



Newsletter

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Principal: Mr Greg Turnbull

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Dear Families,

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 Heyburgh and Miss Pollock for their organisation and the rest of the K-2 staff for their support.

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

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

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal



When Students return in 2016

When students return in 2016 they will stay in their 2015 classes with their 2015 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 2015 is;
Wednesday 16th December

Students in Years 1-6 resume for 2016 on;
Thursday 28th January

Students beginning Kindergarten in 2016 will begin on either;
Thursday 28th January or Friday 29th January
Individual letters have been sent home.

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 31st October. As such Blairmount Public School will be closed and non operational on Friday 18th December

December Reports

Our December Student reports will be sent home today. 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.

Spring Time In BPS's Veggie Gardens

It has been a very busy season in the garden and over the last few weeks some students have enjoyed their own produce. Thank you Ms Low for sharing your canteen and enthusiasm for healthy, fresh food.

Eco group

Last week the Eco group enjoyed a salad made with produce that they had grown, including English spinach, cucumbers, tomatoes and beetroot, plus some carrots from 1/2B's garden.

It has been great working with this team of enthusiastic gardeners at lunchtimes and I'm looking forward to working with them again next year.



Year 1 students

Working with 1P, 1T-N and 1T-P has been wonderful and their joy as they have watched their crops grow has been inspiring. They loved making salads from their own produce and a bit extra salad from Ms Low. 'Every student ate some salad!'

Blairmount Public School would like to thank



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