

Week 10 Term 3 - 2025

Blackwell Public School

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Wednesday, 24th September 2025

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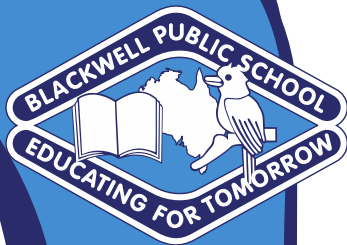
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What a busy and exciting term it has been!

We have celebrated Book Week, Concerts, Athletics Carnivals, Excursions, Father's Day, Camp, PSSA State Knockout, Visiting Author, Our Birthday Bash, Eye Clinics and Musical Festivals. Each of these events highlighted the enthusiasm, talent, and spirit of our staff, students, as well as the wonderful support of our families.

A heartfelt thank you to all staff, students, and families who contributed to making these occasions so successful. Your ongoing involvement and encouragement ensure that our school continues to be a vibrant and engaging place for learning and community.

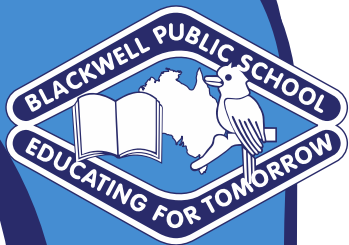
From Term 4 we welcome Mrs Nikki McCabe who will be our principal. Mrs McCabe moves from Plumpton House and the staff are very much looking forward to working with her.

Our Term 4 Calendar is just as crazy. Some of the events include Camp for Stage 3, Public Speaking competitions, Dance Sport, Halloween Disco, Year 6 odd days, Kindergarten Orientation, Presentation Days, Graduation Day and Year 6 Farewell.

On a final note, on Saturday the 20th of September we celebrated Mrs Hudswell's retirement. It was a wonderful night full of memories and lots of past staff members. Mrs Hudswell had an incredible night catching up with past and present staff members. A highlight of the night was Mrs Hudswell being awarded her service medal from Mrs Deb Summerhayes (Deputy Secretary of Public Education) This was awarded to Mrs Hudswell for over 50 years of service to public education.



Rod Woolard
REL. PRINCIPAL



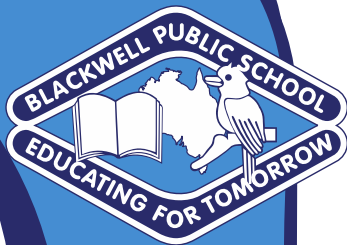
PAWS AWARD WINNERS

PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS

Monday, 15th September 2025

CLASS	STUDENT
KB	Scarlett S
KM	Elijah P
KL	Lexii D
S1B	Aili G
S1D	Preston B
S1M	Anakin H
S1N	Matteo R
S1S	Irfan S
S2A	Uane L
S2F	Lincoln C
S2M	Kavreen K
S2S	Ayden B
S2T	Sapphire B
S3B	Aria F
S3CR	Cohen J
S3H	Jezibelle A
S3K	Levi H
S3M	Orpah K
S3W	Matthew H
MC Class	Kayden M

PAWS Lunch is Thursday, 25th September at 1.15pm



P & C NEWS

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Thank you to all our volunteers that helped make our Father's Day stall a success.

The P&C raised a total of **\$3555.00** between the Father's Day stall and mufti day held.

We hope our dad's enjoyed their gifts as much as the kids loved choosing them!

Term 4 is a busy term for all, please mark our next two events in your calendars.

**Halloween
Disco Friday,
31st October.**

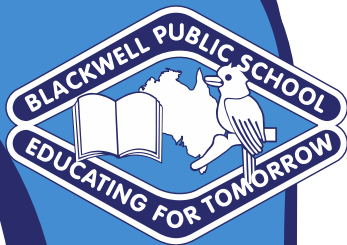
Times and details to follow.



**Colour Run
Tuesday, 9th
December.**

Details to follow.

Enjoy the holidays and thank you for supporting our P&C.



OFFICE NEWS - 2025 INFORMATION

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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.



