

Blackwell Public School

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Wednesday, 28th May 2025

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RINCIPAL'S MESSAG

I have started to be reflective as my school career comes to an end. I have heard a few comments from within our community about my approaching retirement and yes, I am starting to plan for the unknown.

I have been at school since I was 4 so 70 years is a long time to look back upon. I consider school life – particularly primary school as the best period of our life. It is a place where we make friends, learn new things every day and enjoy the many opportunities that a public education system affords. It is a time of hope, when the future holds so much promise.

In just this week here students not only have engaged in daily classroom learning but have also been offered choices in dance, sport, choir, chess, peer support, Aboriginal studies and drumming.

Chess has been a very popular additional lunchtime activity with numerous students from all stages taking to a Round Robin Tournament. *Many thanks to Mr McFadden* for co-ordinating these



games and compiling a list of our top 'Seeds!" Well done! Blackwell has organised a **Chess Tournament Day on Friday, 27**th **June 2025** here in our library. A company called 'Reel Chess' will host this event with games and trophies.

We will also be competing in a STePS Chess Tournament in August with our neighbouring primary schools. We will keep you updated on the coming events.

Our Peer Support program has been very successful and both students and staff, have learnt quite a bit about 'Frogs". Our final tasks are to design a 'Frog Friendly' habitat. Each class will submit their best design to our SRC by the end of the term. The best design chosen will then be constructed by our very talented G.A., Mr Bennett and hopefully some homeless frogs will make Blackwell their new address.

Mr Trist has begun working with our Stage 2 students this term. He will also be involved in our **STePS Bro Speak program** along with Mr Woolard. **Sista Speak** for our senior Aboriginal girls will be held at Erskine Park High School this year. We look forward to hearing and seeing from our young Aboriginal Leaders.



Our SRC have sponsored a new World Vision – **Getrude**. Getrude lives in Lusaka, Zambia and was born in 2019. She has not yet started school.

Each year our students have raised funds for World Vision along with other selected charities. Mrs Naglic and Miss O'Brien hold regular SRC meetings to ensure our students have a voice in social justice matters.

Just a reminder that reports will be going home this term followed with interviews which you will be able to book through your Sentral portal. *Bookings open from Monday, 9th June and close Friday, 20th June 2025.*

I would like to finish by welcoming our new P/C executive for 2025 and inviting parents to come along and share ideas and have a voice in how our school operates. **Next meeting on Monday, 2nd June**, Mrs Anderson will join the meeting to outline how Stage 2 runs and events coming. Our meetings are held in the staffroom and commence at 7pm. We are usually finished by 8pm. A more friendly group of people you could not want to meet!



Kris Hudswell PRINCIPAL



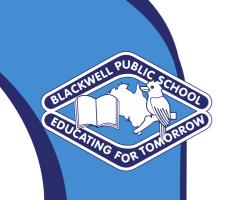
Congratulations to our School Captains attending the 2025 Primary School Leaders Reception last night Tuesday, 27th May 2025.



Mia E.



Nephi S.



PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS

Monday, 12th May 2025

CLASS	STUDENT
KB	Via A
KL	Remon K
KM	Charlotte F
S1B	Max T
S1D	Tarni S
S1M	Connor W
S1N	Grace K
S1S	Matthias P
S2A	Isaac L
S2F	Mackenzie F
S2M	Kalvin A
S2S	Masey W
S2T	Ashley L
S3B	Zachary E
S3CR	Alyce Z
S3H	Lyla M
S3K	Dominic H
S3M	Havana O
S3W	Hunter I
MCB	Rida A

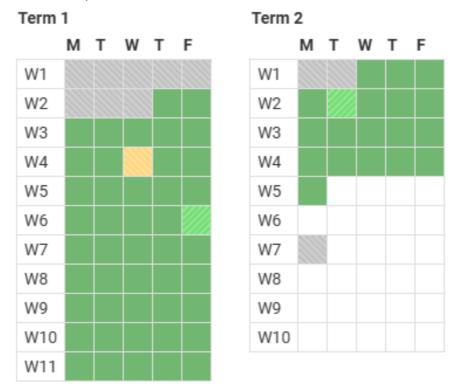


Friday is now my new favourite day. I love hearing the cheers of students when they hear their names being drawn out for the weekly attendance awards. Congratulations to all of our winners so far. I know the students, teachers and the class that wins all enjoy their prizes.

