

Blairmount News



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Term 4 Week 2

Dear Families,

Welcome back to the final and arguably the busiest term of the year. Term 4 promises to be another exciting term with many of the end of year functions only weeks away. There are so many events this term, it is a good idea to keep your eye on the calendar, school e-news and our social media pages for reminders. These dates will help you plan for the events that you would like to attend.

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.

We are now planning for the 2018 school year. Accurate student numbers are essential for planning classes. Could you please assist us by letting the school know if you intend on moving to a new school or there are new neighbours in the street who have school aged children.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

School Planning

The school is currently in the process of gathering information and data on all current initiatives to help us plan for our next three-year school plan. Next Saturday the 28th October our annual Planning conference will be held.

We will be asking parents and students for some input into the directions of the school for 2018. I hope that all parents will participate in these valuable opportunities to give feedback and have a voice in our whole school planning process. If you are interested in attending and having a say on what Blairmount will look like in the future, please contact Mrs Penny Golledge at school on 4626 1795.

Starting Kindergarten in 2018

If you have a pre-school child turning 5 years old on or before 31st July 2018, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten for 2018. 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.

**Welcome back to
Term 4**

Bike and Scooter Safety

We have a number of children riding a bike or a scooter to school. As I stand at the front gate of an afternoon, I have noticed that a number of students are not wearing a helmet.

Helmets are compulsory when riding bikes and scooters. Wearing a helmet will help protect your child against serious head injuries and we would really appreciate your support with ensuring your child is wearing a helmet when riding to and from school.

Library News

There have been a couple of changes to the Library timetable again, so I have included the Term 4 borrowing days for you.

Monday: KS 1P

Tuesday: KJ KM 1G 1L

Thursday: 2G KW 1R 2T

All year 3-6 students who wish to borrow need to come to the Library before school on a Monday or Friday.

Borrowing will finish in Week 6 and all library books will be expected back as soon as possible.

Bookclub

Issue 7 bookclub is due back on or before Friday 27th October.

School Banking

Great news, school banking is back up and running. Students can bring their bank books to school from next Friday 27th October to continue their saving journey.



Kindergarten Orientation

Thursday 26th October 2017

9:15am to 11:00am

2017 Important Dates

24th October – Stage 3 Careers Expo

26th October – Kindergarten Orientation

27th October – PSSA Gala Day

28th October – School Planning Day

30th October – P&C Meeting

1st November – Kindergarten Excursion

3rd November – Stage 1 Excursion

10th November – PSSA Gala Day

14th November – PBL Rewards Day

Sewing Club report

During Term 3 the students learnt how to do cross stitch. They made up their own design and then sewed it. These two girls, Samantha and Arisha, were very proud of their end product.

This term we are making colourful bookmarks on huckaback. Looking forward to working with enthusiastic sewers.

Ms Fakes



Fun Lunchtime Clubs

Blairmount Public School is offering fun lunchtime clubs again this term for students to join. Teachers will be supervising and coordinating various hands on activities including fitness, science, chess and performing arts. Some of the clubs have a maximum quota or are targeted at a specific age group. Below is a timetable showing the Lunchtime Clubs offered this term.

Lunchtime Clubs Term 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library Borrowing Time: 8:30 - 9:15 am (Morning) For: Year 1, 4, 5 and 6 Location: Imagination Teacher: Mrs Burden	Learning Hub For: 5 and 6 Location: Room 17 Teacher: Miss Pollock & Mrs Eldon	SRC For: K-6 Location: Room 15 Teacher: Ms Crofters	3-6 Dance For: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Location: Hall Teacher: Miss Palmer & Miss Swales	Library Borrowing Time: 8:30 - 9:15 am (Morning) For: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Location: Imagination Teacher: Mrs Burden
Chess Club For: Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Location: Room 29 Teacher: Mr Evans	3-6 Dance For: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Location: Hall Teacher: Miss Palmer & Miss Swales	Boot Camp For: Year 4, 5 and 6 Location: Hall Teacher: Mr Pereira & Mrs Paige	Senior Choir For: Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Location: Room 20 Teacher: Miss Drinnan and Miss La Loo	Eco Group For: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Location: Room 1 Teacher: Miss La Loo & Mrs Paves
Crafty Science For: 4-6 Location: Outside Room 22 Teacher: Mrs Maddox	Sewing Club For: 4, 5 and 6 Location: Outside Mrs Paves' Room Teacher: Mrs Paves	Lego Club For: K-6 Location: Room 14 Teacher: Mrs Ryan		Girls Club For: Year 5 and 6 Location: Room 13 Teacher: Mrs Jones & Miss Drinnan
Just Dance For: 4-6 Location: Hall Teacher: Mrs Swales	Netball For: Year 3, 4, 5, 6 Location: Netball Courts Teacher: Miss Tongpool			K-2 Dance For: K, 1, 2 Location: Hall Teacher: Miss Tongpool & Miss Paves
	Kindy Dance For: Kindergarten Location: Room 3 and 4 Teacher: Mrs White			Basketball For: Year 5 and 6 Location: Basketball Courts Teacher: Mr Pereira & Mrs Maddox

