



# BLAIRMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Week 10, Term 4

Learning Together

13/12/2012

Dear families,

This is our last newsletter for the year. How quickly time flies, it only seems like yesterday that I was welcoming you all back for 2012.

It has been a very busy year and we have achieved so much. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It is so fantastic to see the community spirit strengthen even more this year with classroom support, dance, drumbeat, choir and volunteers.

We look forward to 2013 when we will continue to strengthen learning outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy. In particular we will be focussing on improving what we do in Numeracy through out 2013. Our Low SES strategies will continue to benefit all our community next year.

I would like to thank our dedicated and caring staff at Blairmount Public School. It has been a pleasure working with them this year. It never ceases to amaze me how much extra time they put into helping our children.

We hope our students have a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing them next year. To all our Year 6 students and parents who are leaving us this year, thank you for making our school a wonderful place.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a very safe and enjoyable festive and holiday season and I look forward to working with all of you again in 2013.

Regards  
Greg Turnbull  
Principal

## Important Dates

Students last day for 2012 on;  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Yrs 1-6 Students resume for 2013 on;  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

## Mr Rice's Farewell - Change of Time

The whole school assembly to officially farewell Mr Rice will take place on tomorrow (**Friday 14th December**) at [12.15pm](#) under the cola.

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.

## Early 2013 Organisation

As was the case at the beginning of this year, 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.

## Attending Blairmount in 2013?

If your child is NOT returning to Blairmount Public School in 2013 and you have not informed us already, please contact the office as soon as possible. We need to know which students are not returning so that we can start to organise classes and staffing for next year.

### P&C Update and Thank You

The P&C have continued to promote our diverse school community through offering support to the teachers, students and families of Blairmount Public School. We have been attentive in maintaining the role of assisting communication between the parents and wider school community and the school executive, to find ways to continually improve the educational and social outcomes for all students.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month, and we have held many successful fundraisers during 2012. From hot dog days, cake stalls, mothers and fathers day stalls, fruit salad day, cookie-dough, mufti-days and raffles, just to name a few. Our main focus this year has been to raise funds to help support the successful school swimming scheme by contributing towards the transport costs, supporting the purchase of 30 iPads for a mobile iPad lab and contributing towards the costs of the Year 6 Farewell.

I would like to thank Ms Kathy Lowe for being a great P&C Vice President and for running the Uniform Shop, Mrs Sharon Ah Chong as our Treasurer, Ms Liu Sioli our secretary and Mrs Taloa Walters for doing a wonderful job at fundraising and for being such a great baker. Special thanks also to all P&C members and volunteers who have given up their time to lend a helping hand

We also greatly appreciate the support of our School executive, teachers and school community for helping to make 2012 a successful year.

### Year 6 - Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held at on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### "NEW in 2013" - Student Welfare, Good Discipline and Effective Learning Policy

At the beginning of 2013, Blairmount Public School will be trialling its new "Student Welfare, Good Discipline and Effective Learning" policy.

This policy is a result of the feedback we received from parents, students and teachers on how to improve our school rules, our discipline procedures and how to recognise and celebrate student success more fairly.

Changes include:

- *No more Spot Awards*
- *A new Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond Award system linked to your child's behaviour for each year at school.*

Students simply need to keep all their old awards. They do not have to bring them in or swap them. They will just start the new system at the beginning of 2013.

For further details, please read the handout inside this newsletter.

In the meantime help your child learn our school rules:

- *Be A Learner*
- *Be Respectful*
- *Be Safe*

Have a wonderful holiday.

Mr Sperling  
Assistant Principal.

### Holiday School Security

Unfortunately holidays can be the time when vandalism increases. Please keep an eye out for our school if driving past and alert school security on the number provided if you notice anything suspicious. School Security: **1300 880 021**

### Design a Bee Winners

A big thank you to all the students who entered our, "Design a Bee" competition to support our new school rules:

Be a Learner  
Be Respectful  
Be Safe

We had hundreds of outstanding entries that made the job of judging really hard. But after careful consideration and voting by the teachers, a big "congratulations" goes out to the following students:

- Charli from 4D
- Faith from 5M
- Tolotea from 6C

Each winner will receive a \$20 voucher from QBD books in Campbelltown Mall.

Your designs will be used as inspiration for our final designs.



Designed by Charli



Designed by Faith



Designed by Tolotea

### 2013 Captains and Prefects

Congratulations to our new leadership team for 2013. I am sure that they will continue to provide excellence in leadership as our leaders have this year. Our team is:

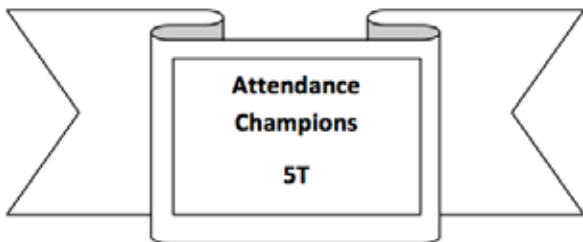
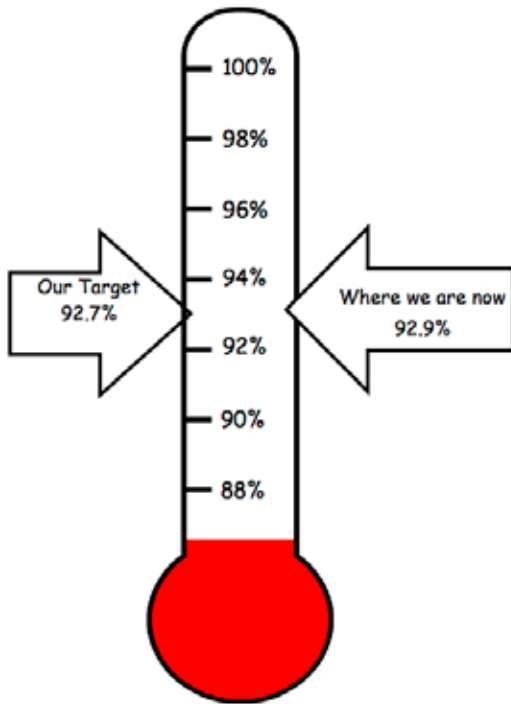
Boy Captain	-	Alex Curcuruto
Girl Captain	-	Anneliese Cordoba
Boy Prefects	-	Corey Bourke Ali Abbas Nathaniel Jarrold
Girl Prefects	-	Rana Abdo Kayla Condron Faith Faleali'i

We are looking forward to working with you next year. A big thankyou to our prefect team for this year for all their hard work and dedication towards our school.

### Blairmount Birthdays

Jumayn Williams-Nunes, Jerome Tangata, Kaesie Dent, Sione Sinaki-Teulilo, Chernor Bah, Tania Lata, Ezekiel Siilata, Tru Flack, Jack Espinosa, Destiny Finau, Tiana Price, Margie Williams, Ellie Faggiotto, Sakaria Burgess, Samuel Bah, Mason Szela, Nevaeh Lynch, Siona Walters, Jaida Lene, Liam Thunder, Junior Taungatua, Arielle Gutierrez, Meleuila Halaifonua, Samuel Dwyer, Zac Thong, Deacon Fox, Caterina Cordoba, Kaylene Leao, Caleb Norwood, Maddison Saul, Jordan Love, Makayla MacDonald, Ethan Fungavaka, Justin Rajab, Elijah To'O, Bradey Hourigan, Thomas Brown, Isa Mahmood, Musa Mahmood, Patrick Kolodynski, Jade Smith, Ian Woods, Abdulla Gamiel, Alex Pereira Gutierrez, Peter Furner, Teria Jolley, Jasmine Rajab Bishop, Kaleb Mani, Ayhan Baykurt, Tariq Chami, Emily Rignold

## Attendance Champions



Merry Christmas &  
Happy Holidays  
From all the staff at  
Blairmount Public  
School

## K-2 Christmas Concert & Presentation

Blairmount Public School and along with the K-2 students invite their families to the K-2 Christmas concert held on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15 in the hall.** Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing Christmas songs and the K-2 presentation assembly will follow.



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# Campbelltown Performing Arts High School



**Year 7 – 2014**

## **Audition Information for Parents and Students**

Auditions for **Year 7, 2014** will be held on **11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2013**.

CPAHS is a specialist Performing Arts High School offering a broad comprehensive curriculum. Students selected into our school benefit from a range of curriculum and welfare initiatives, specialist teachers, modern performance and technical production facilities and a supportive whole school ethos towards promoting excellence in the Performing Arts.

Talented students with a strong interest in Dance, Drama, Circus, Instrumental Music and Vocal are encouraged to apply. Students that live out of area must audition to attend CPAHS and local (in area) students wanting to be part of our selective Performing Arts program **MUST** also audition at this time.

Audition application forms can be obtained through your school or can be posted or emailed to you directly by contacting the Audition Co-ordinator on 4625 1403 or by downloading one from our website *www.cpahs.nsw.edu.au*.

There is an Information Evening for interested parents and students on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 at 7pm in the school hall. Please ring to confirm beforehand.

**Ms S Quince**  
Principal

**Closing Date for the return of application forms**  
**18<sup>th</sup> February, 2013**

## Blairmount Public School - Term 4 - 2012

<b>WK</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>1</b>	8 October Students Return for Term 4	9	10	11	12 Gold Assembly
<b>2</b>	15  P&C Meeting – 6pm	16	17	18	19 Gala Day 1
<b>3</b>	22  Swimming Scheme Group 1	23	24	25	26 →
<b>4</b>	29  Swimming Scheme Group 2	30	31 Inter-Relate Year 6	1 November	2 →
<b>5</b>	5  P&C Meeting – 6pm	6	7 Inter-Relate Year 6 Kindergarten Orientation Session 1 (9.00 -11.00am)	8	9 Gala Day 2
<b>6</b>	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
<b>7</b>	19	20	21	22	23 Inter-Relate Year 6 3-6R Assembly - 2.15pm
<b>8</b>	26	27	28	29	30
<b>9</b>	3 December  P&C Meeting (AGM)–6pm	4	5	6	7 Gold Assembly
<b>10</b>	10	11	12	13 3-6 Presentation Assembly	14 Mr Rice's Retirement Assembly 2pm December Student Reports Go Home
<b>11</b>	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)