Let's keep our attendance improving Blackwell. We have many classes way above 90% attendance and many students with 100% attendance.

Remember using the SENTRAL app you can check your child's attendance percentage. It should look like the graph below. Remember our aim is to 95% or above.

Here is an example of student's attendance from SENTRAL.



99% attendance

Behaviour

If a child receives a Blue or White slip for poor behaviour, they are emailed to you to keep you informed. The child would have already completed a reflection time for that behaviour and is expected to complete the reflection page. For our students from year 2 and above, these are usually written by the student themself. Sometimes Kinder and Year 1 students tell the teacher what to write. It is wonderful to see so many students keeping their full licences and not losing any points. Keep up the great work.

Rod Woolard
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



APC&I CORNER

We hope you have had a great start to the term, please see below for some resources supplied by the Department for

K-2 students in Mathematics and English:
PRESS HERE for more information

Health and physical care:

PRESS HERE for more information

Inclusive learning support:

PRESS HERE for more information

Pathways after school:

PRESS HERE for more information

Safe travel:

PRESS HERE for more information

Mental health and well-being support:

PRESS HERE for more information

Mrs Sutcliffe & Mrs Hancock APC&I







COIN RACE COMING THIS TERM

What coins to use?

5 & 10 cents ONLY (Australian coins ONLY)

Students can start to bring in the coins and give them to their class teacher, then on Wednesday, 2nd July each class will have a turn in heading to the school hall and lining their class line with coins. The class with the longest coin line at the end of the day will win a Pizza Party for their class!

A huge thank you to our wonderful families and volunteers for another successful Mother's Day stall. *We raised over \$3000!!* We love seeing the students take their time and browse the stall to find the perfect gifts for their loved ones.

A reminder that our next P&C meeting will be Monday, 2nd June at 7pm.



Feel free to come along and find out what the P&C are doing to better improve our school and share any ideas you may have.

Meeting takes place in the staffroom, looking forward to seeing you there!

At this meeting we will also be hosting *Mrs Paula Anderson*, the Stage 2 Supervisor. Paula will be there to answer any questions parents may have. We encourage all parents to come along to have your say and to hear what is happening within the school.

Kind Regards

Blackwell Public School P&C Exec





A reminder that our school does not send out paper notes.

Everything can be found in the Sentral Parent Portal. It is extremely important that you are a registered user. If you need any help in doing so, please reach out to us.

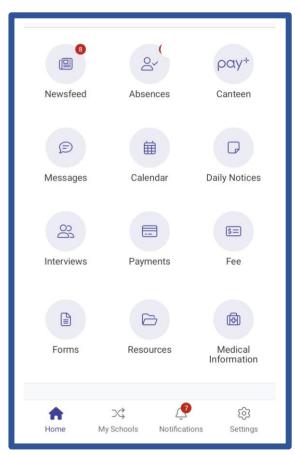


If you have any queries regarding registering for Sentral for Parents, please email us on:

blackwell-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

This is where you can find your information such as:

- Calendar
- Interview Booking
- Forms
- Canteen Ordering
- Messages / Alerts
- Excursion Information
- Payments & Permissions
- Absence notification



PRESS HERE on more information regarding your Sentral APP

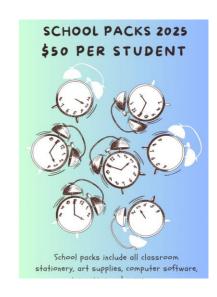


Please pay online through the Sentral Parent portal or payment in cash can be made to the office if preferred.

MEDICAL

Thank you to those families that have supplied us with their children's medication.

We still have several students that have not returned medication for



2025, particularly asthma inhalers, spacers, antihistamines and up to date action plans. It is important that we have them on hand and would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

LOST PROPERTY

We are already seeing a large amount of lost property accumulate. Please label **EVERYTHING** with your child's name it makes it a lot easier to find rightful owners!



LATE & EARLY LEAVERS

If your child is arriving **after the 9am bell time** they are required to attend the Front Office for a late note. They should be accompanied by a parent / carer for an explanation other wise the absence will be marked unjustified.

If you need to collect your **child prior to 3pm**, a parent or authorised person will need to come to the Front Office to obtain an early leaver slip. We will call the student to the office upon your arrival.



