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Week 6, Term 4

Learning Together

17/11/2011

Dear families

Last week I had the pleasure of attending our Kindergarten Orientation and meeting our new students and families.

The children appeared to thoroughly enjoy spending time in classrooms. We are excited about having the children join us permanently in 2012 and look forward to facilitating their smooth transition to "big school".

Although the Kinder Orientation program has been conducted **we are still accepting enrolments**. If you have neighbours with children who plan to enrol or you know any people who are new to the area please encourage them to contact the school to begin the enrolment process.

In other news teachers are currently working extremely hard completing end of year reports for students. Our staff work extremely hard to ensure that parents receive accurate information regarding the academic progress of their children. Reports will be sent home on Monday 12th December.

Finally some staffing news, Mrs Doyle will be leaving us at the end of the year after many years of service at Blairmount Public School. Mrs Doyle has been successful in gaining a position to train Reading Recovery teachers. I would like to congratulate Mrs Doyle on her new position and wish all the very best in her future career. Mrs Doyle's dedication and expertise particularly in literacy will be sorely missed.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

Premiers Spelling Bee

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sophita Korkeaw for being selected to represent our region at the 2011 State Premiers Spelling Bee. She competed at the ABC Centre on Wednesday 16th November. Sophita was an exceptional representative of Blairmount Public School and made her family and school extremely proud.



'A Day at Blairmount Beach' - Mufti Day

As part of Year 6 farewell fundraising initiatives, a themed mufti day called 'A Day at Blairmount Beach' will be held on Thursday 8th December.

By contributing a gold coin, students will have the opportunity to wear their summer clothes instead of their uniform. **Please note thongs and swimming costumes are not to be worn.**

As part of this fun day, students can participate in some exciting beach-themed lunchtime activities including volleyball, face painting, a lucky dip and beach artwork.

The cost of each activity will be 50c and tickets will be sold prior to the day. A note with further information about this exciting day will be sent home in the coming week.

Stage 3 Teachers

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.

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

Blairmount Party Day

Don't forget about our **students' Party Day on Wednesday 15th December**. The note for their movie is in this newsletter. Please make sure that their note and money are returned to the office ASAP to secure their place, as seats are limited.

Blairmount Presentation Days

We invite all community members to attend:

- K-2 "Blairmount Christmas" presentation on Wednesday 14th December at 9.15am in our school hall.
- 3-6 Presentation Day on Tuesday 13th December at 9.15am.

School A to Z Website

The website - "**School A to Z**" is a resource that provides useful information including homework help sheets, instructional videos, tips on student learning, wellbeing, technology and resources to support your child's social, physical and mental development. There is a link to the website on our Blairmount Public School webpage or you may log on at: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au>

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.

2011 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.

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

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.

Student Drinks and School

A reminder for you to 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.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Ideas:

Cars and Activity

Leaving your car at home for a short journey is not only good for the environment, it may be better for your health. Adding small amounts of activity to your everyday like this can make a difference.

Blairmount Birthdays

Amelia Hardacre, Anthony Jackson, Joanne Wanakore, Sophita Korkeaw, Rosedila Sengmanithong, Failuma Faaoloaga, Nick Fahey, Yulun Ali, Funa Taumalolo. Taylor Gibson, Ana Ali, Salih Baykurt, Leitisha Naidu, Terachel Marurai, Cheyenne Murray-Green, Ethan robinson, Kaden Cowle-Lynch

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WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	17 1C Excursion	18 1T Excursion	19	20 1A Excursion	21 Gala Day
3	24 Group 1 Swimming Scheme (2R, 2NS, 4A & 4C)	25	26 Kinder Orientation	27	28 Assembly 2M
4	31 Group 2 Swimming Scheme (2M, 3C, 3K & 3-6W)	1 Dads Fun Night (Kindergarten)	2 Kinder Orientation	3 P&C Meeting 9.15	4
5	7	8	9	10	11 Gala Day
6	14	15	16	17	18 Assembly 3-6W
7	21	22	23 NP Low SES Parent Update Session (5-6pm)	24	25 Assembly 3K
8	28	29	30	1	2
9	5	6	7	8 Mufti Day (Year 6 Fundraiser)	9 Gold Assembly Drum Beat
10	12 Student Reports Go Home	13 3-6 Presentation Assembly	14 K-2 Presentation Assembly & Concert Year 6 Farewell Campbelltown RSL	15 Class Party Day at the Movies	16 Last Day for Students
11	19 Staff Development Day (Teachers Only)	20 Staff Development Day (Teachers Only)			