

Blaxland Public School



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Term 3 – Week 9

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Band Fees - Term 3 now due
5/6 Camp Note – FINAL PAYMENT DUE THIS TERM
Year 6 Polo Shirts – payment due now

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments

What's Happening

Term 3

Week 10
25th Sept. Year 6 H.S. visit – 12.15-2.30pm

Term 4

Week 1
16th Oct. Canberra Years 5 & 6
Kindy Academy starts, 9.15am – 10.45am
17th Oct. Canberra Years 5 & 6
18th Oct. Canberra Years 5 & 6

Week 2
23rd Oct. Kindy Academy, 9.15am – 10.45am
26th Oct 'Magic' Family Fun Night

Week 3 - Intensive Swimming Begins for the week
30th Oct. Kindy Academy, 9.15am – 10.45am

Week 4 - Intensive Swimming Continues for the week
6th Nov. Kindy Academy, 9.15am – 10.45am

Week 5
13th Nov. Kindy Academy, 9.15am – 10.45am
15th Nov. School Mini-Fete

Week 6
20th Nov. Kindy Academy, 9.15am – 10.45am
21st Nov. Years 3 & 4 Camp

Value of the Week – Understanding

I am practising understanding when I:

- concentrate and pay close attention;
- reflect on the meaning of things;
- see the whole picture;
- put myself in other people's shoes; and
- forgive others and myself when I make mistakes.

Mr Zoglmeier on Leave

Our Relieving Principal, Mr Zoglmeier, is on personal leave for the rest of this term. Mrs Ellwood is filling in for his absence and Mr Foye is relieving AP. Mrs Everett is teaching 5/6 Mondays to Wednesdays and is ably supported by Mrs Edwards and Ms Sedden. We appreciate all of the support we have received from the school community during this time.

Medical Form Update

Parents, please note there is a new form to be filled in if your child is receiving medication at school. These are available at the office and should be returned as soon as possible to Mrs Smith.

Father's Day BBQ

Thank you to the fathers who came along to our BBQ on a rather cold and blustery morning. It was great to see the dads at school, sharing breakfast with their children. Apologies that we couldn't run our athletics carnival on the day as planned. Many thanks also to Mr Foye and Mr Zoglmeier who organised the event and even cooked for us (with Glen, our GA).



NAPLAN Results 2019

Years 3 and 5 students NAPLAN results were handed out on Tuesday September 17th. If your child did not receive his/hers please see their class teacher. This year's overall results are outstanding with over 70% of Year 3 students

and over 56% of Year 5 students achieving in the top 2 bands in Reading and similar results in Mathematics. Student growth from Year 3 to Year 5 has been superb. Congratulations students, teachers and parents!

Tournament of Minds

On Saturday, August 31st, seven of our senior students took part in the Tournament of Minds at the UWS. Their task was to rewrite the Wizard of Oz in an Australian setting with Australian characters (Wizard of Aus). They had to write the script, add music, costumes, backgrounds, props and then perform their play in under 10 minutes. Later they had an impromptu challenge to complete in secrecy. Well done Lily, Rhys, Kynan, James, Joey, Jude and Violet. What a great job you did and what an amazing day. Thank you for representing our school at such a high level!



Dance Festival

Congratulations to all of our dancers who performed magnificently at the Joan Sutherland Centre on Tuesday and Wednesday September 3rd and 4th. We received many exulting reports from audience members remarking on the brilliance of BPS dancers. Many thanks to everyone who had a hand in bringing these performances to the stage.





Transport NSW

Children are reminded to 'tap on' and 'tap off' with their Student Opal Card every time they board and exit the bus to and from school. Transport for NSW also produces the "Code of Conduct for School Students on Buses" that can be used as a reference tool and mechanism for continued education about the importance of student behaviour and safety on buses. We have provided the following hyperlink for your reference below:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/studentCodesOfConduct#scrollTarget1>

District Athletics

Twenty-one students represented Blaxland P.S. at the District Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park Athletics Centre on Friday, September 6th. While it started out very chilly, the day warmed up to 30 degrees! Our athletes tried their very best and should be pleased with their effort and results. Congratulations to all competitors. Baxter will be representing our school at the Regional Finals in the 10 year boys 100m and junior 200m races. Carlito qualified for the 13 year old 100m but will unfortunately be at camp on October 17th. Good job, kids!



Thursday, 19 September 2019

Premier's Spelling Bee Regional Finals

Blaxland P.S. hosted the annual Premier's Spelling Bee on Friday, September 13th in the school hall. 18 schools were involved in both a Junior (3/4) session and Senior (5/6) session. Our school representatives were Riley C, Tatum S, Lily O and Kynan L. They progressed through the first few rounds but ultimately the winners were Oliver B from Glenbrook with Noah C-W from Springwood runner up in the Junior division and Fatimah A from Glenmore Park winning the Senior comp with Rapan S from Glenbrook runner up. Congratulations clever people and thank you to the major sponsor MTA.



