



# Newsletter

## Blairmount Public School

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Week 4, Term 4

Learning Together

31/10/2013

Dear families,

Thank you to everyone who has welcomed me back to school after my long service leave. I would like to thank Mrs Clarke for doing such a wonderful job of leading Blairmount while I was away.

It is an extremely exciting time of year as we are well and truly into our planning and organisation for 2014. This Saturday our annual Action Group Planning day will be held. Staff and parents will be attending to take part in this important day. If you are interested in attending and having a say on what Blairmount will look like in the future please contact Mrs Penny Gollidge at school on 4626 1795.

Over the last two weeks 120 students from Year 2 - Year 6 have participated in the Swimming Scheme at Bradbury Pool. All staff that have attended have been nothing but positive about our students both in behaviour and their attitude towards improving their swimming. *This is a very valuable experience for our students and would not be possible without the very generous donation from our P&C to cover the cost of the buses.*

Our last PSSA Gala Day for the year will be held next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. No payment is required if you paid for the first Term 4 Gala Day that was unfortunately cancelled. If you had not paid the cost for the day is \$8.50. All notes and money are due by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. **No money will be accepted on the morning of the Gala Day.**

Regards  
Greg Turnbull  
Principal

### New Sports Uniforms

We now have available for sale Blairmount Public School sports uniforms. The sports uniform can be worn to school every Friday, PSSA Gala Days and Zone Carnivals.

The sports shirts are \$20 each and the sports shorts are \$15 each. *However to launch the new uniform we have a special price if you purchase during term 4. You can buy the shirt and shorts together for just \$30.*

To order the new sports uniform please complete the Uniform Order at the back of this newsletter and return it with payment to the office.



### Kindergarten Orientation for 2014

We will be holding an Orientation session for parents of students who are enrolled to start Kindergarten at Blairmount next year.

This session will be on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 8.45am - 11am** to give you some very important information about starting school.

Your child will get to participate during this session. They will also get to experience the morning session in the Kindergarten classrooms with current Kindergarten teachers.

An invitation containing the important information will be posted to you shortly. Please contact the office if you have not received your invitation within the next few weeks or come and see me.

Thank you,  
Miss Kelly Howick



### After School Pick-Up Areas

*Please remember that there are designated areas to collect children after school. There should be NO parents waiting inside the buildings to collect students. Exiting the school must be via paths (not through the gardens) and remember to take extra care near the car park.*

### No Supervision Before 8:30am

Please remember that there is no teacher supervising at school prior to 8.30am and children should not be at school before this time.

### Free Puppet Show

Our Primary School Program, The McDonald's Camp Quality Puppets, is a live show that has transformed thousands of schools by helping children and teachers learn how to create a supportive school community for children living with cancer and their families. Since its inception, this fun, educational program has helped over 4 million primary school children and teachers learn about the challenges of living with cancer.

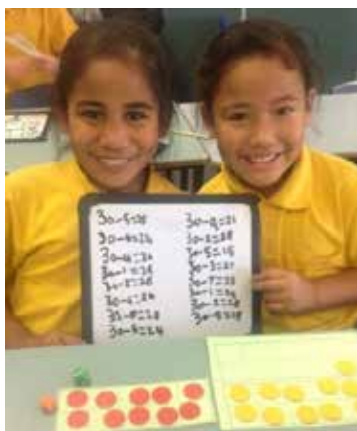
The honest show, jam-packed with laughter and optimism, lasts 30-45 minutes and is free of charge to schools Australia-wide. Each year over 200,000 children benefit from seeing the show.

The puppets have a unique way of building trust and engaging children quickly so they can address the real issues and dispel concerns regarding contact with children who have cancer. Importantly, the characters in the show help children understand how their actions impact other children by reinforcing anti-bullying and providing practical things children can do to be a supportive friend or classmate. At the end of the show children feel safe to ask questions and discuss their concerns and emotions.



### What's Happening in Mathematics in 1A?

The students in 1A have been developing their skills to solve subtraction questions from 20 and 30. This week, the TEN activity involved students rolling two dice and adding the numbers together, before subtracting this total from 20 or 30. The students used the counting back strategy and their knowledge of friends of 10 and 20, and doubles to help them solve these questions.



