



BLAIRMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Week 8, Term 4

Learning Together

1/12/2011

Dear Families,

Due to the redevelopment of Claymore there is a lot of uncertainty regarding our numbers for 2012. We are doing the best we can in organising classes for next year. However we know there are going to be changes over the Christmas vacation. For this reason we have decided to try something different for the beginning of the new school year.

When students return in 2012 they will stay in their 2011 classes with their 2011 teachers for approximately the first week. This will allow us to be very sure of numbers and class structure before any students find out their class or teacher. Once we are sure of our numbers all students will be reorganised into their new classes and a note will be sent home advising families that the change has taken place.

Should you have any questions regarding this organisation please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Regards

Greg Turnbull

Principal

Attending Blairmount PS in 2012

If your child is not returning to Blairmount Public School in 2012 and you have not informed us already, please contact the office as soon as possible. We need to know which students are not returning to assist with the organisation classes and staffing for next year.

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.

Bronze & Silver Awards

Congratulations to the students who received a
Bronze Award

Leon Tran KC	Maddison Saul KC
Brennae Danielson KD	Lucy Loxton KD
Stephanie Butt KD	Talmage Nouata KD
Ariah Lawson KH	Sarah Donnelly KH
Hayley Bennett KR	Caitlyn Chaophrasy KH
Jackson Price KR	Helen Tietie KR
Mia Rickett KR	John Holtz KR
Karl Parker KW	Lailah Hyett KW
Ronald Rickett 1A	David Gu 1T
Kaiden Rout 1T	Jemima Betts 1T
Brayden Wales 2NS	Geofery Jnr Robinson 2NS
Payton Fretton 2M	Amelia Fernando 2R
Dominc Jinaro 2R	Michael Rignold 2R
Joane Ive 2R	Tiara Walaters 2R
Charli Espinosa 3C	Colin Price 3C
Leah Blinman 3C	Caysee Furlong 3K
Mieke Jensen 3K	Jack Espinosa 5T
Abdulla Gameil 3-6W	Dylan Shutz 3-6W
Sakaria Burgess 3-6W	Jerome Tangata 3-6W
Chelsea Palmer 3-6W	Saymon Sengal 3-6W
Ben Morell 3-6W	Jacinda Rout 3-6W
Zac Alkaaby 3-6W	

Silver Award

Tynieka Selfe 1C	Brayden Wales 2NS
Charli Espinosa 3C	Leah Blinman 3C
Colin Price 3C	Caysee Furlong 3K
Jacinda Rout 3-6W	Dylan Shultz 3-6W

*Just a reminder that the last day to bring in your awards to receive a bronze, silver or gold for 2011, is **Friday 2nd December**. All awards received after that date will be presented at the first assembly in 2012.*

Attendance Champions

Congratulations to 2M, 3C, 4C 2NS and 5/6W for their outstanding attendance in Term 4.

They have been the classes with the best attendance in the school. The effort they have applied to coming to school every day has been amazing.

They have been rewarded with the trophy, class certificate, having their class displayed in the attendance cabinets and have also sat on chairs in the K-6 assembly.

We are very proud of you all.

Keep up the great work in 2012.

Term 4 Attendance Celebration Disco

We are once again inviting all students to attend an end of term Attendance Celebration Disco.

They will be held in Week 9 at lunchtime.

- The K-2 Disco will be on Tuesday Week 9 (6th December)
- The 3-6 Disco will be on Wednesday Week 9 (7th December)

Congratulations everyone!!!!

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.

Elizabeth Dash

Litter Less / Waste Less Lunch

Every single piece of packaging or excess food that we can eliminate from the waste stream makes a difference. To do our part, Blairmount Public School is moving towards waste-less lunches in 2012 to focus on reducing our waste and to reduce litter in the school environment.

When planning lunches please help us minimize food and packaging waste by packing a waste-less lunch!

A Waste-Less Lunch

Pack ...

- Snacks in reusable containers
- A reusable lunchbox
- Healthy snacks in their own packaging (eg fruit)
- Drinks in a reusable container
- Reusable utensils when needed

A Disposable Lunch

Avoid ...

- Lunches packed in plastic bags, cling wrap, foil, wax paper
- Pre-packaged lunches
- Pre-packaged single-serve items
- Disposable drink boxes, pouches, cans, cartons, and bottles
- Disposable forks and spoons

Every class has been issued with a trolley into which students can place their lunch containers and drink bottles when they have finished with them in the playground. The students' lunch boxes can also be used when placing lunch orders. Just place your child's lunch order and money into the container and leave it at the canteen to be filled.

All containers and lunch boxes need to be clearly labeled with the child's name and class.

