

Blaxland Public School



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Term 3 – Week 9

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - \$40 student or family \$60

Craft - \$40

Canberra Excursion Yrs 5 & 6 – Final Payments accepted now, Medical forms (on Sport & Rec. website) due

Winmalee Camp Year 3 & 4 - \$120, payments can be made now

Dance Festival Transport – Note home soon – approx. \$12

Band Fees are also outstanding

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments

What's Happening

Term 3

Week 10

25th Sept.

Little Blaxland on the Big Screen, matinee screening 1:30pm

26th Sept.

Year 6, Blaxland High School

Little Blaxland on the Big Screen, evening screening 6:30pm

27th Sept.

Little Blaxland on the Big Screen, evening screening 6:30pm

Term 4

Week 1

17th Oct.

Year 6, Blaxland High School

Week 2

24th Oct.

Year 6, Blaxland High School

Week 4

7th Nov.

5/6 Camp

8th Nov.

5/6 Camp

9th Nov.

5/6 Camp

Kinder Transition 2019 – Parent Information session

Week 5

16th Nov.

Kinder Transition – Student session

Week 6

22nd Nov.

3/4 Camp

23rd Nov.

3/4 Camp

Kinder Transition – Student session

Week 7

30th Nov.

Kinder Transition – Student session

Value of the Week – Reliability

I am practising reliability when I:

- make promises I can keep;
- really care about doing what I promise;
- return things I borrow;
- do my best and finish on time and
- plan ahead.

Emergency Plans

In an emergency we hope for the best and plan for the worst. Part of our preparation for emergencies includes our **Bush Fire Emergency Plan**. In the event of an emergency we will be guided by the Police and Rural Fire Service (RFS). Our plans include evacuation and also sheltering in place.

We can only release students to their parents or documented emergency contact(s). Now would be a great time to check with the front office and confirm or update these details and phone numbers. Verbal permission can be given over the phone for another adult to sign a student out.

There are three levels of Bush Fire Alerts:



Advice

A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



Watch And Act

There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.



Emergency Warning

An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

Please find a summary of the main points of our Emergency Plans attached to this newsletter.

Decodable Readers

The school recently purchased over \$1000 of decodable readers to supplement our extensive reading resources here at Blaxland PS. These excellent resources are designed to provide an explicit and systematic approach to learning reading and spelling. This structured approach is beneficial for both initial reading instruction and for students with reading difficulties.

The Phonic Books provide a sequential phonic progression which allows the student to learn to read as they learn the letters of the alphabet. With this Synthetic Phonic approach, the student learns, for example, the sound-spelling correspondences of the letters s, a, t, i, m and then blends these sounds together to form VC (Vowel, Consonant) and CVC (Consonant, Vowel, Consonant) words. These reading books and resources support the student by providing only content that is decodable.

We also have a range of decodable chapter books for older catch-up readers who need to secure their phonic foundation. These full-colour illustrated books are high interest and will easily engage the older reader. These series commence at CVC/CVCC level and progress through adjacent consonants, consonant digraphs and alternative vowel and consonant spellings.



Little Blaxland on the BIG Screen!

Have you seen the trailer for this amazing production? Download the free Skoolbag App from the App Store.

This wonderful event will showcase the gifts and talents of our students. Captured on film each class will screen snippets of learning, fun and creativity. The hall will become our own movie theatre along with choc-tops and popcorn on sale. Come and join us in celebrating the wonderful work of our students!

We extend a warm invitation out to all our parents, grandparents, relatives and friends to this **MUST SEE** event for 2018.

Tickets are on sale now at the front office:

Adults	\$10
Child	\$5
Family Deal (2+2)	\$25

Matinee (1:30pm - 3:00pm) Tues 25 September
Night (6:30pm - 8:00pm) Wed 26 and Thurs 27



This is our major fundraiser for the year and proceeds will go towards purchasing new iPads for the students.

Stewart House Clothing Drive 2018 Kindergarten to Year 6



We are asking parents to assist the Smith Family who collect clothes on behalf of Stewart House in their donations of clothing.

Your donation helps fund the program that support the 1,800 public school children who experience a healthy and much needed break at Stewart House each year. Please return your bag to the school office by **Tuesday 16th October.**



Confident Compères

Above: School Captains Austin and Hartley at the Joan Sutherland Centre ready to compere the Dance Festival. Is there anything that these boys can't do?



From Little Things BIG Things Grow

We grow them BIG and strong at Little Blaxland. Above is a picture of Oliver from KD showing off his big guns!



Dance Groups

Above: Congratulations to all the students who participated in the recent dance Festival. Both the **Junior and Senior Dance Groups** featured at the Joan Sutherland Centre. You were all amazing



P&C Coin Snake

Above: Mr Snakey Snake visiting our students at school to remind them about the wonderful tradition at our school called "**Coin Snake**" (P&C Fundraiser). Thanks Jill (snake wrangler extraordinaire)!



