

Week 10 Term 1 - 2025

Blackwell Public School

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Wednesday, 2nd April 2025

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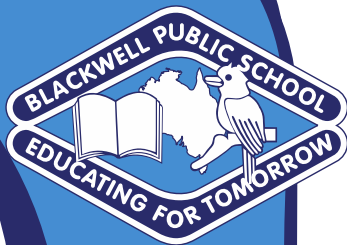
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

High Performance and Gifted Education

During 2025 all government schools have been asked to review existing policies, programs and procedures relating to High Performance, Gifted Education-HGPE. Our two Staff Development days in Term 2 – Monday, 28th and Tuesday, 29th April 2025 have been set aside for all staff to attend learning modules dedicated to this topic.

The NSW Education Department has established a list of principles to assist government schools in this area.

The following principles have guided the development of the High Performance, Gifted Education (HPGE) policy:

- All students, regardless of background or personal circumstances, require access to learning programs that meet their learning needs and support to aspire to, and achieve, personal excellence.
- Our commitment to high expectations for all students includes high potential and gifted students.
- Achieving excellence for high potential and gifted students is underpinned by effective school environments including quality teaching, learning and leadership.
- Potential exists along a continuum, where differing degrees of potential require differing approaches and levels of adjustment and intervention.

The domains of potential describe the four broad categories of natural abilities found in the works of François Gagné'. These definitions apply to all students, including high potential and gifted students.

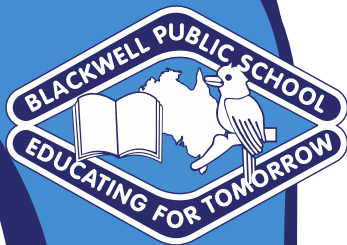
The domains of potential may not be mutually exclusive and are highly influenced by one another.

- **Intellectual domain** – refers to natural abilities in processing, understanding, reasoning, and the transfer of learning.
- **Creative domain** – refers to natural abilities in imagination, invention and originality.
- **Social-emotional** – refers to natural abilities in self-management and relating to and interacting with others.
- **Physical domain** – refers to natural abilities in muscular movement and motor control.

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High potential students

High potential students are those whose potential exceeds that of students of the same age in one or more domains. Their potential may be assessed as beyond the average range across any domain. They may benefit from an



enriched or extended curriculum and learning opportunities beyond the typical level of students the same age.

Gifted students

Gifted students' potential significantly exceeds that of students of the same age in one or more domains. These students typically develop talent and achieve mastery notably faster than their age peers. They may benefit from an extended curriculum and learning opportunities significantly beyond the typical level of students the same age.

Highly gifted students

Highly gifted students' potential vastly exceeds that of students of the same age in one or more domains. Highly gifted students have potential assessed in the top 1% or less of age peers. Highly gifted students may require specific and more significant curriculum adjustments to meet their learning and wellbeing needs.

The High Potential and Gifted Education Policy applies to all NSW Department of Education school staff and teachers.

The department is committed to supporting all students to achieve their educational potential.

The policy recognises that high potential and gifted students require support to optimise their growth and achievement.

Indicators may include:

- Ability to comprehend materials several grade levels above their age peers.
- Surprising emotional depth & sensitivity at a young age.
- Strong sense of curiosity – they ask lots of questions.
- Enthusiastic about unique interests and topics
- Mature for their age, often prefer adult conversations and company
- Quirky sense of humour
- Have original ideas and often use their own approach to assignments
- Often self-taught, sometimes reading as young as three.

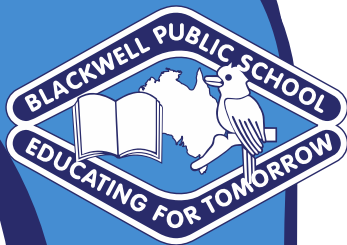
Blackwell Public School will continue to support a diverse array of learning opportunities both within the classroom and beyond. As a school we are committed to providing the best learning environment for all our students. We continue to seek avenues that enable our students to shine and celebrate their talents and skills.

