

## Stage 1 News

### Reminders

- Students are required to return their overdue books to the library as soon as possible.
- Please return Home Readers to the classroom each week so they may be reused by other class groups.
- Please make sure you write a note explaining why your child was absent and return it to your child's class teacher.

### Intensive Learn to Swim Program

Swimming is continuing for the rest of this week. So far, it has been an enjoyable experience for both teachers and students involved. Please continue to label all belongings and thank you for providing **stronger bags** that do not break apart during transit. A more detailed update will be provided in the next newsletter regarding the success of 2018 Intensive Learn to Swim Program.



### Bounce Back Day - Beyond Blue

On Friday, 21st September all students at Blackwell Public School will participate in '**Bounce Back Day**'. This will involve activities that focus on mindfulness, wellbeing, resilience, physical activity and social skills. On this day, students are invited to wear **BLUE** mufti clothes to school and bring a gold coin donation to support the 'Beyond Blue Foundation'. Their research shows that "Mental health and wellbeing is established early in life and provides children with the foundation for all aspects of their development including physical, educational, social, emotional and cognitive development." Students will also take part in the 'Brilliance at Being Resilient' incursion which was included in our School pack payments.



### Non Scripture Students

Please keep an eye out for a note regarding Ethics Classes that went home today for non-scripture students.

**I am a parent of three children at Blackwell Public in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 3. I have been parent helping in the classrooms of each child every week since my eldest started school.**

**I love watching the kids discover what they are capable of and how incredible their minds and thoughts are. I come from a family of teachers and I have been leading programs for adults for the past 15 years.**

**I have recently completed the extensive training to be able to teach Ethics in Primary School as a Volunteer. It is an amazing program with detailed lessons and support material that encourages young people to look at areas of life and asses things for themselves. They will be empowered to have their own thoughts and learn how to both communicate them and have evidence to support their own thinking. It is such a privilege to be able to give the kids this skill for life.**

**Madeleine Lobsey**



## Privilege Day

To celebrate students' achievements, students who have acquired 10 points or more will receive an invitation to participate in fun activities to be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

# Congratulations

*You are invited to Stage 1's*

*'Come and Play'*

*Privilege Day*

**WHEN:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018

To celebrate your great effort this term, bring a board / card game that you can play with a partner or group of friends. You may also wear sensible mufti to school. No thongs or singlet tops please.



Thank you, Stage 1 Teachers