Regional Spelling Bee

Above: This year's **Regional Spelling Bee** was held here at Blaxland PS. Congratulations to the contestants from all the schools across the region, especially our reps that did so well. Susie Ellwood's organizational skills shone as usual with the event running like clockwork.



Bunnings Spring into Action

Our veggie gardens are really coming along now especially with another generous donation from our friends at Bunnings. Staff and students were on hand to help Bunnings with the huge delivery of equipment and plants.

The school received; wheelbarrows, vegetable seedlings, plant food, herbs, flowers, shovels, trowels, garden gloves etc.

Thank you to Mrs Willett for organizing this organic opportunity for our students!



PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html).

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Have a safe holiday break (after next week)!

P & C News

Family Fun Night

We are looking forward to Family Fun Night on Saturday 27th October. If you would like to help with the organisation of the event, please join us on Monday 24th September at 2:30pm in the staff room. To volunteer on the night, please give your name to Mrs Willett or let us know via email to blaxlandpanc@gmail.com.

Coin Snake

We are in our final week of feeding our snakes before they combine into one big one! We snuck a look at their feeding tubs last week and some of our snakes are really hungry!

Bobby Junior (4/5/6) is our hungriest snake but Creeper the Super Snake (2/3) has a rumbling tummy too!

Satisfier (KD) is feeling less than satisfied and Snaky McSnakeFace (3/4) has been fed reasonably well but wants some more!

Sunshine (1/2) is our best fed snake but we heard her say she is still hungry! What a greedy snake!

Next P&C Meeting:

Extraordinary one on Monday 15th October at 7:30pm. We will be finalizing plans for the upcoming Family Fun Night.

All welcome!



Student Awards

Term 3 Week 7, 8 & 9

Mrs Dacey

Lachlan B – trying hard to sound out unknown words when writing

Jamie A – contributing thoughtfully to class discussions

Wyatt K – a wonderful effort in Reading groups

James A – fantastic “counting on”

Conrad S – being a great movie star

Maddie Mcl – for her enthusiastic attitude towards learning

APs Award

Alice W – being an honest student

Carly P – being a caring student

Lachlan Ba – sensible & reliable class member

VIPs

Aria M, Lachlan B, Charlotte O'B, Lucas S, Alice W, Jack B

Mrs Shaw

Ruby F – being an enthusiastic, caring and helpful member of our class

Lewis S – fantastic Story Writing

Matthew B – his fantastic effort in Writing

Kaylee S – her enthusiasm in all class activities

Pippa D – good listening in class discussions

Jessie W – her wonderful effort in all areas

APs Award

Will H – being an honest and reliable class member

Jasmine A – being a caring class member

Grace C – being an understanding student

VIPs

Grace C, Jasmine H, Will H, Taia A, Grace B, Suzannah O

Mrs Lees

Lewis S – excellent effort and progress in Maths

Kayla Q – excellent effort and progress in Maths

Mrs Palmer

Pearl W – excellent effort in Writing

Matthew S-L – great thinking in Maths

Riley C – wonderful descriptive Writing

Preston S – fantastic effort in Writing

Scarlett G-P – always giving her best

Henry P – wonderful improvement in his attitude in class

APs Award

Marissa W-J – always showing honesty

Cohen K – Caring

Chen K – for showing excellent understanding in Reading

VIPs

Thomas O, Yazmyne C, Jewel S, Bradley L, Marissa W-J, Lewis W

Mr Foye

Keira L – wonderful effort with bookwork

Eva A – wonderful application in Maths

Baxter B – his excellent Reading skills

Willem H – his enthusiastic attitude in Mathematics

Camelia G – good effort in Maths

Cody L – excellent skills in Reading

APs Award

Ryley D – an honest student

Eva A-McI – being a caring student

Charlie H – being an understanding student

VIPs

Charlie H, Tatum S, Sienna McL, Elias V, Liani L, Mia H

Mrs Ellwood

Alex W – super homework

Kobie T – excellent portrayal of Julius Caesar

Byron M – wonderful effort and attitude

Sacha McL – excellence in English

Hartley K – being an enthusiastic and responsible MC

Eliza B – super attitude and effort in class

APs Award

Aislinn W – Honesty

Carlito G-P – caring for his fellow students

RJ M – taking on more responsibilities

VIPs

Rhys C, Kira C, Rohan D, Tilly B, Woody E, Jude McC



Above: Carlito and his mother speaking at Notre Dame University in Sydney. The topic of the lecture was on Autism and the student teachers were very impressed with Carlito's articulation and microphone skills. Carlito's sister Scarlett also attended the lecture. Well done to both Carlito and Scarlett!



School Banking day is changing.

Our School Banking day will be changing from Anyday to Thursday as of 18th October 2018.

Please ensure that Dollarmites deposit wallets are now brought into school on **Thursday** mornings. Any wallets received on any other day will be sent home with a reminder note that the School Banking day has changed to **Thursday**. Please note that this is due to the privacy and security of your child/ren's banking information.

Everything else School Banking remains the same.

School Banking News

If your child has lost their Dollarmites deposit wallet, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note including your child's name and School Banking student ID no. on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at our school.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



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