BC56 Disney Mufti Day

On the 20th of September, BC56 held a mufti day to raise money for their production of Beauty and the Beast. On this special day students from kindergarten to Year 6 came dressed up as a Disney character and donated a gold coin to support BC56.

BC56 also held a Disney themed disco at lunchtime to also fundraise for their musical. Students paid a dollar to enter the disco and inside students from BC56 helped out by selling delicious lolly bags which all sold for one dollar. All of the money will go towards buying props and costumes for BC56's performance which will be held later in the year. Thanks for all the support given by the parents and students as BC56 raised \$830.00 dollars.

Written by Reda and Caitlyn



PBL Rewards Day

As a reward to the students that have displayed positive behaviour there will be a whole school reward day on Tuesday 14th November 2017 (Week 6). Students will be able to participate if they have had less than 2 reflections this term. At the first reflection this term the student will be given a reminder that if they have one more then they will not participate in the rewards day this year.

Blairmount have been lucky enough to be able to book Obstacool, which is an obstacle course for kids. The course has a mix of giant inflatables, tunnel crawls, small wall climbs, tyre runs among many other obstacles. All Obstacool staff are qualified to run the course and each obstacle will have a teacher supervising the students to ensure that they are safe. The students will participate with other students in their grade.

The day will also be a mufti day but students will be advised to wear suitable shoes for running and comfortable clothes that parents don't mind if they get dirty and sweaty. Students will be running around and may get dirty.

More information will come out closer to the day, please remind your child that if they have less than 2 reflections this term than they will be able to participate.

Mrs O'Keefe and the PBL team



Exciting event for students and parents / caregivers

WHERE? Blairmount Public School - Badgally Road Blairmount 2559
WHEN? Tuesday 24th October 2017
TIME? 9.30am – 11.00am

FOR THE KIDS

When I grow up

This is for the years 5 and 6 students from Blairmount and Claymore primary schools.

Students will have fun participating in a number of activities and stalls, while learning about different types of jobs they may get when they grow up.

Students will learn the importance of school attendance, preparing for high school and why working hard will benefit their future

FOR THE PARENTS / CAREGIVERS

Parents and caregivers of all students (or anyone in your household that is seeking educational or employment opportunities) are invited to join in on the day and take advantage of our mini employment and educational expo.

There will be stalls for you to talk to people about your next step into training and courses offered locally and also stalls offering resume help, interview skills and job search help. As well as providing general local opportunities.



We look forward to seeing you all for a day of fun!



A six-session, evidence-based, parenting program for parents of children aged 5 - 17

- Would you like to learn how to:
- * be better at talking with your child/teen?
 - * be better at understanding your child/teen?
 - * help your child/teen learn to manage their emotions?
 - * help to prevent behaviour problems?
 - * teach your child/teen to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Kids & Teens shows you how to help your child and/or teen develop emotional intelligence.

- Children and adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:
- * have greater success with making friends & are more able to manage conflict with peers
 - * are more able to cope when upset or angry
 - * have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties in the future
 - * have greater career success

Where: Tuesdays 10:00am to 11:30am
 (commencing 24th October 2017)

** CHILD CARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST **

Where: MDSI Activity Centre (Blue House), 127 Dumont Street, Campbelltown

Prior registration essential by emailing or emailing:
 Kim Parfitt on 0490 676 248 or kparfitt@mhs.org.au
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