

Blairmount News



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Relieving Deputy Principal: Mrs Belinda Gibbs

Dear Families,

It was great to see so many family and community members at the school last week to help us celebrate Book Week. Students and teachers looked fabulous in their costumes.

Last week also saw Stage 3 attend camp. Students and teachers seemed to enjoy themselves and participated in lots of fun and exciting activities. I'm sure they all slept well over the weekend!

Next week is SASS appreciation week. It is our opportunity to thank the wonderful office and support staff for all their hard work and dedication to our school. If you see any of the SASS team next week, please join us in thanking them and letting them know how important they are to us here at Blairmount.

I am certainly looking forward to our school concert coming up on the 12th and 13th of September. Ticket sales have been going well. We look forward to seeing lots of family members proudly supporting their children. It is bound to be a great evening of entertainment.

Finally, we would like to wish all the dad's and special men in our student's lives and our community a very happy Father's Day for Sunday.

Kind Regards
Belinda Gibbs
Relieving Deputy Principal

Interschool Debating

On Monday the 27th of August, four students from Blairmount were given the opportunity to participate in the Interschool Debating Competition at Eagle Vale High School.

In the first round, Blairmount versed Claymore Public School and debated on the topic of 'primary school students should play compulsory team sports on the weekend.' Blairmount were the negative team and were successful in winning. This led them to the final debate against Kearns Public School, where Blairmount were the negative team and debated the topic of 'all primary school students should have to watch 30 minutes of televised news per day.' Blairmount did an impressive job, however, came runners up.

Alyssa, Layla, Lilly and Marcus should be commended on their great enthusiasm, dedication and sportsmanship. Well done!

Miss Swales



Book Week

Book Week at BPS was a wonderful event with so many of our students and teachers getting into the spirit of dressing up as their favourite book character. It was lovely to have so many families come and join us for the book parade and also to read a story with their child during the books and blankets time.

After lunch, the students enjoyed listening to a story outside with a different teacher. The day was a fantastic day for all to broaden our love of books and reading.

Mrs Ryan, Mrs Gawthorne and Miss Stilloni

Book Week organisers



Stage 3 Camp

Last week Stage 3 enjoyed three days at The Great Aussie Bush Camp. Our days were filled with adventure and fun. Many of our students pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, participating in activities such as the dual flying fox, high ropes course and the very daring giant swing. Our lovely stage three teachers pushed themselves out of their comfort zones too (some reluctantly). The students made new friendships during their team building exercises, laughing and singing the days away. Everyone returned tired and with huge smiles on their faces.

Mrs McGaughey



The Tell Them From Me student survey (Term 3, 2018)

This term students from Years 4-6 at Blairmount PS, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in the Tell Them From Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. More than 6,300 schools in Australia and around the world have used Tell Them From Me to survey 5.4 million students. Capturing the voices of our students will help improve how we do things at our school. More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 17 September and 28 September. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A non-consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey will be sent home with students on **Monday 3 September**. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday 14 September**.

Library News

Book Club

Unfortunately Issue 5 book club didn't arrive. It went missing in action. However, issue 6 should be arriving any day now and orders will be due back on the 14th September. Every student will receive a catalogue. For those parents who like to order online please note the following instructions from Scholastic

The advertisement features the Scholastic logo at the top, followed by the text 'Book Club LOOP for Parents'. Below this, it states 'LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.' and provides the website 'www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP'. At the bottom, there are two buttons: 'GET IT ON Google play' and 'Download on the App Store'.

Borrowing

I will be taking some Long service leave from Weeks 7-10 this term. So that the students are able to continue borrowing, I will be in the library from 2-3p.m. on Friday 14th September and 28th September.

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher Librarian

The poster is set against a black background with red curtains. At the top, it says 'PRE MAGIC OF MOVIES' in a stylized font. Below that, it says 'GET YOUR TICKET!!' with two starburst graphics. The details are: 'WHEN: WEEK 5, 6 & 7 ON MONDAY & WEDNESDAY MORNING 8.30-9AM AND AFTERNOON 3-3.30PM', 'WHERE: IN THE HALLWAY NEAR THE HALL', 'PRICE: \$2 A TICKET', and 'NOTE: 4 TICKETS PER FAMILY PER SHOW'. The PicCollage logo is in the bottom right corner.



**Thank you for
everything you
do!**

MRS JONES

MRS LIGHEZZOLO

MRS GOLLEDGE

MRS DOONER

MRS BRENNAN

MISS PAIGE

MRS WILSON

MRS HOGARTH

MISS WILLOUGBY

MR WEBBER

MR TRIEBELS

PBL FOCUS- FOLLOWING LEADER'S INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PLAYGROUND



Be a Learner

- HAVE PERSISTENCE WITH NEW GAMES
- TAKE TURNS
- BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN BEHAVIOUR



Be Respectful

- LISTEN TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM LEADERS
- FOLLOW GAME RULES
- ACCEPT DECISIONS FROM THE LEADERS



Be Safe

- BE AWARE OF OTHER STUDENTS IN THE GAME
- USE EQUIPMENT CORRECTLY

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