



# Newsletter

## Blairmount Public School

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Week 6, Term 4

Learning Together

14/11/2013

Dear families,

Blairmount has been offered the very exciting opportunity for 2 of our teachers to visit and work in two remote central schools for a week. In Week 8 Mr Collins and Mrs Murray will join teachers from St Andrews PS and Rosemeadow PS and visit Wilcannia Central School and Menindee Central School. During the visit teachers will work a range of classes and share their experiences of working in a city school as compared to working in a remote country town. Both teachers are extremely excited about this professional learning opportunity. I am sure both Mrs Murray and Mr Collins will be happy to share their experiences in future newsletters.

In some staffing news I am able to announce that Mr Tate has received a promotion to Assistant Principal at a school in the Wollongong area and thus will not be returning to Blairmount. This has created a classroom teacher vacancy for us, which has been advertised. I will be able to announce who our new permanent staff member will be once this process has been completed.

I would also like to formally welcome Ms McMahon back to Blairmount after being away on extended leave.

Finally it was with great pleasure that I had the opportunity to meet and welcome many new families to the Blairmount community at our Kindergarten orientation held earlier this week. We are very much looking forward to working with you and providing your children with a world class education in the coming years.

Regards  
Greg Turnbull  
Principal

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**On Wednesday the 30th October 2013, Blairmount Indigenous Group students together with Mr Sperling and Mr Alone held their first of what we hope will be many, Video Conference Meetings with Indigenous students from Cowra Public School.**

**Our "Across the Divide" initiative is designed to link our students with students from a Central West School across the Great Dividing Range to share Aboriginal culture, heritage and stories and further promote and support Aboriginal Education.**

**We thank the Principal of Cowra Public School Mr Tom and Mr Murray an indigenous teacher on Stage 3 at Cowra Public School for joining us in making this partnership happen.**

**Our students were able to share their stories with new friends via video conference while the Cowra Public School students were able to do the same.**

**We hope this initial connection is only the beginning of what will be a strong partnership with Cowra Public School where ideas on how to enhance Aboriginal education can be shared through student engagement and learning.**

**All students were extremely excited and are eagerly looking forward to the next video conference opportunity**

## Some Useful Information .....

### Sun safety

This spring has seen temperatures soar. A new information pack with the latest advice on sun safety is available for schools and parents.

Find out more:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/sun-safety/index.php>

All Blairmount students are expected to wear a hat, at all times, when outdoors.

### Digital citizenship

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills - how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Here are some tips to get you started:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

### What is a homonym?

Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity.

Find out more:

[http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english\\_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym)

### NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015.

Find out more:

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>

### Jargon explained

If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.

More school jargon explained:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/school-jargon-busters>

## 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 by 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.



## Selective High School Reminder

Any Year 5 students who wish to apply for Selective High School placement in 2015 should apply online at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement).

If parents do not have internet access, a printed application form is available from the school. Online OR paper applications must be completed by Monday 18th November.

**P&C Membership - Join your P&C Association in 2014**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm in the School Staff Room. Everyone is welcome...children are more than welcome too.

Please note that all P&C roles are declared vacant at the AGM and any parent is welcome and encouraged to express interest in taking on one of these P&C positions. The 2014 P&C Committee and Sub-Committee Conveners are elected at this meeting.

The AGM is a great way to find out what is happening at our school, so we hope that you can attend. The AGM will be followed directly by the November/December 2013 P&C meeting.

All parents are encouraged to join our P&C Association in 2014. Even if you are unable to attend regular P&C meetings, P&C membership is a way of keeping informed about what is happening at the school. All members will have access to P&C meeting minutes, reports and other information regardless of whether you attend meetings.

Parents who have completed P&C membership applications AND paid a 50c membership fee prior to the AGM on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013, will be accepted as a financial member (able to vote) at this meeting. It is not necessary to be present at the AGM to become a member.

Payment of membership may be addressed to P&C Membership and dropped off to the School front office.

With continued support from parents within our community we can continue to provide for our children at Blairmount PS.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at our meeting.

Tia Cordoba  
P&C President 2013

**Successful Shooting Stars**



Congratulations to the following 3G students who have achieved their learning goal in their recount writing.

Tennielle.

Congratulations to the following 3G students who have achieved their learning goal in addition and subtraction.



Angelene, Ezekiel and Tamati.

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their learning goal for reading.

Starr, Shane, Ryan, Elijah A, Tariq, Tyler, Melissa, Jay, Zion, Jemima, Kirra, Ezekiel, Tamati, Dallin, Elijah P, Tennielle, Joyel, Ajay, Jarrod, April, Angelene, Portia, Claxton, Jordan, John, Tanika, Melodyz and Nikita.

I am very proud of the continued effort of all students in 3G.

Mrs Gawthorne

**Stage 3 - Beach Day**

Just a reminder that the tokens for beach day will be on sale Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. All tokens will need to be purchased before beach day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Tokens are for

- Sand Castle Competition 2 Tokens
- Fruit Smoothie
  - Large 3 Tokens
  - Small 2 Tokens
- Hair Spraying 3 Tokens
- Lucky Dip 1 Token
- Plaster Painting 5 Tokens

On Beach Day students will also be able to wear mufti with a beach theme on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Please remember all students need to wear closed in shoes NO thongs or sandals.

