Don’t forget to keep collecting the Woolworth stickers

Term 3  17 August  18 August  19 August  20 August  21 August  
Week 6  Zone Athletics (Track)  Big Band 8:15am  CANTEEN CLOSED  
24 August  25 August  26 August  27 August  28 August  
Week 7  KN & KH Visiting local Pre school  Big Band 8:15am  Regional Athletics  
Year 5 GATS THS  BOOK WEEK PARADE  BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE  
29 August  30 August  31 August  1 September  2 September  
Week 8  Year 5 & 6 Bathurst Excursion  P&C Meeting 6:30pm  CANTEEN CLOSED  Big Band 8:15am  
3 September  4 September  

By the time that families and friends are reading this Year 4 will be well into their great time at Myuna Bay.

Please don’t miss us too much!

Gym Equipment
Although our play gym equipment is great and very safe it is a Department of Education requirement that if the equipment is in use that it is supervised by a school staff member. For this reason we ask that the equipment isn’t used by preschool children while they are waiting for big brothers and sisters and that our students don’t use the equipment after school hours. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Teacher Interviews
This week you will be receiving a letter from your child’s teacher inviting you to a parent/teacher interview. Interviews will be happening over the next couple of weeks.
Congratulations to all our students who were presented with Education Week awards last week at Toronto High School.

A number of parents have said that they found the article about social media that was included in last week’s newsletter to be very informative.

The **Tell Them From Me** student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the **Tell Them From Me** student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the **Tell Them From Me** survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Monday 24th August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

The **Partners in Learning** parent feedback survey

Our school will also be participating in the **Partners in Learning** parent survey, another part of the **Tell Them From Me** suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.


Merrita Jeffrey (Principal)
# Merit Awards

## Term 3 - Week 5

### KN
- **Liam C**: Great expression when reading
- **Oliver C**: Clever spelling of tricky words
- **Nyah E-C**: Writing excellent information

### KH
- **Andrew G**: Improvement in drama
- **Kaysha G**: Asking great questions in history
- **Gabriel R**: Excellent job at multiplying numbers

### 1C
- **Emmi A**: Counting up to 120
- **Noah N**: Working hard in maths
- **Liam H**: Amazing writing

### 1-2A
- **Sarah C**: Working independently in spelling
- **Sienna R**: Consistently giving thoughtful answers in class discussions
- **Alex C**: A more mature attitude in class

### 2-3C
- **Lara Mc**: Being a quiet, hard worker
- **Shayla H**: Being a quiet, conscientious worker
- **Amelia L**: Trying hard in all activities

### 3-4H
- **Heather C**: Being a spelling whiz kid
- **Harry S**: Being a spelling whiz kid
- **Reuben R**: Learning his number facts
- **Jack F**: Improved concentration

### 4-5N
- **Charli W**: Trying her best at all times
- **Shenae G**: Great effort in literacy tasks
- **Toby H**: Trying hard in AFL

### 4-5F
- **Joshua F**: Improved attitude to learning
- **Amelia P**: Making my day
- **Emily C**: Great attitude to learning

### 6WB
- **Tyran G**: Effort in maths and attempting all tasks
- **Kyle B**: Working hard to complete all the maths questions, even under pressure
- **Zoe W**: Her strong rebuttal in debating

### Students of the Week

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### “YOU CAN DO IT” Award Winners

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**The Act of Kindness Award**

Term 3 Week 5 went to **Tyran G**

for taking the time to teach younger students how to throw and catch a ball in his own playtime.
KINDERGARTEN NAMES FOR 2016

If your child or if you know of any child that will be attending Blackalls Park Kindergarten in 2016 could you please let the office know so we can send out all the information required. Thank you

2016 Orientation Dates

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We will be having a character parade on Wednesday 26th August. This year's theme is "Books light up our world". At the conclusion of the Book Week Parade the canteen will be selling lamingtons and Year 6 will be selling drinks for everyone to enjoy at recess. We know how popular lamingtons always are so we have decided to offer parents the chance to pre-order packets of 6 lamingtons (cream or plain) for $8. Order forms are available at the office.

