**Diary Dates**

**TERM 1 - Week 1**

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At the end of 2015 we celebrated the many academic, sporting and cultural successes of students at our Presentation Day assemblies and Graduation ceremony. We also announced the 2016 Parliamentarians and House Captains. Congratulations to all students who were elected to this leadership group. There will be many leadership opportunities for all students, especially for our seniors.

At this stage, we are waiting to establish our student numbers before we finalise our class organisation for 2016 and will be looking at doing so by the middle of next week. Please understand that the teachers of your children last year, made informed decisions about the best place and teacher for your child in the 2016 school year. Your continued understanding and support makes up the very fabric of our wonderful school.

I am looking forward to a wonderful and exciting 2016 at Bexley North Public School!

**Angelina Sheinwald**  
Principal
School Organisation:

Classes that are made up of children of different year levels have traditionally been called composite classes. In recent times, these classes have also been labelled stage-based classes, multi aged or family classes.

This year our school enrolment continues to be high and uneven in certain year levels. Therefore composite classes are unavoidable. Furthermore, all Primary schools are staffed by a state wide formula which works in favour of having smaller class sizes in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2.

You may find your child in a composite class. Naturally, questions arise: For the older group - will my child be held back? For the younger group - will my child be able to keep up?

Composite classes have been the source of much misunderstanding over the years, with parents often believing that their child is being disadvantaged in some way by being in one. The key to understanding composites is realising that growth is determined in phases and not, magically, by ages.

Some points worth noting are:

Children have always been in multi-aged classes. The ages of kindergarten students range from four and nine months to six and six months; an 18 month difference! Some children start school barely toilet trained while others are quite mature and are already reading at an advanced level; same class but different stages.

Older students are not held back in composite classes. In teaching we accept that different children learn at different rates. Separate programs are often used in many curriculum areas for the different groups of students according to their level of development. There are also some joint activities such as in art and drama. Expectations for each child differ and will be measured against the ability of the child. This tends to be focused on more so in a composite class situation.

Composite classes can provide significant benefits to both the younger and older students in the class. Older students can benefit from helping younger students in co-operative learning situations. The younger students have the opportunity of enhanced learning experiences where they are ready for it. Through multi-age learning groups, students begin to see themselves and others more realistically. They come to appreciate the diversity of talents, skills, and abilities of their classmates. This leads students to use more appropriate and varied criteria than just age as a basis for building relationships and learning from one another.

The multi-age learning groups provide additional opportunities for children to develop a wider range of social skills.

Teachers are trained and experienced in organising and implementing an effective and successful teaching and learning program for composite classes. Students will be involved in all grade-based activities and events ensuring that their peer relationships are not just maintained but enhanced.

At the Meet the Teacher Information Evening, the class teacher will outline the organisation of the teaching and learning program for the year.

REMINDER:

We have a few positions still available for anyone interested in Years 3 – 6 Swimming Scheme at Col Jones beginning Friday 12th February 2016.

All applications for this will close on Monday the 8th February 2016.

Full and final payments need to be made before then.
Volunteers are required who could spare approximately 45 mins – 1 hour, on one or more mornings per week.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are excited to introduce one of the most successful educational programs to Bexley North Public School, Parents As Tutors For Reading Program. Its aim, using parent volunteers, is to improve children's skills in reading, focusing mainly on:

- Word Attack Skills – decoding new words they encounter when reading
- Sight Word Knowledge – increasing their “word bank”
- Oral Reading – reading aloud fluently with emphasis on comprehension

For the convenience of our parent volunteers, the program begins just after 9:00am and runs for 45-60 minutes. The tutoring is carried out with pupils individually.

Ms Ball, the school Learning and Support Co-ordinator, will train the new parent volunteers in the strategies employed in the program before its commencement.

Should you wish to participate in, or would like more information about this wonderfully rewarding opportunity to provide selected children at the school with time to improve their confidence and skills in reading, please fill in the form below and leave it with one of our friendly front office staff.

Alternatively, you can phone the school office on 9554 3306 and leave your name and contact number and Ms Ball will contact you.

Yours Faithfully

Angelina Sheinwald
Principal

Dear Ms Ball,

I would like to know more about the Parent Tutor Reading Program please.

NAME:

PHONE NO: (Home) (Mobile)
Dear Parents & Carers,

**TEXTBOOKS 2016**

Students K-6 will be able to purchase their next year’s textbooks ONLINE for the first time. This means the school will not be collecting money for textbooks and you will have the convenience and ease to access the supplier direct to purchase your child’s textbooks. The **Online Opening Date for purchasing textbooks is Tuesday 8th December, 2015** and the **Closing Date is Thursday 28th January, 2016**.

When ordering your textbooks, you will need to choose the year your child is in next year. Children have not yet been placed in their classes. Students in the Extension classes have been advised.

L.J. Harper & Company is the supplier for our textbooks. Attached to this note is a list of instructions that you will need to follow in order to purchase your child’s textbooks. The **Delivery Date for textbooks will be Tuesday 2nd February, 2016**. Textbooks will be handed out to your child on this date.

