

Blairmount News



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Dear Families,

Welcome back for term 3, I trust everyone enjoyed the opportunity of family time together.

This term is already shaping up to be extremely busy, with our first big event being Education Week. You should have received an invitation to our open classrooms and our showcase assembly. Should you have any questions regarding our Education Week activities please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gibbs at school.

Our Year 5 and 6 students are getting extremely excited about their impending overnight excursion. They will be visiting The Aussie Bush Camp and Tea Gardens for 3 days and 2 nights in week 5, an experience I am sure they will remember for some time.

Kind Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

Starting Kindergarten in 2019

If you have a pre-school child turning 5 years old on or before 31st July 2019, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten for 2019. If you have not 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.

Child Protection Education

In NSW government schools, Child Protection Education forms part of all students learning in Personal Development Health and Physical Education from Kindergarten to Year 10. All classes at Blairmount PS will be covering this section of the syllabus during terms 3 and 4.

Students learn skills in recognising if they could be unsafe and strategies for protecting themselves.

Strategies include saying 'no' if they can, going away from the situation and telling a trusted adult what has happened as soon as possible.

Learning is organised into three themes: Recognising Abuse; Power in Relationships and Protective Strategies.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the content covered in Child Protection please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

Before and After School Care Update

Thank you to everyone that completed our survey looking at the potential demand for before and after school care at Blairmount. From your feedback it is clear that there is clearly enough demand for such a service.

This will now go to tender to look for the best service for our community. It is planned that before and after school care will be available at Blairmount from the beginning of 2019.

2019 Kindergarten Enrolments

At Blairmount Public School, we understand the importance of supporting children and their families in the transition to Kindergarten. If your child will be attending Kindergarten at Blairmount PS in 2019 and is currently under the care of a paediatrician, child psychiatrist or the Child Assessment Team at Campbelltown Hospital, please contact the school to discuss the options for additional support that your child may be eligible for. Please call the school on 4626 1795 and ask to speak to the Principal, School Counsellor or Learning and Support Teacher. We look forward to welcoming all of our Kindergarten students to big school in 2019.

Shannon Thomas (School Counsellor)

Learning Conversations

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers that attended learning conversations to support the learning of our students. Thank you also to everyone that completed the evaluation survey to help provide us with feedback to further improve our learning conversation process.

Congratulations to the following parents who won an iTunes card for completing the survey:

Mr Weatherall – Christine KM
Mrs Fretton – Ella 3T
Mrs Gounder – Neha 5/6J
Mrs Ah Lam – Giovanna 1S

Education Week

Please join us to celebrate Education Week at Blairmount Public School.



We will be holding an assembly with performances, open classrooms where you will have the opportunity to visit your child's room and see and engage in their learning, a book fair will be running in the library and the canteen will have plenty of food available for you to enjoy a picnic lunch at school with your child / children.

Education Week is on Tuesday 7th August and will begin in the school hall at 9:15am and conclude after lunch.

We hope to see you!

Library News

Book Club

Issue 5 book club should be on its way soon. Every student will receive a catalogue. For those parents who like to order online please note the following instructions from Scholastic. I will let you know when it is due back.



Borrowing

I have again included the Library borrowing days as there have been some changes to my timetable:

Monday: KW, KS, 3T, 2/3G

Tuesday: K/1R, KM

Wednesday: KJ, 1S, 1/2L, 1M

Thursday: 1W, 2P, 2L, 4M, 4C, 4F

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

Bookfair

Our last bookfair for the year will be held next week. It will run for 3 and ½ days. Monday until Thursday lunchtime. If you are visiting the school for Education Week, please come and look. Books start from \$1.50.

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher Librarian

National Tree Day @ BPS

Last Friday, 27th July, a couple of students from each class planted a couple of Australian native plants in various areas around the school but mostly around the Yarning Circle. The plants were kindly donated by Campbelltown Council. Hopefully, with the assistance of all of the school community, these plants will grow and beautify our school.

Ms Fakes



PBL Rewards Day

We have had another successful rewards day for students who have shown positive behaviour throughout term 2.

Students from Campbelltown Performing Arts High School who are a part of the high school circus, spent the last day of term at our school. They showed off their individual talents to our students and then it was our turn to have a go. Students were in small groups and rotated around through a variety of activities such as: hoops, Poi, Ribbons, basic tumbling, and juggling with scarves and balls. The students had a great time!

The only complaint we had was that it wasn't long enough.

Looking forward to our term 3 rewards day.



NAIDOC Celebrations

The theme for NAIDOC this year was 'Because Of Her We Can'. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and recognise all the wonderful work Indigenous women have done throughout history and continue to do, to create equal opportunities and fight for the rights of Indigenous people. Our NAIDOC celebrations this year at Blairmount started with a whole school assembly. Our Indigenous students worked hard to put this together and should be proud of their efforts. A big thank you to Malaki Williams and his Uncle Deagon who performed for us during this assembly to share significant Aboriginal dances and the meaning behind them. A great deal of time was put into rehearsing for this performance and they did an amazing job.

Our year 5 and 6 Indigenous students ran Indigenous games for all our classes and did an outstanding job. The pride and knowledge they showed as they taught students about their culture made for a very enjoyable learning opportunity for all our students.

All our students participated in a colouring competition throughout NAIDOC week and the winners will be announced at our next celebration of learning assembly in week 3.