STAGE 3 EXCURSION

CENTRAL WEST– YEAR 5 & 6 (Monday 31st August to Wednesday 2nd September)
The cost of this excursion is $300.00 per student. Some people have fully paid for this excursion and some are making regular payments. Total payments have to be paid by Friday 21st August.

BAND

Band Payments for Term 3  ($12.50 EACH WEEK)

Don’t forget big band will be on the Wednesday mornings for the next 2 weeks. We have such a busy term that we have had to change band to fit in with activities. Students keep up your practice at home please.

YES WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Please collect the Earn and Learn stickers from Woolworths when you shop. Tell your relatives, friends etc to help us collect. This program gives us a chance to purchase new educational resources for our school. Students have the choice of collecting stickers on a sheet or just pop the sticker in the box at Woolworths or at the school office and we will stick them on the sheets. Sheets are available at the office or at Woolworths. Thank you in advance for helping us save the Earn and Learn stickers.
ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We are so proud of all our students who participated in the Zone Athletics Carnival last Friday or Monday this week. They all tried their best and achieved a number of excellent results. The junior boys relay team (Flynn, Lochlan F, Damien, Wilson) won their heat displaying speed and sound baton changes. Jared L showed strength and technique to finish third in the shot put.

Two of our athletes qualified for the Regional Carnival. Lochlan B 2nd in high jump and Damien E blitzed the field in the 8yrs 100m finishing 1st. Congratulations to all competitors.

Mr B Harden

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Next P&C meeting

Tuesday 1st September – 6:30pm

Look who hopped into Kindergarten yesterday.

TENNIS COACHING

Tennis coaching is conducted by Bill Griffiths at the Toronto Workers Club Tennis Courts and Rathmines Tennis Courts. Group and private lessons are available and beginners are most welcome. For further information please call Bill on 0402 274 646.

JUNIOR CRICKET REGISTRATIONS - Toronto Workers District Cricket registrations will be held at Toronto Workers Club on Sunday 16 August from 10am to noon, Wednesday 19 August from 4pm to 6pm and at the Entrance to Coles at Bonnells Bay on Saturday 22 August from noon to 3pm.

The club caters for junior cricketers, both boys and girls, aged 5 to 17 years. Fees, depending on age, must be paid at registration. New players must bring proof of age. Players new to the club (not In2Cricket and T20 Blast) will receive 4 items of cricket clothing.

Contact cricketsouthernlakes@gmail.com or Robert on 0458 505488.
**Advance Football Centre**

AFC is a privately owned and operated football centre, with full private insurance, offering structured football development programs for players and coaches involved within all levels of the game - junior, youth and senior football.

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Your child wants to play cricket...but you don't want to give up your Saturdays!

WE HAVE THE ANSWER!!! All new 'Mini T20 Blast' for boys and girls aged 6 - 12 years.

Fast, action packed, make new friends, learn new skills, equipment provided.

T20 Blast Centre: No 1 Sportsground, Newcasle (Monday evenings)

Middaw/Relson Oval (Tuesday evenings)

Herbar Oval, Rose City (Wednesday evenings)

Charlestown Oval (Thursday evenings)

Tullubbi Park, Taree (Saturday afternoons)

COME N TRY EVENING

Venue: Herbar Oval

Date: Wednesday 20th September, 2015

Session: 4pm - 6pm (pending numbers)

Club accommodation for members who wish to attend by Wednesday, 16th September by email to administrator@nwcc.org.au

For more info on T20 Blast go to:

**www.t20blast.com.au**

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**Try Softball**

Season begins October 10, 2015

Juniors: U10 T-Ball, U12, U15, U18

Seniors: Men & Women 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades

SAME PLACE EVERY WEEEEK

Stevenson Park,
Industrial Drive, Mayfield West

For Information:

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