Hopefully this will enable us to ***“find the potential, develop the talent and make the difference”***



Kris Hudswell

PRINCIPAL

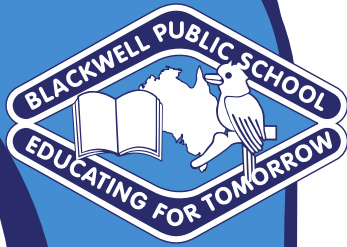


PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS

PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS Monday 24th March 2025

Class	Student
S1B	Evie D
S1D	Abigail M
S1M	Hannah C
S1N	Tyler F
S1S	Scarlett H
S2A	Braxton J
S2F	Yusuf O
S2M	Heidi S
S2S	Jack S
S2T	Kaiden H
S3B	Mila H
S3CR	Zachary G
S3H	Natalia L
S3K	Amira B
S3M	Wynonnah D
S3W	Evie D
MC	Saim S





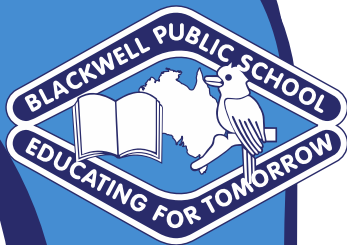
SRC MUFTI DAY 11TH APRIL



PLEASE COME WEARING YOUR BEST HAT!

ALL MONIES RAISED WILL BE GOING TO THE RED CROSS APPEAL.





Deputy Principals Message

Our morning school bell time is 8.30am and that is when we begin our supervision. We are seeing lots of students arriving before this time, some as early as 8.00am. Please time your arrival to school to be at 8.30am. If this is not possible then other arrangements need to be made with before school care.



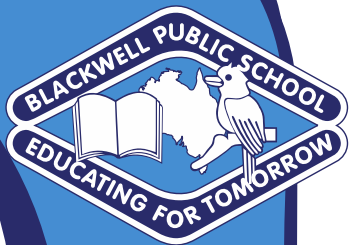
Congratulations to our district swimmers. Blackwell finished the carnival in second place with 15 students moving on to the Sydney West Carnival. This included our Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Junior Boys relays. Well done to all swimmers who participated.

**WELL DONE
SWIMMERS!**

Attendance reminders

Be at school everyday unless sick. Sleeping in is marked unjustified for those students running late. School starts at 9.00am and we need everyone to turn up ready to learn. If you are planning a holiday during school time, you will need to write a letter to the Principal letting us know.

Rod Woolard
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



P & C NEWS

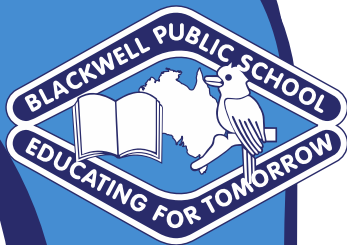
Join the Blackwell Public School P&C!

The P&C is a group of parents, carers, and community members working together to support our school through fundraising, events, and advocacy. It's a great way to stay involved, connect with others, and make a difference in your child's education. Whether you can attend meetings, volunteer, or simply stay informed, every contribution matters.

Come along to our AGM and get involved!

Monday 7th April 6.30pm in the staffroom.





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.



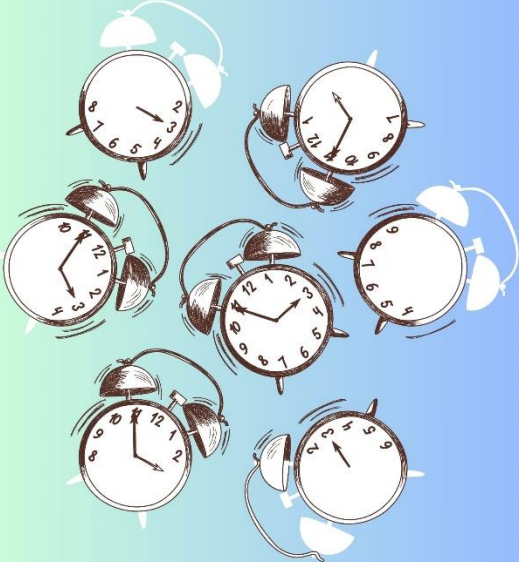
If you have any queries regarding registering for Sentral for Parents, please email us on:

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

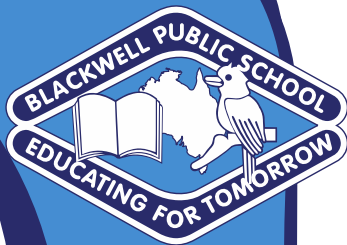
2025 SCHOOL PACKS

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.

