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Week 4, Term 4

Learning Together

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Dear Families,

We have had a frantic start to term 4. It has been fantastic to see our students involved in such a broad range of activities. These have included Year 1 going on an excursion, swimming scheme for students in Years 2, 3 and 4, a PSSA Gala Day, Kindergarten orientation and our Kindergarten "Dads Fun Night".

It has been a pleasure to attend a number of these events and more importantly speak with parents that are so positive about the opportunities offered to their children.

Finally I would like to send a huge thank you to the Claymore Dream Park Group who late last term donated a substantial amount of money to us to assist us in continuing run our North North program. It is fantastic that such community organisation value what we do and provide such wonderful support.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

Oracy Competition

Last Wednesday the 26th October, the Zone Oracy competition was held at Thomas Acres Public School. There were two students from nine local schools in both the Junior and Senior divisions. Anneliese Cordoba and Jaidarose Lene represented Blairmount in the junior division and Emily Cordoba and Dimiana Kaloush represented us in the senior division.

All girls spoke very well, particularly in the impromptu section of the competition. Dimiana was exceptional on the day and came third only 4 points behind the second place winner. Congratulations on your amazing effort girls.

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell 2011 is fast approaching and this year we will see some exciting changes. The event will be held off-site at Campbelltown RSL in the Diamond and Sapphire rooms, on **Wednesday 14th December at 5:30pm**. The event will be at no cost to the students.

Due to financial constraints, Year 5 students will not be included in the Year 6 Farewell. This also allows Year 6 students to enjoy their special night.

Invitations will be sent home in the coming weeks and further details will be made available in future newsletters. All of the students and teachers are looking forward to enjoying a great night together.

Bronze & Silver Awards

Congratulations to these students
who received a

Bronze Award:

Leila Schwarze KC

Brei Ricketts KH

Tatiana Neiufi KH

Connor Foley KW

Halamehi Neiufi 1A

Eleonore Faggiotto 3C

Tabiell Condran 3C

Nathan Woods 4C

Hayleigh Schwarze 3-6W

Silver Award:

Dylan St Clair 2R

Deacon Fox 3C

State PSSA Athletics

On Thursday 20th October, Jaidarose Lene represented the Sydney South West Region at the NSW State PSSA carnival at Homebush State Sport Centre.

Jaidarose made the semi-finals in the 100m race and came 17th overall. Congratulations Jaidarose for your outstanding achievement.

Blairmount on Twitter

We are constantly trying to improve and think of new ways that we can communicate with our school community.

With that in mind Blairmount Public School now has its own Twitter presence where we have started placing short updates of the wonderful and exciting events happening in our school.

To follow Blairmount PS on Twitter simply go to www.twitter.com/BlairmountPS. Should you have feedback or questions regarding our use of twitter please contact Mr Turnbull.

Dads Fun Night 2011

A fabulous night had by all! Last Tuesday night, 60 Kindergarten children and their Dads returned to school for some fun activities.

Throughout the night Dads and kids rotated around the school making colorful placements, beautiful cards, lovely rock families, gooey slime and a game of simplified cricket on the oval.

They then enjoyed dinner while socializing on the asphalt with the other Dads. At the end of the night every left with a smile and slightly covered in glitter.

Thank you to all the Dads that attended with their kids, the kids could not stop talking about how much fun they had the following day at school.

I would also like to thank all the staff that helped make the night so successful. We were extremely lucky to have so many staff give up their free time to attend and I know they all enjoyed the night as well.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Elizabeth Dash

Attendance Champions

Congratulations to **2NS** for having the best attendance for weeks 2 and 3 of this term.

There were several classes who were very close to winning. Keep up the great work Blairmount.

Remember to be at school, on time, EVERY DAY ready to learn!!!!!!

Low SES Parent Information Session

All parents are invited to attend a parent information session on Wednesday, 23rd of November. This meeting will be held in the school staffroom from 5pm-6pm.

This session will provide parents with information regarding the Targets and Strategies for the 2012 Low SES National Partnership and 2012 School Plan.

It would be wonderful to see as many parents there as possible, as keeping our school community up to date with school initiatives is very important to us.

If you would like to attend please contact the school office on 46 26 1795, or come and see me. Afternoon tea will be provided. I look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Karen Murray
Low SES Facilitator

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

Our school has taken part in Woolworths Earn & Learn community program. The program has now ended but thank you to everyone who helped to support our school by saving and bringing in their docketts.



With the points that we accumulated we have purchased some maths games, writing resources to be used on the interactive white board and art/craft supplies.

Drinks at School

Please be mindful of the drinks you send to school with your child. It is not appropriate to send soft drinks for lunch or recess.

If students are seen with soft drinks in the playground, they will be asked to place it back in their bags. Appropriate drinks would be juice or water.

