



Newsletter

Blairmount Public School

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Principal: Mr Greg Turnbull

Deputy Principal: Mrs Melissa Clarke

Dear Families

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another year. Once again it is amazing to think of how much we manage to fit into a year here at Blairmount.

I would like to thank everyone in the Blairmount community for the wonderful support we receive. Our students really are privileged to come to such a well-resourced and dynamic school with a supportive community.

Even though we are in our last weeks of the year our school is still a hive of activity. On Tuesday I had the privilege of attending our K-2 Christmas concert and presentation assembly. The students were outstanding. Special mention must go to Mrs Murray, Miss Minihan, Mr Elvis and Mr Lloyd for their organisation and the rest of the K-2 staff for their support.

Today we held our 3-6 presentation assembly, and once again it was a huge success. Special mention must go to Mrs Sammutt, Mr Sperling and Mrs Golledge for their organisation, without their hard work today would not have been such a success.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a safe New Year.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal



When Students Return in 2015

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 the school.

Important Dates

The last day for students for 2014 is;
Wednesday 17th December

Students in Years 1-6 resume for 2015 on;
Wednesday 28th January 2015

Students beginning Kindergarten in 2015 will begin on either;
Thursday 29th January or Friday 30th January
Individual letters have been sent home.

Year 6 Farewell

Just a reminder that the Year 6 Farewell is on Monday 15th December at Campbelltown Catholic Club.

Children will need to be there by 6:00pm and the doors to the Philip room will be closed. At 8:00 pm, parents are invited inside the room for the formal part of the evening. The event will be finished by 8:30pm.

If you have any further questions please contact Mrs O'Keefe.

December Reports

Our December Student reports will be sent home tomorrow. If your child did not receive their December report please contact the class teacher as soon as possible.

I have had the opportunity to read ALL school student reports and I am very impressed with what I see. In general, the level of EFFORT is very pleasing.

Please be reminded that a SOUND rating of achievement is very satisfactory. A SOUND rating means that your child is achieving at the expected level for their grade within the stage.

Do not be disappointed with SOUND, unless your child's EFFORT score is low...ie. 1,2, or 3. A lower EFFORT score indicates that your child could work harder, be more on-task and/or show a better attitude to learning to achieve a better result. A 4 or 5 EFFORT score indicates your child is working to the best of their ability and this is very commendable. Similarly, your child may achieve a HIGH rating but a low EFFORT score which means the teacher believes they are not working to the best of their ability and could achieve even better with more effort.

As a suggestion, when sharing the report with your child please look for 3 positives and 2 areas for improvement.

Staffing News

As was mentioned in newsletters earlier this year Mrs Clarke has received a promotion to Deputy Principal at Blairmount and Mrs Webb will be moving as Assistant Principal to a school in Wollongong. These movements meant that Blairmount has two vacant Assistant Principal positions.

The vacancies were advertised and after a merit selection process I am very pleased to announce that Mrs Belinda Gibbs and Mrs Renee Heyburgh have been the successful applicants. Mrs Gibbs has been with Blairmount for many years and for much of that time has been relieving as an Assistant Principal. Mrs Heyburgh joined us at the beginning of 2014 as a temporary Assistant Principal.

I am sure you will join with us in congratulating Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Heyburgh and welcome them as permanent members of the Blairmount executive team.

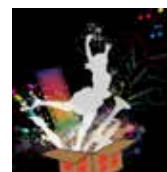
School Development Day

The last two days of Term 4 are designated as School Development Days, set aside for teacher professional learning.

This year the Blairmount staff chose to swap one of their days and worked on our new School Plan on Saturday 13th September. As such Blairmount Public School will be closed and non operational on Friday 19th December.

Blairmount Showcase

On Friday the 5th of December the Blairmount Showcase took place. Students within our school shared their amazing talents and skills with family, friends, their fellow peers and staff. I would like to thank everyone who came to the Showcase and supported our students. I personally thank all our students who performed on the day and to all staff members who helped prepare our students. It was a fantastic event for all involved.



Miss C Minihan

K/1M Star of the Week & 5 Star Sentence Writers

Congratulations to all of the Star's of the Week and 5 Star Sentence Writers for 2014.

You worked so hard to achieve your learning goals and demonstrated how important learning is to you.

Well Done K/1M, I'm very proud of you all.

Ms Murray

Stage 1 News

Just a reminder that Stage 1 party day is next Tuesday, 16th December.

Students are asked to bring in a plate of food to share with their class.

Please no nuts or nut products. We appreciate all your support this year.



