

Blairmount News



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Principal: Mr Greg Turnbull

Relieving Deputy Principal: Mrs Belinda Gibbs

Dear Families,

It is great to be back and we have enjoyed catching up with all of your wonderful children. We look forward to working with all of our families this year to ensure that your children have the best possible opportunities provided.

Welcome to all of our new parents/carers who have Kindergarten students and new students who have just started at Blairmount. We hope that your children are all happy, making friends and enjoying their new school.

It is great to see all students back safe and settled into the school routine. It is pleasing to see all the happy faces of our students and even more pleasing that they are all keen and ready to learn.

Our school newsletter will be published online fortnightly on a Friday. I would encourage everyone to take a few minutes to read our newsletter as it will contain regular school updates and reminders of upcoming events.

Kind Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

2018 Staffing

Principal	Mr Greg Turnbull
Rel. Deputy Principal	Mrs Belinda Gibbs
Instructional Leaders	Mrs K Cohen Ms E Muscatello

Assistant Principals

Ms K Howick
Mrs S McGaughey
Mrs P Fetterplace
Miss T Pollock
Mrs J Kemp

Admin Staff

Mrs S Jones
Mrs C Lighezzolo
Mrs P Golledge

Teacher Librarian

Mrs C Burden

EAL/D

Ms S Fakes

Support/RFF Teachers

Mrs L Haddock
Mrs S Naisby
Miss M Smith
Ms L Sous
Ms T Cavallaro

SLSOs

Mr B Gwilliam
Ms R Lawton
Mrs M Brennan
Mrs T Dooner
Miss P Kennedy
Mrs K Hogarth

2018 Class Structure

This year we have 21 classes. In primary schools, classes are organised in a variety of ways. Our school has a mixture of classes that are multi aged or stage classes.

There are reasons why these classes are formed:

- Educational - classes are formed on the basis of educational rationale to ensure they have an educational benefit for the student. Our teachers spend a long time working together to form classes that offer the best possible learning for all of our students.
- Administrative - this is where there is an uneven enrolment in school years and composite classes need to be formed.

In all classes, 'straight' or otherwise, children's abilities will be at different levels. All children learn at different rates and in different ways. Remember when they were preschool age, they walked, talked, grew teeth etc at different ages and stages. No children are the same. If your child is in a class with younger children, this doesn't mean that your child is not smart nor will it hold them back in their learning.

All teachers at Blairmount are experienced and are K-6 trained. Staff work in stage based teams and plan together. Stage teams often group children across classes or teach different lessons to deepen the learning of students (eg rotational groups).

Older students are not held back in composite classes. Teachers manage different grades in the one class by grouping children according to what they already know and giving small group instruction. This is achieved through continual assessment for learning. Learning programs are 'differentiated' or made different for the different levels of student achievement by teachers extending the work of those who learn more quickly and giving more support to those who need it, through group work and individualised learning.

Children in composite classes do no better or worse academically than their peers in a straight grade

class, and, socially, their development can be enhanced. They can be more confident, can operate better as part of a group, become more independent learners and better problem-solvers. They also make friends outside of their standard age-groups.

Multi-age classes work well where both teachers and parents believe that the quality of the teaching & learning taking place is far more important than whether or not the class was formed on an age basis. Children need time to settle into their new class and get to know their new classmates and teachers. The class organisation for 2018 is as follows;

Room	Class	Teacher
1	KM	Mr Middleton
2	KJ	Mrs Kemp
3	KS	Miss Swales
4	KW	Miss Whittle
5	1M	Miss Mauri
6	1S	Miss Stilloni
7	1W	Mrs Wild
8	K/1R	Mrs Ryan
Demountable	1/2L	Mrs La Sala
9	2P	Miss Pollock
10	2L	Miss La Luz
11	2/3G	Mrs Gawthorne
12	3T	Miss Toogood
13	4C	Mr Chatterjee
14	4F	Mrs Fetterplace
15	4M	Miss McLerie
16	Bussy Buzzy Learners	
17	5/6J	Mrs Jones
18	5/6H	Miss Howick
19	5/6S	Mrs McGaughey
20	5/6M	Mrs Mattar
21	5/6C	Mr Collins

New Staff

We have a number of new staff members joining us for 2018.