It is important that all students order and pay **before the Online Closing Date**. If you are unable to access online purchasing, please contact the school.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support of the above arrangements.

A Sheinwald  
Principal

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Coordinator

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Commonwealth Bank School Banking

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The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is at Bexley North Public School. It's a great way to give your child a financial head start by helping them to learn about good money management and the importance of saving.

What is School Banking?
School Banking is a program designed to help your child develop strong financial literacy skills for the future. With the help of the School Banking Coordinators, children can start saving regularly through the school. Best of all, the School Banking program makes saving fun with an exciting Rewards Program that encourages regular participation.

Encouraging good saving habits
School Banking gives children hands-on experience at handling money and seeing it grow. The program helps them develop the knowledge, independence and confidence they need to manage their finances successfully as they get older.

Earning fun rewards
Every time your child makes a deposit through the School Banking program, regardless of how much, they will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once they have saved 10 tokens they can swap them for fun Dollarmites rewards.

How does your child get involved?
In order to participate in the School Banking program, your child will need a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account which can be opened at ANY branch of the Commonwealth Bank convenient to you. If you are an existing customer with NetBank access, you can open an account online. Simply logon as usual, click the ‘offers and apply’ tab, then select ‘accounts’ and ‘Youthsaver’. For either option you will need to have your child’s birth certificate and your driver's license for identification.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver / Dollarmites account, they can use this account for School Banking. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

Alternatively, our School Banking Specialist will be at our school on the following days to take applications. For this option, you need only supply your driver’s license.

Friday 26th February 2016
starting at 8.30am

Benefits to our school
When your child completes their first deposit at school on Banking Day, our school receives $5.00 commission. A further 5% commission will be paid on all deposits made at the school. It is a great way for our school to raise funds while your child learns all the important lessons of saving money on a regular basis.

Please bring your bankbook to school every week and start school banking.

Your local Commonwealth Bank branch is Kingsgrove Branch.

We hope you will consider participating in the School Banking program, as we know your child will benefit from banking each week.
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Kingsgrove Primary School  - Tuesday
Bexley North Primary School - Wednesday
Lugano Primary School      - Monday
Peakhurst West Primary School - Tuesday

For more information:
Principal   Georgios Karagiorgos  0423 742 480
President   Andrew Katsanos      0425 322 288
23 November 2015

Bexley North Public School
Mrs Karen Shehata
Kingsland Road
Bexley North 2207

Dear Mrs Karen Shehata,

Re: Lunar New Year 2016 – Princes Highway, King St Place and Surrounding Areas

The annual Lunar New Year celebrations will be held on Friday 5 February 2016 in King Street Place. The event features stalls, traditional performances including dragon and lion dancing, authentic Asian food and children’s activities.

As part of the celebrations we are running a colouring competition with prizes for the winning entries.

We encourage children under 12 years old to participate by submitting an entry. Entries will be displayed at the event and at Council following the event. The winners will be notified by a phone call or email.

Please find a small amount of copies of the Year of the Monkey image enclosed. Please feel free to make further copies and distribute to your students. It can also be downloaded from Council’s website at www.rockdale.nsw.gov.au

Entries must be submitted in person at the event from 3.30pm to 7.30pm.

If you require any further information contact the City Media and Events Unit on 9562 1666.

Kind regards,

Amanda Hurst
Senior Events Officer
YEAR OF THE MONKEY
2016
ROCKDALE CITY COUNCIL
LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

YEAR OF THE MONKEY

Friday 5 February 2016
3:30pm - 7:30pm
King St Place, Rockdale

Dragon & Lion Dances, Lantern Making
Mama Linh’s & Tsuru Asian Street Food
Arts & Crafts... and Live Entertainment

FREE WORKSHOPS

Rockdale Town Hall
Level 1, Pindari Room, 448 Princes Highway, Rockdale

Monday 8 February 2016, 10am – 12pm
PALACE LANTERN MAKING

Tuesday 9 February 2016, 10am – 12pm
CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY

Thursday 11 February 2016, 10am – 12pm
BRUSH PAINTING

Friday 12 February 2016, 10am – 12pm
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DRAMA CLASSES

Imagination Theatre will continue to run after school drama classes in Term 1, 2016, and would like to invite students from K - 6 to join.

After School Drama at the following locations

**Canterbury South PS**
Tuesday 9th February – Tuesday 5th April 2016
Years K – 3 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Years 3 – 6 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm

**Earlwood PS**
Thursday 11th February – Thursday 7th April 2016
Years K – 3 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm
Years 3 – 6 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm

**Undercliffe PS**
Wednesday 10th February – Wednesday 6th April 2016
Years K – 6 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Cost: $12 per class, payable by the term

Imagination Theatre is a Sydney based company that provides high quality drama programs and workshops for children aged 5-12 in a safe, fun and dynamic environment. Students develop their self-confidence and skills in communication and creativity.

Each program is carefully planned and involves drama games and activities, voice development and singing, story telling, script writing, creative improvisation, characterization and movement.

**BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES**
Email imagination.theatre1@gmail.com
Call 0425 290 095 or 0413 643 711