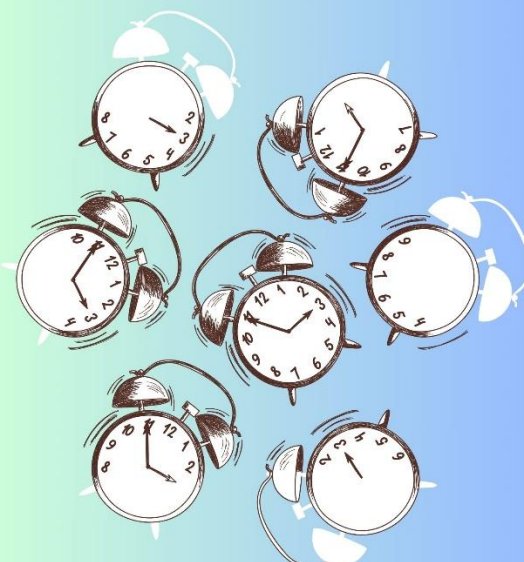
If you have any queries regarding registering for Sentral for Parents, please email us on:

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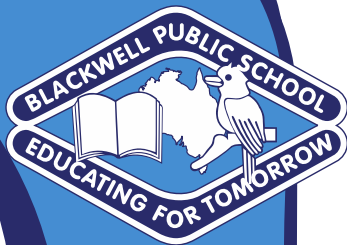
2025 SCHOOL PACKS

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

SCHOOL PACKS 2025
\$50 PER STUDENT



School packs include all classroom stationery, art supplies, computer software, incursions and more



MEDICAL

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

If your child requires medication at school or is diagnosed with any health condition, we ask that you please notify the school as soon as practicable. We can then provide the necessary documentation.

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.

Friday Fun Run Winners

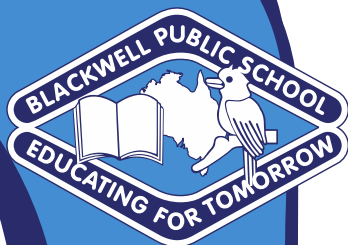
Term 3

Week 6 - Ayla S1N and Jack S2S

Week 7 - Mia S1M and Scarlett KB

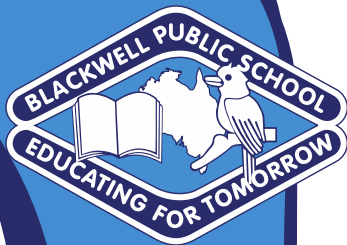
Week 8 – Emma S1S and Stella KM

Week 9 – Adam S1N and Addison S1S



UPCOMING EVENTS

ACTIVITY	WHO	DATE	DUE	COST
Fun Day	Stage 3	23 rd September	N/A	N/A
Fun Day	Stage 2 & MC	25 th September	N/A	N/A
Fun Day	Kinder & Stage 1	26 th September	N/A	N/A
Year 6 Signature Items	Year 6	END OF TERM 4	Orders = 17 th Oct. Payments = 24 th Oct.	Ranges \$11-\$14
Jolly Bops Incursion	Kinder	30 th October	28 th October	\$14
The Rocks Tour	Stage 2	30 th October	20 th October	\$40
Stage 2 & 3 Dance Sport	Selected Students	31 st October	5 th September	N/A
Longneck Lagoon Postponed from 11/9/2025	S2 SRC Leaders	20th November	N/A	N/A
Stage 3 Canberra Camp	Year 5 & 6	26 to 28 th November	Balance 15 th October	FINAL BALANCE \$280



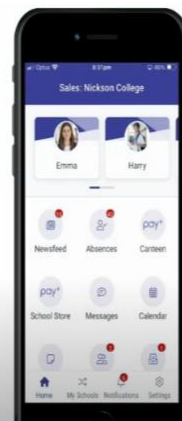
CANTEEN NEWS

KOOKABURRAS KITCHEN

Thank you to everyone that supports our school canteen. Please remember that on-line ordering closes at 9am for same day orders.

We kindly ask that you please check that your order has been submitted prior to closing the app.