A special mention must go to one incredible Blairmount family that spent countless hours preparing a traditional Indigenous lunch and for organising the opportunity for our students to learn about the damper making process. Raymond and Christine Peni-Weatherall supplied chicken and vegetable soup with damper for our entire school community. Our students, teachers and parents loved our NAIDOC lunch and we are very grateful to have such supportive families in our community at Blairmount. Another thank you must go to all the families that supplied photos of significant Indigenous women in their lives that we were able to share during our assembly.

We look forward to another amazing NAIDOC week at Blairmount in 2019.



Yarn Up

Yarn up is a public speaking program run by the Aboriginal and Education and Wellbeing team for Indigenous students in years 5 and 6. This year we were fortunate enough to have three students participate in the program: Malaki Williams, Georgia Cresswell and Noah Ward. The program is split over three days throughout terms 2 and 3.

Day 1 was held at the Powerhouse Museum and is a workshop aimed at assisting the students in the program to develop public speaking skills, break down speech writing and to learn our culture. Day 2 was held at Campbelltown Tafe and is a continuation of the first workshop. It is an opportunity for the students to continue working on their speech and seek feedback from others.

The Yarn Up program concluded on Friday with a Showcase at the Legislative Assembly at Sydney Parliament House. Each of our students presented a two-minute speech they had been working hard on throughout the program. The confidence and improvement all our students made throughout the program was tremendous. We are incredibly proud of the hard work these students have put in and the commitment to the program they have showed. Well done, Malaki, Georgia and Noah.



3-6 Athletics Carnival

On Thursday the 5th of July 3-6 students attended the Athletic Carnival at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. The day was a huge success with all students participating in a range of athletic events. Students ran 100m, 200m, participated in long jump, high jump and shot put.

Congratulations to all the students who participated. Students going to Zone carnival will be given a note in week 3 and will participate in training at school every Tuesday at lunch.

Miss Briannon Toogood



K-2 Sports Day

On Wednesday the 4th July, 2018 all of K-2 participated in a range of sporting activities lead by our Sports captains and some Stage 3 Students. All of the students had such a wonderful day, and there was such a positive atmosphere with everyone showing great sportsmanship.

A special mention to the House Captains and the stage 3 students that ran all the different activities. They did an amazing job teaching and leading their activities. All the students were engaged and most of all had fun!

The students enjoyed relay races, obstacle course, long jump, javelin, egg and spoon races, indigenous games, parachute games, and hurdles.

Mrs Ryan



Debating Round 3

Blairmount Bees and Blairmount Stingers both debated against Leumeah Public School at Blairmount on Monday 2nd July.

Blairmount Stingers debated that '**Parents should force their kids to do 2 hours of community service each week**'. The debate was close but Blairmount Stinger came out on top as the winners!!

Blairmount Bees debated that '**The government should pay primary school kids \$20 a week for doing household chores**'. They fought a very close debate but unfortunately lost this one.



Our last round of debating before the finals was a debate against each other. **Blairmount Bees** debated **Blairmount Stingers** that '**Primary schools should teach compulsory swimming classes**'. Both teams have learnt so much and grown together as teams over this competition. They presented well-structured and well prepared arguments. I would like to congratulate them both on a great debate. **Blairmount Stingers** came out the winners from this debate.

PBL FOCUS WEEK 2&3- SOLVING PROBLEMS POSITIVELY ON THE PLAYGROUND



- think before you act
- tell the person what you don't like
- find a teacher if the problem still exists



- listen to other students opinions
- include others in your games



- always use words to solve problems
- keep hands and feet to ourselves

ERIC COLLAGE

Movie Themed Mufti Day and Disco

Thursday Week 3

Movie Themed Mufti Day: Gold Coin Donation



Lunchtime Disco: Gold Coin Entry



All money will support The Learning Lab's production of The Wizard Of Oz.

SAVE THE DATE



COMING SOON...

BLAIRMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL CONCERT

**WEDNESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
EVENING**

**THURSDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
MATINEE AND EVENING**



MORE DETAILS TO COME!

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Join a fun club that will help you with your school work



everyone's family



- ✓ Do you want help with your school work?
- ✓ Do you want to spend time with your friends and improve your school work?
- ✓ Do you want to get help from a trained Smith Family volunteer tutor?

Join your local Learning Club!

Learning Clubs provide a safe and supportive learning environment outside school, where you can participate in fun activities that develop your academic and social skills. And it's **free!**

WHERE: <The Junction Works Claymore

Cnr of Glenroy Drive & Gould Rd, Claymore>

WHEN: <Tuesdays (Term 3&4) from 3pm - 4:30pm

How do I join?

CONTACT: <Robel Teklom – 0481 901 917>

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of students agree going to Learning Club makes them try harder at school

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An Evening with Maggie Dent "Adolescence Unplugged"

Monday 24 September from 7pm
at St Patrick's College for Girls

Commonly known as the
"queen of common sense",
Maggie Dent has become one
of Australia's favourite parenting
authors and educators, with a
particular interest in the early years,
adolescence and resilience.

Tickets are just \$10 each. Light refreshments served.
Bookings are essential via <https://www.trybooking.com/WHBZ>
go to www.saintpatricks.nsw.edu.au

This invitation is extended to the entire community.