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 otherwise 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.

STEWART HOUSE DRIVE

Stewart House Charity Drive 2025
94 years caring for children
NSW Public Education's Charity of choice

“ I have had a great time as I have had some things at home I needed to take off my chest. It is a truly lovely place ”
(Errol, June 2024)

Your contribution supports the 1,600 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and ACT.

Win a \$4,000 holiday travel voucher

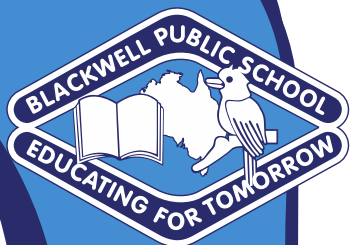
- Place a \$2 coin in this envelope, or scan to pay online
- Complete entry details on the back
- Return envelope to your school to go in the draw

Schools are to collect and post completed entries to PO Box 21, Freshwater NSW 2096 to be received no later than Thursday, 22nd May 2025. The draw will take place at noon at Stewart House on Friday, 23rd May 2025.

SCAN TO PAY ONLINE

Proud to be a member of our STePS Community. Learning on Darug Land.

58A Blackwell Avenue, St Clair NSW 2759 T: 02 9670 5080 blackwell-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



NSW Education

PSA

Teachers Mutual Bank

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail: _____

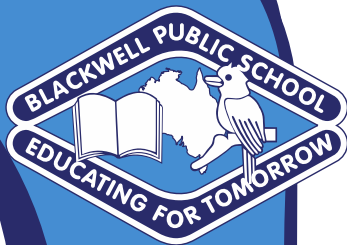
Name of School: _____

The winner will be notified by phone and/or email. Further information, including full terms and conditions, are available at stewarthouse.org.au.

Please hand your envelopes into the office by 7 May 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACTIVITY	DATE	DUE	COST
Mad Hatters Tea Party	11 th April	11 th April	Gold Goin Donation
Bringing Back the Bush -Stage 2	6 th May	11 th April	No Cost
Stewart house Drive	N/A	7 th May	Donation
National Road Safety Day	12 th May	12 th May	No Cost
Primary Cross Country	8 th April 2025	4 th April 2025	N/A
Netball Gala Day Selected students	13 th May 2025	6 th May 2025	N/A



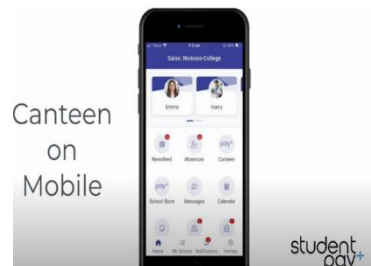
CANTEEN NEWS

KOOKABURRAS KITCHEN

Don't forget our on-line canteen ordering has moved to Sentral! Please make sure on-line orders for the same day are received prior to 9am. After the 9am cut off orders will be processed for the following day.

If you miss the 9am deadline, cash orders can still be placed at the canteen.

Canteen
on
Mobile



SAUSAGE MAN

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STUDENT NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

FRIDAY 11TH APRIL 2025

☐ BBQ SAUCE OR ☐ TOMATO SAUCE

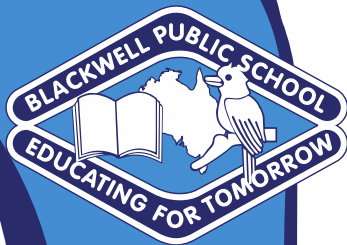
☐ ORANGE JUICE OR ☐ APPLE JUICE

\$5.00

ORDERS MUST BE MADE BY
WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL

Don't forget to place your orders for our sausage sizzle,
last day of term 11th April 2025

Julie Patrizi and Canteen Staff



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Hours for Excel Uniforms 2025

The Uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 29th April 2025
(staff development day)

Tuesday - 2.15pm – 3.15pm

Thursdays - 8.30am – 9.30am

Purchases can also be made on online.

