### Term 4

#### Week 4

**Monday, October 19**  
ASAP & HWC  
Music Education Australia

**Wednesday, October 21**  
ASAP & HWC

**Thursday, October 22**  
ASAP & Gymnastics

#### Week 5

**Monday, November 2**  
ASAP & HWC  
Music Education Australia

**Wednesday, October 21**  
School Assembly 2pm  
ASAP & HWC

**Thursday, November 5**  
ASAP & Gymnastics

**Friday, November 6**  
‘Science in the Bush’  
Years 5 & 6 T20 Blast Cricket Cup

#### Week 6, November 9-10

**Creative Arts Camp - Thalgarrah**  
ASAP & HWC  
Music Education Australia

#### Week 7, November 16-20

**School Swimming Scheme**

**Wednesday, November 18**  
9:30am Musica Viva

**Thursday, December 10**  
Presentation Night

**Sunday, December 6**  
Guyra Rotary Street Carnival

**Saturday, December 12**  
P&C Christmas Carols Night
Students shine academically, creatively and sportingly at Black Mountain. Congratulations to Wahkeem Patterson who ran in the 8 Year Old 100m sprint at the State Athletics carnival earlier this term. He ran exceptionally well. He is the 38th fastest 8 Year old runner in the State. The Black Mountain Public School community are very proud of his efforts and I congratulate him on this outstanding achievement.

Music lessons are up and running again and students are keen to learn. They enthusiastically bounce in and out of lessons, which is wonderful to see. Basketball skills are improving as more and more students engage in the ‘Aussie Hoops Basketball Program’ on Wednesday afternoons. Gymnastics sessions are once again proving to support the development of students’ balance, flexibility and strength.

Black Mountain Public School has been celebrating NAIDOC Week. Our celebrations were opened by Tremaine Patterson, presenting a Welcome to Country. The Banbai Nation representatives; Leslie, Toni, Danni, Tremaine, Cody, Dominic, Dion, Jacob and Amanda worked with students to complete a variety of activities last week.

Students worked with Banbai representatives to make jewellery, using native seeds collected from ‘Wattle Ridge’, a property owned by the Banbai Nation. A mural was painted on the junior classroom, with students contributing their hand prints. Students made hands to place in the school gardens, containing a variety of Indigenous symbols, which they learnt about during the course of the activity. Students used loom bands in the colours of the Indigenous flag to make necklaces, rings and bracelets to wear throughout our celebrations.

Leslie talked about ‘bush tucker’ with students and the ways in which Indigenous Australians utilised the Earth’s resources to survive in the past. Leslie spoke of the deep respect Aboriginal people have for the land and the appreciation they have for the resources it provides. A message of ‘respect’ was highlighted with an emphasis placed on respecting elders, parents, teachers, each other and oneself. Students gained a great deal of insight into Aboriginal culture and were keen to ask questions in order to develop a greater understanding of Aboriginal people and their culture.

Students have been focusing on Indigenous artists during art sessions and have completed some follow up activities to continue learning about Aboriginal culture. I would like to thank the Banbai representatives for their support of our school and more importantly, teaching the students about their culture.
‘Music Count Us In’ is a program run each year involving a small group of selected high school students from across the state working together with a celebrity mentor and John Foreman. They collaboratively wrote a song, recorded and released it to participating Australian schools for students to learn and sing together. Black Mountain students took part in this event today. Students sang ‘Gold’ with students from across the Nation at 12:30pm, whilst watching a live telecast, filmed at Taronga Zoo in Sydney.

There are many school events coming up including the Creative Arts Camp, School Swimming Scheme, Science in the Bush and the Cricket Day. Please keep your eye on the calendar and look out for permission notes coming home as these require a parent’s signature. Black Mountain Public School is a school where growth is the focus, and access to opportunities is the path.

Belinda Baker, Principal
It is wonderful to see the amazing progress the school has made in establishing the School Community Vegetable Garden. It has been a collaboration of work by students, parents and teachers under the expert guidance of Miss Emma Lindeman. Miss Lindeman has demonstrated a high level of commitment and dedication ensuring the garden is a great success. Students are enjoying a wide range of fresh produce from the garden on a regular basis. They also demonstrate an appreciation of the garden and recognise the value in growing their own vegetables. Attached are some photos for you to enjoy that show the journey school community have been on this year to get to where we are now, with a healthy, prosperous garden full of delicious produce.

Thank you Miss Lindeman.

There is a photo diary or the garden’s progress attached to the newsletter.

This project has been assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust.

Regular attendance at school is essential for every student if they are to achieve their potential, and increase their career and life opportunities. Schools, in partnerships with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. It is important that your child attends school regularly. If your child is absent from school a reason is required in writing when the child returns to school. A phone call advising the school your child will be absent, due to illness or another reason, would be greatly appreciated.
The Creative Arts excursion is fast approaching. If you have not already done so, please return permission/medical notes by **Friday October 30** to allow us to finalise all arrangements.

**Creative Arts Excursion ...**

Students will be able to be dropped at the pool at 8:30am or can travel into Guyra on the morning school bus, which will leave the school at 8:10am.

Students will have lessons between 9:00-11:00am with breaks in between and will return to school by bus at 11:00am every day, except for Wednesday, when students will swim after attending the Musica Viva performance. On Wednesday students will not return to school until 12.30pm.

Families with pool passes need only supply the school with their families pass number to ensure your child free entry. The cost of entry is **$3.00** per day. The school is subsidising the cost of transport to make the program more affordable for all families. This reduces the cost of transport to **$1.00** per day.

**After School Activities Program ...**

Should your child wish to participate in our After School Activities Program, but wish to change into sporting attire, they are most welcome to bring their sports uniform to change into prior to starting the after school activities.

**School Swimming Scheme ...**

The School Swimming Scheme will take place in Week 7 of this term. Students will be participating in two lessons per day.