

Blairmount News



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Term 4 Week 6

Dear Families,

On Monday night I was privileged to attend the Campbelltown, Macarthur and Wollondilly Network Directors' Awards where I was lucky to see Miss Briannon Toogood and Mrs Sharon Jones receive awards (unfortunately Mrs Jones was unable to attend the evening). Briannon Toogood received her award for significant achievement as an Early Career Teacher and Sharon Jones received hers for significant achievement as a School Office Manager. Both staff members thoroughly deserve recognition for their work and commitment. Next time you see Miss Toogood or Mrs Jones you might want to congratulate them!



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

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.

School Banking

Don't forget to bring your school banking every Friday.



2017 Important Dates

- 27th November – P&C Meeting
- 5th December – K-2 Presentation Assembly
- 7th December – 3-6 Presentation Assembly
- 7th December (evening) – Christmas Carols
- 13th December – Year 6 Farewell

Bring Back the Buzz

3S and 4/5J were lucky enough to participate in the 'Bring Back the Buzz' pollinator workshop last Thursday with Margot from the National Parks Association of NSW. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students and we all had a wonderful time. The students learnt about pollination and what makes a good pollinator. They participated in a pollinator habitat treasure hunt within our gardens. They designed and built their own bee hotels to encourage pollinators to build their own garden at home and everyone received a seedling to plant at home. We'd like to thank Margot and the National Parks Association for supplying all of the resources for our bee hotels, donating the seedlings and providing us with such a fantastic incursion.



Senior Girls Rugby League Team

The Senior Girls Rugby League Team have been invited to play in a tournament part of the Women's Rugby League World Cup on Thursday the 16th of November. They also have the opportunity to win \$1000 for our school if they adopt a Nation that will be participating in the World Cup. They were required to promote this country as much as possible within their school.

They chose New Zealand as their country. They promoted New Zealand by performing the New Zealand National Anthem and the Senior Boys performed the New Zealand Haka at the School Prefects Assembly on Monday the 13th of November, their performances were amazing. A cake stall was also held for the whole school to enjoy, the teachers and the girls kindly donated cakes and sweets. We would like to thank the whole school community for all your support. It was a huge success and the girls raised an amazing amount of \$470 which will go towards our schools Rugby League Teams.

Mrs Mattar



Library News

A big thank you to all the students and parents who purchased items at our recent Bookfair.

Despite the short notice, our sales were terrific and I was able to keep nearly \$600 worth of books for our library.

Borrowing for this year will finish in 2 weeks time, and all books need to be returned. Notes will go out shortly. Our last bookclub orders for the year are due back on or before Friday December 1st.

Carolyn Burden
Teacher Librarian

Peace Poster Competition

This year Caitlyn and Ruby Chaophrasy took part in the Lions International Peace Poster Competition and both posters were of extremely high standard. Both girls should be very proud of their efforts.

Caitlyn's poster was judged by Campbelltown City Lions Club as the winner at club level and has now been sent to the next level of judging. This is Caitlyn's quote on peace that accompanied her poster. 'Peace is harmony, kindness, respect and everything nice. It's a power greater than no other, spreading its happiness, joy and smiles across earth and beyond.' Congratulations, Caitlyn!



Stage 1 Excursion

1R alongside all of Stage 1 enjoyed a excursion to The Australian Museum on Friday 3rd November, 2017. The students were completely enthralled in the exhibits of the museum and loved exploring the dinosaur fossils. This semester the students have learnt about dinosaurs and palaeontology and were excited to see the grandness of the dinosaurs.

Many of the students were also excited by a visit to the crystal exhibition.