Canteen
on
Mobile



student
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KOOKABURRA'S KITCHEN SCHOOL LUNCH MENU	
HOT FOOD	
Garlic Bread	\$2.50
Beef Pie (H)	\$4.00
Cheesburger (H)	\$4.00
ADD salad	\$4.50
Chicken Nuggets (6)(H)	\$4.00
Chicken Burger (H)	\$4.00
BBQ Chicken Quesadilla	\$4.50
Beef Lasagne	\$5.00
Chicken Noodles	\$2.50
Mac'n'Cheese (H)(V)	\$5.00
Sausage Roll (H)	\$4.00
Spring Rolls (5)(V)	\$3.00
Beef Nachos	\$4.50
Low Fat Sour Cream	\$0.50
Salsa	\$0.50
SNACKS	
Cheese & Crackers	\$2.50
Custard Cup	\$1.00
Salted Chips	\$2.00
Fruit Salad	\$2.50
Hash Brown	\$1.50
Jelly Cup	\$0.50
Popcorn	\$1.00
Whole Seasonal Fruit	\$1.50
FROZEN ITEMS	
Quech Stick	\$0.50
TNT	\$2.00
Moosie	\$2.00
Snap Stix	\$2.00
Low Fat Vanilla Ice Cream	\$2.00
Frozen Zooper Dooper Birthday Buckets - 30 mixed flavors for	\$20.00
SANDWICHES & WRAPS	
Assorted Spreads(V)(H)	\$2.00
Vegemite/Jam/Cheese	
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
Ham, Cheese, Tomato	\$3.50
Salad (V)(H)	\$3.50
Add Ham/Chicken/Tuna	\$4.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.50
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Sweet Chilli Chicken (H)	\$5.00
GF Bread ADD	\$1.00
SALAD BOWLS	
Garden Salad (V)(H)(GF)	\$3.50
ADD Ham/Chicken/Tuna	\$4.50
Grilled Chicken Caesar (H)	\$5.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken	\$5.00
Italian Dressing	\$0.50
PIZZAS	
Garlic & Cheese (V)(H)	\$3.50
Margarita (V)(H)	\$3.50
Pepperoni	\$4.50
Hawaiian	\$4.50
BBQ Chicken	\$4.50
DRINKS	
Flavoured Milk (Choc/Straw)	\$3.00
Juice Popper	\$2.00
Juice Bomb	\$3.00
Up & Go (Choc/Vanilla)	\$3.00
Water	\$2.00
Tomato or BBQ Sauce	\$0.50
GST NOT APPLICABLE	



(GF) Gluten Free
(H) Halal
(V) Vegetarian



Enjoy your holidays and we look forward to seeing you in
Term 4

Julie Patrizi and Canteen Staff

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Tuesday - 2.15pm – 3.15pm

Thursdays - 8.30am – 9.30am

PLEASE SEE NEW ORDER FORM

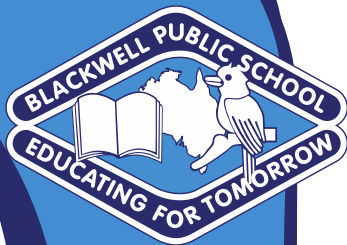
BLACKWELL PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

ORDERED BY:	ORDER METHODS	DELIVER VIA:
Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Date: _____	Online: www.exceluniforms.com.au Email: blackwell@exceluniforms.com.au	Student Name: _____ Class: _____ ☐ Pick Up At School Office ☐ Sent To Class

Garment (size 4-16) Size 18+: \$3.00-\$5.00extra each	Price	Size (4,6,8,10,12,14,16)	Quantity	Total
<u>GIRLS</u>				
Summer Dresses	\$51.00			
Skorts	\$29.00			
<u>BOYS</u>				
Shorts	\$26.00			
Trousers	\$31.00			
<u>UNISEX</u>				
Polo Shirts	\$32.00			
Fleecy Jumper	\$32.00			
Microfibre Jacket	\$54.00			
Microfibre Trackpants	\$40.00			
<u>SPORTS</u>				
Sports Shorts	\$25.00			
Girls Active Skirt	\$25.00			
<u>ACCESSORIES</u>				
Hat	\$19.00			
Library Bag	\$20.00			
Home Delivery	\$18.00			
			Total:	

