Congratulations to 3 of our ex-students who have been elected as school leaders for 2015 at Toronto High School. Bailey Andrews and Gemma Driscoll are school captains and Matt Watson is senior prefect. Well done guys – we are proud of you.

Last week 54 of our wonderful students travelled to Canberra as part of their study of the unit “Federal Government”. The school would like to acknowledge the support of the PACER program.

Stage 3 students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

On Tuesday some of our fantastic spellers represented us at the Regional Final of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Kiara, Charlotte and Ashleigh on a great effort. Unfortunately Olivia was too sick to attend.

Our lost property box is currently overflowing with dozens of green jumpers with no name on them. Please take a few minutes during the holidays to check that your child’s clothes all have names on them and that the name hasn’t faded.

Merrita Jeffrey (Principal)
### Merit Awards

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### Students of the Week

| **BAND** | Nicola S |
| **DANCE** | Amelia C |

### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

| **KN** | Nicholas D | 3-4F | Rhys S |
| **KH** | Layne Mc | 4H | Charli W |
| **1-2A** | Flynn G | 5-6F |
| **1-2LC** | Tatiarna N | 5-6W |
| **2-3MC** | Amy D | **Principal’s Award** |

### “YOU CAN DO IT” Award Winners

| **KN** | Alex C |
| **KH** | Beau G |
| **1-2A** | Keely E |
| **1-2LC** | Reuben R |
| **2-3MC** | Preston B |
| **3-4F** | Rhys S |
| **4H** | Charli W |

### The Act of Kindness Award

**Term 3 Week 8 went to Allanah S**

for noticing when other students need help and then giving them her assistance.
If your child or if you know of any child that will be attending Blackalls Park Kindergarten in 2015 could you please let the office know so we can send out all the information required. Thank you

2015 Orientation Dates

Thursday 9th October  5 to 6pm  Parent Information
Thursday 23rd October  9:15 to 10:45am  1st Orientation
Monday 3rd November  9:15 to 10:45am  2nd Orientation
Wednesday 12th November  2:00 to 2:45pm  3rd Orientation

Our Band will be performing at the Toronto Spring Fair on Saturday 11th October from 12 - 12.30pm. Please come and support our performers. Annette Blatchford

Community meeting

We are asking parents and guardians of our school to attend a consultation meeting on Tuesday 7th of October at 6.30pm.

All interested community members are invited to help us set the direction of the School Plan for 2015-17.

- What sort of school do you want BPPS to be?
- What sort of students do you want it to produce?
- What do you want BPPS students to experience?
- What contexts are BPPS students headed for beyond school and is the school preparing them for that?
- How will BPPS teachers provide learning experiences that prepare its students adequately for life beyond school in the 21st century?

Where: Blackalls Public School Library

When: Tuesday 7th of October at 6.30pm
Calling on parents and helpers...

WE NEED YOU!

Where: Blackalls Park Public School (Main entrance)

When: Saturday 13th of September

Time: 9am to Midday.

BYO: Wheelbarrow, gloves, tools (spades, shovels, forks)

Please come along to our working bee and help make our school look great!

Jobs we hope to accomplish:

- Building a garden bed and rockery
- Weeding and mulching garden beds around the school
- Digging holes
- Tidying up garden beds
- Improving the playground

Any help would be greatly appreciated! If you can make it on the day or have any questions please contact Mr Findley.

In the event of wet weather the working bee will be postponed.

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Canteen News

Canteen Roster for Term 3

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Next P&C meeting

Tuesday 7th October – 6:30pm – In the Staffroom

Uniform room times:

Monday mornings 8.45-9.15am
Thursday mornings 8.45-9.15am
Thursday afternoons 2.30-3.00pm

Co-ordinator - Mrs Jane Mifsud
Doctor to your door is a new after hours home visit doctor service. Free bulk billed until midnight. Open every day. Opening times: Weekdays - 6pm until 8pm, Saturdays - from 12 midday, Sundays and Public holidays - 24 hours. Calls taken for visits 2 hours prior to opening times. Charges apply after midnight until 8am. Call 1300 YOUR DOOR or 1300 568 736.

www.doctorleyourdoor.com.au  Find us on Facebook

Lake Mac Libraries
Learn and play with our dedicated and friendly library staff.
Bookings essential on 4945 2452.

Wheelee Things storytime
Wangi Library Monday 22 September 2.30-3.15pm | 3-8 years | free
Join us for all things moves and cars, with stories, songs and craft.

Bush Magic storytime
Cardiff Library Monday 22, Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 September 11-11.45am | 3-8 years | free
Come along for magical tales set in the Australian bush and create your own magic wand to take home.

Make and play a spotty activity
Charlestown Library Monday 22, Tuesday 23, Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 and Friday 26 September 10am-noon | 4-7 years | free
Come along and get creative at the activity table with paper crafts, puzzles and colouring sheets or bring a friend to play board games. No need to book.