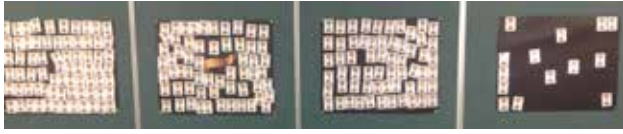
Thank you
Stage 1 Teachers

Stage 3 Cake Stall Thankyou

A huge thank you to the families that supported the stage 3 cake stall fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell; we raised over \$260! We all really appreciate everyone's hard work and generosity.

5G's Trophy Title Holders

Congratulations 5G on a fantastic year full of learning. As you can see from the pictures our back wall is full of trophies.



Congratulations to the following students for completing their Spelling Learning Goal over the past fortnight;
Jack, Ellie, Jayden, Mckayla and Pierr.

Special congratulations to Sarah who achieved an impressive 12 trophies throughout the year. Well Done!

As always I am proud of the continued effort of all 5G students. Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday.



Mrs Gawthorne

MULTILIT Graduates

Congratulations to the following students for Graduating from the Making Up Lost Time in Literacy (MULTILIT) reading tutor program:

Liam I and Kelera N (3C), Anna F and Samantha D (4/5C), Ellie F (5G) and Alaa A (5O).

We are very proud of your achievements, your reading is amazing. Keep up the good work.

Mrs Lighezzolo and Mrs Brennan



Library News

Thank you to all the families who have returned their library books. However, there are many more books to be returned before the year ends.

I am in the process of disposing of older books which have not been borrowed for a long time.

Please feel free to have a look and you are most welcome to help yourself to these books which are located against the library windows.

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher Librarian

Boys Club 2014

I would like to congratulate all the Boys Club members for their hard work this year. It was a pleasure working with them and witness them grow and mature throughout the year.

The Boys Club kids:

- Participated in a variety of lunch time sports activities such as football, basketball, soccer and handball tournaments
- Assisted Kindergarten and Reading Recovery students, by reading with them and to them after recess
- Tutored small groups of Kindergarten students from each class in various MathSMAD activities
- Participated in gardening activities
- Celebrated their success and achievements with an end of term party

Congratulations to these Boys Club members:

Tama R, Tane C-R, Blake C, Elias G, Kaden C-L, Ryan R, Reese H, Cobey W, Patrick K, Akash K, Richard M, Jake H, Ty'relle S, Jonathan G, Uru R, William F, Mitchell D, Liam K, Liam T and Theo T.





Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation Holiday Program



Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation are offering activities throughout the summer holidays for families to attend.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	<p>12 January</p> <p>Surfing/Beach Day 12yrs – 17yrs Venue: Cronulla 8.00am – 2.00pm</p> <p>Parents not required to attend</p>	<p>13 January</p> <p>Pre-schoolers Disco 6yrs and under Venue: Tharawal Hall 2.00pm – 4.00pm Parents required to attend</p> <p>Children's Disco 7yrs – 11yrs Venue – Tharawal Hall 5.30pm – 7.30pm Parents required to drop off and pick up children.</p>	<p>14 January</p> <p>Jamberoo 12yrs -17yrs Venue:-Jamberoo 8.00am – 5.00pm</p> <p>\$10 dollar contribution required for each child to attend</p> <p>Parents not required to attend LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE</p>	<p>15 January</p> <p>Ten Pin Bowling 11yrs and under Venue: Leumeah 10.00am – 12.00pm</p> <p>Parents required to attend</p>	<p>16 January</p> <p>Family Fishing/Beach Day All ages Venue: Windang 8.00am – 2.00pm</p> <p>Parents required to attend for children 11yrs and under</p>
Week 2	<p>19 January</p> <p>Family Movie Day 11yrs and under Venue: Dumaresq St Cinemas 10.00am – 1.00pm Parents required to attend</p>	<p>20 January</p> <p>Youth Disco 12yrs – 17yrs Venue: Tharawal Hall 2.00pm – 4.00pm Parents not required to attend</p>	<p>21 January</p> <p>Pools Day Out 11yrs and under Venue: Macquarie Fields Pools 9.00am – 3.00pm Parents required to attend</p>	<p>22 January</p> <p>Ten Pin Bowling 12yrs – 17yrs Venue – Macarthur Square 10.00am – 1.00pm Parents not required to attend</p>	<p>23 January</p> <p>Family Sports Day All ages Venue: Kevin Wheatley Fields, Airds 10.00am – 2.00pm Parents required to attend for children 11yrs and under</p>

Transport available for most activities
Bus pick up from Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation and Waranwarin ACFC
CALL 9820 7447 to BOOK IN.

Please contact Waranwarin ACFC on 02 98207447 to register for any of the above activities.

There is no cost for most activities and refreshments will be provided.

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE – SMOKE FREE EVENTS



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 Blairmount Public School Closed