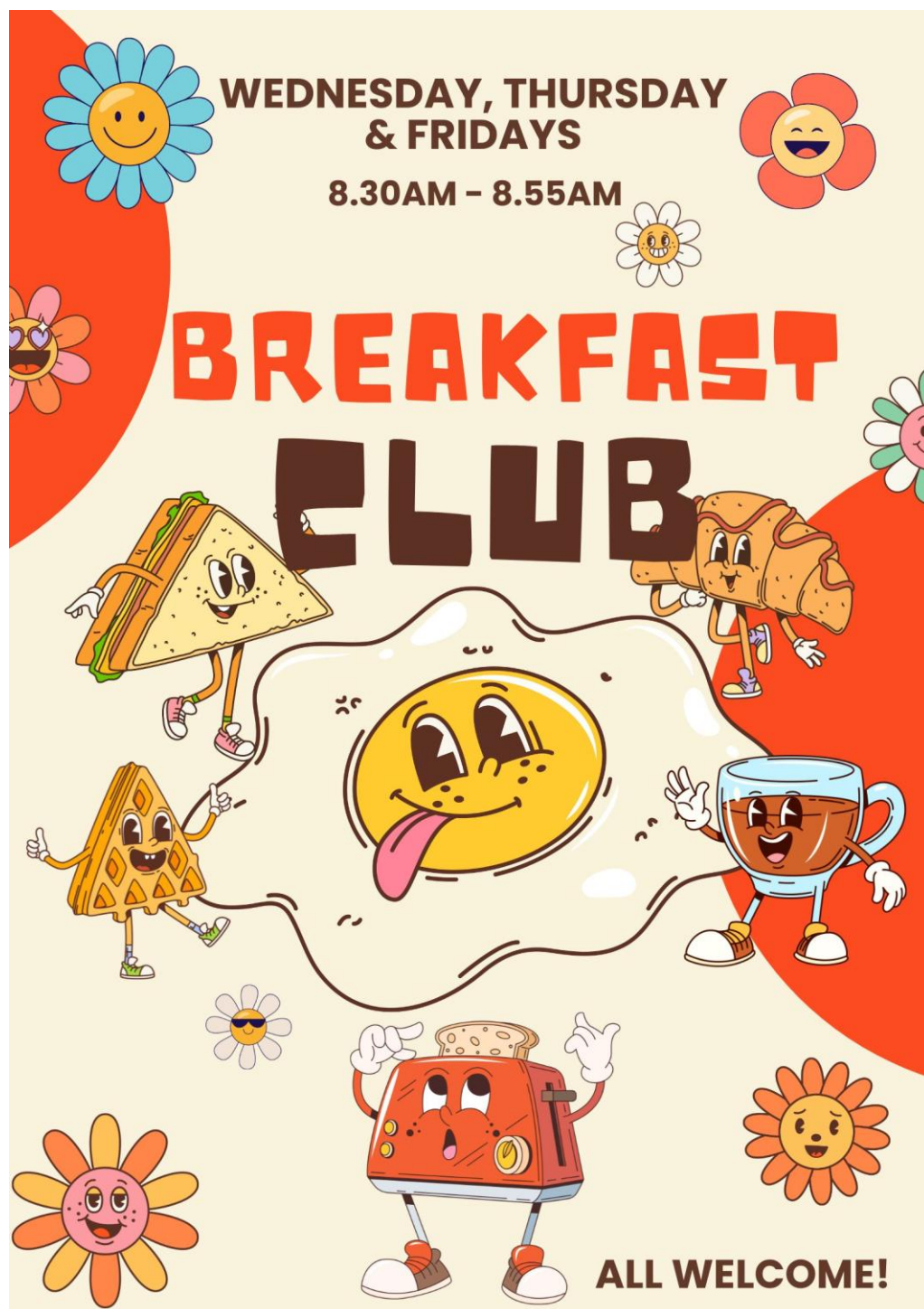
1. CREDIT CARD DETAILS:	VISA/MASTERCARD	2.Internet Banking or Bank Deposit
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EXPIRY DATE: _:/_/_ CVV _:_:_ AMOUNT: \$ _____		ANZ Bank
CARDHOLDER NAME(PleasePrint): _____		Account: Excel Uniforms
SIGNATURE: _____		Account No.:4960 98813
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ONLINE ORDERS CAN ALSO BE PLACED



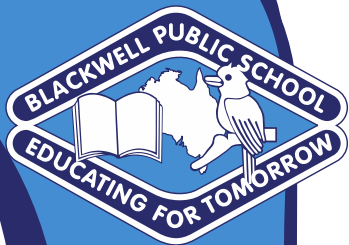
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PUBLIC SPEAKING

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Congratulations to **our Stage 2 and Stage 3** Blackwell Public Speaking Runners Up and First Place students.

