



# Newsletter

## Blairmount Public School

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Week 10, Term 3

Learning Together

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Dear families,

This will obviously be our last newsletter for the term. After an extremely busy 10 weeks at Blairmount I would like to wish all families a wonderful holiday and hope you enjoy your time together.

Thankyou for all the positive comments regarding our parent / teacher interviews last week. Staff very much value having the opportunity to discuss students progress and spend a significant amount of time getting organised and being prepared.

In some staffing news for next term, I will be taking some long service leave for the first three weeks of the term. I will return from leave on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October. In my absence Mrs Clarke will be the Relieving Principal and Mr Sperling will be the Relieving Deputy Principal.

Mrs Rixon and Mrs O'Callaghan will be on leave for the first four weeks of next term and Mr Krahe will be on leave for the first two weeks of the term.

A reminder that Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October is a public holiday so students will return for term 4 on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

Regards  
Greg Turnbull  
Principal

### Lost Property

We have moved our lost property. It is now stored in a trolley in the entrance near the hall and computer lab. If your child has lost some clothing please check here.

Unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity approximately every three weeks.

### Kindergarten 2014

If you have a pre-school child turning 5 years old on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten for 2014.

If you haven't already done so, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it to school ASAP. If you are aware of neighbours or friends with eligible children, please advise them to come and introduce themselves and ask for an enrolment form and information about the school.

### 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 Student Supervision Before 8:30am

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

### Kindergarten Rugby League Program

Next term Kindergarten students will be participating in a *National Rugby League Game Development* program. *Early Childhood Backyard League (ECBYL)* is a non-contact, skills based program that will run for three sessions (approximately 30 minutes each session) throughout term 4. "The program takes into account the needs and learning styles of younger children, and is appropriately based around their physical development and gross motor skill abilities". **The ECBYL program is free of cost.**



Regards,  
Shane Pereira

### P&C Update

The P&C would like to thank everyone who supported the movie night. They raised \$1085 on the night. This money will be used to subsidise the school swimming scheme.

### Head Lice

We have had several cases of head lice during the last few weeks. Please help us by checking your child's hair. This is best done by combing through some conditioner with a fine tooth comb. Check the comb with each stroke to see if there are any head lice present.

If lice are found please talk to the Chemist about an appropriate product to treat your child's hair and treat in accordance with the directions on the bottle. Remove all eggs (lice). This helps to ensure that you can more easily detect a new outbreak.

Wash all hats, pillows, sheets etc. Check your child's hair every few days after treatment to ensure that they have not been re-infected.

### Whooping Cough

There have been several cases of whooping cough within the school community recently. Please make yourself aware of the symptoms of this condition and seek medical advice if you feel your child is at risk. If your child is sick, please contact the school to let us know as soon as possible.

For more information see:

<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/news-at-det/news/whooping-cough-alert>

### Roald Dahl Day

On Friday 13th September 5A and 5/6N celebrated Roald Dahl Day.

First we participated in four rotations, the rotations were making Wonka sweets with Mrs Naisby and Mrs Young, making Dahl gloop with Miss Shepherd, a Dahl trivia quiz with Mrs Gibbs and and Oompa Loompa obstacle course with Mr and Mrs Alone.

After the rotations the teachers handed out prizes for the winners of the trivia quiz and the obstacle course.



Next we sang Happy Birthday to Roald Dahl (and Jacob Dempsey as they share the same birthday). We also cut and ate two awesome cakes made by Mrs Young. They were both inspired by Roald's texts 'The Witches'. One was shaped like a mouse and the other one was a witch.

Finally we watched the BFG.

We had a great day.



### Stewart House / Smith Family Clothing Appeal

Next term on the 23rd of October, all clothing bags will be collected.

Please leave them outside Ms Murray's Room (Room 10).

Only fill them with clean items that you no longer require and would like to donate to others in need. The school lost property clothing will also be donated at this time, so please ensure you check the new clothing trolley inside the corridor near the canteen for anything that may belong to your children.

**Thanks for your ongoing support of this great cause.**

### What's Happening in Mathematics in 2E

The students in 2E have been learning about how to compare, estimate and measure the length of objects. They have participated in a range of activities aimed at developing their ability to measure accurately.