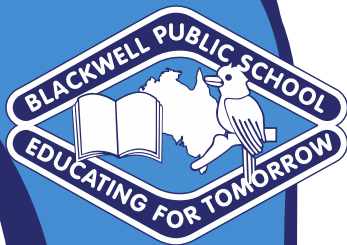
Effective 01 October 2024

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: _____		☐ 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
GIRLS				
Summer Dresses	\$49.00			
Skorts	\$28.00			
BOYS				
Shorts	\$25.00			
Trousers	\$30.00			
UNISEX				
Polo Shirts	\$31.00			
Fleecy Jumper	\$31.00			
Microfibre Jacket	\$52.00			
Microfibre Trackpants	\$38.00			
SPORTS				
Sports Shorts	\$24.00			
Girls Active Skirt	\$24.00			
ACCESSORIES				
Hat	\$18.00			
Library Bag	\$19.00			
			Total:	

1. CREDIT CARD DETAILS: (Minimum Spending \$20.00) CARDNUMBER: _____ EXPIRY DATE: ____ / ____ / ____ CVV ____ AMOUNT: \$ _____ CARDHOLDER NAME(PleasePrint): _____ SIGNATURE: _____	VISA/MASTERCARD (Please circle one) 2. Internet Banking or Bank Deposit (Please Attach Banking Receipt) ANZ Bank Account: Excel Uniforms Account No.: 4960 98813 BSB: 012 294 (Reference: BlackwellPS and Your Last Name) 3. Cheque: Not Accepted
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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

BREAKFAST CLUB

We have been fortunate enough to continue our breakfast club this year!

When: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Where: Under the Sails, near the front gate.

Time: 8:30am – 8:55am.

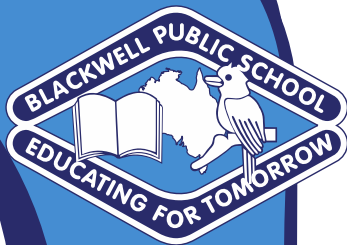
Cost: Free, thanks to donations. This means that what will be on offer will vary.

Who: Everyone is welcome.

From time to time we will have some items for parents and will advertise this on Facebook.

Thank you, Mrs Sutcliffe





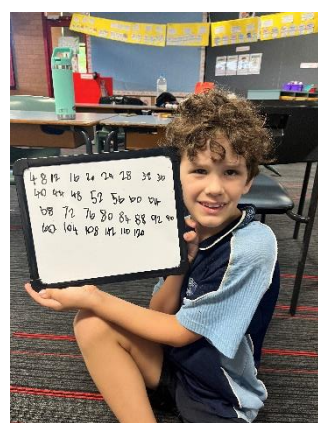
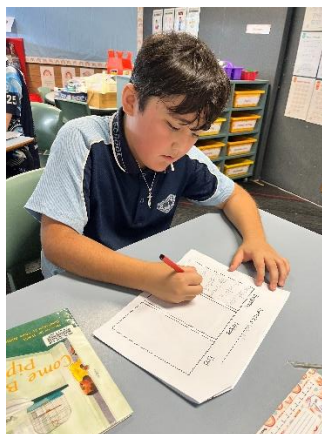
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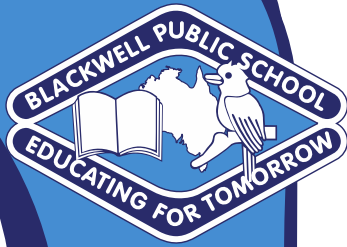
SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

Term 1 has been very busy in the Multi-categorical (MC) classes. Students have happily settled into classroom routines and there have been many new friendships made.

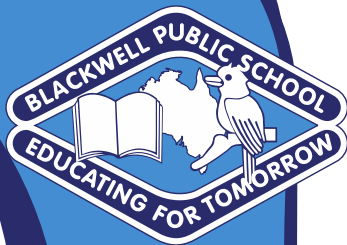
Students across the MC classes have voted and the Student Representative Council Leader for the MC classes is Rocco Hawkins. Teachers and students are so proud of him representing the MC classes at Student Council Meetings.

In Week 8, it was Harmony Day. It was wonderful to see so many students wearing orange to celebrate the theme "We all have a role to play!".





**Take care,
Support Unit Teachers**



EARLY STAGE 1 NEWS

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Kindergarten have had a fabulous term. We have been busy learning and meeting new friends. Kindergarten have especially enjoyed meeting their Year 6 buddies and participating in activities.

Communication

A Facebook page is available for all parents. Please search **2025 Early Stage 1 Blackwell Public School**. On here you will find relevant information for upcoming events, photos and reminders.