Stage 2

Year 3

Runner Up: Shekinah T

First Place: Tilly V

Year 4

Runner Up Risati V

First Place Ashley L



Stage 3

Year 5

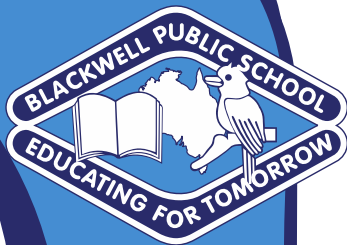
Runner Up: Kai M

First Place: Ellis V

Year 6

Runner Up: Mia E

First Place: Flynn W



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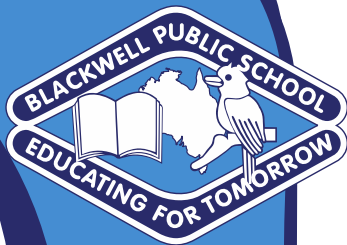
Term 3 has been very busy in the Multi-categorical (MC) classes. This term we farewelled our lovely Principal, Mrs Hudswell. Students enjoyed celebrating her career by creating special cards and gifts for her.

In Week 3, students did a wonderful job performing in the school concert. Their Michael Jackson tribute was enjoyed by all. Thank you to Miss Ghobrial and Mrs Channells for their wonderful choreography and all teachers who assisted with the preparations leading up to the performance evening.

In Week 4, students took part in the athletics carnival. Lachlan N came 3rd place in the 800 metres race. Well done, Lachlan!

In Week 5, Dub Leffler, a highly regarded illustrator, writer and mixed media artist, visited our school. Students attended the illustrator visit and enjoyed learning about his artistic style and even had the opportunity to create their very own artwork.





EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

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What a term! We have been busy, and it has gone so fast. The children have been improving their reading and writing and have grown so much this term.

Kindergarten students are looking forward to the Fun Day, which will be held on Friday in Week 10 of Term 3. Students will participate in a variety of fun activities. Children can wear mufti on this day.

Our Responsible Pet Safety Day was a success. The children learnt about how to be safe around dogs. They asked lots of questions and used their good manners.

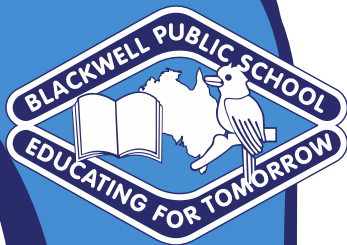
Thank you for your assistance with home reading this term. Please continue to read with your child and revise their high frequency words and sounds. A new list will be sent home at the beginning of Term 4.

We feel that the students are becoming much more independent. As we fast approach the end of the year, the students are responsible enough to walk themselves to their parent meeting point in the afternoons. This will begin in Term 4. We have spoken to the children, giving them time to be prepared for this change. The children will walk out in their groups together, however there will no longer be a teacher guiding them. We will watch from a distance.

Please ensure you are on time, as not to worry your child, especially as their teacher will not be waiting with them. Parents who wait at the front gate, please encourage your child to stay with you when they are waiting for other siblings and not to run around the grass area.

See you in Term 4!





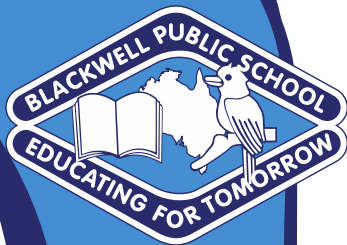
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On Tuesday 16th September, Stage 1 took the bus to Bungaribee Park to enjoy a fun filled day of science! This excursion was linked to the students current Science unit, 'Push and Pull'. The day kicked off with some of our budding scientists engaging in experiments led by our rangers. We then split into 3 groups and made slime, rode Billy carts and launched rockets. We finished the day off with a soda water experiment that washed off some of our slime! Our students were respectful, consolidated their learning and best of all, had a great day!

Thanks for a great term, see you all in Term 4!





