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2018 NOVEMBER

Dates for your calendar

Tuesday 4th December	Canberra Symphony Orchestra Christmas Concert 11am Black Mountain School Gym
Monday 10th December	BMS GOT TALENT Black Mountain School Gym
Tuesday 11th December 1:30-2:30pm	2018 Drama Group Presents Dimension Black Mountain School Gym
Thursday 13th December	Year 12 Graduation Hellenic Club Woden
Tuesday 18th December 11am	Whole School Assembly Black Mountain School Gym
Thursday 20th December	EOYC Black Mountain School Gym
Friday 21st December	Last day of term 4



A word from Lara

As we approach the end of the year, students, staff and families are getting ready to celebrate some significant milestones. In the coming weeks we will come together to recognise the important achievements of our students during graduations, through our end of year reports and at our end of year concert.

In preparation for the bushfire season the school has been working with Emergency Services to develop a plan should there be an increased risk of fire that occurs during the school day. Part of these plans included some modifications and upgrades to our main building that have been taking place over the last week. The garden beds closest to the building have undergone some changes and windows and eves are being assessed to improve heat and fire-resistant qualities.

The school was well represented at the recent ACT Public Education Awards. Dorrie Chamberlain was a well deserving finalist for Secondary Teacher of Year. Congratulations Dorrie! A small recognition of the amazing contribution you make to our students learning and our school community.

An enormous thank you to the P&C for organising an amazing BMS Fete and Brick Expo day. The day was a great success. Thanks must go to all of the volunteers. We had students, family, extended family, staff and community groups volunteering in the lead up and on the day. The day was a great opportunity to showcase some of the work of our students and raise some money towards our outdoor sensory space.

Prior to the end of the year families will receive information on classes for 2019. In response to parent feedback and to support transitions we will be sending home information about each student's classroom and their staff. There is the possibility that placements or staff may change over the Christmas period. If changes impact your child you will be contacted in January.

We are looking forward to seeing you over the next couple of weeks to celebrate our students' achievements.

Megalo Print Studio Art Programme

Some more photos of the fabulous work being completed with the support of the wonderful Megalo volunteers.





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**BMS Sibling Club
is on the last
Friday of each
month during term**

**Please bring
swimmers and a
towel**

@ The BMS Gym

**BMS Sibling Club is a
joint initiative of BMS
Staff, BMS P&C and
Young Carers ACT**

Further questions please
contact Kara Potter
0418673073

BMS SIBLING CLUB

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

6.30-8.30PM

*** Pool Party * Make your own Ice Cream ***

A free, fun night for all school aged siblings of students at
Black Mountain School.

Supper provided, please have dinner before coming.

Please fill in and return to the school by Wednesday 28 November:

Yes I will be there! Name: _____ Age: _____

Any food allergies (eg to ice cream): _____

Level of swimming ability: unable to swim independently able to swim independently up to 15 mtrs

Does your parent / carer give permission for photos of you to be included on the school website or social media, the school newsletter or yearbook? Yes / No (please circle)

Parent / Carer Signature: _____

P&C Update

Black Mountain Fete and Bricks Display

A final word of thanks to everyone who helped make the Fete and Bricks Display a very great day. Staff, students, families, friends, students from other schools and unis, and community groups all volunteered their time to help make the day a success. A special thanks to Canberra Lego Users Group for providing us with the platform of a Lego Display that we could build our fete around. Thanks to the P&C committee for all your work in getting the day organised - especially Jackie Faraj who sought our larger raffle donations and Corinna Gilligan who helped tirelessly with pre-fete organisation and worked with Sue to coordinate everything on the day. Sue Lever, our P&C Vice President, is the person who deserves special recognition. It was Sue who came to the P&C with a plan for running a fete and then set the wheels in motion by organising donations, seeking help and creating a structure for us to work with. Without you Sue, and the help of your children - Michael and Jess, we would not have had a fete this year. Thank you.

We raised about \$8000 at the Fete and Bricks Display this year which will go towards the Sensory Garden Project. Construction of the Sensory Garden will commence in late term 1 next year. We look forward to our students being able to benefit from this new space.

And the winners were....

Congratulations to our raffle prize winners:

1st Prize - Google Chromebook donated by Forward IT - Deb McPherson

2nd Prize - Hair Products Hamper donated by EPIC Hair - Zac Esrine

3rd Prize - \$100 Massage Voucher donated by SportsPhysio O'Connor - Zac Esrine

4th Prize - AIS Backpack and merchandise donated by The AIS Shop - Kate Taylor

Heidi Yates was the winner of the Lolly Jar Guess from Side Show Alley.

Stronger Communities Grant

The P&C received notification this week that an infrastructure grant that we applied for to help with improvements to the AV equipment in the gym has been approved. As we approach International Day for People with Disability, the process undertaken within the school in regards to the AV equipment is a great example of how Black Mountain promotes inclusion and respects the voice of people with disability. It was the SRC who brought the need for improvements to the school AV system to the attention of the school board, who then reported this to the P&C. The P&C are very pleased to have been able to play some part in helping to address the needs identified by our students.

P&C Update

At its meeting this month, the Board reviewed the budget for 2019. Most of the budget is allocated to staff wages and the usual running costs of the school. We pay particular attention to variable costs, such as maintenance and repairs, to understand what is driving these items. We also consider opportunities to invest in improving the facilities and learning opportunities for students.

The planned investments in 2019 are largely to improve the safety of the school facilities. These are important upgrades that are necessary for an aging facility. In addition, the Sensory Garden is expected to be completed in the first half of 2019, and the Board has agreed to establish a fund for school improvements that have been identified by students. The SRC and student representatives on the Board have raised many excellent suggestions and the Board is keen to support them.

Regards

Lyle Dahms

Board Chair