Attendance Letters

If your child is absent for a **full day** or **partial day**, it is important to let the school know why your child was not at school. A written note to the school explaining your child's absence or contacting the school personally to provide an explanation is a legal requirement. We thank the many parents/caregivers who always promptly explain such absences.

In an attempt to reduce the number of unexplained absences, our school has started to send home a letter **asking you to explain any full or partial absence days** that your child has. If you receive one of these letters we ask that you please explain your child's absence and return the note to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Your cooperation to explain your child's absences is very much needed and appreciated.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2012

If you have a child turning 5 by the end of July 2012 you are able to enrol them for Kindergarten next year.

At the moment we have a number of applications for students who are 'out of area'. These will only be accepted if there are vacancies after local enrolments.

Please pick up an enrolment application form from the office as soon as possible.

Please remember when you come in with your completed enrolment application form you also need to bring:

- Proof of students residential address
- Birth certificate or identity documents
- Immunisation history statement
- Copies of any family law or other relevant court orders (if applicable)

Please be aware without these documents we will be unable to accept your enrolment.

Kindergarten orientation is being held this term. The next orientation date is **Wednesday 9th November at 9am**. Please continue to check the newsletter.

Hope to see you soon
Elizabeth Dash

Library News

Firstly, a big thank you to all the parents and children who returned or paid for their overdue books.

There are still many more to come back to the library.

The last week for children to borrow books will be Week 6. After that, all books need to be returned. Home reading will also finish at this time, so all home readers, including lexile books need to come back as well.

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher Librarian

Presentation Days

Just a couple of dates for your calendars... Our end of year Presentation Assemblies will be held on the following dates;

Years 3-6	Tuesday 13 th December	9.15am
Year K-2	Wednesday 14 th December	9.15am

PSSA - Summer Touch Football

The Summer Touch Football teams had a lot of fun last week on Gala Day. Both teams played very well and showed great sportsmanship. We played against 2 different Rosemeadow teams and Thomas Acres.

The Senior team won 2 games and lost one game. We scored 24 tries on the day and had only 8 tries scored against us.

The Junior team won all 3 games. We scored 15 tries and had only 5 tries scored against us.

We can't wait for the next Gala Day in Week 5.

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

Be Healthy - Be Active

Both children and adults need to include physical activity every day. Activity helps us to build better bones, muscle and joints and also helps us to maintain a healthy weight. Physical activity can also reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes and specific cancers. Get active any way you can - walking, riding, swimming, playing and games all help to keep us active.

Year 1 Excursion - Glenalvon Historic House Campbelltown

On Monday 17th,
Tuesday 18th and
Thursday 20th
October Classes 1C,
1T and 1A went on an
excursion to Glenalvon
Historic House in
Campbelltown.



Here, students explored one of Campbelltown's finest historical houses and gained first-hand experience of the lives of families in the Past.



Students enjoyed looking at the nursery, the dining room, the private library and the drawing room. Students also had many hands on experiences including listening to old gramophone records and a pianola and handling convicts hand cuffs.

All volunteers were dressed in 1800's costumes and also completed old fashioned craft activities and games with the children.

All the children said they enjoyed their visit and learnt a lot about the history of their community.



Annual Talent Quest at The Wizard of Oz Funland

Get on stage and sing, dance, act, play an instrument, do some magic & exhibit your talent in an encouraging atmosphere.

Participants (both solo, groups & bands) will be judged in age groups 5yrs & below, 6-10yrs and 11-16yrs. Win trophies & prizes worth \$8000 at the Grand Final on Nov 20th.

No separate entry fee; open to all Funland patrons.
TWO HEATS LEFT (Sat 5th & Fri 11th Nov).

Entry forms at The Wizard of Oz Funland, 2/11 Hollylea Rd, Leumeah. Contact 4626 7777 or www.thewizardofozfunland.com.

ENTRIES NOW OPEN.

Claymore Fun Day

Come along and support your school at the Claymore Fun Day on 26th November between 10:00 am and 4:00pm. Come and enjoy a sausage sizzle, cold drinks, and yummy lolly bags.

There are plenty of fun activities for the whole family with all proceeds from the Blairmount stalls going towards the Year 6 Farewell.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Dads Fun Night Photos~ 2011



Blairmount Birthdays

Angela Jinaro, Luke Curcuruto, Mieke Jensen, Koyel Prince, Caroline Turtle, Sean Clifford, Piper Williams, Dylan Mani, Dominic Jinaro, Emmanuel Levika, Uru Raika, Kaitlin Faanati, Tatiana Mizzi-Ngati, Dennis Lane, Brooke Cornford, Taylah Cooper, Christopher Lewis, Terachel Marurai, Frederick Marurai, Cherian Sebastian