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Blackett Blast

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Support Unit Excursion
- 5 Book Parade & sausage sizzle
- 10 - 11 Stg2 Camp
- 13 Kindergarten Excursion
- 17 - 19 Stg3 Camp
- 28 **LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

OCTOBER

- 15 Staff & Students return for Term 4

NOTES HANDED OUT RECENTLY

- Book Parade
- Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

MONIES DUE

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Kindy Exc - \$25

Principal's Matters

It has been a very busy month for all of the Blackett PS community. We were so proud to be able to raise \$500 for the farmers in the terrible drought. Miss Carol was interviewed by the local radio station in Orange. They were amazed that the Blackett PS community cared so much about people and animals in the bush!

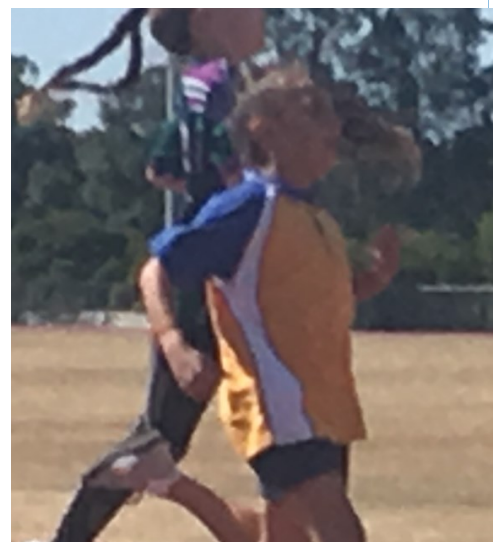
We had a great time for our senior students at the Indigenous Games Day held at Chifley College, Mt Druitt Campus. The students came back with lots to talk about, and the teachers said the day was fabulous.

Thanks to all families who supported our students in collecting Coles docketts. The photos of the equipment show just how hard you all worked!

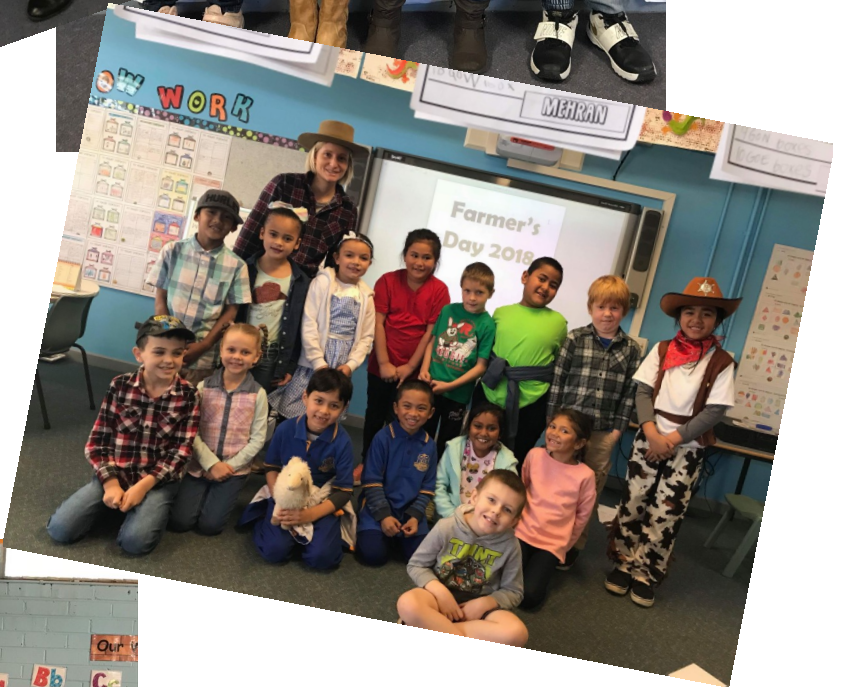
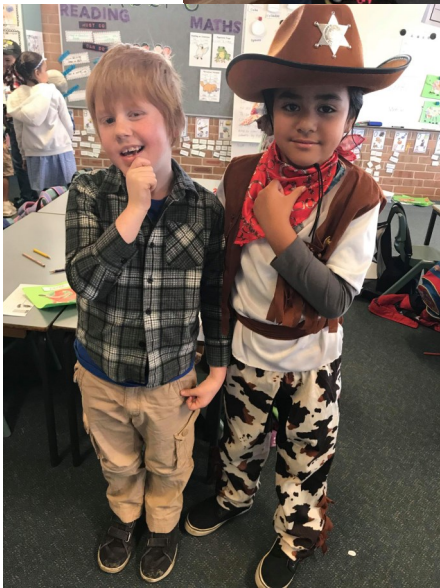
The Book Parade this week was a huge success, even if the weather was unkind just as the parade began. All students looked amazing, so thanks to all the families who helped the students with their costumes. The staff also looked amazing! It was the best crowd ever and thanks to our dedicated staff for the

barbeque. There are lots of events coming up this term, so please check the facebook page for notes, information and payment deadlines. What a busy month!