Crunch and Sip

As well as recess and lunch, students have Crunch and Sip in the morning. Please pack fresh vegetables or fruit and water for Crunch and Sip. This only needs to be a small snack.

Boomerang Folders

Students have a purple folder which is to take notes and any work home. Please empty these when you receive them and send them back the very next day.

Reading Folders

These will begin in Term 2. More information will be available next term.

Fun Day

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Scripture

This will begin in week 2 of Term 2 for our Kindergarten students. Depending on what was written on their enrolment form, they will attend either Catholic, Protestant or Non-Scripture class on Wednesdays between 11:30-12pm. If you wish to change the scripture class your child is in, please inform the class teacher in writing.

Library Days

Kinder students have enjoyed visiting the library. Please remember to send your child to school with their library bag and book they need to return. Students cannot borrow without a Library bag.

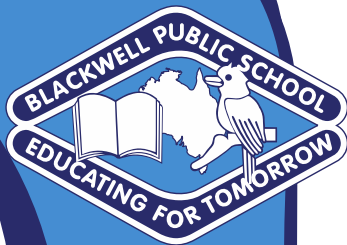
Library Days –

KL - Monday

KB and KM Wednesday

Clothing

As it is getting cooler, please provide your child with a school jacket or jumper, which is clearly labelled. All students need a broad rimmed hat. If they do not have a hat they are only allowed to play under shelter. **There are quite a few students who** are forgetting to bring their hat each day. Please ensure they have a hat with their name written inside in their bag.



STAGE 1 NEWS

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We have come to the end of an exciting term. The students have enjoyed the term and have worked hard so we hope they enjoy a relaxing holiday break.

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PAWS Lunch

Our PAWS lunch will be on Thursday April 9th. This will be for anyone who received a principals award this term and our elected SRC members. They will have a BBQ lunch under the sails at the front of our school.

Homework

Blackwell has a no homework policy, however home reading is still expected daily. Students will be bringing home a "Home Reading Log", where you will be required to enter the title of the book that they bring home from school and read. Students may bring the same book home for the week to be read two or three nights in a row; this is to develop fluency and expression.

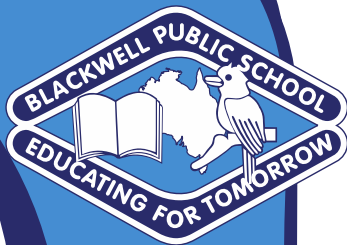
OTHER INFORMATION

Messages for the teacher/parent concerns - If some information is required for the day, please write a note to the class teacher and forward it with your child. Otherwise, a message can be left at the office for the teacher. If you would like your child's teacher to call you to discuss something, please arrange a time, outside school hours or in their RFF time.

Mrs Rachel Bulluss Rachel.bulluss@det.nsw.edu.au (Stage supervisor) is also available to answer questions and concerns.

School Pack – Please pay for your child's school pack as soon as possible. It has everything students require from pencils and glue sticks to whiteboard markers and books to do their schoolwork in. This equipment remains at school for school use. Please note that Stage based incursions and excursion are an additional cost). Our school pack is now \$50 per child.

Crunch and Sip - Students participate in "Crunch and Sip" each day in the morning session. There is no set time for this, as it is scheduled at an appropriate time for the class. Students are only permitted to have **fresh fruit or vegetables and/or water**. The portions, however, need to be small so that they are consumed quickly and class disruptions are minimised. A very large apple can take a child a very long time to finish so, if possible, please cut the apple into quarters/eighths/or a slinky as this is more manageable for them to eat. It is best if it is kept in a separate container, not packed with recess and lunch.



School uniforms - Please label all items brought to school by your child. We ask that students **not** wear nail polish or jewellery to school (sleepers/studs and watches/Fitbits excluded) and that they adhere to the uniform as close as possible. This includes black leather or jogger styled shoes (no bright shoelaces please). Ribbons or bows in the hair should be school colours – navy, blue or white.

Extra equipment – If you have not done so, please provide your child with a labelled;

- paint shirt
- library bag
- headphones

Sport - We ask if students could wear joggers and our sports uniform on Tuesdays so they are comfortable to participate in sport/exercise.

Money Procedures - Any money sent to school should be in a labelled envelope and handed in at the school office.