STAGE 2 NEWS

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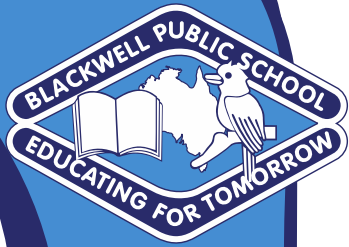
At camp my favourite activity was archery. It was my favourite because even though I couldn't hit the targets it was still fun. Also, my favourite was rock climbing because even though I couldn't go too high, I could only go to the second bar. It was scary for me. I think it was also good because I don't regret it! By Lia

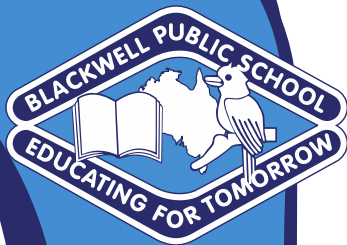
I liked the flying fox because we were in the air high and fast. I also liked the rock-climbing wall because I had to navigate my way to the top and ring the bell, then come back down to the bottom. The food was super good, but I saw some people wasted some of it. Activities: 10/10 Food: 10/10 Cabin: 10/10 Overall: 10/10 By Jehan

My favourite activity was the flying fox because it was super-fast and super high. I went to the top, top, top! I didnt like rock climbing. The food was super good too. By Risati

My favourite activity was the flying fox because it was so high, fast and fun! If you see the video on FB, I'm the one singing "I'm defying gravity". By Isaac

My favourite part about camp was the flying fox. It felt like I was on a roller coaster except that it was not that scary. I also really liked the music trivia and dancing around the dining hall, catching so many memories. My group won the competition, so we all got wrist bands as our prize. In total I think that this camp was a 9.5/10, as I'm taking ½ mark off due to the cabin chaos. By Marlee





STAGE 3 NEWS

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This term has been full of exciting events and opportunities for our Stage 3 students, including Blackwell's 40th Birthday celebrations, STEPS and Blue Mountains concerts, Book Fair, public speaking, district athletics, Knockout PSSA events and the retiring of our principal Mrs Hudswell.

I think it is important to pause and simply say thank you—to our staff, our students, and our families—for the effort, support, and energy you bring to our school. Together is best.

We are committed to providing a wide range of experiences that support learning, wellbeing, and a strong sense of community. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff, who work tirelessly to ensure our students have the very best opportunities.

This heartfelt thank you extends to our families for volunteering and for supporting our students and events. Your involvement strengthens the connection between home and school and makes a real difference.

Term 4 is a very busy time for us in Stage 3. To keep on top of all the upcoming events, please check out the calendar in this newsletter. These dates are correct at the time of printing.

We kindly ask families to regularly check Sentral and our Closed Facebook page for updates on permission notes, payments, due dates, and event information. We also encourage you to speak with your children, as we share reminders and announcements during our daily morning assemblies.

Staying informed helps ensure students don't miss out on the wonderful opportunities available to them, and timely paperwork supports all the behind-the-scenes organisation that brings these experiences to life.

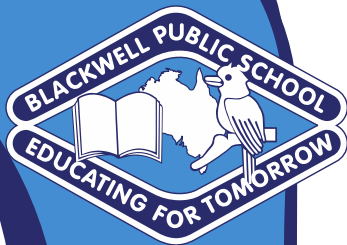
On that note, the **final instalment** for our school **camp** is **due soon**.

Notes about camp will be going home during the first few weeks back next term.

It is also important to remind our students and families about **behaviour expectations**. While on camp, students will be expected to follow reasonable directions and instructions by both teachers and venue staff. Our students will need to demonstrate Blackwell's virtues of responsibility, kindness, respect, tolerance, patience and self-discipline.

Camp invitations **will be withdrawn** if students can not follow our school rules and expectations.

We know camps are a great opportunity for your children to push their boundaries, discover friendships and experience new adventures. For some children, school camp is one of the highlights of their primary school days. However, for some children (and their parents), the thought of staying away overnight can create a little anxiety.



To help your child, you could try

- talking to your child about how they feel about going to camp. Ask what they are looking forward to or what they may be worried about? Be positive and even share your own positive camp experiences.
- Reducing the sense of the unknown – find out about the rough schedule of the camp/ the sleeping arrangements etc... (this information is coming home next term)
- Having sleepovers – an occasional sleepover at a family member's or friend's home might help reduce anxiety.
- Practising independence skills – can your child turn on and off the shower in the right order, brush their hair, keep their dirty clothes together or apply sunscreen? etc...
- Preparing for camp with your child – make a list, purchase/find items, and label items together.
- Talking to your child's teacher. We appreciate knowing any extra information to make your child's time at camp more enjoyable.