- Miss Lauren Whittle
- Miss Jessica Stilloni
- Mrs Melinda Wilde
- Ms Jade McLearie
- Miss Linda Sous
- Mr Brodie Gwilliam

It is fantastic to have some new faces around bringing and sharing their experiences with the Blairmount staff. I am sure you will join with me in welcoming them to the Blairmount community.

Meet the Teacher

There two Parent / Teacher 'Meet and Greet' afternoons planned this year;

- Tuesday 13th February starting at 3.15pm for K-2 classes
- Thursday 15th February starting at 3.15pm for 3-6 classes

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's 2018 teacher. At this meeting, the organisation and expectations for the year will be given to parents explaining learning programs and possible costs that may be incurred in 2018 allowing parents time to plan.

Blairmount App

Blairmount has its own Smartphone App. The App is available to download from both the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store.



The App will be used to further enhance the communication between the home and school and will add to what we already do with our school webpage, Facebook page and Twitter account.

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To keep up to date with everything that goes on at our school please visit and like us at our official Blairmount Facebook page, it can be found at www.facebook.com/blairmountps



School Photographs

Our School photos will be taken on Tuesday 27th March this year.

As in previous years envelopes will come home closer to the date, NO money is to come to school before photo day.

New School Uniforms

The new uniforms look fantastic, what a great way to start the year!

Just a reminder that the shirt and shorts are still on sale as a set for the heavily discounted price of \$25. *The deal will definitely finish at the end of the term.*

From term 2 the price will be;

- Shirt \$20 and
- Shorts \$15

Schools hats are also available for \$15.

Please see the front office to purchase uniforms.

School Banking

A reminder that school banking occurs each Friday. Students are to leave their bank books at the office before school on a Friday morning

Library News

Book Club;

Issue 1 book club will be handed out very soon. For those parents who like to order online please note the following instructions from Scholastic. Issue 1 will be due back late February.



Borrowing;

Borrowing from the library will start next week. Students will need a waterproof library bag. Here is a list of the class borrowing days.

- Monday: KW, KS,
- Tuesday: KJ, 1S, K/1R, 2/3G
- Wednesday: 3T, KM, 1/2L
- Thursday: 1W, 1M, 2L 4M, 4C, 4F, 2P
- Friday: 5/6H

All classes not listed above may borrow at lunchtime on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

All library classes will be held in the library as all the books from the demountable "Book Nook" have been moved back to the library.

There are still many students with library books at home which were not returned last year. I will hand notes out next week regarding these books. It is expected that lost books be paid for, so please look very hard for any that are missing.

