



BLAIRMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Week 4, Term 4

Learning Together

1/11/2012

Dear families,

Well done to all our swimmers over the last two weeks. It has been fantastic to see the children so enthusiastic about participating in the learn to swim program. A special thankyou must go to our P&C for donating money to cover the cost of the bus to and from the pool each day and also to Mrs Sammut for her wonderful organisation.



We are always trying to improve the ways in which we share information and events with our community. To continue with this we have established an official Blairmount facebook page, it can be found at

www.facebook.com/blairmountps

We will be posting regular updates and reminders, if you visit our page and 'Like' us all updates will automatically appear in your timeline.



If you have any feedback or suggestions regarding our facebook page and updates please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

P&C Meeting Reminder

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on

Monday 5th November 6pm

The meeting will be held in the staffroom and as always everyone is welcome to attend.

Help us to win \$5000 - We're Almost There!

Over the past few weeks, we have seen a tremendous amount of support from our entire school community and we can't thank you enough for voting for our school.

The \$5,000 grant will mean a lot to our school and will help us to continue our Ready, Set, School Kindergarten transition program.

Just visit www.cuacommunitycare.com.au and vote for Blairmount PS. By voting for our school you can also win yourself a brand new bike. To enter, print the email you receive after voting and hand it in at the front office with your name and class on the back. The more people you get to vote, the more chance you have of winning yourself a brand new bike.

We're closing in on the leading schools, so let's all put in one final effort and get as many votes as we can!

Sarah Webb & Kathy Low

Parent Information Session - What's happening at BPS in 2013?

We will be holding a parent information session on **Wednesday 21st November at 9:15am in the staffroom**. In this session, you will learn about how we are directing our funding in 2013 to best meet the needs of your children and the community. You will be provided with information about the success of our current strategies as well as the modification and introduction of some new initiatives in our school.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sarah Webb

Swimming Scheme

The 2012 Swimming Scheme is coming to an end this week and I would like to sincerely thank the following people:



- Miss Minihan, Mrs Fetterplace, Mrs Gibbs and Mr Collins for supervising our students to, at and from the pool each day
- *The P&C for contributing \$2000* of their funds to help pay for the cost of the transport to and from the pool. The swimming scheme cost would have been a lot higher if it hadn't been for this
- Our students who had exceptional manners and behaviour at the pool.

It was wonderful to see our students become more confident in the water and improve upon their floating and swimming skills. Keep practising!



Mrs Sammut

Year 7 entry into selective high schools in 2014

Information regarding the application process for entry into selective high schools was sent home to all Year 5 students last week.

Offers for selective high school placement will be made on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on **Thursday 14 March 2013**.

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 in 2014, you need to do so soon.

You may either:

- Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student's email address), access to the internet and a printer.

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from 16 October 2012 at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Or

- If you do not have internet access, complete a commercially printed application form and return it to this school by 16 November 2012.

If you have any questions or concerns or require a printed application form, please see Mrs Webb.

Sarah Webb

Kindergarten Orientation



Blairmount will be holding our Kindergarten Orientation for students starting school next year on the following days:

- **Wednesday 7th November 9:00am - 11:00am**
- **Wednesday 14th November 1:45 - 3:00pm**

If you have enrolled your child to start Kindergarten at Blairmount next year then it is very important that you and your child attend both of these information sessions.

During these sessions you will be given lots of information to get your child ready for next year. Your child will also get to attend two classroom sessions with this year's Kindergarten teachers to show them what life is like as a Kindergarten student.

Please see the front office if you have not received your information letter about these sessions.

We look forward to meeting with you on both of these days.

Miss Kelly Howick, Mrs Lyn Rixon, Mrs Karen Murray and Mrs Lauren Gawthorne

Arbor Assist Thankyou

During the holidays Ken, Simon and his team from Arbor Assist chopped and mulched a few dead trees around our school grounds.

Leanne & Ken from Arbor Assist also said goodbye to one of their own trees during the school break. Our tree has become an icon of Woodbine over the past years as we decorate it with lights at Christmas time said Leanne. Its health has been declining since getting struck by lightning 2 years ago and the root base has lifted with the recent strong winds. Our tree has been here since purchasing our property 18 years ago. This removal is going ahead exactly 12 months to the day that Ken underwent open heart surgery for a valve replacement after suffering heart, liver and kidney failure.