### Reviews by 6C

#### The Hobbit

The Hobbit is a story about a hobbit that goes on a long journey to the Lonely Mountain which once belonged to the dwarves. This mountain is filled with precious gold. One day a dragon came and took over the mountain. So the dwarves decided to go to the mountain and claim back what was once theirs. But in order to get into the mountain they needed a hobbit. This is when Bilbo Baggins comes in. Bilbo was very useful on this dangerous journey.

This is a very violent and awesome movie. I would recommend this for ages 11 and up and for people who like action movies. I would rate this movie a 10 out of 10.

By Vincent Pham

#### Five O's

Five O's is a restaurant located in Queen St, Campbelltown. It is a really clean restaurant with great food to eat. They serve all kinds of food for any occasion. The food is delicious but usually delicious food comes with an expensive price but not at Five O's. The food is cheap!

The menu is full of great food and drinks. My favourite meal is lamb shanks with potato and gravy.

I would recommend this restaurant to everyone of all ages. The only down side of this restaurant would probably be the line-up. It is sometimes really crowded and hard to get a reservation and bookings.

I love Five O's! I would go there every day for dinner or lunch for the rest of my life.

By Jaidarose Lene

### Treasure Island Holiday Park

Last year in the month of October my family and I went to Queensland's Gold Coast for a holiday. We stayed at a motel called Treasure Island. Our accommodation was pretty much a camping site. It has a restaurant, a bar, a giant pillow, a lake, 3 swimming pools, 8 water spas and a movie screen in the park.

Treasure Island is close to all the theme parks. My family and I went to all the theme parks and we had lots of fun. My brothers and I swam with the dolphins at Sea World. It was the best experience of my life! Next time I go to Queensland I'm going to swim with the sharks. Treasure Island is a good place for a holiday for people who love to relax, have fun and enjoy the sun.

By Shaienne Tahana

### Saving Private Ryan

Saving Private Ryan is a really great action movie. It has a lot of blood and guts because it is a war movie. It is about a private named Ryan and all three of his brothers die in the war. So the leader of the army sends a special team to find him so that his mother has at least one child left. It is a sad and a cool movie. One sad bit is where hundreds of soldiers die on a beach. One cool bit is when a soldier snipers an enemy soldier in the eye.

I strongly recommend this movie to people who love action and war movies. I rate it 5 stars, 10 out of 10. I would recommend it to ages over 15 because it is gruesome.

By Elijah To'o

### 5A's Jack-o-Lantern

On Thursday we wrote procedures on how to make a Jack-O-lantern and then we made one. You can see him out the front of our classroom along with our procedure if you're passing by.



### Happy Birthday

Cooper Clifford, Trae-Thomas Reid, Dominic Jinaro, Tarelle Tutu, Chad Lovell, Zayan Rafeeq, Zuhair Rafeeq, Piper Williams, Sean Clifford, Taylah Cooper, Luke Curcuruto, Mieke Jensen, Dylan Mani, Frederick Marurai, Emmanuel Levika, Angelina Jnaro, Uru Raika, Jay Hoffman, Tiarna Sly-Lashmore, Aarryn Hunter, Keanu Chatters, Madilyn King, Eva Pikula, Jordan Burgess



## Kindergarten Food Garden

The Kindergarten students have been planting and growing their own healthy food in the Kindergarten Food Garden. The learning that has occurred through this process is directly linked to the Science units, 'What's Alive' and 'What Do We Eat?', the HSIE unit, 'Meeting Needs' and to Health when making healthy food choices.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed planting, watering, mulching, fertilising and weeding their garden. They became increasingly excited as they watched their food grow, flower and in some cases produce fruit.

Over the past couple of weeks their patience and hard work was finally rewarded when they were able to harvest food to make a green salad. They washed and prepared various lettuce varieties, baby spinach, snow peas and parsley to make a beautiful, crisp, fresh salad.