Mrs Bywater
Principal



FARMER FOR A DAY



Congratulations to all our students & community members on a fantastic effort in raising \$500 to donate towards 'buy a bale' for the farmers who are suffering through this drought.



At Blackett Public School

Every Minute Counts...

<i>When you miss just...</i>	<i>that equals...</i>	<i>which is...</i>	<i>and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...</i>
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks of learning each year	Nearly ½ year of learning
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks of learning each year	Nearly 1 year of learning
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	4 weeks of learning each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour a day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks of learning each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Make every second count, be on time!



At Blackett Public School

Every Day Counts...

<i>When you miss...</i>	<i>that equals...</i>	<i>which is...</i>	<i>and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...</i>
1 day each fortnight	20 days every year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning time	Equal to finishing school in Year 11
1 day each week	40 days every year	Nearly 2 ½ years of learning time	Equal to finishing school in Year 10
2 days each week	80 days every year	Over 5 years of learning time	Equal to finishing school in Year 7
3 days each week	120 days every year	Nearly 8 years of learning time	Equal to finishing school in Year 4

Make every second count, be on time!



School Administrative & Support Staff



This week is SASS Recognition Week & it would be lovely if you could just say a quick 'Thank you' to any of our lovely ladies or gentleman for the tireless work they do. Whether it is in the classroom, around the playground or in the Office.

The fantastic work in the classroom supporting our students in main stream as well as our Support Unit is done by Miss Renee, Miss Kim, Miss Linda, Miss Robyn, Miss Katrina, Mr Andrew, Miss Michelle, Mrs Dunn, Miss Melinda, Miss Libby, Miss Gill, Miss Melissa, Miss Niru, Mrs Hassmann, Miss Tina & Miss Vanessa. They also work very hard in the playground ensuring safe play by all of our students.

Mr Lawn & Mr Draper work hard keeping our school neat & tidy, as well as retrieving balls, shoes, hats or anything else that may find its way up a tree. They also make sure all our lights, taps & windows/doors work.

Miss Carol works extremely hard with all our students & their families as our Community Liaison Officer to ensure all needs are met & any help that could possibly be needed is made available or sourced. Miss Jodie, as our Business Manager assists Mrs Bywater & all staff with administration. Work, Health & Safety as well as Student Welfare also keeps Miss Jodie very busy.

Miss Kay is Blackett's Administration Officer & is the face & voice of Blackett, dealing with all enquiries both in person & on the phone in our Front Office. She also gets to interact with all our students whether it is because they are late, sick, going home early or having to take medication. Any payments or enquiries that you may have, Miss Kay is more than happy to help. We also have Mr Heathcote who comes in for one & a half days a week to make sure our computers & anything else technological keep running properly. Our students & staff are grateful for his knowledge, especially in this era of technology.

Mrs Harris is our Administration Manager who makes sure all the Finances of the school are kept in order. Any goods or services that come into the school, or are used by any of our staff or students is managed by Mrs Harris - she is our 'go to' person financially. She is also happy to see anyone that may be having difficulty financially to pay for any excursion that may occur.

Blackett Public School is very lucky to have such a dedicated, devoted SASS team to support not only the students & staff, but also our families & the wider community.

THANK YOU LADIES AND GENTLEMAN FOR THE FABULOUS WORK YOU DO!



Indigenious Games Day



SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?*

FACT

Children are small, harder to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. They need **YOU** to take extra care when driving and parking around school zones.



No Parking

No waiting. You have 2 minutes to drop-off or pick-up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.



No Stopping

You must not stop on a length of road with a No Stopping sign. The first 10m from an intersection is a no stopping zone. Yellow kerb lines are also No Stopping zones.



Bus Zone

Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.



Mobile Phones

Extra fines apply for using mobile phones in a school zone.



May be subject to Double Demerits

Speeding Offences



40km/h is the limit. Children are vulnerable, so slow down in school zones.



May be subject to Double Demerits

Pedestrian Crossings

1. In a queue of traffic, no part of your vehicle can stop on a pedestrian crossing.
2. Do not let your child in or out of a vehicle at a pedestrian crossing as this is a No Stopping zone.



Driveways & Footpaths

Do not park on or across a driveway or footpath.



U turns

Illegal on or near a pedestrian crossing and across double white lines.



Double Parking

Double parking is illegal and is very dangerous in a school zone.



PENRITH CITY COUNCIL



*Fines current as of March 2018. Fines and demerit points are subject to change. For more information check out the NSW Centre for Road Safety website.



We recently took delivery of our sporting equipment that we were fortunate enough to get because of the generosity of our families & the wider community here at Blackett during the Coles Sports for Schools initiative.

Our students have already enjoyed being able to use the different varieties of equipment during lunch, as well as during sport in class.