'We have been measuring with rulers and tape measures. We have measured with blocks and sticks. When we are using these we have to make sure that there are no gaps and no overlaps.'  
Ariah



'We have been measuring lots of things using rulers, blocks and dice. I like measuring and I think that I am good at it. At home, I have been helping Dad to put down pavers. I have to measure the pavers for Dad.'  
Carl

### Student Medical Forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

### 3G Successful Shooting Stars

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



Dallin, Ryan, Ezekiel and Jarrod.

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



Tanika, Tynieka and Kirra

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

Mrs Gawthorne

## Making Salads

### We Made a Salad By Joyce Leituala

Last Tuesday our writing group and Ms Fakes went to the garden to get some vegetables for the salad.

Many weeks ago we planted seedlings in the ESL gardens like carrots, spinach and lettuce. I planted lettuce and carrots.

Once a week we watered the gardens to help the plants grow.

Once the plants were ready we pulled them out of the ground. I pulled the carrots, spinach and the lettuce.

After that we took the vegetables to Ms Fakes' room and then we washed them in the sink. We broke up the lettuce leaves and put them in a bowl. Next Kadhim peeled the carrot and Harmonie and I cut the carrots.

After that Ms Fakes gave me some lemon juice, so I squeezed it into the bowl.

Next Ms Fakes tossed the salad with the salad servers.

Once we finished making the salad we gave some to Mr Turnbull.

Next we went to the staffroom and we could eat some salad.

I enjoyed watering the garden to help the plants grow.



### The salad by Mary Meafua

Last Tuesday we made a salad with our writing group and Ms Fakes. We made our salad at school using vegetables from the garden.

Many weeks ago we planted seedling carrots, spinach and lettuce.

Once the salad was ready we went to Mr Turnbull's office and he took his food. Mr Turnbull said it was a yummy salad.

Later on we went to the staffroom and we ate the salad.

I enjoyed making the salad but I only ate the carrot and cucumber.

## AFL Gala Day

Junior and Senior AFL teams played on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September at Eschol Park and played 3 games each, against Ambarvale, Thomas Acres and Leumeah Public Schools.

There were only seven players for juniors so it made it very difficult. Against Ambarvale Emmanuel took a mark and Hannah played really well. In the second game against Thomas Acres Julian and Dallan played well. The third game for the juniors was against Leumeah and Hannah and Julian never gave up. The juniors are getting better with each game.

The seniors had a very successful day with 3 wins. They beat Ambarvale 25 to 18 and Keanu and Deacon both scored two goals each. Marks were taken by Keanu, Deacon, Andrew, Zac and Liam.

The score against Thomas Acres was 33 to 2. This time Deacon scored 4 goals and Shaianne also got a goal and 3 behinds. Marks were taken by Deacon, Junior, Zach, Liam, Nathaniel, Keanu and Lina.

The last game against Leumeah was 27 to 11. Shaianne scored 2 goals and Denim and Liam got a goal each. Elijah's aim was off this week, he got 2 behinds and Junior got 1. Marks were taken by Denim, Deacon, Elijah and Shaianne.

The senior team improved with each Gala Day. By the end they were kicking lots more goals, passing the ball around the field and taking lots of marks. The teams both participated fairly and with good sportsmanship.

### Regional Sydney South West Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Kaden, Sherritta and William who represented our school at the Regional Sydney South West Athletics Carnival. All three students had a fantastic day and were a fantastic representation for our school.

Big congratulations to Kaden who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in long jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m finals and is now going to represent our school at state.



### Macarthur Schools Sustainable Expo - A Great Day at Belgenny Farm

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 Ms Fakes, Mrs Bagley, Bradley, Tatiana, Sak, Puhi, Mele, Bassair, Brandon and I went to a farm in Camden. The farm was called Belgenny Farm.

Firstly, we all got our name marked to see if we were all at school.

Next, we all got to choose what car we went in. Luckily, we had nice teachers to drive us in their transportation to the farm.

Then, we reached the target. 'Yay we're finally here!'

When we arrived, we all walked on the green, green grass and the young ladies, actually they're in Year 10, welcomed us to the Macarthur Schools Sustainable Expo.

The teachers had to go in the granary and we all had to be on our own.

One of our favourite activities was the chickens where each of us got to hold ducks, chickens and baby chicks.

Another favourite was the solar ovens where we made marshmallow and chocolate melt in a solar oven.