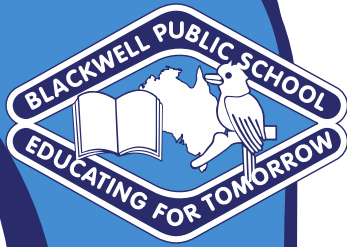
Library Day - Our school library is open every afternoon and every morning, with the exception of Tuesday. Books can be borrowed during this time as well as during class library times.

We encourage **ALL** students to be regular book borrowers.
Class borrowing is on the following days;

Attendance and Absences - *Regular attendance at school for every student is essential if students are to achieve their potential and increase their career and life options. Schools, in partnerships with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.* Optimum attendance should be above **95%** for each school term. If you are planning to take your child out of school for a holiday of 3 weeks or more please submit an application to the principal prior to travelling. The Department of Education requires a note to explain all absences. If your child is absent you will receive a SMS notifying you that your child has been marked absent and you can reply with reasons why. Alternatively, please send a note to school with your child upon returning to school. If your child is absent more than 2 days in a row, please consider obtaining a doctor's certificate to explain the absence.

Facebook – For up-to-date information and to answer questions, please join “**2025 Stage 1 Blackwell PS**” on Facebook. You can also email the school - blackwell-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au (your email will be forwarded to the person you wish to contact).

Assemblies – Combined Assemblies are held in our hall from 2-3pm in weeks 3, 6 and 9 each term. Merit and Virtue awards are handed out other weeks during class lines.

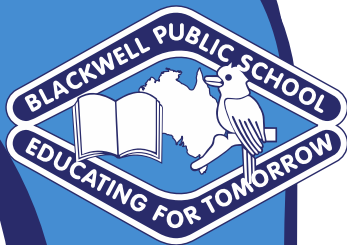


School Newsletter ("Blackwell Post") –Please make sure your email details are up to date in the office. Please read front page and the Stage 1 information page!

Happy holidays and see you in Term 2.

Stage 1 Teachers





STAGE 2 NEWS

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It's hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 1 already. It has been a busy term establishing routines and getting into the swing of things, but we made it. Now it's time for a well-deserved break.

Classroom Organisation

Thank you to all families who have paid for their School Packs. The teachers have noticed that many students are becoming more responsible for their own belongings. Please continue to re-write names on all personal belongings. As time goes by, many names have faded or washed off lunch boxes, drink bottles and hats. Also, please re-check names on jumpers and jackets and remind your child to place their belongings into their bags when not in use.

School Uniforms

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Black shoes and white socks are the specified footwear, earrings need to be studs or sleepers. Nail polish needs to be removed for the school week.



As it will soon be time to get your winter uniforms out, please make sure your child's jumpers and jackets are clearly labelled with their name and class. If your child is now using a sibling's jacket or one from a lost property sale, please change the name and class.

Mad Hatter's Fun Day

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Need to contact us...

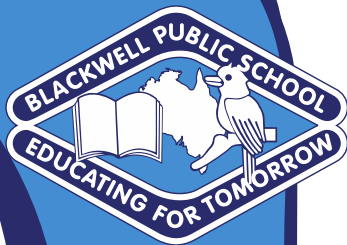
If you have any concerns throughout the year, please call the office or send a note with your child. The classroom teacher will follow up and/or may contact you to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues. Unfortunately, it may take longer than 24 hours for a teacher to respond to emails. If you have changed address, email address or phone numbers, remember to contact the office to update your details.



It's time... to wish all our Blackwell families a Happy Easter and a safe holiday break. We look forward to another busy term ahead in Term 2.

Proud to be a member of our STePS Community. Learning on Darug Land.

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STAGE 3 NEWS

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We've had another fantastic few weeks of learning in Stage 3, and we couldn't be prouder of our students! Recently, many students have been inducted into leadership roles, including the Student Representative Council (SRC), Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), and library monitors. We are confident that they will embrace these new challenges with enthusiasm and responsibility.

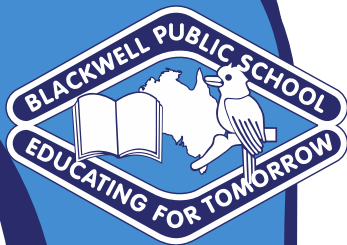
In the classroom and on the sporting fields, our students have achieved numerous successes. Our Peer Support Leaders have risen to the occasion, leading engaging activities and games with their groups. Additionally, many senior students have proudly represented our school and the St Marys District in sports trials, AFL games, and district carnivals. Congratulations to all students for giving their best effort at these events!

