



# Newsletter

## Blairmount Public School

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Principal: Mr Greg Turnbull

Deputy Principal: Mrs Melissa Clarke

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the final and arguably the busiest term of the year. This term there are a number of exciting events ahead, which we are all really looking forward to.

I would like to congratulate all the students for the way they have returned after the holidays and engaged in their learning. We truly do have excellent teachers and engaged learners.

In some staffing news I have been successful in gaining a promotion to the position of Principal, School Leadership based at the Glenfield Education Office. This is a part time position which I will undertake 5 days each fortnight, the other 5 days I will remain the very proud Principal of Blairmount Public School.

While I am not in the school Mrs Clarke will be the Principal and Mrs Gibbs will relieve as Deputy Principal. Mrs Clarke and I will continue to work very closely together with continuous communication to ensure the smooth running of Blairmount continues.

Regards  
Greg Turnbull  
Principal



### Starting Kindergarten in 2016

If you have a pre-school child turning 5 years old on or before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten for 2016.

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.

### Chess Club

Joyel - 2015 Blairmount Chess Champion

On Tuesday at lunchtime the 2015 final of the inaugural Blairmount Chess championship was held. The finalists were Joyel J and Claxton L both from Year 5.

The final was played in front of a crowd of 27 students who gave up their lunchtime to support their friends.

The winner of a very close and even battle was Joyel who trapped Claxton's king. It has been a fantastic tournament that has been played in a great spirit by both new and old players alike.

Miss Howick and I would like to remind everyone chess club will continue every Tuesday at lunchtime.



### Stage 3 News

Stage 3 returned from their holidays and has started the term with a bang!

Year 5 started their YBrave program last Wednesday. It will continue to run on a Wednesday morning for the first 7 weeks of this term. The program is free and is based on human rights, resilience, cyber bullying, cyber safety and protective behaviours.

Students in Year 5 participated in a debating workshop last Friday with students and teachers from Eagle Vale High School. They were taught the fundamentals of a good debate and worked hard in their teams to create their own debate.

Year 6 started their first Interrelate session last Thursday with Janet Nolan. We have 3 more sessions to go in this program. If your child has not returned the permission note, they can still do this prior to next Thursday's session.

Year 6 will also be attending their next Eagle Vale High School visit on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October (Week 4). We will spend the day over at the high school participating in 'high school style' lessons. Students will walk over to the high school in the morning with Mr Collins, Mrs Gawthorne and Miss Howick as they did last time and will return back to BPS by 3:00pm. All Year 6 have signed the permission note last term for this date so all they will need on the day is their school bag with their lunch and hat.

Invitations for the Year 6 farewell will be coming out shortly, however please put the following date and time in your diary for the night: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm.

Please come and see me if you have any questions in regards to any of the programs Stage 3 are participating in this term,

Miss Howick

### School Uniforms

At Blairmount PS we take pride in wearing our uniforms. We have recently had an increase in the number of students wearing the correct uniform to school and it looks great.

Below is a photo of our summer, winter and sport uniforms just to clarify what our uniform is. These items can be purchased from the front office if needed.

*Thanks for your support.*



### 1/2B News

The students of 1/2B wanted to find the best recipe for making play-dough so that they could use play-dough in class for many learning activities and just for FUN.

Firstly, they researched no-cook play-dough recipes on the internet. They found many different recipes but discovered that they all contained mostly the same ingredients but in different quantities. They found the only differences being that some contained cream of tartar and some used boiling water.



The next step was to make the recipes. 5 different recipes were chosen. The students read the ingredients and decided on the equipment that they needed to make the recipe. Then they worked in teams of five to make each recipe.



Each team read the quantities and carefully measured the ingredients into a large mixing bowl. Every member of the class had a turn of kneading each recipe so that they could get a preliminary 'feel' of each batch of play-dough.