Blairmount Public School now has three worm farms operating into which 'The Environmentally Friendly Team' (TEFT) place organic food scraps collected after the lunch eating time. The compost and 'worm tea' will be used to help improve the garden soils and to fertilize the plants.

Here are a few more suggestions:

- If you don't do so already, try packing lunches the night before and storing them in the refrigerator overnight. Help your children become responsible for adding the ice pack in summer.
- Teach your older children how to make nutritious, waste-less lunches and let them make their own.
- If your children are making their own lunches, be sure to monitor food quantities. Solid waste audits in schools reveal large quantities of unopened pre-packaged foods, including single-serve yogurts, cheese sticks, sandwiches and whole, uneaten apples/fruit being thrown away. Many near-full juice boxes are also thrown away. This costs your family money as well as creating waste.
- Cut up fruit and vegetables and pack them in reusable containers so that children can eat some and save the rest for later. For example, it's hard to take some bites from a big apple at recess and save the rest for lunchtime. It's easier to eat a wedge or two and then reseal the container.
- Avoid buying drinks in packaging that cannot be resealed. Many children take just a few sips at snack time and discard the rest.

Blairmount Birthdays

Chelsea Palmer, Kynan Mizzi-Ngati, Rebecca Howe-Chami, Jack Murphy, Mercedes Macerola, Jayden King, Victoria Tuilotolava, Sarah Donnelly, Jayda Mizzi-Ngati, Tania Lata, Jared Lazarus, Ashleigh McGarrigle, Jumayn Williams-Nunes, Ezekiel Siilata, Cailin Fahey, Jackson Price, Taylah Hughes, Tru Flack

'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 has been sent home last week.

Stage 3 Teachers

Blairmount Party Day

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

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>



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Puss in Boots

PARTY DAY



Thursday 15th December

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Our party day this year for students K-6 is at the United Cinema to see Puss in Boots. This movie is rated PG. The students will travel by bus on Thursday 15th December to the cinema to watch the movie and a special "Year in Review" put together by students and teachers.

The cost of this fun excursion is **\$15**. It includes a soft drink, popcorn, movie and bus travel. As this excursion is a privilege, only students on Stage 1 are able to attend.

If you would like your child to attend our Party Day please complete the slip below. Place the slip and money into an envelope and hand into the office.

Bookings need to be finalised ahead so money will not be accepted after Friday 9th December.

Mr G Turnbull
Principal

Mrs M Clarke
Rel. Deputy Principal

PLEASE HAND THIS NOTE, ENVELOPE AND MONEY TO THE FRONT OFFICE

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to attend the Puss in Boots Movie. The cost is \$15. I understand that travel is by bus, that my child must be on Stage 1 to attend the excursion and that the movie is rated PG.

Parent/ Caregivers Signature

TERM 4

*ATTENDANCE
CELEBRATION
DISCO*

K-2 Tuesday Week 9

Lunchtime 6th Decemember

3-6 Wednesday Week 9

Lunchtime 7th December

INVITATION

Good Beginnings would like to
invite you to:



Summer School Fun Family Activities

to be held at Blairmount P.S

Program 1:

Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th January

10am - 1pm

\$3 per person

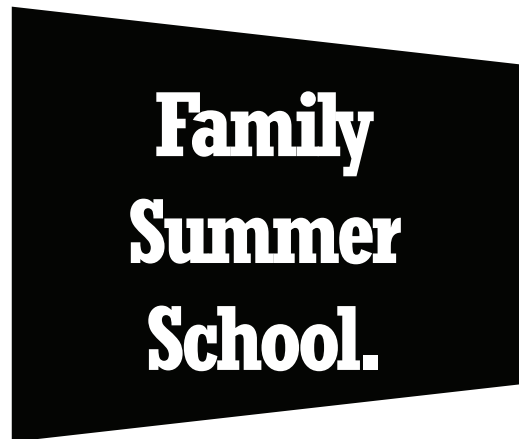
Program 2:

Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th January

10a.m - 1p.m

\$3 per person

Notes and money maybe given to Mr Alone.
If you have any questions please contact:
Jesse Garcia-
Good Beginnings Coordinator on 0423678504



Come along and join the fun.....
Parents bring your children to come and play.
There will be arts, crafts, sports etc.

Morning tea and cool drinks all day will be
provided-bring your own lunch on the first day
and we will provide a BBQ lunch on
the second day.



Acceptance to attend the Family Summer School

*Yes I would like to attend the planned family activities to be held in Blairmount P.S in the school
summer holidays. They will be presented by Good Beginnings and cost \$3 per person.

*I understand that parents are required to stay with their children to enjoy the activities.

Please Tick: ☐ Program 1 or ☐ Program 2

Please write the name of the family members who will be attending

Please return the notes and money to Mr Alone no later than Friday, December 9th