Recently, our Year 5 students voted on the design for their **Year 6 2026 shirt**. Order forms will be coming home early next term. We place orders for our Year 6 shirts at the end of Term 4, so the stock arrives early the following year. This allows our students more opportunities to wear their special shirts. To help with our organisation, if your child is not returning in 2026, please let your child's teacher know ASAP.

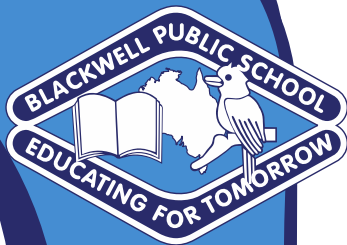
A note was sent via Sentral for Year 6 students about ordering special items to have signed during the last week of Term 4. In the past, many students have either gotten their Year 6 shirts signed by their friends, buddies and teachers or opted to purchase one of these special items to get signed. To ensure delivery before the last week of school and signing day, money and the order form will need to be completed by the due date on the form.

Enjoy the break.



Until next time – take care

Kellie Balloch on behalf of the Stage 3 team



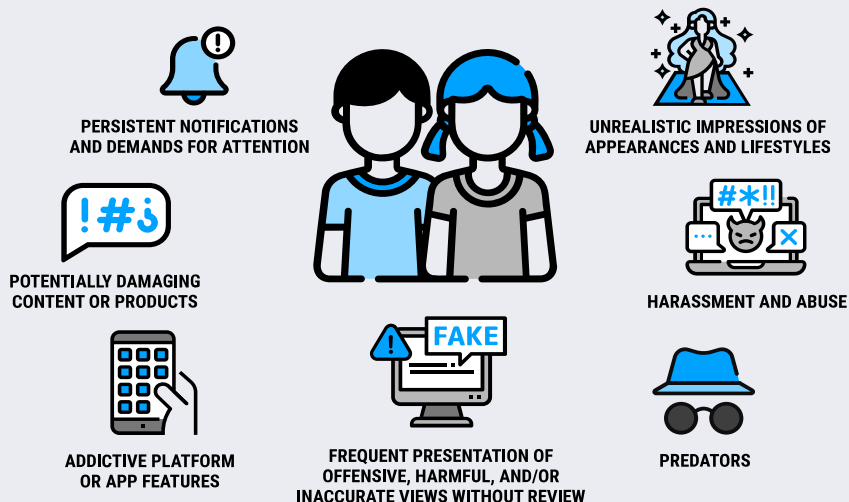
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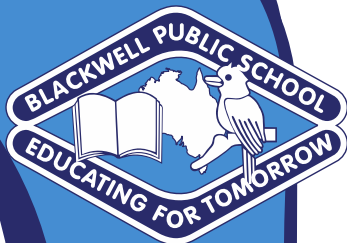
As parents, we all want our children to be safe, happy and thriving—both online and off. The NSW Department of Education's **Digital Devices and Online Services Policy** requires students to use technology responsibly, respectfully and only when it supports learning or wellbeing. Social media is *not* a free-for-all; it comes with real risks that can impact children's mental health, safety, and development.

The Australian Government's new **Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024** now bans children under **16 years** from holding accounts on platforms like TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, X, Reddit—and soon, YouTube—recognising the dangers of early and unsupervised social media exposure.

We urge you, as caring parents, to take this seriously. Reconsider your child's access to TikTok, Snapchat, Roblox, and similar platforms. Every account we delay or limit is a gift of time—time for children to build confidence, resilience, and face-to-face friendships *before* confronting the relentless, often unforgiving world of social media.

CHILDREN ONLINE ARE VULNERABLE TO EXPOSURE TO A VARIETY OF POTENTIAL SOURCES OF HARM, INCLUDING:





COMMUNITY NEWS



Coowarra OOSH

Enrolments open for before and after school care servicing Blackwell public school

Coowarra cottage

Before school 6:30 - 9am

After school 3:00 - 6:30pm

Vacation care 7:00am - 6:00pm

Coowarra hub (Blackwell school site)

Before school 7:00 - 9:00am

After school 3:00 - 6:00pm

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Breakfast
- Afternoon tea
- Craft, sports and a variety of fun activities

For further information contact:

Cottage site
coowarraoosh@optusnet.com.au
0410 655 563

Blackwell Hub
Coowarrahub@gmail.com
0493 995 063

ENROLMENT LINKS AND ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE

WWW.COOWARRAOOSH.COM