As our students navigate a developmental stage where social media plays a significant role in their interactions, it is essential to support them in using these digital platforms safely and responsibly. Parents can play a crucial role by actively monitoring their children's online activities. We encourage open discussions about the potential risks of social media and the importance of responsible usage. To assist parents, we regularly share posts on our closed Facebook page with helpful links and advice to foster digital intelligence. Together, we can create a safer online environment that allows our students to thrive both online and within our school community.

We are also preparing for our ANZAC service, which will take place at school on Wednesday, 9th April (Week 11). This event will provide an opportunity to remember and honour those who served or lost their lives in wars and conflicts around the world. This year marks the 110th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli, Türkiye, during the First World War. We encourage students from Blackwell PS to attend the dawn service on ANZAC Day at the St Marys Diggers on Mamre Road. Mrs. Shortland will be there, and she looks forward to seeing students wearing their Blackwell school uniforms with pride.

Please remind your child to wear the Blackwell uniform, which includes black shoes or joggers with white socks. Additionally, ensure all hats, jumpers, and lunch boxes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Attendance is key to student success. If your child is absent, you will receive an SMS from the school. Please respond to the message or send a note with your child upon their return, explaining the reason for their absence. It's also important to keep your contact details up to date. You can update your information by emailing or calling the school office.



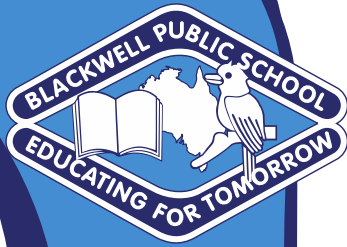
As we near the end of a busy term, we are excited to announce our Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Friday, 11th April. All students are encouraged to wear a crazy hat or create their own! They will participate in fun activities with their classmates and enjoy a picnic lunch on the oval with their buddies. The SRC are collecting gold coin donations to raise money for the Australian Red Cross. Kookaburra Kitchen will be selling a sausage sizzle meal deal – please place orders Wednesday 9th May. We can't wait for this fun-filled day!

We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break and returns refreshed and ready to embark on Term 2.

Until next time, take care!

The Stage 3 team.





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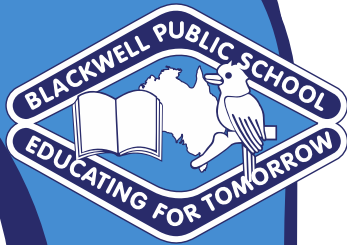
It has been a very busy term, and I am sure you are all looking forward to the holidays.

During the holidays, we encourage you to rest and have fun but we would also love it if you could do some of the following activities:

- Listen to your child read.
- Read to your child.
- Listen to stories online. Below is the link for some <https://www.storyberries.com/bedtime-stories-the-forgotten-easter-egg-short-easter-stories-for-kids/>
- Talk to your child about their day, their successes, things they could work on, regulating their emotions, etc.
- Some writing, whether it is about their day, making their own picture books/comics, writing letters or even your shopping list. Below is the link for some <https://www.imagineforest.com/blog/easter-writing-prompts/> you may want to work on.
- Engage in some maths tasks. Here are some <https://www.transum.org/Maths/Activity/Easter/> you may to give to your child or do together.

Mrs Sutcliffe & Mrs Hancock
APC & I





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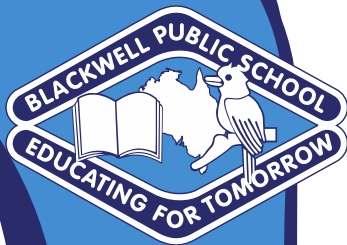
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TO ALL AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Now in its 26th year, National Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual campaign and event which encourages all primary school children, their parents and carers, to walk safely and regularly to school.

It is important for children and young people to be active every day. Physical activity has many social, emotional, physical and mental health benefits. Walking to school is a great way to incorporate physical activity into a daily routine to support healthy development. Regular physical activity, especially walking, can improve self-esteem and confidence, help concentration and improve overall fitness.

Encouraging kids to be active each day establishes good habits that can stay with them throughout their lives.

