



BLAIRMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Week 6, Term 4

Learning Together

15/11/2012

Dear families,

It has been a huge fortnight for the staff and students of Blairmount.

Firstly I had the pleasure of attending the Campbelltown/Macarthur Area Oracy Competition Final last Tuesday. The top 10 public speaking students (from over 60 schools) represented the area aiming for the regional final.

Blairmount was represented by Siona Walters (6D). Siona had to give a 4-minute prepared speech and then a 2-minute impromptu speech. Siona did an outstanding job, while she did not make the regional final she certainly did herself that the school proud. It was a fantastic achievement to get that far in the competition and I am sure with further practice more success will come her way.

Secondly last Thursday night I had the pleasure of attending the South West Sydney Region Directors Choice awards ceremony. This is held each year to recognise the outstanding work of the schools and staff across our region.

Blairmount Public School was fortunate enough to receive 3 Regional Awards for School Excellence in the areas of;

- Literacy
- Aboriginal Education
- Innovative Use of Technologies

It is a credit to our wonderful for staff to be acknowledged in such a way for their outstanding work and dedication.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

Concerns at School

From time to time parents and carers have questions or concerns regarding incidents at school. Should you have any questions regarding your child's schooling you should always approach the class teacher first for clarification.

Should you not be able to resolve the issue please make an appointment to see our Rel. Deputy Principal (Ms Monique Brown) or the Principal (Mr Greg Turnbull).

Do not, under any circumstances, approach other parents or students directly regarding incidents at school.

We thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

Like Us On Facebook

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.



Thank you to the 50 people who have already done this.

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

P&C Meeting Reminder (AGM)

Our last P&C Meeting will be held on

Monday 3rd December 6pm

The meeting will also be our AGM where all positions will be declared vacant and new office bearers for 2013 will be voted in. A reminder that to vote you must be a financial member of the P&C (paid before the AGM - please see the attached form).

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

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

CUA Community Care Competition

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 voting for the Macarthur Square branch was very tight and unfortunately Blairmount Public School has not been successful this year. The winning school was Claymore Public School. Their project proposal was to complete a community room refurbishment.

The winner of the brand new bike will be drawn in the Assembly in Week 6.

Once again, we thank you for your support.

Sarah Webb & Kathy Low

Library News

This is the last week for children to borrow from the Library. The books borrowed this week will be due back in Week 8 (2 weeks from now). Children with overdue books will be receiving a note about their books. Please make sure your child returns their books as soon as possible. Children with overdue books at the end of the year may miss out on special events that happen then. Thank you to all the children and parents who always make sure books are returned on time.

Issue 8 bookclub orders are due back on or before Friday 30th November. Thank you to all the families that purchase items from the catalogues. We earn reward points which are then used to purchase additional resources for the school.

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher-Librarian

Year 5 Debating at Eagle Vale High School

On the 26th of October George Fuesaina, Tyrone Sparks and Anneliese Cordoba from year 5 went to Eagle Vale High School for the Eagle Vale Rock debating competition against other schools.

We had an hour to prepare our debate and organise our speaking order. Then we were provided with



recess. After that we had our very first debate against Kearns Public School. We won and moved onto the finals.

After we had lunch we had the final against Eschol Park Public School. Unfortunately we lost this debate but we were lucky enough to get our photo taken with the Eschol Park team and got our picture and names in a local newspaper.

We all had a very inspiring experience and hope to go back next year!

Anneliese Cordoba 5T

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.

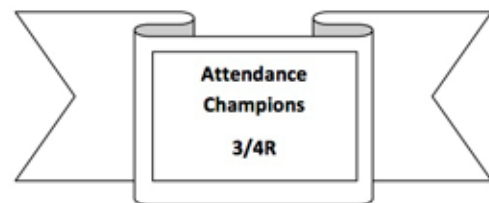
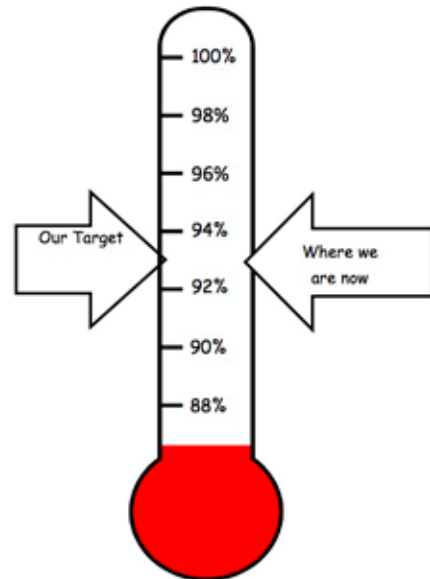
The room operates between 2:30 and 3:00pm on both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons or you can speak to Ms Low at breakfast club to make an alternative time to visit and browse the shelves. We look forward to helping you choose a game to borrow to take home and play with your child.



Blairmount Birthdays

Sophita Korkeaw, Failuma Faaloaga, Anthony Jackson, Amelia Hardacre, Yulun Ali, Frederick Marurai, Cherian Sebastian, Jake Wedlock, Cheyenne Murray-Green, Ana Ali, Taine Richmond, Mya Hanson

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
P&C ASSOCIATION**

**2013 Application for P&C Membership
ABN:**

Please complete & return this form and 50c membership fee (to be able to vote) to the P&C Secretary (at the front office)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____

Skills or Interests _____

Parent Support Group Involvement: _____

Membership: () New () Renewal* (please tick one) Members since: _____

I am a parent/caregiver/staff/community member (over 18 years of age) at the school (please circle one).

I agree to be bound by the constitution of the P&C and by all valid resolutions passed by the Association. I agree to work within the boundaries of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. I agree to be bound by Education New South Wales' Code of Conduct, which includes the following:

- Personal Privacy - information obtained as a P&C representative **MUST** be considered confidential and treated accordingly
- Courtesy, respect, honesty, dignity and fairness will be observed at all times
- Discrimination against any person will not be tolerated (refer Anti-Discrimination Act 1991)

Signature: _____ Date : _____

P&C SECRETARY USE ONLY

Date received:/...../..... Date accepted :/...../..... Membership Paid:/...../.....

Secretary's Signature: _____ Entered in P&C Register ()

* Membership lapses each year and is renewed at the AGM. For people wishing to join who are unable to attend the AGM to be held on 3rd December 2012, please fill out this form and forward, along with your 50c membership fee, (to be able to vote) to the P&C Secretary (at front office) before the AGM.

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 P&C Mufti Day (Gold Coin)	16 Inter-Relate Year 6 3K Assembly - 2.15pm
7	19	20	21	22	23 Inter-Relate Year 6 3-6R Assembly - 2.15pm
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 Wests Leumeah	18	19 Last Day of Term 4 for students	20 School Development Day (Teachers Only)	21 School Development Day (Teachers Only)