.



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What's on at



Blacktown North

Term 1 – 2025

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	27 th Jan	28 th Jan	29 th Jan	30 th Jan	31 st Jan SDD
2	3 rd Feb SDD	4 th Feb SDD	5 th Feb SDD	6 th Feb Students return to school for Term 1	7 th Feb
3	10 th Feb	11 th Feb	12 th Feb	13 th Feb	14 th Feb 9am Chinese New Year
4	17 th Feb 3-6 Meet the teacher	18 th Feb K-2 Meet the teacher	19 th Feb	20 th Feb	21 st Feb
5	24 th Feb	25 th Feb	26 th Feb	27 th Feb	28 th Feb
6	3 rd Mar	4 th Mar	5 th Mar	6 th Mar	7 th Mar
7	10 th Mar Swimming Scheme	11 th Mar Swimming Scheme	12 th Mar Swimming Scheme Naplan Writing	13 th Mar Swimming Scheme Naplan Reading	14 th Mar Swimming Scheme Chill and Chat Meeting 9-10am
8	17 th Mar Naplan Language	18 th Mar Naplan Numeracy	19 th Mar	20 th Mar Year 6 Fundraiser silly socks + spiders	21 st Mar
9	24 th Mar Parent Teacher Interviews	25 th Mar Halogen Leaders Day Parent teacher interviews	26 th Mar Vision Screening ES1	27 th Mar Photo Day	28 th Mar School Clean Up Day 11:30am
10	31 st Mar Parent Teacher Interview	1 st April Parent Teacher interview	2 nd April	3 rd April Colour Fun Run/ Harmony Day	4 th April
11	7 th April Parent Teacher Interview	8 th April Cross Country K-6 Parent Teacher Interview	9 th April Easter Hat Parade	10 th April	11 th April Last Day of Term 1