Billy Goats Gruff puppet show
Belmont Library Tuesday 23 September and Thursday 2 October 11-11.30am | all ages | free
Join in the fun at this special storytime and enjoy a puppet show based on the classic story The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Winter magic collage
Morisset Library Thursday 25 September 2-2.45pm | 4-10 years | $6
Create your own sparkly frozen landscape using collage on canvas.

Bringing Blackbutt to you wildlife show
Toronto Library Thursday 25 September 10.30-11.15am | all ages | $8 per person
Come along to our wildlife show and make some new reptile friends. Presented by Bringing Blackbutt to You. Adults at children’s price.

Dinosaur roar storytime
Swansea Library Friday 26 September 10-11am | 3-8 years | free
Join us for prehistoric fun with stories, games and craft.

Monster softies
Edgeworth Library Tuesday 30 September 11am-noon | 9 years | $6
Design your own monster cushion then decorate and sew your cushion together. No sewing experience required.

Box monsters
Morisset Library Tuesday 30 September 10-11am | 3-8 years | free
Join us for monster stories and then make your own recycled monster to take home.

Old favourites storytime
Speers Point Library Wednesday 1 October 10.30-11am | 3-8 years | free
Come and share some of our favourite stories, songs and rhymes and then make a simple craft to take home.

JD’s World of Magic
Cardiff Library Wednesday 1 October 6-6.45pm | all ages | $8
Fun for the whole family! Be amazed by award-winning magician Joel Howlet at our special evening show. Adults at children’s price.

T-shirt designer
Swansea Library Friday 3 October 10-11am | 8+ years | $6
Learn how to “upcycle” your plain T-shirts into fashion statements using a variety of techniques. Participants will need to bring a plain white t-shirt to decorate.

Teddy Bear Picnic
Bolton Point Park Park Friday 3 October 2-2.30pm | 2-5 years | free
Bring along your teddy bear or favourite toy for stories, songs and games at our outdoor storytime. Don’t forget your hat and sunscreen.

We are now on Instagram! Follow us @ourlakemac
Celebrating all the interesting, inspiring and fun things that young people in Lake Mac are doing every day.

Art Gallery
Get creative with guidance from our professional artists.
Note: Participants must wear closed shoes and may want to bring a hat and a snack.
Bookings essential on 4965 8260. First Street Booargil NSW 2284.

Steampunk Studio
Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 September 10.30am-12.30pm | 6-10 years 1.30pm-3.30pm | 8-12 years | $20 per child per workshop ($10 per additional sibling)
Melbourne artist Clockwork Butterfly will be at the gallery conducting workshops to coincide with The Antipodean Steampunk Show. Create an artwork of an airship or hot air balloon. Invent a time machine. Design costumes for adventurers to explore the universe. Design your very own version of a Clockwork Butterfly. Come into our dress-up corner and choose your own Steampunk look for a photographic portrait.

Lake Mac Swimming Centres
Make a splash this holiday.

Learn to swim
Boost your confidence in the water with our five-day program. There is the option to join for one or two weeks.
Week 1 starts 22 September
Week 2 starts 29 September
Charlestown Swimming Centre
From 9am | $42.10 per week
Week 1 starts 22 September
Week 2 starts 29 September
Bookings essential on 4943 7041.

Swansea Swimming Centre
From 8am | $42.10 per week
Grading day Saturday 20 September, 9am
Bookings essential on 4971 1518.

Lake Mac’s sustainable living event returns with a focus on something we all love - food!
Speers Point Park Saturday 27 September 8am 2pm | free
- Farmers markets
- Free kids’ activities
- Market stalls
- Entertainment
- Cooking and gardening demonstrations
- Native plant giveaway
- Cultural cruises

For more information, go to lakemac.com.au living smart-festival
Calling all:
FAMILIES, CARERS, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, SERVICE PROVIDERS, TEACHERS/ASSISTANTS, & THE GENERAL PUBLIC

HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter
Invites you to the

**2014 Expo for Families & Carers**

What’s in it for you?

- Support & Information for Families & Carers in their caring role
- Information for Professionals to support Families & Carers
- Opportunities to Network & Promote Carers Week Activities

**Guest Speakers:**

10.00am – 11.00am: Keynote Speakers:
Hunter New England Local Health District & Private Aged Care Services
"Aged Care Reforms: ACAT Legislation, Home Care Packages & Residential Aged Care"

12.00pm – 1.00pm: Dr Lee Sturgeon – Consultant Clinical & Developmental Psychologist
"Managing the Mental Health and General Wellbeing of Parents, Carers and Siblings of Children with Developmental Disorders including Autism Spectrum Disorders"

**Children’s Entertainment:**
"Loopy the Clown"
"Face Painting, Animal Balloons, Magic"

**Details:**

Date: Thursday 9 October 2014
Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: Newcastle Panthers, King Street, Newcastle
Cost: Free

This is a Collaborative Project between HNE Carer Support Program - Hunter and our Carer Reference Group.

For Information or to Register
Phone: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776
or Email: Educare-Admin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

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