



Newsletter

Blairmount Public School

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Dear Families

Last Monday 17th November we had the honour and privilege of having the NSW Minister for Education The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP and our local member Mr Bryan Doyle MP visit Blairmount Public School. Mr Piccoli visited us to talk about and investigate the personalised professional learning model we have used this year to support the improved practice of all our teachers.



Mr Piccoli spoke at length with our coaching team about our journey in 2014 and then visited three of our classrooms to see some of the work in action. I would like to acknowledge and thank KH and Mrs Haddock, 5G and Mrs Gawthorne and 6D and Mrs O'Keefe for opening their door and so confidently sharing the work they have been undertaking.



Teachers are currently working at completing end of year reports for students. Our staff work extremely hard to ensure that parents receive accurate information regarding the academic progress of their children. Reports will be sent home on Friday 12th December.

We are currently planning for our enrolment entitlement for 2015 and need to know of any students who may not arrive back at school on Day 1, 2015 (Wednesday 28th January). This can occur if a family takes an extended holiday and intends to return to school at a later date.

We need notification of this, in writing, so we can include these students in our enrolment numbers. We also need to know of any students not returning to Blairmount due to other circumstances, such as moving out of the area or changing schools. A speedy response to this request would be greatly appreciated.

When students return in 2015 they will stay in their 2014 classes with their 2014 teachers for approximately the first and possibly the second week. This will allow us to be very sure of numbers and class structure before any students find out their new 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.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Join your P&C Association in 2015

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on Monday 1st December 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 2015 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 December 2014 P&C meeting.

All parents are encouraged to join our P&C Association in 2015. 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 1st December 2014, 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 2014

Blairmount Presentation Days

We invite all community members to attend:

- K-2 "Blairmount Christmas Concert" and presentation on Tuesday 9th December at 9.15am in our school hall.
- 3-6 Presentation Day on Thursday 11th December at 9.15am in the school hall.

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.

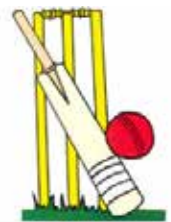
If you haven't already done so, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it to school ASAP.

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.

Missing Cricket Bat

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Missing wooden cricket bat belonging to Akash in 6N. This bat is of sentimental value to Akash and his family, as it was the bat that his Dad used to play his last game of professional cricket.



LAST SEEN

On Friday 14th November (gala day) at 3pm on the silver seats near the friendship tree.

ANY INFORMATION

If you have the cricket bat please return it to school (front office) as soon as possible so that it can be returned to Akash and his family. If you saw anyone with the wooden cricket bat that afternoon going home from school or if you know where it is please see Mrs Sammut.

Thank you

5G's Learning Goal Trophy Title-Holders

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Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their learning goals.

For multiplication;

Margie, Brayden, William, Dylan, Khiara and Annalise.

For spelling;

Khiara, Ashleigh, Tilden, Ashley, Ocarina, Caterina, Samantha, Adam and Sarah.

I am very proud of the continued effort of all students in 5G.

Mrs Gawthorne

K/1M Star of the Week

For showing that learning is important to them, the star of the week for:



Week 6 was.....Kardae

Week 7 was.....Georgia

Week 8 isRyan

Congratulations Kardae, Georgia and Ryan, you should be very proud of yourself.

Ms Murray

Library News

Book Club

The last issue of book club for the year is due tomorrow Friday 28/11/14. A big thank you to all the children and parents who ordered books this year as you helped reward points for the school.

Borrowing

Borrowing has now finished for the year. All books should be returned as soon as possible. Lost or damaged books should be paid for as soon as possible. Notes will be sent home next week about overdue books.

Children who do not return or pay for lost books may miss out on end of year activities.

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher Librarian

Blairmount Showcase Concert

Change of Date

Due to a clash with students within our school attending an excursion on Thursday the 4th of December our **Showcase will now be held on Friday the 5th of December.**

All Parents/Caregivers and Community are invited to attend the Blairmount Showcase on **Friday the 5th of December at 12pm** to share the amazing talents of the students within our school and the variety of groups our students participate in. There will be performances by Drumbeat, Choir, Pacifica dance group, Skipping Troop, Drama group, ECO group and more.

Lunch will be as normal at 11am and you are invited to share lunch with your child/ren. The canteen will sell a range of healthy snack and hot food on this day. After lunch you are invited to our Showcase in our school hall.

We hope you are able to come and join us and celebrate the amazing talents of our students.

Miss C Minihan



K/1M 5 Star Sentence Writers

Let's read their work and celebrate!!!!

Congratulations to:

Ryan: I went to the movies to see spider man and I like him. I like movies.

Brock: On the weekend I went to the beach. I went to the pools. I went to Bradbury pools. We swam in the outside pools.

Georgia: In three weeks I'm going on a holiday and we are going on rides. I'm going on every single ride.

Taanvee: When it was very hot I had some ice blocks at the pools. The water was cold. It was awesome.

Alex: When it is Boxing Day my cousin Christian is coming to New Zealand with my family. My daddy is not because he is working and I feel sad because he is not coming. I want my daddy to come with us.

Keep up the fantastic work!!!!

Ms Murray

Blairmount Public School - Term 4 - 2014

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