UPCOMING EVENTS

ACTIVITY	WHO	DATE	DUE	COST
Mr Huff Incursion	Kinder & Year 1 / 2	4 th June	30 th May	\$5.00
Calmsley Hill Farm	ES1	27 th June	6 th June	\$45.00
Stage 2 Yarramundi Camp	Year 3 & 4	18 th to 19 th September	Deposit ONLY 30th June	\$100
Stage 3 Canberra Camp	Year 5 & 6	26 to 28 th November	Deposit ONLY 2nd July	\$100

Friday Fun Run Winners

Term 2

Week 1

Charlotte - KL and Bray - KL

Week 2

Luciyana - S2M and Mya - S1D

INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews Semester 1, 2025

Our parent teacher interviews will be held from

Monday, 30th June - Friday, 4th July 2025.

The on-line booking system is now open through your **Sentral APP**.

Bookings can be made from **Monday**, **9th June** and will close **Friday**, **20th June 2025 at 3pm**.

The bookings are in ten (10) minute timeslots.

To ensure the smooth running of these interviews, we ask that you please arrive on time.





KOOKABURRAS KITCHEN





We currently have a lot of students coming to the canteen with either no money or small coins.

Could you please have a chat with your children especially our new kinders and explain that they do require money to purchase from the Canteen.

It would really assist us so we are not disappointing the students.

Julie Patrizi and Canteen Staff



INIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours for

Excel Uniforms 2025

Tuesday - 2.15pm - 3.15pm

Thursdays - 8.30am - 9.30am

Purchases can also be made on online.

Effective 01 October 2024

BLACKWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

ORDERED BY:	ORDER METHODS	DELIVER VIA:
Name:	Online: www.exceluniforms.com.au	Student Name:
Telephone:	Email:_ blackwell@exceluniforms.com.au	Class:
Date:		☐Sent To Class

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Garment	Price	Size	Quantity	Total
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Size 18+: \$3.00-\$5.00extra each				
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Summer Dresses	\$49.00	1		
Skorts	\$28.00			
BOYS		-		
Shorts	\$25.00	1		
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Polo Shirts	\$31.00			
Fleecy Jumper	\$31.00			
Microfibre Jacket	\$52.00			
Microfibre Trackpants	\$38.00			
SPORTS				
Sports Shorts	\$24.00			
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BREAKFAST CLUB

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When: Wed, Thurs & Fri.

Where: Under the Sails, near the front gate.

term.

Time: 8:30am - 8:55am.

Cost: Free, thanks to donations. This means

that what will be on offer will vary.

Who: Everyone is welcome.

There are a limited amount of women's menstruating underwear in size 8 and 18

that you are welcome to collect from the breakfast club area.

Thank you, Mrs Sutcliffe:)

Jeanette Sutcliffe
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

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Students have been hard at work strengthening their literacy and numeracy skills through engaging activities and hands-on learning. From exploring new books to tackling real-world math problems, their progress has been inspiring. Alongside their academic focus, students are also preparing an exciting dance performance for the upcoming school concert. With energy and enthusiasm, they've been practicing their routine, combining creativity and teamwork in every step. We can't wait for you to see their hard work shine on stage!







Take care, Support Unit Teachers



EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

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ES1 Term 2 Week 1-5

Kindergarten have had a busy term so far. We have been learning our sounds and words, writing, and enjoying our busy math lessons.

























KB - Mrs Bulluss Class Teacher and Assistant Principal Rachel.bulluss@det.nsw.edu.au

KM - Mrs Mumford Class Teacher alison.vought@det.nsw.edu.au KL - Mr Lee Class Teacher Joonhyung.Lee@det.nsw.edu.au

Kindergarten Teachers



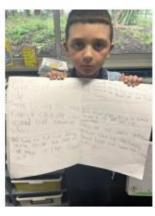
STAGE 1 NEWS

Stage One- Term 2- Weeks 1-5, 2025 This term, Stage 1 have been learning about sustainability in our English Units. We have read the books "Benny Bungarra's Big Bush Cleanup" and "The Little Corroboree Frog." Student's from S1D, S1N and S1B have written a persuasive piece of writing on why we should save the corrobboree frog and why we should look after our environment.





















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STAGE 2 NEWS

Excursion - Bring Back The Bush

Stage 2 travelled to Western Sydney Parklands on the 6th May to attend the 'Bringing Back the Bush' excursion. Students rotated through three activities relating to Geography, Science and Aboriginal Connections. They explored the Cumberland Plain Woodland habitats through nature play, planted trees for habitat restoration and engaged in a First Nations cultural activity with Dharug Elders.













