DIARY DATES

Wed 16 Sept  
Touch Football Gala Day  
Premier’s Spelling Bee Finals

Thu 17 Sept  
Kinder 2016 Parent Info Session - 6pm

Fri 18 Sept  
Walkathon & Talk Like A Pirate Day

Mon 21 Sept to  
Mon 5 Oct  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Tue 6 Oct  
Students Return for Term 4  
NO CANTEEN TODAY

Fri 9 Oct  
Gymnastics Payment Due

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

19 Sept:  Will P  
21 Sept:  Aishlinn E  
27 Sept:  Zali B  
28 Sept:  Jaxon R  
1 Oct:  Isaac F  
3 Oct:  Kahlia C  
6 Oct:  Brock A  
10 Oct:  Ryan E  
6 Oct:  Thomas H  
10 Oct:  Jett F

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The end of term is now fast approaching. What a great term it has been. Students have enjoyed participating in a range of activities and events from athletics to pubic speaking, gala days, spelling bees, book parades, Grandparents’ Day, Fathers’ Day breakfast and, of course, our annual excursions.

I would like to thank all of our students for their fantastic behaviour on their recent excursions. K-2 enjoyed their bus trip to the Civic Theatre to watch ‘Cranky Bear’. Stage 2 travelled to Sydney to experience the magic of the IMAX theatre. And of course Stage 3 enjoyed 3 days exploring Canberra.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST
It was great to see so many fathers here for our Fathers’ Day breakfast last week. Even with the wet weather it was a great turnout. Thanks to the P&C for supplying all the food. A big thanks to Mel Burge for her BBQ expertise.

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY
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STUDENTS RETURN TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

DEBATING
Congratulations to our debating team, who won their debate against Hillsborough PS last week. The team is starting to notch up quite a few wins this year. The team also travelled to Nords Wharf PS on Monday. Another great effort and another great win by the team. Well done!
WALKATHON & TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY
Don't forget its our annual Walkathon this Friday. The Walkathon is to raise money for Bowel Cancer Research. As it is also 'Talk Like A Pirate Day' students are encouraged to come dressed as a pirate. Alternatively students may also come dressed out of uniform. The canteen will also be having a Pizza & Popper day. You will have already received the order form and orders need to be returned to school no later than 10am tomorrow, 16 September.

TERM 4 GYMNASTICS
We will be using the “Sport for Life” gymnastics program for all classes as our sport for Term 4. The program will run each Friday from Week 2 to Week 9. The cost of the program is $24.00 per student and payment needs to be paid before Friday 9 October, 2015 to ensure your child’s participation in this program.

YEAR 6 MINI FETE
Our very popular Year 6 Mini Fete will be held on Thursday 5 November. As usual, filled jars for the popular “Lucky Jar” stall are needed. These can be filled with anything you think the children would like and dropped off at the office. We would appreciate if one jar per child is donated for the stall to ensure that all students can participate. Please note that the jars need to be at school by Tuesday 3 November at the very latest, **not on fete day**, as they need to be labelled and sorted before then.

GOOD LUCK
Good luck to our four Regional Spelling Bee finalists, who will compete at Coal Point Public School tomorrow for a chance to compete at State next term. Emily, Harley, Thomas and Chantelle have all been busy brushing up on their spelling over the weekend.

PARENT SURVEYS
The parent survey is still available online and I encourage everyone to complete it. It only takes a few moments of your time and provides the school with valuable information to help us improve our services.

You can access the survey at: [https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17772&j_password=Bla4197](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent17772&j_password=Bla4197)

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN
The Earn & Learn program has now finished. If you have any stickers, or incomplete sheets of stickers, lying around at home could you please bring them in to the school office asap so that we can collate them and send them away.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
The parent information session for parents with children starting school in 2016 will be held this Thursday evening at 6pm.

- **Parent Info Session:** 17 Sept 6pm - 7:30pm
- **Kinder Orientation:** 12 Nov 9:15 - 10:15am
- **Kinder Orientation:** 19 Nov 12pm - 1:15pm
- **Kinder Orientation:** 26 Nov 12pm - 1:15pm

SCHOOL WEBSITE SURVEY
We are always looking at ways to enhance the quality of communication between our school and our parents. One of the key communication channels is our school website [www.blacksmith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.blacksmith-p.schools.nsw.edu.au).

The Department is looking at enhancing the quality of our school website and would really like to get your feedback as a parent about the type of functionality on the website that would help improve the communication between the school and you.

We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the following online survey. The survey is located at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG)

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback and help us make our school website even better.

SCHOOL RETURNS TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER
If you notice anything happening in the school grounds over the holidays that seems inappropriate please contact school security on 1300 880 021. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday period. School resumes on Tuesday 6 October for all students and teachers.

Aaron Quinnell - Principal

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**TERM 4 MENU**
The new menu for next term will be sent home today with the newsletter. Please note that there are a few changes:

- Chicken nuggets / fish cocktails and salad box will be on the new menu for summer
- Lasagne and pasta bake are no longer available

A huge thank you to all our volunteers this term. We could not operate the canteen without your support.

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**Will you...**

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