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Winners

Week 8: Band recipients: Aria, William, Wolfie, Melody, Lachlan B



Token Prize Recipients: Preston, Angad and Rhys



Our first badge recipient, Baxter. Congratulations!

Token Prize Recipients: Noah, Marissa, Melody



Week 9: Band Recipients: Lewis, Joanna, Baxter, Scarlett, Samantha, Grace C, Tatum and Grace B



Kindy Academy

Ms Everett will be running a free comprehensive school readiness transition program for pre-schoolers in the Mountains who intend to commence Kindergarten in 2020. It will be held on Wednesdays 9:15am - 10:45am from October 16th to November 20th. Please contact the school for more information.



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KINDY ACADEMY

This is a FREE comprehensive school readiness transition program for all preschool children based on *The Early Years Learning Framework and Early Stage One Outcomes*

Wednesdays 9:15am - 10:45am
16th Oct - 20th Nov 2019

Please contact the school for more information

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P&C News

Our annual **coin snake fundraiser** is in full swing and the assemblies are generating much excitement. We've heard that the snake is very silly this year! The snakes have been named and include Snoik the Snake, Patricia, Silly Sally Snake, 2/3 Perfect's Powerful Python named Penny and Drop Dead Fred. All funds raised will help the SRC and school with the continuing upgrade of the toilets and the winning class will win a pizza party, so keep bringing in your coins!

The Family Fun Night will be held on Saturday 26 October. This year promises to be magical with the theme Magic! We will need heaps of volunteers to make the night happen so please look out for the request to volunteers that will be sent out shortly and put your hand up! Older siblings in high school would also be greatly welcomed as volunteers and will receive free entry and tokens.



The **Father's Day Stall** was a big success - we completely sold out of merchandise and made over \$400 profit! Thanks to everyone involved in making it a great event for the kids.

We have a **new P&C Secretary** - Narelle King, mum to Dylan in 1/2S.

"Show Don't Tell" Writing 2/3P

It was a beautiful day...

Golden beams of light hit the neon green grass. The gold sunlight, the dark blue sky. Dark green trees had bright red apples on them. Red, green, brown, blue and black birds were singing together.



Soon it was dark. The blue sky went black. The birds were sleeping. It was time to go to bed. As I looked down I imagined what tomorrow might be.

by Adelaide W



Student Awards

Term 3 Weeks 7, 8 & 9

Mrs Lees & Mrs Daschke

Jaxon B – fantastic reading
Ivy B – enjoying and being a creative dancer
Alexia T – showing a positive attitude towards learning
Oliver A – working really hard with his reading

APs Award

Colten S – being an honest student
Chloe C – being a caring class member

VIPs

Sophia D, Adalyn S, Eli C, June C

Mrs Shaw

Alice W – lovely manners and great behaviour
Angus M – wonderful participation and attendance at school
Dion T – always being polite and well behaved
Joanna I – enthusiasm in class
Lachlan Ba – working hard to solve problems
Lachlan Br – wonderful participation in Literacy and Numeracy activities

APs Award

Lucas S – being an honest student
Clayton C-H – being caring towards his friends
Melody K – always showing an understanding of class rules

VIPs

Melody K, Madeline Mcl, Theo V-B, Taia A, Kayla Q, Aria M

Mrs Palmer

Jewel S – wonderful effort in all lessons
Joshua K – increased focus in class
Suzannah O – great effort in literacy groups
Dylan H – great writing in literacy groups
Lewis W – his positive approach towards his work
Amelia B – her enthusiastic approach to learning

APs Award

Rhys L – always being an honest student
Lewis S – being helpful and respectful in the classroom

Jewel S - Understanding

VIPs

Suzy O, Tasharna C-H, Maycee W-J, Thomas O, Adelaide W, Will H

Mr Foye

Lachlan C – an enthusiastic hard working student
Leila K – hard working class member
Leila K – outstanding research assignment
Baxter B – friendship and compassion to others
Amelia O – a clever creative young lady
Henry P – fantastic poetry writing

APs Award

Ambrielle G – an honest young lady
Samantha O – a caring young lady
Caitlyn C – an understanding young lady

VIPs

Baxter B, Henry P, Sienna McL, Scarlett G-P, Liani L, Michael I

Mrs Ellwood

Rohan D – being a responsible student
Aislinn W – enthusiasm in Dance
Teleah R-B – writing an excellent exposition
Jaxon C – excellent focus and always on task
Sacha McL – an excellent 'final chapter' of the Wizard of Oz
Alex W – superb homework

APs Award

Angad P – Honest
Keira L – being a caring class member
Luke B – excellent understanding of Maths concepts

VIPs

Erin O'K, Rhys C, Teleah R-B, Carlito G-P, Kira C, Carlito G-P

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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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