Welcome back to Term 3! I hope everyone has had a safe and relaxing break and feeling refreshed for another action packed term ahead. I would like to welcome Ms Kate Sullivan to our staff this term. Ms Sullivan will be teaching library and RFF on Thursdays as Mrs Lewis is about to have her second child. I’ll keep you posted when there is any news on the baby front.

EDUCATION WEEK
Next week is Education Week. As always Blacksmiths Public School will celebrate with a number of activities and events over the course of the week. Every student will participate in at least one or more activities during week 3. Tuesday 28 July will be our OPEN DAY. Parents and carers are invited to be part of our Education Week assembly on Tuesday at 12.30pm where our choir and StarStruck dancers will perform. Parents are then invited to have a look through their child’s classroom and stay and have lunch. Why don’t you bring along a picnic and enjoy the sunshine (hopefully).

SCIENCE FAIR
Year 6 students have been busy conducting experiments and testing their hypotheses over the last few weeks. Selected students will be presenting their experiments and findings at the annual Science Fair held at Swansea High School next Thursday 30 July. Students from Blacksmiths will also compete in the Paper Aeroplane competition. Year 5 students and their parents are invited to come along and have a look at the Fair from 5.30-6pm. This is a great opportunity for families to have a look at Swansea High if they are still deciding about secondary schooling for their child.

Science Fair Schedule
5:30pm Year 5 students & parents
6:00pm Paper Plane competition
6:30pm Science Fair projects
7.00pm Car race

SCIENCE MAGIC SHOW
As part of Education Week celebrations students in K - 2 will be treated to a Science Magic Show on Wednesday 29 July. Students will be treated to a range of experiments and hands on activities.
AUTHOR VISIT
Year 3 & 4 students will head over to Pelican Flat Public School on Wednesday 29 July to meet author Anna Fienberg. Anna is an award winning author of classic children's literature such as "The Magnificent Nose and Other Marvels". She has won many awards, including the Victorian Premier's Prize for "Ariel, Zed and the Secret of Life" and the CBCA Honour Awards for "Horrendo's Curse" and "Borrowed Light" (selected as an American Library Association Best Book for Young Adults). Her ever-popular "Tashi" series has been translated into 23 languages and is now a TV series, to be broadcast on the ABC in February. Be sure to return your permission notes asap.

GALGABBA PUBLIC SPEAKING
The winners, and Highly Commended, students from our school Public Speaking competition will compete at the Galgabba Public Speaking finals on Thursday of Education Week. I would like to wish all of our students good luck.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
It is that time of year again. The parent information session for parents with children starting school in 2016 will be held at the end of term 3. If you know of anyone who has children starting school next year, please pass on the information. Please see below for all the orientation session times.

Parent Information Session: 17 Sept 6pm
Kindergarten Orientation: 12 Nov 9:15am
Kindergarten Orientation: 19 Nov 12:00pm
Kindergarten Orientation: 26 Nov 12:00pm

SPORTING SCHOOLS
This program will recommence next Tuesday. We will be offering two sports, but at this stage we only have confirmation for golf. Positions will be offered to the first 20 students from Yr 2-6 who return their forms (available from the office). Please note that due to funding restrictions we are not able to provide fruit break before the sessions. Parents are asked to pack a healthy snack for their children.

P & C MEETING
The P & C will meet on Monday 27 July at 6pm in the library. Come along and join in on having a say how your school operates. We discuss a range of topics including fundraising, school policy, and, of course, spending money.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS
Winning House: Binda
Junior Boy Champion: Blake C
Junior Girl Champion: Olivia R
Senior Boy Champion: Jordan J
Senior Girl Champion: Shani P
School Records Broken:
Senior 200m: Shani P
12 yrs 100m: Shani P
Senior Long Jump: Shani P
Senior Shot Put: Shani P

CONGRATULATIONS AND DEBATING
A fantastic effort by both Blake C and Ty L at the recent State Cross Country Carnival. On a cold and bitter morning last Friday the boys competed, with Blake finishing 20th and Ty 10th. What an amazing effort by both boys. Well Done!

Good luck to our debating team, who will debate against Marks Point in the hall this Wednesday morning.

GONSKI
The Gonski Review was the most comprehensive investigation of the way our schools are funded in almost 40 years. Headed by respected businessman David Gonski, it found that too many children were being denied the education they needed due to a lack of resources. In 2015 an additional $97 million was delivered to schools through four equity loadings for Socio-economic background, Aboriginal background, English language proficiency and Low level disability and through a location loading. Much of this funding was due to the GONSKI recommendations. At Blacksmiths Public School this additional funding has provided teachers with professional development, time off for meaningful assessment, data collection and analysis, Aboriginal Education initiatives and learning support. While due to our size and economic status, our funding is relatively small, it provides opportunities for students and staff that we wouldn't otherwise have.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY
Notification for Parents and Carers
From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided.
to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection
The NSW Department of Education follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students’ personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education in connection with the National data collection. A privacy notice has been developed by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department’s website at http://education.gov.au/notices.

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM
It’s on again! From now until Tuesday 8 September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator, or through an online order, and place them on a sticker sheet. For every $10.00 spent you will receive one Earn & Learn Sticker (excluding purchases of liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the sticker sheet in the collection box which will be located in the school foyer. Once the program closes on 8 September we will then collect all the completed sticker cards and send them in for redemption. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Aaron Quinnell - Principal
MARKET STALL
Look out for some great bargains at our next stall later this week. Produce includes:
- Spinach / Baby Spinach
- Lettuce
- Sweet Potatoes
- Rocket, Rosemary, Parsley

Blackert Gymnastics Academy Has Moved!
Blackert Gymnastics Academy (BGA) is a successful and established gymnastics club that is fully affiliated with Gymnastics Australia. This year we have moved to a brand new, fully equipped, state of the art gymnastics centre and are offering a new and exciting range of programs. All programs are supervised by fully qualified gymnastics coaches and delivered in a fun, friendly and professional manner.

- Kindergym: 18months - 5years
- Recreational Gymnastics: 4 years+
- Regional Levels Gymnastics: 7 years+
- Tricks & Tumbles: 7years+
- Fitkids: 5years+
- Competitive Gymnastics: 5 years+
  (by assessment only)

It’s Party Time!!
Looking for a fun, easy, energetic and exciting place for your child’s birthday party? Then why not try one of our gymnastics parties! It’s the simple, stress free place for your child’s next birthday party.

School Holiday Fun!!
We also have fun holidays programs to keep the children busy and active during every school holidays. So why not come and give one of our programs or parties a try?

Where: 21 Templar Place, Bennetts Green
Phone: 4948 0555
Email: blackertgymnastics@hotmail.com
Facebook: Like us on Facebook Blackert Gymnastics Academy
Website: www.blackert.gymnastics.org.au

Classes are designed to meet the creative and educational needs of children
Fun and experimental, to inspire your children to think outside the box and use their imagination, to create unique artworks
Materials list will be provided or materials may be purchased from the studio

64 Marks Point Road, Marks Point. NSW. 2280.
0249 721 360 or 0403 749 631
tmenegazzo@hotmail.com

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