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher Librarian

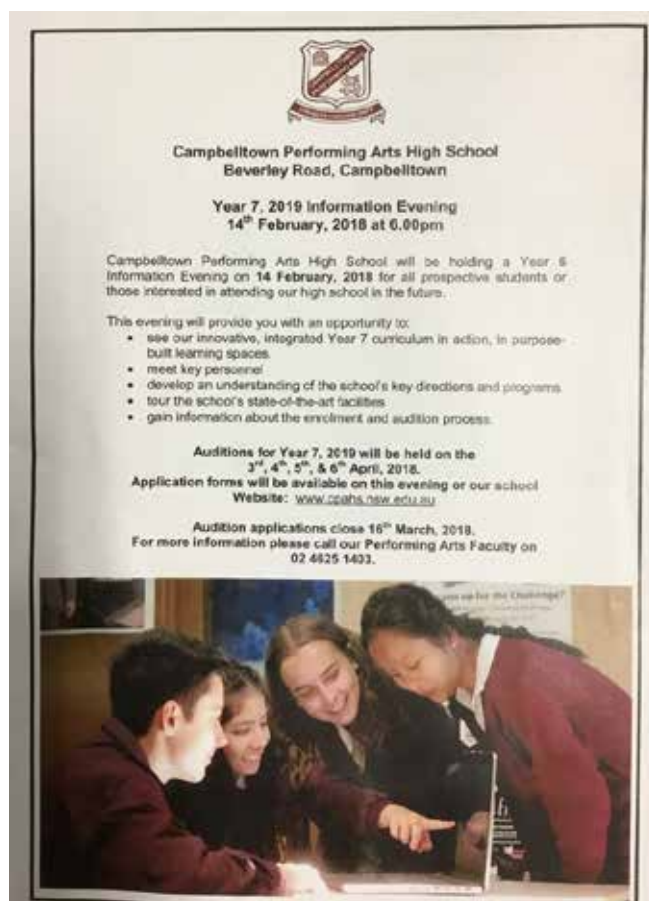
Community News

Registrations are now open online at www.playnrl.com for Campbelltown City Rugby League. Make sure you follow the juniors link to register.

Registration includes shorts, sock and photos. Costs are;
\$130 for Under 6s
\$150 for Under 7s and up

Don't forget you can now claim your \$100 sports vouchers for all school aged children.

Any questions please contact Sharyn 0423 098 916.



PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

Big Life Journal

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PRAISE

FOR:
EFFORT
STRATEGIES
PROGRESS
HARD WORK
PERSISTENCE

RIISING TO A CHALLENGE
LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

NOT FOR:

BEING SMART
BORN GIFTED
TALENT
FIXED ABILITIES
NOT MAKING MISTAKES

SAY:

"YOU TRIED VERY HARD AND YOU USED THE RIGHT STRATEGY!"
"WHAT A CREATIVE WAY TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM."

THE POWER OF "NOT YET"

SAY:

"YOU CAN'T DO IT YET".
"YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET."

"BUT IF YOU LEARN AND PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

GROWTH MINDSET
YOU CAN GROW YOUR INTELLIGENCE

VS

FIXED MINDSET
YOU CAN'T IMPROVE NATURAL ABILITIES YOU WERE BORN WITH

BRAIN CAN GROW

SAY:

"YOUR BRAIN IS LIKE A MUSCLE. WHEN YOU LEARN, YOUR BRAIN GROWS. THE FEELING OF THIS BEING HARD IS THE FEELING OF YOUR BRAIN GROWING!"

FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING

SAY:

"YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."
"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."
"LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

ASK

"WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY THAT MADE YOU THINK HARD?"
"WHAT NEW STRATEGIES DID YOU TRY?"
"WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING?"
"WHAT DID YOU TRY HARD AT TODAY?"

RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET
BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN THINKING AND OF THE MESSAGES YOU SEND WITH YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.

BASED ON CAROL DWECK'S BOOK "MINDSET: THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY OF SUCCESS"

Questions about the NDIS? Don't put your NDIS plan in the bottom draw! Come talk to us.

The NDIS is a new way of supporting people with disability however the process can be difficult to understand for some.

- Do you need assistance?
- Are you struggling to understand your plan?
- Or are you just confused?
- Do you want clear information and somewhere to start?
- Are you aware of what services you can have with your plan?
- Do you know who you can talk to



Community Links Wollondilly can provide a one off information session to anyone who is applying for an NDIS package, or anyone who finds the whole process confusing and needs information. Community Links Wollondilly is a registered NDIS service provider and can provide one off information sessions free of charge. A support coordinator from Community Links Wollondilly can assist with getting you started on your journey with the NDIS with no obligations. However, we can also offer other NDIS registered services other than support coordination such as allied health, exercise physiology, and behaviour management

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24th January 2018

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Dear Principal,

Please help us supply appropriate bus services by reminding students to tap on and tap off with their School Opal cards.

I am writing on behalf of Busabout, the bus operator that provides your school bus services, regarding student use of the School Opal card.

One of the more significant changes created by the recent introduction of the School Opal card is the need for students to tap on and off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students do not tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card.

Your support helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

Thank you in advance for your assistance, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about any issues raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Neville's Bus Service Pty Ltd t/a Busabout

Stephen Burrige
Depot Manager