Mr Harden, Ms Cattell and Mrs Adam would love to thank all the swimming students who took to the task for 10 days with determination and resilience and have achieved water skills that they will take with them for life.
Welcome back everyone. Term 4 looks like being another exciting time at BPPS with lots of great things happening.

Tomorrow we will welcome the parents of our 2016 Kindergarten students to the school, some of them for the first time and others will be heading down a familiar, well trodden path. Either way the transition to school is an exciting time for all our new students as they take their next step in their journey as life-long learners.

If you have any friends, family or neighbours who will be enrolling in Kindergarten next year please check with them that they have their name on our list so that we are able to contact them with the details of our orientation program.

Congratulations to Maryanne Madden who was the winner of the newsletter competition last term. Her prize was gladly accepted for her by Beau. Parents, friends and students are all eligible to enter – just make sure you read the newsletter to get the details.

Thank you to all the parents who attended parent/teacher interviews at the end of last term. It is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and learn from one another. Our teachers feel that they get as much from the interview time as (we hope) you do. This term our main communication with parents will be via a written report which (we anticipate) will go home on Friday 11th December.

Merrita Jeffrey (Principal)

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**PERMISSION NOTES & PAYMENTS DUE**

**Dancers**

$3.50 x 10 weeks of dance
$7.00 x 10 weeks of dance and tap
Most students have a credit from Term 3.
Please check with Mrs Cowburn on amount owed for Term 4

**Band**

$12.50 x 10 weeks for Mr Saunders, Mr Lock & Miss Jessica
$12.50 x 9 weeks for Mr Connolly

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**What’s on at B.P.P.S.**

**Thursday 8th October**
- Canteen closed
- Kinder Orientation-Parents 5pm to 6pm
- TLC Band 12.30-2.30pm

**Friday 9th October**
- Big Band 8:15am

**Tuesday 13th October**
- Responsible Pet Ownership presentation
- Dance lessons

**Wednesday 14th October**
- Bandfest

**Tuesday 20th October**
- Dance lessons
- Pizza Day fundraiser

**Thursday 22nd October**
- Kinder Orientation 9:15am – 10:45am

**Friday 23rd October**
- Book Club orders due

**Tuesday 27th October**
- Oakvale Farm – Kinder
- Dance lessons

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**Name origin of Blackalls Park...........**

Named after Tom Blackall, a Newcastle dentist, whose father had purchased E.C.G. Chapman's estate on the promontory which became the park. The father, W. Blackall, was a chemist with a shop at 36-38 Hunter Street, Newcastle. He lived at the Lake and travelled to work by train, our earliest commuter.

**Aboriginal Occupation:**

At the head of Blackalls Bay a large number of petrified tree trunks stood in the water. This was the petrified forest, called by the Aborigines "Kurra Kurran": men turned into stone. Most of the tree trunks have now been removed but some may be seen in a fence in Venetia Avenue, Blackalls Park.

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**Kindergarten to visit Oakvale Farm on Tuesday 27th October**

Kindergarten will love the hands on experience with the animals at Oakvale Farm. We have opened this excursion to any parents wishing to go. We do have only 9 places for parents on the bus at a cost of $12 or you can take your car and meet us there. There is an entry fee of $22.50 per adult. All information was given to Kindergarten students today.
1. What are Cinderella’s ugly step sisters called? ______________________

2. What is an ornithorhynchus anatinus? ___________________

Return this slip to the office by 9am this Friday 9th October to enter the draw for a small surprise. Olly wants to know if you are reading his newsletter.

NAME: ___________________________
Thank you to everyone for getting the lunch orders in on time. Remember if they are after the 8:55am bell, sandwiches are your only option.

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### UNIFORM ROOM

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

Co-ordinator – Mrs Jane Mifsud

### NEXT P&C MEETING

6.30pm Tuesday 6th October in the staffroom  
President – Mel Fenton  
Secretary – Jane Mifsud  
Treasurer – Kathy Duncum

### OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

Connecting our community and our school through newsletters, photos and information.

www.blackallpk-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

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**Book Club**

Anyone wishing to order from this issue of book club needs to have their order with money to the office by Friday 23rd October.

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This term we hold 3 orientations for our 2016 Kindergarten.  
KH & KN met some of our new Kinder friends at preschool recently.