We are now looking forward to the strawberries, blueberries and tomatoes ripening to add to the Kindergarten healthy food menu.



Mrs Fiona Bagley



# 2013 Action Group Planning



## Weekend Invitation



*You are invited to attend the 2013 Action Group planning weekend. This is an extremely important school process, that will benefit from the participation of as many staff and community members as possible.*

### **Where:**

Ryldges Campbelltown  
15 Old Menangle Rd, Campbelltown

### **When:**

1<sup>st</sup> November 2013  
4:00pm *Data Presentation & Dinner*  
2<sup>nd</sup> November 2013  
9:00am – 4:00pm *Planning Day*

### **Focus:**

- Presentation of all 2013 school data
- Setting school targets for all priority areas
- Planning of strategies for 2014

### **RSVP:**

18<sup>th</sup> October 2013  
Penny Golledge 4626 1795

*All meals, non-alcoholic beverages and equipment will be provided. We look forward to your participation which will be greatly appreciated and valued.*

*Please contact Penny Golledge on 4626 1795 to confirm if you are able to attend or if you have any questions.*

## Blairmount Public School - Term 4 - 2013

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	7 October  Public Holiday	8  Students Return	9	10  Interrelate for Year 6	11  Assembly 2E
2	14	15	16	17  Interrelate for Year 6	18  PSSA Gala Day
3	21	22	23	24  Interrelate for Year 6	25
4	28	29	30  Year 6 @ Eagle Vale High School	31  Interrelate for Year 6	1 November  Assembly 1L & 1A
5	4  Camp Quality Puppet Show (Free for all Students)  P&C Meeting 6pm	5	6	7	8  PSSA Gala Day
6	11	12  Kindergarten Orientation	13	14	15  Assembly 2C
7	18  5A Excursion Eagle Vale Woolworths	19	20	21	22  Assembly 2L
8	25	26	27	28	29
9	2 December  P&C Meeting (AGM) 6pm	3	4	5	6  Assembly 4Y
10	9	10  K-2 Presentation Assembly	11	12  3-6 Presentation Assembly	13  Student Reports Go Home
11	16  Year 6 Farewell Campbelltown Catholic Club	17	18  Last Day For Students	19  School Development Day Staff Only	20  School Development Day Staff Only



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## SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM – PRIMARY K-6

Blairmount Public School uniform is **available to be purchased from the office 5 days a week from 8.30am until 9.00am**. Most garments are available from stock but it may take up to 4 weeks to receive goods which need to be ordered. Garments may be changed to a different size if still in original packaging. All garments are available in larger sizes on request. **Payment can be made using cash or Eftpos.**

Child's name .....Class .....

Parent and Carer's name ..... Phone no. ....

Dresses	Age	No.		Price	Total
Size 4	4-5			\$40	
Size 6	5 - 6			\$40	
Size 8	7 - 8			\$40	
Size 10	9 - 10			\$40	
Size 12	11 - 12			\$40	

Jackets	Age	No.		Price	Total
Size 6	5 - 6			\$16	
Size 8	7 - 8			\$16	
Size 10	9 - 10			\$16	
Size 12	11 - 12			\$16	

Polo Shirts	Age	No.		Price	Total
Size 6	5 - 6			\$14	
Size 8	7 - 8			\$14	
Size 10	9 - 10			\$14	
Size 12	11 - 12			\$14	

Girls Green shorts	Age	No.		Price	Total
Size 6	4-6			\$8	
Size 8	6-8			\$8	
Size 10	10-12			\$8	
Size 12	12-14			\$8	

Boys Grey Shorts	Age			Price	Total
Size 6	5-6			\$8	
Size 8	7-8			\$8	
Size 10	9-10			\$8	
Size 12	10-12			\$8	

Caps		No.		Price	Total
				\$12	

Sports Shirts	Age	No.	Sports Shirts \$20	Sports Shorts \$15	<i>Term 4 special Sports shirt and shorts both for \$30</i>
Size 6	5-6				
Size 8	6-8				
Size 10	8-10				
Size 12	10-12				
Size 14	12-14				
Size Sm Adult					
Size Med Adult					