

Blaxland Public School



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Term 4 – Week 2

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - \$40 student or family \$60
Craft - \$40
Canberra Excursion Yrs 5 & 6 – Final Payments are overdue
Winmalee Camp Year 3 & 4 - \$120, Final Payments are overdue
Band Fees are also outstanding

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments

What's Happening Term 4

Week 3 29 th Oct. 31 st Oct.	Swim Scheme starts Responsible Pet Incursion for K-2
Week 4 7 th Nov. 8 th Nov. 9 th Nov.	5/6 Camp 3/4F Film Excursion 5/6 Camp 5/6 Camp Kinder Transition 2019 – Parent Information session
Week 5 16 th Nov.	Kinder Transition – Student session 1
Week 6 22 nd Nov. 23 rd Nov.	3/4 Camp 3/4 Camp Kinder Transition – Student session 2
Week 7 27 th Nov. 28 th Nov. 30 th Nov.	Captains' Posters (2019) Footloose at BHS - 4/5/6E Kinder Transition – Student session 3
Week 8 4 th Dec. 5 th Dec.	Captains' Elections Combined Scripture, 9.30am in Hall
Week 9 11 th Dec. 12 th Dec. 13 th Dec.	Presentation Day Storybus, Yrs 3-6 Incursion Year 6 Farewell
Week 10 17 th Dec. 18 th Dec. 19 th Dec.	Talent Quest Blue Gum Lodge 3-6 Infants Party Day Students' Last Day

Value of the Week - Cooperation

I am practising cooperation when I:

- work well with others;
- offer my help and ideas freely;
- follow the rules;
- ask for help when I need it and
- help keep a safe, happy environment.



Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, uncles, aunties and friends of our community who helped make this event a huge success! It was such a lovely time to share the learning experiences and talents of our students.

The funds raised from this event will be used to purchase iPads for students to use in the classroom to enhance their learning.

Parents may download their own copy of the movies from Google Drive. A link was sent out to parents on the Skoolbag App:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1VJ5ilYq01I-wGbcHd5ICPr91AgvSWZ-C>

If you have trouble with this link try use Google Chrome as the search engine. Please contact the office if you experience further issues.

Skoolbag



Smartphone school to parent communication

The SkoolBag app is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minutes notices, newsletters etc. Search for the free SkoolBag app in the Apple App or Google Play Store. Sign up in seconds with your email address

Step 1: Download the app

Step 2: Create an account

Step 3: Add your school

Step 4: Magic!

Friday, 26 October 2018



Reduce your child's skin cancer risk

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. Two out of three Aussie kids at school today will be diagnosed with skin cancer later in life – some of them with deadly melanomas. At least 95% of all skin cancers are caused by ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun.

Unprotected exposure of your child's skin to UVR significantly increases their risk of developing skin cancer later in life. When you protect your skin, you reduce your risk. Remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!

To learn when the UV radiation is going to be high enough to damage unprotected skin in your local area, download and check the [SunSmart App](#).



The Kindy transition program will commence on Friday 9th November. The **first session** is for parents/carers. This 45 minute presentation is followed by a tour of the school.

For the remaining **3 sessions** we ask that you drop your child off to the Kindergarten room at 9.15am and pick them up from the Kindergarten room at 10.30am. In this time your child will engage in **structured activities**, become familiar with their teacher, Mrs Dacey, their classroom environment and routines.

Please advise the school office staff on 47392817 by Monday 29th October of your intention to attend the program.

We look forward to meeting with you and your child!

KINDY DATES FOR THE FRIDGE

Parent Information and school tour: 10am-10.45am
Friday 9th November, 2018

Student Transition Sessions: 9.15am-10.30am
Friday 16th November, 2018
Friday 23rd November, 2018
Friday 30th November, 2018

New Frog Pond

Q. What is better than a frog pond?

A. Two frog ponds!

Bunnings has been outstanding in supporting our little school in a big way this year. Recently they donated a new frog pond with water plants, rocks, security screen and statues.



Above: Bunnings representatives Nick and Mel with Coby, Rhys and Josh from 4/5/6E with the finished project.

Year 7 Selective High School in 2020

Selective high schools cater for high achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level.

These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for selective high school placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Selective High School Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 14 March 2019.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2020, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from mid-September 2018 at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

The application website closes on 12 November 2018. You must apply before the closing date.

Friday, 26 October 2018



Special Swimming Scheme Years 1 – 6
Monday 29th October - Friday 9th November

The program includes lessons with qualified instructors over a two week period at Glenbrook Pool. Lessons are from 1:15pm to 2:00pm and transport is by bus.

Students need the following:

- 2 towels
- A swimming bag
- Plastic bag for wet items.
- Hat and t-shirt (rashie)
- sunscreen
- hair ties for long hair

The swimming instructors ask that all students learn to manage swimming without goggles.

Hopefully, the weather will be kind and the children can enjoy their sessions in and out of the water.

Please ensure all items are labelled!



Responsible Pet Education Program

Wednesday, 31st October, 2018

K-2 students will be involved in a very important learning experience at school that will equip them with the knowledge, skills and strategies to help them interact safely with pets, especially dogs.

The session will be conducted by a well-trained educator from the Responsible Pet Education Program on Wednesday, 31st October, 2018.

The program includes singing and dancing to key messages to help students interact safely with pets. Some students will be asked to role play and/or say hello to the well-trained dog which has undergone strict suitability testing.