Stars To Success - Term 2 Home Activities



Each term students are encouraged to read and complete extra Lexia sessions at home. All information has been sent home in a red plastic folder, so please ensure that the contents are checked regularly. The red folder should be always kept in your child's bag. The 3 things that will need to be returned to school so that teachers can monitor student progress are:-

- Home Reading Sheet Target 20 books
- Project Australia's Neighbours (see below)
- Lexia Star Card 10 sessions

Research Project & Speech



DUE DATE: Week 6 → 2nd June - 6th June

Students have been asked to research a tourist attraction from one of Australia's Neighbours. It can be presented as a poster, digital slideshow or 3D model. Note was sent home Week 1 this term and as been posted on our Stage Facebook page.

Premier's Spelling Bea



Stage 2 finals will be held towards the end of this term. An invitation will be sent home with selected finalists advising parents of date and time. The 2025 Premier Spelling Word Lists are available online using the link below and are accessed using our school's password. Please ask your child for the password or speak to your child's teacher.

NSW Premier's Spelling Bee | The Arts Unit



STAGE 3 NEWS

Congratulations to all of our Stage 3 students who have been involved in a variety of activities both at school and out on the sporting field over the last few weeks.

The **District Cross Country** is coming up on *Friday, 6th June* at the Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith. We wish the Blackwell team all the very best of luck.

Blackwell's famous coin race is back. This is a P&C fundraising events with all proceeds going back to our school. Students are asked to donate 5c and 10c coins (we do accept all Australian coins) *until Wednesday*, 2nd July. All coins are handed to classroom teachers until race day. On the day, all classes go head-to-head to see who has collected the most coins by creating the longest line of coins down in the hall. The Primary class (Yr. 3-6) who has the most coins will win a Pizza Party. Let's go Stage 3 - start collecting.

At Blackwell, students can bring their **mobile phones** to school and have them stored securely during the day in the front office. Unfortunately, some of our senior students have not been following these procedures. Parents, if your child does bring a phone to school, please remind them to secure it in the office to avoid it being lost, stolen or damaged. In emergencies, parents can always contact or get a message through to their child by calling the school.

Unfortunately, some students have been using social media sites at home to send hurtful messages, spread rumours or send images to embarrass or intimidate others. Being online allows students to learn and socialise, but it opens your child up to risks. These can be financial (scams), physical (grooming) or emotional and social (cyberbullying). Please be vigilant and help your child to navigate the digital world to avoid harmful online experiences.

The Stage 3 teachers are currently assessing and preparing your child's **Semester 1 report**. These reports will go home on Wednesday 18th June (Week 8). **Parent interviews** are being held during Week 10 – *Monday, 30th June to Friday, 4th July*. Please keep your eyes out for the instructions and the website link to book your appointment. If you are unavailable to make an appointment during this week, please email your child's teacher to make a mutually suitable time to do so. We look forward to the opportunity to touch base again or to meet you.

Over the next couple of weeks, our students will be participating in class-based competitions to see who will be a finalists in our school's **Premier's Spelling Bee competition**. Each class will select two students for the finals. The Senior Word list is available on www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/nsw-premiers-spelling-bee
Please ask your child for the password to get access to the list or double check on their google classroom. The finals for the Premier's Spelling bee will be held on Friday 20th June at 11:30am. (Week 8)

Expression of Interest notes have been sent via the Sentral App for the Stage 3 Camp. This year, to complement our history unit—Australia as a Nation—we will be heading to Canberra. Camp will take place in Term 4, Week 7, from Wednesday 26th November to Friday 28th November 2025. To secure your child's place, a non-refundable deposit is required by Wednesday 2nd July 2025. Please note: Students must demonstrate responsible and respectful behaviour at school to attend camp. Instances of unacceptable behaviour may result in this invitation being revoked.

As the weather gets cooler, please encourage your child to wear **Blackwell's full school uniform** which includes a navy-blue jumper or tracksuit pants. If your child is unable to wear the correct jumper for a short period of time (it is in the wash, dirty or too small etc.) please opt for a plain black or plain jumper. We ask students to limit their earrings to either sleepers or studs and to avoid wearing coloured nail polish and fake nails to school.

