



BLAIRMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Week 8, Term 4

Learning Together

29/11/2012

Dear families,

It has been another huge fortnight for Blairmount Public School.

Last week the school won a District Award and came Runner Up for the Best Educational Garden in the Campbelltown City Council Garden Awards.



These awards would not have been possible without the outstanding dedication of Mr Rice and Mrs Low!

When students return in 2013 they will stay in their 2012 classes with their 2012 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

Mr Rice's Farewell

The time has come to farewell to Mr Rice!

Mr Trevor Rice will officially retire from his position as General Assistant at Blairmount Public School at the end of this year.



Mr Rice began at Badgally School in 1979 and moved across the road with the school when it changed its name to Blairmount Public School in 1983.

In 2010 Mr Rice was awarded a Public Service Medal by the Governor General in recognition of his service to Public Education.

Mr Rice has worked tirelessly for many years, doing far more than what is ever expected of a general assistant. He has always put the best interests of the students and the community first in all he has done at Blairmount.

Over the years Mr Rice has coached football teams, entertained students by playing music at lunchtime and more recently, served breakfast most mornings at breakfast club.

Mr Rice has given 33 years of dedicated service to our school and we would like to acknowledge this commitment at a farewell assembly.

The whole school assembly will take place on **Friday 14th December at 2.00pm** in the school hall. In honour of his beloved St George Dragons, the theme will be 'Red & White'. Students are encouraged to wear red and white mufti clothes on the day.

As with all of our assemblies, parents are welcome to attend.

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.

Year 6 - Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held at on the 17th December at Wests Leagues Club. The celebrations will begin with the arrival of students at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm start. We ask that parents return at 8:00pm for the presentation of graduate certificates.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic night.

Stage 3 Teachers

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.

Library News

It's Week 8 and time for all library books to be returned to the library! In the case of lost books, it is expected that these be paid for. In a lot a cases, after the books have been paid for, they turn up. If this happens, your money will be refunded. We don't want to see children miss out on their Christmas party because they haven't brought their books back.

Again, thank you to all the parents and students who have returned their books this week.

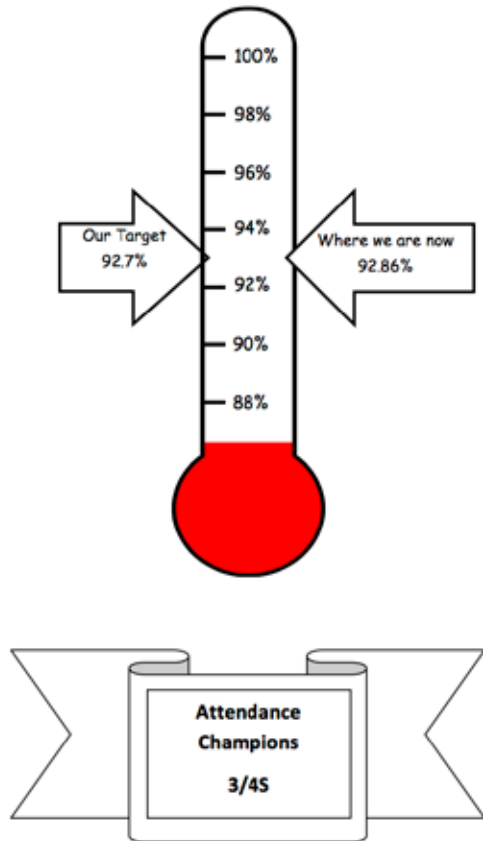
Also if your child is on the Lexile home reading scheme, these books need to be returned this week as well.