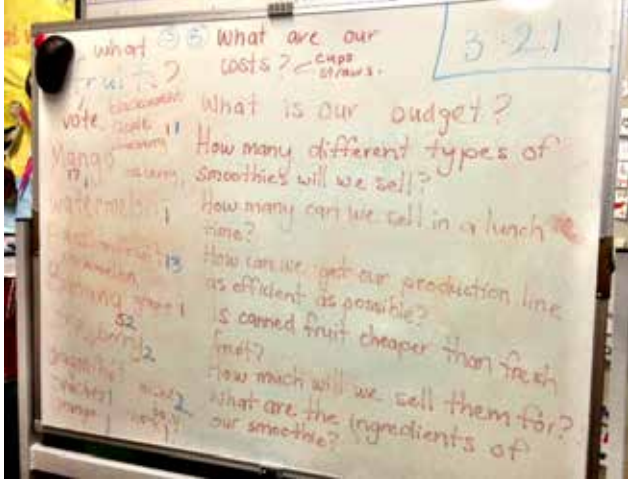
All money raised will go towards the Year 6 farewell.

Thank you for your support  
Stage 3 Teachers

## Maths in 5A

A few weeks ago 5A were posed with the inquiry based question, what is the most sellable fruit smoothie to sell at Blairmount Beach Day?

They started brainstorming questions and queries they believed they needed to answer before they could answer the overall question.



The following day, they surveyed many classes in the school to find out what are the most popular smoothie flavours. They even rang 2 local Boost Juice stores to collect data from them to determine what flavours they should sell at beach day.

Based on all the data 5A have collected, they have decided on 3 flavours; strawberry, banana and orange and mango non dairy chiller.

5A have trialled many different ingredients and measurements to ensure they will be selling a quality product.

5A have now refined the 3 smoothies and have worked out the cost price for each flavour smoothie. They have also decided on a selling price and have worked out an anticipated profit. They have delivered their proposals and samples of the smoothies to Mrs Clarke and Mr Turnbull and have been granted the funds to sell the smoothies at beach day.

5A are going to take their outlined budgets and funds to Woolworths to buy all their ingredients.

The question of which is the most sellable can only be answered at Blairmount Beach Day. So buy your tokens today and support your favourite flavour.

Here are some photos and quotes from 5A students.

"If we divide how much juice is in the bottle by how much we need in each cup we will know how much a bottle will make" Colin Price

"If we look back at the whole school data we collected we can roughly work out how many banana smoothies to make" Ali Al Juboori



## 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.

## Happy Birthday

Sophita Korkeaw, Failuma Faaoloaga, Amelia Hardacre, Yulun Ali, Cherian Sebastian, Melenaita Taumalolo, Marcus Tonga, Margot Ganaden, Taylor Gibson, Mya Hanson, Gemma Dalmas, Kabien Parker





**Have Dinner at  
McDonalds  
and raise money for the  
Year 6 Farewell**



**Eagle Vale**

**Come and have dinner at McDonald's Eagle  
Vale between 5pm and 7pm on Tuesday  
26<sup>th</sup> November and McDonald's will donate  
towards the Year 6 Farewell.**

**The more we eat, the more they will  
donate!!!**

**Bring your family and friends!**

**BLAIRMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL  
P&C ASSOCIATION**

**2014 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 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 - 2013

<b>WK</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>1</b>	7 October  Public Holiday	8  Students Return	9	10  Interrelate for Year 6	11  Assembly 2E
<b>2</b>	14	15	16	17  Interrelate for Year 6	18  PSSA Gala Day
<b>3</b>	21	22	23	24  Interrelate for Year 6	25
<b>4</b>	28	29	30  Year 6 @ Eagle Vale High School	31  Interrelate for Year 6	1 November  Assembly 1L & 1A
<b>5</b>	4  Camp Quality Puppet Show (Free for all Students)  P&C Meeting 6pm	5	6	7	8  PSSA Gala Day
<b>6</b>	11	12  Kindergarten Orientation	13	14	15  Assembly 2L
<b>7</b>	18  5A Excursion Eagle Vale Woolworths	19	20	21  Stage 3 'Beach Day' Year 6 Farewell Fundraiser (Mufti)	22  Assembly 2C
<b>8</b>	25  P&C Meeting (AGM) 6pm	26  Year 6 Farewell Fundraiser at McDonald's Eagle Vale 5pm - 7pm	27	28	29
<b>9</b>	2 December	3	4	5	6  Assembly 4Y
<b>10</b>	9	10  K-2 Presentation Assembly	11	12  3-6 Presentation Assembly	13  Student Reports Go Home
<b>11</b>	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	
Size10	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	No.		Price	Total
Size 6	5-6			\$8	
Size8	7-8			\$8	
Size10	9-10			\$8	
Size 12	10-12			\$8	

				Price	Total
				\$12	

<b>Caps</b>		No.		\$12	
		<b>Sports Shirt \$20</b>	<b>Sports Shorts \$15</b>	<b>Term 4 special Sports shirt and shorts both for \$30</b>	

Sports Shirts	Age	No.	No.		
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					