



Newsletter

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Principal: Mr Greg Turnbull

Deputy Principal: Mrs Melissa Clarke

Dear Families

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.

We have also had a number of excursions take place including;

- Year 1 visiting Georges River Environmental Education Centre
- Year 2 visiting Wollondilly Heritage Centre
- Year 6 participating in high school transition days

These experiences offer invaluable experiences for our students and truly assist them in engaging in what is being taught in the classroom.

Finally I would to acknowledge and congratulate Mrs Clarke for her outstanding work and leadership at Blairmount. Mrs Clarke has been formally recognised for her work and will receive an award for a Teacher in an Executive Role from our Executive Director, Public School NSW, Mr Murat Dizdar at a ceremony at Sydney Town Hall next week.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

P&C Reminder

Our next P&C meeting will be on Monday 3rd November, starting at 6pm in the staffroom. As always everyone is welcome.

Kindergarten 2015

If you have a pre-school child turning 5 years old on or before 31st July 2015, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten for 2015.

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.

5G's Learning Goal Trophy Title-Holders

I am very proud to share that the following students have achieved their learning goals for comprehension:



Jayden, Abdullah, Uru, Pierre, William, Ellie, Harry, Dylan, Harmonie, Khiara, Hassan, McKayla, Tilden, Adam, Ashleigh, Keira-Lee and Eliza.

Congratulations to these students.

Mrs Gawthorne

K/1M Star of the Week

For showing that learning is important to him,



the star of the week for:

Week 3 was.....Nicholas
Congratulations Nicholas you should be very proud of yourself.

Mrs Murray

Selective High School Applications

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2016 - Online applications are now open.

Applications close by 18 November 2014 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2016.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 14 October to 17 November 2014. Application information is available on the Department's website at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

For parents without internet access a limited number of paper application forms are available in our school (Please see Miss Dash). Paper applications must be submitted by Friday 14 November 2014.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2016 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 12 March 2015.

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools.

A complete list of selective high schools is available at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Electricity Incursion

On Tuesday, October 21 4/5C, 5G and 5O participated in the 'Switched On Energy' electricity incursion. Teachers from the Illawarra Environmental Centre provided learning activities where the students learned about sustainable energy practices and were able to operate various electrical devices by using alternative energy sources. Students were also able to construct electrical circuits and test if a variety of materials were insulators or conductors.

We thank Mr Ben Anderson and Mr Stuart Delandre for providing interesting, exciting and very valuable learning experiences to enrich the students' learning and understanding of the use and generation of electricity. They have asked that the students are publicly commended for their behaviour, cooperation and genuine enthusiasm for the program.



Online Payments

When making online payments for excursions and other school events please adhere to the cut off dates as advertised in the notes.

If payments are made after the due date participation in the event cannot be guaranteed.

Sharon Jones

Boys Club

The Boys Club kids are working on a new project this term where they are withdrawing several kindergarten students at a time and playing small group MathSMAD activities with them. This past week Jake and Akash from 6N played some multiplication games with three different kindergarten classes. The boys have been very helpful and take a lot of pride with assisting their younger peers. Keep up the great work.

Mr Pereira



Dad's Fun Night 2014

On behalf of the Kindergarten team and the entire Blairmount staff, I would like to take the time to acknowledge and thank all the fathers, carers and family members who attended this year's Dad's Fun Night. The dads/carers and their children enjoyed several rotations including a barbecue, footy passing, construction activities and indigenous games. The turnout for the event was amazing and the kindergarten students are still excited about the night.

Regards,
Mr Pereira



The Boys Club

Member of the Week



Name: Akash

Age: 11

Class: 6N

Nick name: Aki

Favourite Sport: football

Favourite football player: Sonny Bill Williams

Hobbies: video games and sports

Favourite food: cheese pizza

My favourite thing about Boys Club is: basketball

When I grow up I want to be: police officer or a scientist

P&C - Crazy Costume Mufti Day

Thursday 6th November 2014

Come dressed in your craziest costume
all for a **gold coin** donation

Stage prizes for the craziest costume



Road safety

Key points to remember around schools

4 Hold your child's hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:

- on the footpath.
- in the car park.
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

5 Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law.

Your child's helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the 'STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!' procedure.



For more information visit
roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au

Blairmount Public School - Term 4 - 2014

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	6 October Public Holiday	7 Staff and Students Return	8	9	10
2	13 P&C Meeting 6pm	14	15 Kindergarten Dad's Fun Night	16	17 PSSA Gala Day
3	20 Special Swim Scheme	21 Kindergarten Orientation Electricity Incursion (4/5C, 5O and 5G)	22	23	24
4	27 Special Swim Scheme	28	29 Yr 1 Excursion (Environmental Ed Centre) Yr 6 @ Eagle Vale HS	30 Yr 2 Excursion (Wollondilly Heritage Centre)	31
5	3 November Yr 3 & 4 Heartbeat Excursion P&C Meeting 6pm	4	5	6 P&C Mufti Day (Gold Coin Donation)	7
6	10	11	12	13	14 PSSA Gala Day
7	17	18	19	20	21
8	24	25	26	27	28
9	1 December P&C Meeting 6pm (AGM)	2	3	4	5
10	8	9 K-2 Presentation Assembly P&C Cake Stall	10	11 3-6 Presentation Assembly P&C Cake Stall	12 Students Reports Go Home
11	15 Year 6 Farewell	16 Class Party Day	17 Last Day for Students	18 School Development Day (Teachers Only)	19 School Development Day (Teachers Only)