Dear Parents and Carers,

DATES TO REMEMBER 2014

Wed 10th Sept            Syd West Athletics
Thurs 11th Sept          Blacktown Music Festival
Wed 17th Sept            Token Day
                          Support Unit Cake Stall
                          Principal's Afternoon tea
                          Last day to hand in Slice drive orders!
Fri 19th Sept            Last day Term 3
Tue 7th Oct              Students return Term 4

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the assembly on 3rd September:

BRONZE CERTIFICATE
Isabella Long-Swan 2L

BRONZE BADGE

SILVER CERTIFICATE
Teagan Wheeler KS         Lily Walters 1H
Krish Patel 1H            Hannah Emmerson 3/4J

SILVER BADGE
Cian Baker KS             Logan Warwick 2L          Hannah Emmerson 3/4J          Joshua Bush 2/6W

GOLD CERTIFICATE
Amelia Baker KS           Lily Jones K3H

GOLD BADGE
Simon Sisifa 2L

PRINCIPAL’S AFTERNOON TEA
Taniqua Melbourne 2L

LEARNING IS OUR WORK

Time to prepare for end of term and school holidays!
Term 2 has been another term that has been filled with many learning opportunities for our students. Besides all the engaging and quality learning that goes in the classrooms of Lalor Park Public School, we have also had lots of other events throughout the term. These events include: The Going to School Transition program for preschool aged children, Education Week and our Open Day, Environmental guest Speakers, Tree Planting, I Love Lalor Park (see the article is this week’s edition of The Blacktown Advocate), our school Athletics carnival, Book Fair, Author Visit, Blacktown Learning Community SHARING Program Days, Year 5/6 visit to Seven Hills HS, Backyard League, Deadly Australian’s incursion and we still have Token Day and our Support Unit Cake Stall next week. Wow- so many extended learning opportunities for all.

BLC SHARING

The Blacktown Learning Community (BLC) is a group of 21 schools focussed on improving student engagement. SHARING is a program provided by the BLC which provides an enriched curriculum experience to students who have demonstrated special talents and interests in public schools. The
SHARING Program provides participants with an opportunity to experience a stimulating and challenging program with 'like minded' students from different schools. This year the students that participated in SHARING were: Charm Masila-Houkamanu, Shane Emmerson, Blake Metcalfe, Stacey Brown, Jacob Carter-Pavin, Nathan Wong Andrew Wehbe, Shayden Millard, Amahli Te Whare, Chloe Pedrana, Jai Fryer and Leonardo Franco. This year was the first year a GATS-lympics was held at Blacktown Boys High School. Jacob, Nathan, Andrew and Shayden were our school team; the team had to compete against other teams in seven competitive events in the attempt to become the overall champions. Our team won the Inaugural GATS-lympics 2014. What a huge achievement, CONGRATULATIONS boys! All students conducted themselves as respectful, responsible, safe learners at these events and enjoyed their day. We look forward to the BLC SHARING Program next year.

EXTERNAL ACHIEVEMENT
When we hear news about our students achieving outside of school we like to make mention in the newsletter. Last Thursday night Amahli Te Whare and Simon Sisifa appeared on the NRL Footy Show with the BIG Marn. This segment recognises the outstanding achievements of junior NRL teams. It was so pleasing to see Amahli and Simon’s smiling faces alongside their team mates in this segment. CONGRATULATIONS Amahli and Simon and the Lalor Park Kookas under 9’s for your outstanding efforts this season.

FUND RAISING
Thank you to our fundraising committee for their organisation of the Father’s Day Stall. This is annual event is always appreciated by the students in the school.
Please support our Fundraising Committee with the Slice Drive, due Wednesday the 17th September and the Shopping Trip.
There are still places available on the bus shopping tour if anyone is interested. Please see Jenny in the office for more information.
Orders for the slice drive from Heather Brae Bakery are due on Wednesday the 17th September.
Please complete your order form and return it to the office.
We will them place the order by the end of the term and delivery will be in the first week of term 4. The organisation of these events is to provide much needed funds to support programs in our school, as well as an opportunity for you to also get something out of it such as yummy slices and a fun day out with these 2 planned activities.

CAR PARK
Please note you must give right of way to incoming traffic entering the school from the road. There has been much information provided about safety and the car park in previous newsletters, please abide by the road and school car park rules.

SCHOOL PLANNING 2015-2017
2015 sees all DEC schools embarking on a new school planning cycle. Our staff and students have started the process by engaging in providing feedback about the strengths of Lalor Park PS, the challenges, improvements, 21st Century learning and so on.
There is a lot more work to be done in this process of developing the new school plan. We want to achieve best practice through school planning. We will achieve a shared vision and identify 3 strategic directions the school will underpin its work on.
We will be sending out a survey during term 4 for parent and community input into this process. We will keep you informed of this process and look forward to your feedback.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday break. Enjoy some much needed rest and family time. Please be vigilant around roads these school holidays and pass on the message of stranger danger awareness to your children in an effort in keeping them safe. Students return Tuesday 7 October. See you all next term.

SUPPORT UNIT CAKE STALL
On Wednesday the 17th September, the Support Unit students will be holding a cake stall to raise money for the 3R Ranch. Last term, the support unit students visited the 3R Ranch a privately owned property. They provide learning experiences for children with special needs. This is a very worthy cause, please provide you child with between .20c and $1 to purchase a cake from the stall.
The Lalor Park Dance Group will be performing this Thursday the 11th of September. They will be performing at the Blacktown Music Festival at Bowman Hall in Blacktown. We would like to wish all the dance students and the dance teachers GOOD LUCK for their performance. We are very proud of them and know that they will excel in their performance on the night!
Positive Behaviour For Learning

Week 9: Responsible: How to look after school equipment

Nathan Wong, Carly-Jo TeWhare and Jayda West helping look after our equipment bags.

Week 10: Responsible: How to take care of our environment and put rubbish in the bin.

Here we have Jayda West looking after our environment at LPPS!