LEGO WeDo Lessons

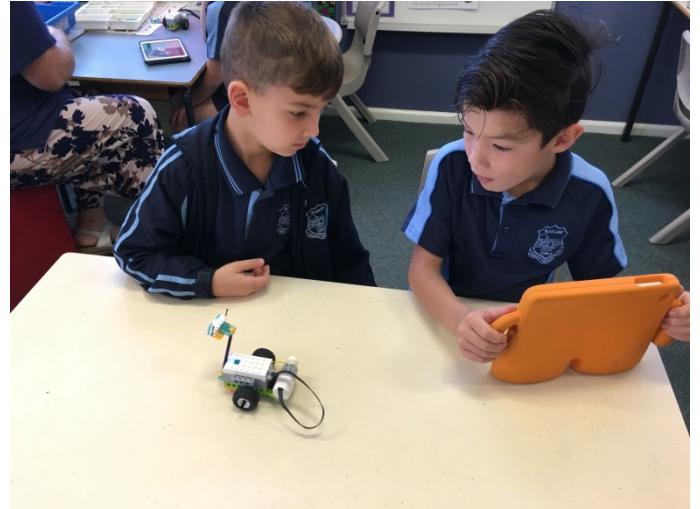
LEGO WeDo is a robotics hardware and software platform specifically designed for primary students. As with other LEGO Education products it follows the 4 C's process – Connect to a story, Construct a model, Contemplate its function, and Continue improving its design.



LEGO's WeDo programming platform also allows for mathematical operations and display effects, as a stepping-stone to game design, coding and engineering.



What we love about LEGO WeDo, aside from it being tactile and engaging, is that it encourages students to persevere when solving problems. There is no greater satisfaction than a child fist-pumping the air when they finally see the efforts of their labour re-created in front of their eyes.



Thank you Mrs Palmer for leading this wonderful program at our school!



Some other Creative Activities

Below: Students making furniture at lunchtime. Very creative girls!





Healthy lifestyle program for kids

Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week healthy lifestyle program for kids aged 7-13. This program is running this term each Tuesday after school in our hall 4pm-6pm. The program focuses on improving:

- Fitness
- Confidence
- Eating habits

Go4Fun programs are led by trained qualified health professionals and take place after school, running parallel with school terms. Children and their families have fun and become fitter, healthier and happier. www.Go4fun.com.au

1800 780 900.

SMS for a call back on 0409 745 645



Films by the Eucalypts Excursion

'Film by the Eucalypts' is a selection of the best short films created by Blue Mountains Primary School students. The screening starts at 11:00am at the Springwood Community Hub on Wednesday 7th November. This excursion is open to students in Years 3 and 4. Travel will be by bus. Students will return to school before the swimming bus departs.

The 2018 inaugural festival combines the talents of students aged between 5 and 12 from seven Blue Mountains schools.

The NSW English syllabus emphasises the importance of understanding and constructing multimodal texts and film making and film studies are an integral part of a student's education in the development of visual literacy. Studying and creating films also encourages problem solving, critical and creative thinking as well as collaboration and cooperation.

The school is subsidising the cost of this excursion and the fee is only \$5. Please complete the permission form and return to the school office with the payment as soon as possible. Spare notes are available at the office. There are limited spaces for this event.

Tea Towel Fundraiser

BPS children & staff have been very creative with their self-portraits just for you.

Order your limited edition tea towels or cherry bags by Wednesday 31st October.



Get your custom carry bags and tea towels! Creating Lasting Memories!

Our limited edition tea towel & bag design will be made up of self-portraits drawn by all our children and staff. The pictures and names will be arranged all together as a commemorative design for the whole school then screen printed in dark blue onto premium 100% white cotton tea towels and white onto dark blue carry bags.

These bags and towels make the perfect Christmas gift so don't forget to order a few extras for family members and your keepsake box.

Orders can be made by completing the form below and returning with payment to the office in an envelope clearly marked "TEA TOWEL/BAG ORDER". Samples will be on display at the Enchanted Trick or Treat where orders can also be made. (Cash or cheque only).

Thank you for your continued support!



**Student Awards
Term 4 Week 2**

Mrs Dacey

Conrad S – contributing to class discussions
Oliver H – trying hard to form letters correctly

APs Award

Ned R – a wonderful effort during Literacy groups

VIPs

James A, Angus MacG

Mrs Shaw

Daniel S-L – excellent attitude to learning

Grace B – excellent effort and achievement in Maths

APs Award

Jasmine A – being a considerate class member

VIPs

Lewis S, Ruby F

Mrs Palmer

Ambrielle G – settling well into her new school

Brad L – great effort in Spelling

APs Award

Marissa W-J - Consideration

VIPs

Yazmyne C, Pearl W

Mr Foye

Josh M – great tables work

Tyler P – welcome to a new student

APs Award

Jaxon C – a considerate student

VIPs

Cody L, Liani L

Mrs Ellwood

Erin O'K – excellent application to Maths problems

Woody S – reliable bell ringing

APs Award

Angad P – being a considerate class member

VIPs

Lily O, Kynan L

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Hitchens Storage is located Old Bathurst Road in Emu Plains, offering over 500 individually alarmed lock-up storage units. Available in a range of sizes, suitable for almost any domestic or commercial use. We can also offer Storage Containers for no double handling. On site we have our fully stocked Box Shop for all your moving needs. We can also offer Truck Rental to move yourself.

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