We are extremely fortunate to have Simon on our team. He is not just our truck driver he is our climber. The feedback I always get about seeing him climb is just amazing.



On behalf of Blairmount Public School, we would like to thank Arbor Assist @ Woodbine for kindly donating an enormous amount of mulch for our school gardens and wish Ken the best of health.

Blairmount Birthdays

Rachel Khouri, Cooper Clifford, Trae-Thomas Reid, Dominic Jinaro, Chanel Mohamad, Tarelle Tutu, Christopher Lewis, Piper Williams, Sean Clifford, Taylah Cooper, Luke Curcuruto, Mieke Jensen, Dylan Mani, Emmanuel Levika, Angelina Jinaro, Uru Raika, Jay Hoffman, Tiarna Sly-Lashmore, Aarryn Hunter, Keanu Chatters

Parent Resource Room - Now Open

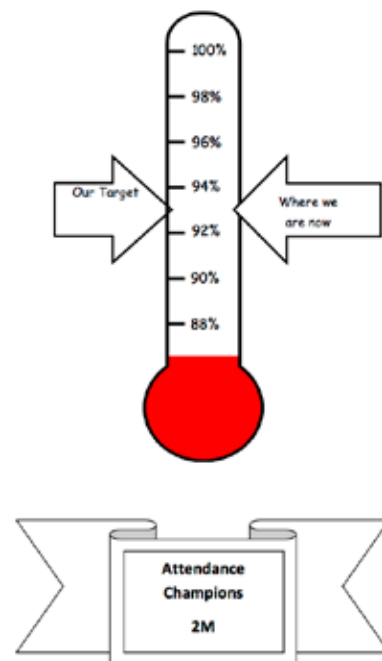
The Parent Resource Room is now up and running and stocked full of resources and games to support your child's learning at home.

The parent resource room is near the counselors office near the admin section of the school. You can enter via the door near the Badgally Road school gate or ask for directions at the front office.

The room operates between 2:30 and 3:00pm on both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons or you can speak to Ms Low at breakfast club to make an alternative time to visit and browse the shelves. We look forward to helping you choose a game to borrow to take home and play with your child.



Attendance Champions





Blairmount Public School Uniform Shop Order Form

Pre-Order uniforms for 2013 - \$10.00 deposit required.

*The Uniform Shop currently has limited stock. To ensure we do-not over/under stock we are giving parents/carers the opportunity to pre-order, please complete and return your order to the front office with a \$10.00 deposit no later than 5/11/2012. Orders will not be accepted without a \$10.00 deposit.

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Child's Class _____

Item	Price	Size	Quantity	Cost
Girls Dress Sizes 4-18	\$40			
School Tracksuit Sizes 6-16	\$30			
School Polo shirt Sizes 6-16	\$12			
Blairmount BPS cap "one size fits all"	\$12			
Zip up Plain Green Jackets Sizes 6-16	\$14			
Girls Skorts Sizes 6-16	\$8			
Boys Grey Shorts Sizes 6-16	\$6			

Blairmount Public School - Term 4 - 2012

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	8 October Students Return for Term 4	9	10	11	12 Gold Assembly
2	15 P&C Meeting – 6pm	16	17	18	19 Gala Day 1
3	22 Swimming Scheme Group 1	23	24	25	26
4	29 Swimming Scheme Group 2	30	31 Inter-Relate Year 6	1 November	2
5	5 P&C Meeting – 6pm	6	7 Inter-Relate Year 6 Kindergarten Orientation Session 1 (9.00 -11.00am)	8	9 Gala Day 2
6	12	13	14 Kindergarten Orientation Session 2 (1.45 – 2.50pm)	15	16 Inter-Relate Year 6
7	19	20	21	22 P&C Mufti Day	23 Inter-Relate Year 6
8	26	27	28	29	30
9	3 December P&C Meeting (AGM)–6pm	4	5	6	7 Gold Assembly
10	10	11	12	13 3-6 Presentation Assembly	14 December Student Reports Go Home
11	17 K-2 Presentation Assembly Year 6 Farewell West's Leumeah	18	19 Last Day of Term 4 for students	20 School Development Day (Teachers Only)	21 School Development Day (Teachers Only)