OBJECTIVES

**BETTER HEALTH • CLEANER AIR • REDUCED CAR-DEPENDENCY
IMPROVED ROAD SAFETY • INCREASED USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

GET INVOLVED

- Ask parents, carers, teachers, friends and local businesses to support the event
- Ask every student to wear a tattoo on the day to help promote this important community event
- Use the Teachers' Tool-Kit and publish WSTSD information in your school's newsletter
- Display the poster on your noticeboard and around school (print more from our website)
- Host a Healthy Breakfast (ask your P&C, council and local supermarket or grocery store to sponsor a healthy breakfast at your school)
- Print and colour in the online poster
- If you can't walk all the way, combine a walk with public transport
- If you must use the car, try leaving it a good distance from the school and walk the rest of the way
- Teach children the vital road safety rules while walking to school
- Register your school as a WSTSD Ambassador and assist with publicity

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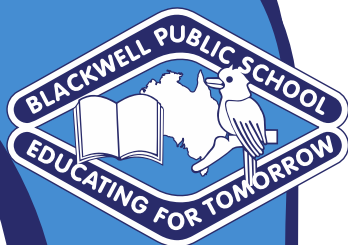


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COMMUNITY NEWS



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



World Vision ZAMBIA

ALL ABOUT ME

I can express myself, I am special and I matter.

My name is Grace

Something that makes me smile/happy
I'm always happy seeing the people around me happy this all that makes me happy

When I grow up I want to...
*of a pastor
A lay evangelist because I feel the Lord chose me to work in his vineyard for a purpose of his will.*

(Draw your self-portrait or yourself doing the thing you dream of)

The place I would most like to visit is...
Russia because I love their culture and I'm inspired by their way of living.

The thing I like most about myself is...
that I'm cultured and I'm content with what I have and I'm just so different from others which makes unique

I like to eat:
(Colour in the face that matches how you feel about each food group)

This worksheet was completed ☒ By myself ☐ With the help of a community facilitator / family member



Education



January 2025

Phiri's education update

Phiri is in grade 4 of primary school. Phiri's favourite subject is English. By developing their skills, gaining new knowledge, and making friends, your sponsored child will be able to reach their full potential.

Activities and Events



December 2024

Phiri's activities

I took part in sports activities. I had the chance to have fun with my friends, taking responsibility for my time and actions.

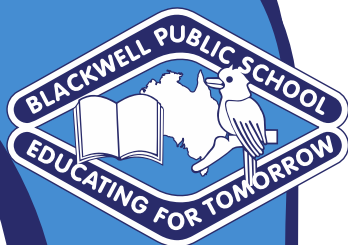
Health



December 2024

Phiri's health update

Phiri was recently visited by a World Vision volunteer. Phiri is in good health.



Easter Family Night

Bunnings Minchinbury



Thursday 10th April

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

Hop on over for an Easter celebration!
Animal Farm fun for the whole family
Get creative with Easter arts and crafts, face
painting and Easter Bunny arrival 6.30pm.
Sausage sizzle, Fairy floss, Games.
Community Groups, RFS Fire truck.

**Don't miss out,
register now!**



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warehouse**

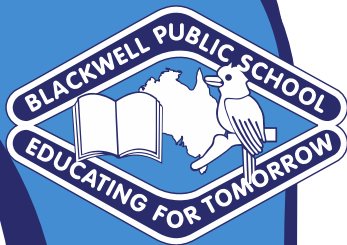


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Our Services:

- **Speech Therapy:** Helping children improve communication, pronunciation, feeding and language skills, empowering them to express themselves confidently.
- **Occupational Therapy:** Assisting children in developing fine motor skills, coordination, and independence, so they can thrive in everyday tasks at home and school.

Our experienced, compassionate therapists create individualised plans tailored to meet your child's unique needs, ensuring they reach their full potential in a fun and nurturing environment.

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Is your child facing challenges with speech, language, feeding or motor skills? We're excited to announce the launch of Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy services designed to support children's growth and development, right here in Penrith.

Why Choose Us?

- Expert care with a personalised approach
- Convenient, local service in Penrith
- Support for children aged 0-12 years
- Medicare, NDIS Care Packages and Private Health Care patients all welcome

Get Started Today!

Early intervention is key to unlocking your child's abilities.

Scan the QR code below and complete the Expression of Interest



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