



Blacktown West Public School

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ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our four zone swimmers: Praujjwal Lawania (3G), Elya Sevdimbis (4K), Keith Strachan (5S) and Matthew Liu (5S). These students represented Blacktown West Public School at the 2025 Blacktown Zone swimming Carnival on Tuesday 4th March. They exceeded all expectations and swam brilliantly on the day. Praujjwal finished 2nd in the 9yrs Boys 50m Freestyle, Keith finished 2nd in the 11yrs Boys 50m Backstroke and Matthew Liu dominated in the water and finished 1st in the following five events: Jnr Boys 200m Individual Medley - 10yrs Boys 50m Freestyle - Jnr Boys 50m Backstroke - Jnr Boys 50m Breaststroke - Jnr Boys 50m Butterfly. These 3 students have qualified for the 2025 Sydney West Swimming Championship. A massive congratulations to Praujjwal, Keith and Matthew on their outstanding achievement of qualifying for Sydney West. We wish them all the best at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre on Thursday 27th May.

P & C AGM

Thank you to the outgoing P & C Jean Beha and Steve McCabe

Congratulations to the new P & C committee:

President: Ms Marian Pavlek,

Treasurer. Mrs Sarah Collins and

Secretary Ms Kristy Hodson

Welcome to all the parents who made the time to join the P & C and are able to help with the uniform shop and the Mothers' Day stall Thank you!

There is a slight change to the times for the Uniform shop. It will now be opened from 8:30-10:30am on a Thursday.

YEARS 3 & 5 NAPLAN

NAPLAN for Year 3 and Year 5 students starts this week. Please make sure you are on time and present every day so you don't miss out. Each student will sit for a writing, reading and numeracy assessment. The timetable will run from Wednesday to Friday this week, all of the next week (week 8) and on the Monday of the following week if needed.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Next week each stage will be holding parent information sessions in the school hall, commencing at 3:15pm.

Monday: Kindergarten parents

Tuesday: Stage 1 parents (Years 1 & 2)

Wednesday: Stage 3 parents (Years 5 & 6)

Thursday: Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)



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SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photos will be taken next week on Tuesday. Please make sure everyone is in full summer uniform. All orders are organised and paid for online. Don't miss out on the chance for a class photo and an individual photo to remember 2025.

INTEREST GROUPS

All Interest Groups have started and students are enjoying the options open to them. We do have reduced play areas at recess and lunch until the Basketball Court has been completed.

EARLY BIRD CLUB is also closed until next term as that building undergoes a 10-week building repair

KINDERGARTEN OT LESSONS

We have once again employed an occupational therapist to come onsite each Friday to work with each of our Kindergarten classes for an hour-long session to strengthen and develop their gross and fine motor skills through a specific program. This is funded by the school so each Kindergarten student can attend.

BIRTHDAY CAKES AND FOOD

Many students at our school have food intolerances or are allergic to various foods. With that in mind we are unable to share birthday cakes or food sent in to celebrate special occasions.

LIBRARY

Please remember to bring your library bag or pillow slip if you want to borrow a book. We need to protect our books to and from school so they can be continued to be borrowed.

YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Next week, all Year 6 families need to complete an 'Expression of Interest Form' online which is the first step to organising a placement for your child for Year 7.

An email has gone home to all Year 6 parents outlining the process.

SCHOOL GATES

The gates in the morning and in the afternoon close promptly to ensure student safety and allow staff to move quickly to class and to afternoon meetings. If you wish to catch up with a teacher, please ring through to the office to make an appointment so we can arrange to leave the Lancaster street gate open in the afternoon for a short time.

M. Peel

Principal