The favourite thing that I did was looking at water bugs. We all got to see through a microscope and on the little plate were little bugs

floating around. After we had a look, we touched yabbies. I thought they were sea crabs but even better YABBIES.

Then we got to see what the temperature was. Later on, we all went back to school and played a little sport, met our class and home to have a good sleep.

We had a positively absolutely fantastic time at Belgenny Farm and wish to go back in the future.

By Pitisi Mounga



### Happy Birthday

Liam Marurai, Rana Abdo, Jetara Phommaly, Charli Espinosa, Sarah Anne Brown, Melissa Rako, Hussain Abbas, Carter Everingham, Spencer Kavapalu, Seth To'O, Payten Fretton, Alaa Alkhafaji, Chloe Fox, Georgia Cresswell, Kiarra Miller, Anneliese Cordoba, Cruz Ieremia, Bassair Al-Salemi, Anna Marie Fuesaina, Halamehi Neiufi, Jack Hardacre, Epeli Taumalolo, Noah Ward, Gabriel To'O, Shakil Ali, Sophie Munroe, Corianne Parkinson, Saymon Sengal, Hayley Bennett, Francis Mochang, Emily Cooper, Janaiya Hanson, Alexandra Manivong, Maila Safia, Alex Mochang, Brock Stanyard, Latoyah Sinaki-Krishna Hona

## **IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANAPHYLAXIS SHOULD HE OR SHE CARRY THEIR OWN EPIPEN® OR ANAPEN® TO AND AT SCHOOL?**

### ***What is this article about?***

If you have told the school that your child is diagnosed a risk of anaphylaxis you should have received a letter from Mr Turnbull.

This article provides more information about anaphylaxis.

### ***What is an EpiPen® and an Anapen®?***

EpiPen® and Anapens® are the emergency treatment for children who are having an anaphylactic reaction.

### ***What is anaphylaxis?***

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. If your child has been diagnosed by a doctor as being at risk of anaphylaxis there are some important things to remember that will help the school to support your child's health care needs.

***Why you need to keep us informed if your child is diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis or if his or her condition changes. This includes if they have an anaphylactic reaction while not at school.***

The school can only respond to risks it knows about. Please keep (INSERT CONTACT) informed so that we can plan to support your child at school.

***Why you need to provide the school with your child's current ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis and an EpiPen® or Anapen® signed by their doctor***

The plan sets out the steps the school needs to follow in an emergency. It is essential for us to have this to keep your child safe.

We will keep a copy of your child's ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis stored with your child's EpiPen® or Anapen®.

***Why it is important to talk regularly with your child about some simple steps to help keep them safe***

It is important to regularly talk with your child about when and where they are at risk of contact with the things they are allergic to and how to avoid this. If you have told them not to take part

in sharing food at school, regularly remind them of this.

Reassure them that if they do come into contact with something they are allergic to or they feel unwell at school they won't get into trouble. **They need to tell a teacher immediately.**

### ***Consider whether your child should carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®***

If your child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis you can request that they carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen® to school and at school. A request form has been sent home and is also available from (INSERT LOCATION/PERSON).

If you request that your child carry an EpiPen® or Anapen® with them to school and at school you will still need to provide the school with at least one additional EpiPen® or Anapen® for storage in a central location within the school and for access by staff in an emergency.

The school will contact you about any request you make for your son or daughter to carry their own EpiPen® or Anapen®.

### ***Why does the school need to know if your son or daughter is carrying their own EpiPen® or Anapen®?***

Staff need to know your child carries an EpiPen® or Anapen® in an emergency. For this reason this information will be included in your child's individual health care plan.

They also need to be able to find it quickly so it is important that it be in an easily identifiable and accessible spot (eg. not a locker).

To find out more go to the Department's public schools website:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/anaphylaxis/index.php>

## 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  PSS 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 Assembly 1L & 1A	1 November
<b>5</b>	4  P&C Meeting 6pm	5	6	7	8  PSS Gala Day
<b>6</b>	11	12  Kindergarten Orientation	13	14	15  Assembly 2C
<b>7</b>	18	19	20	21	22  Assembly 2L
<b>8</b>	25	26	27	28	29
<b>9</b>	2 December  P&C Meeting (AGM) 6pm	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