We still have several items found around the Stage 3 area without names on them. Please remember to clearly label all hats, jumpers and lunch boxes or containers with your child's name – especially our Year 6 jumpers.

Until next time Take care,

Kellie Balloch on behalf of the Stage 3 team.







Hanging with our buddies and in Peer Support.

Our NSW Netball Cup teams





Our Wanderer's Gala Cup Teams







DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

8 & 9 YEARS OLD							
	E	BOYS	GIRLS				
	NAME	HOUSE	CLASS	NAME	HOUSE	CLASS	
1	Tate K	Adina	S1S	Mackenzie F	Birriwell	S2F	
2	Thomas S	Yallul	S2S	Ava H	Birriwell	S2A	
3	Kydar V	Yallul	S2A	Mia Z	Yallul	S1M	
4	Paora L	Kia Kia	S1S	Marlie K	Birriwell	S2S	
5	Ashton H	Yallul	S1D	Ellie M	Kia Kia	S2T	
6	Cooper A	Yallul	S2A	Charlotte H	Birriwell	S2A	
7	Ayden B	Kia Kia	S2S	Mia G	Kia Kia	S2M	
8	Heath W	Kia Kia	S1M	Holly P	Yallul	S1M	
9	Isaac D	Kia Kia	S2M	Eden H	Adina	S2A	
10	Apollo B	Kia Kia	S2T	Tilly V	Yallul	S2M	

	10 YEARS OLD							
]	BOYS		GIRLS				
	NAME	HOUSE	CLASS	NAME	HOUSE	CLASS		
1	Hendrix P	Birriwell	S2F	Aria F	Yallul	S3B		
2	Nixon B	Birriwell	S2A	Isabella G	Birriwell	S2F		
3	Boden K	Adina	S2T	Lucy C	Yallul	S2A		
4	Zachary E	Adina	S3B	Kahlan O	Birriwell	S3W		
5	Kobee L	Kia Kia	S3W	Myah B	Kia Kia	S2F		
6	Lincoln C	Adina	S2F	Elianna L	Birriwell	S2T		
7	Malik K	Kia Kia	S2F	Elsie F	Adina	S2A		
8	Haider R	Adina	S2F	Skyla N	Kia Kia	S3M		
9	Arhm N	Birriwell	S3M	Sophie W	Birriwell	S2F		
10	Seyit Y	Kia Kia	S3B	Mila U	Yallul	S2F		

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

	11 YEARS OLD							
	F	BOYS	GIRLS					
	NAME	HOUSE	CLASS	NAME	HOUSE	CLASS		
1	Ashton B	Adina	S3M	Mila H	Kia Kia	S3B		
2	Brady H	Yallul	S3M	Alyce Z	Yallul	S3CR		
3	Zachary G	Kia Kia	S3W	Wynonnah D	Yallul	S3M		
4	Max K	Yallul	S3W	Sahra S	Adina	S3H		
5	Ellis V	Yallul	S3K	Aleka L	Birriwell	S3M		
6	Phoenix S	Adina	S3M	Kaila F	Kia Kia	S3W		
7	Cohen J	Adina	S3CR	Sienna K	Birriwell	S3K		
8	Levi H	Adina	S3K	Torah A	Yallul	S3M		
9	Cooper L	Kia Kia	S3H	Mia M	Kia Kia	S3H		
10	Quincy F	Adina	S3CR	Lyla M	Adina	S3H		

	12 YEARS OLD							
	F	BOYS		GIRLS				
	NAME	HOUSE	CLASS	NAME	HOUSE	CLASS		
1	Chaise B	Kia Kia	S3K	Mia E	Adina	S3B		
2	Ethan M	Kia Kia	S3W	Mariah G	Birriwell	S3K		
3	Nephi S	Yallul	S3B	Alia A	Adina	S3M		
4	Dion F	Adina	S3CR	Deyanah B	Kia Kia	S3K		
5	Rikuto F	Birriwell	S3B	Aaylah P	Adina	S3CR		
6	Max G	Yallul	S3M	Monique T	Yallul	S3M		
7	Dominic H	Yallul	S3K	Ayla G	Kia Kia	S3M		
8	Mason N	Birriwell	S3CR	Amira B	Yallul	S3K		
9	Lachlan N	Birriwell	MCD	Allirah K	Adina	S3K		
10	Kailan A	Adina	S3H	Ruby W	Birriwell	S3CR		



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