Once each recipe was made the students inspected the various play-doughs through a snaplock bag. They used the language of 'chance' to predict which batch of play dough would be the best to use.

Then came judging day! The students decided on some criteria by which to judge their play-dough; smoothness, malleability and stickiness. They had turns testing each recipe and filling in a survey to score each against the criteria and give it a star rating. Each student reported their findings with data collected through the use of tally marks.



The differences were amazing!

One batch was too sticky and had to be scraped off the hands. Another batch was too lumpy and fell apart.



In the end there were two very close contenders. They both required cream of tartar and boiling water.



Here is the recipe that 1/2B found to be the best:

### 1/2B's Best Play Dough Recipe

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups of plain flour
- 1 cup of salt
- 4 tablespoons of 'cream of tartar'
- 2 tablespoons of cooking oil
- 2 cups of boiling water
- food colouring



#### Method

1. Combine ingredients (except water) in a bowl.
2. Pour in the boiling water and stir.
2. Knead lightly on floured table top.

This will store in an air-tight container in the fridge for months.

\*Add glitter for some sparkle.

\* Add peppermint oil for a great smell and even longer lasting playdough

# 2015 Action Group Planning



## Day Invitation



### **Parents & Carers - We Want You**

*You are invited to attend the 2015 Action Group planning day. This is an extremely important school process, that will benefit from the participation of as many staff and community members as possible.*

#### **Where:**

Ryldges Campbelltown  
15 Old Menangle Rd, Campbelltown

#### **When:**

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015  
9:00am – 4:00pm

#### **Focus:**

- This is your chance to have a say in planning and strategies that will be implemented in 2016
- Keep up to date with what's happening in 2016

#### **RSVP:**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015  
Penny Colledge 4626 1795

All meals, non-alcoholic beverages and equipment will be provided. We look forward to your participation which will be greatly appreciated and valued.

Please contact Penny Colledge on 4626 1795 to confirm if you are able to attend or if you have any questions.



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### *Blairmount PS Working Bee*

Weather permitting a working bee will be held at the school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 from 9.15am. The goal is to tidy up the front garden beds by weeding & pruning trees. If you can spare some time we would really appreciate your help. You don't have to come for the whole day, just a little bit of your time would be great. If you do have any gardening gloves or gardening tools could you please also bring them along.

Please do not hesitate to contact Penny Golledge on 4626 1795 if you have any questions.

Please complete the slip below if you are able to attend our working bee and return to the front office as soon as possible.

Kind Regards  
Penny Golledge  
Community Liaison Officer

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### Blairmount PS Working Bee

Helper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name & Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Tick:

- Yes, I will be staying for lunch
  - Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- No, I will not be staying for lunch.



# Blairmount Public School would like to thank



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**For their wonderful support of our school**

## Blairmount Public School - Term 4 - 2015

WK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	5 October Public Holiday	6 School Resumes for Term 4	7	8 Yr 6 Interrelate	9 Assembly 1/2B
2	12	13	14	15 Yr 6 Interrelate	16 PSSA Gala Day
3	19	20 Year 6 EVHS Visit Working Bee	21	22 Stage 1 Grandparents Day Yr 6 Interrelate	23 Assembly 4S
4	26	27 Kinder Orientation	28	29 P&C Mufti Day Yr 6 Interrelate	30
5	2 P&C Meeting 6pm	3	4	5	6 PSSA Gala Day
6	9	10	11	12	13 Assembly 2O
7	16	17 4/5 Excursion	18 MathSMAD Parent Session 2-3pm	19 Year 6 Fun Day	20 Assembly 2K
8	23	24	25	26	27
9	30	1	2	3	4 Assembly 6H
10	7 P&C Meeting - AGM	8 K-2 Christmas Concert & Presentation Assembly	9	10 3-6 Presentation Assembly	11
11	14 Year 6 Farewell	15 December Reports Go Home	16 Last Day for Students	17 School Development Day	18 School Development Day