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher/Librarian

Blairmount Birthdays

Jack Murphy, Mercedes Macerola, Taylor Gibson, Funa Taumalolo, Salih Baykurt, Kaden Cowle-Lynch, Sarah Donnelly, Jerome Ma, Jared Lazarus, Chelsea Palmer, Cailin Fahey, Jackson Price, Taylah Hughes, Victoria Tuilotolava, Jurnee Ieremia

Attendance Champions



P&C Christmas Raffle

Christmas Raffle

Drawn Presentation Day 13th December

1st Prize: White Malvern Star Bike (as below)
Round of Golf for 4 people @ Camden Lakeside
Country Club
Hamper
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2nd Prize: Blue GT Aggressor Bike (as below)
Hamper
\$25 Hogs Breath Food & Drink Voucher
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3rd Prize: Hamper
\$25 Hogs Breath Food & Drink Voucher
\$20 Spur Steak Ranches Voucher
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4th Prize: Hamper + El Gustos Ristorante \$20 Voucher

5th Prize: Hamper + El Gustos Ristorante \$20 Voucher

6th Prize: Hamper + El Gustos Ristorante \$20 Voucher



Lucky Door Prize On The Day

Student Achievement

We often have students that excel outside of school and try and celebrate and share these efforts with the broader Blairmount community.



One of our Year 6 students Rachel Robinson has been outstanding in both both sport and academic pursuits outside of school.

Rachel is a very dedicated swimmer and recently broke the 12yrs Girls 100m butterfly record at the Metro South West Swimming Championships.

Rachel also swam in the Metro South West open water 5km swim at Penrith. Rachel swam faster than the State and National qualifying times for 13yr olds. Although she is still young to compete next year this swim has qualified her for the 2014 State and National titles.

Rachel has also been extremely busy out of the pool. Early this year Rachel was invited to be part of the South Western Sydney 'Twugia' project. This project provides high achieving Year 6 Aboriginal students with the opportunity to be innovative and engage with community elders to attain a deeper cultural understanding.

For Rachel's part she has written and published a poem titled 'Ancestors'.

Ancestors

As I look in the mirror and do my hair,
memories fly through the air,
How nothing was ever fair,
in all the stories my ancestors share.

When I smell a campfire,
my heart fills with the desire,
Just to think of my elders, whom I admire,
when I think of them my pride goes higher.

As a proud young Koori girl, it's easy to see,
that there is no one in the world, as unique as me.
I'm proud of my culture and family tree,
and look forward to a time we can all be free.

By Rachael Robinson

Congratulations Brayden

Last Friday, Arthur Papas attended Blairmount Public School's assembly to present one of the bikes that his company had donated to the school.

Below is Arthur's account of the event:

"Last week I put up my hand to visit Blairmount Public School where one of the bikes we built at kickoff was to be raffled off to a lucky pupil of this school. I was thrilled to be the guest of honour (true) at their Assembly, during which the winner of the bike would be announced. The Assembly also served as a presentation award ceremony for the school's high achieving students. I've got to say, I was incredibly impressed by the students' achievements, their manner, and the regard they showed to one another, their teachers, and to myself. I had the honour of drawing and announcing the raffle winner. But before that, I was given the opportunity to introduce myself, who I represent, and what we do to the assembly of 500 students, teachers, and some parents.

I was really impressed with the incredible efforts the teachers are going to help their students achieve. One aspect of their schooling they are continually addressing is attendance - it can be a problem for some. It is improving, I think around mid 80% currently. One thing which led to 100% attendance was an iPad trial last year. As you can imagine, the kids absolutely loved them. More importantly, it led to positive and measurable learning outcomes."



Brayden said he was "very excited" to be the winner of the bike

Free Event

Celebrating our Community
CELEBRATING CLAYMORE
Saturday - 1 December 2012

10.30am – 2.30pm
Claymore
Community Centre

- Reptile show
- Barbeque lunch
- Kids' activities
- Face painting
- Story time
- Air brush tats
- Fairy floss
- Jumping castle
- Snow cones
- And more....



Bring the kids, their gran and your neighbours and enjoy a great day out!

Want to know more? Call Claymore Community Centre on 4626 2007 or drop in (cnr Gould and Dobell Roads)

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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 5/12/2012. 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 Mr Rice's Retirement Assembly 2pm December Student Reports Go Home
11	17 K-2 Presentation Assembly Year 6 Farewell Wests Leumeah	18 Class Party Day	19 Last Day of Term 4 for students	20 School Development Day (Teachers Only)	21 School Development Day (Teachers Only)