

Blaxland Public School



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Term 4 – Week 2

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Band Fees - Term 4 now due
3/4 Winmalee Camp notes and payment now due
Intensive Swimming notes and payment now due

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments

What's Happening

Term 4

Week 2

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

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Week 7

26th Nov. Captains' Posters

29th Nov. Christmas Hamper Mufti – Food Donation

Week 8

3rd Dec. Captains' Speeches

4th Dec. Combined Scripture – 10.30am

Value of the Week - Consideration

I am practising consideration when I:

- respect other people's needs and feelings;
- consider others' needs as important as my own;
- stop and think how my actions will affect people;
- give tender attention and
- think of little things to bring others happiness.

Welcome Back!

We have a busy Term 4 lined up with camps, swimming scheme, mini-fete, Family Fun Night, captains' speeches and end of year parties and presentations. Hope all of the children get plenty of sleep so they can enjoy these activities as well as do their best on assessments for their end of year reports.

Kindy Academy

Our Kindy Academy for 2020 students is going well! At this stage we have 16 new enrolments for Kindergarten next year and Mrs Everett says they are gelling brilliantly as a new class already. What fun they will have! If you know of any children in the Blaxland area who have not yet enrolled please point them in our direction as we have a few vacancies still. Many thanks to all of the parents who attended the information session on Wednesday morning. I hope you found it useful and informative.

5/6 Camp- CANBERRA October 16th-18th

What a fantastic time we had! Year 5 and 6 spent three days in Canberra seeing the sites and learning all about Democracy and Australian Government. The children were superbly behaved, engaged in all the talks, lessons and activities and allowed the teachers to sleep at night! Mrs Shaw, Mr Hancock and I are extremely proud of our students and it was a pleasure taking them away to our Nation's Capital. Well done, 5/6!



Friday, 25 October 2019



Year 5 students who are interested in applying for a position at a selective high school in 2021 need to apply soon as the site closes on November 11th. Late applications will not be considered. The website is: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7/application-process>

Kiss and Drop Zone

Reminder to parents, please do not park in the the bus bay between 8.30 and 9.15am or in the afternoons between 2.30 and 3.15pm as police are randomly patrolling the area.

Intensive Swimming Scheme

Students enrolled in the NSW Dept of Education Swim School commence lessons next week (October 28th). Children need to bring their swimmers, a towel and a rash shirt. Hats and sunscreen should be part of their everyday routine. Please contact the office ASAP if you would like to enrol your child in the program. Cost is \$90 for the two weeks.



School Mini-Fete

Notes went home this week regarding our annual mini-fete run here at school during the day. This year it will be on Friday, November 15th between recess and lunch. Students can wear mufti and if they wish to go on the slip 'n' slide they should bring swimmers and a towel as well as a permission note to participate. There will be a scooter track for students with their own scooters and helmets. A permission note also needs to be filled in by parents/ carers for children to join in on this activity. In the meantime, we are asking for donations of pre-loved books and toys that are in good condition, boxes of chocolates, cakes and cans of soft drinks. These can be taken to the office for collection by the teachers later in the day.



Christmas Hamper Mufti

Christmas is fast approaching and we have begun our collection of goodies for the Gateway Family Services Christmas Hampers. Please see the list of foods suitable for donation later in this newsletter. Thank you, Mrs Bedford for setting up the collection box in the office. To add to our donations box we are holding a mufti day on Friday November 29th and instead of a gold coin students can bring in something suitable for the hamper. Thank you in advance for helping to make Christmas a little cheerier for families in our local area that are doing it tough.



Friday, 25 October 2019

K-5 Presentation Day and Year 6 Farewell

Dates for your calendar:

K – 5 Presentation Day - Tuesday December 10th, 9:15am start.

Year 6 Presentation and Farewell - Thursday, December 12th, 6:00pm until approximately 9pm.

P&C News

Our **Magic Family Fun Night** is this Saturday night, 4.30-7pm. With a disco, jumping castle, storytelling, donut bobbing, yucky dip, trick or treating and all the sausage sandwiches and popcorn you can eat, it promises to be really magic! We'd love to get a big turnout so please invite all your friends, family, neighbours, frenemies, random strangers on the street...

We still need many more volunteers to make the magic happen, so please go to <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-p97mEyz832wcGy0wNZKDzLEMJLZ2ZIA0o-f5J7Y1jM/edit?usp=sharing> and add your name. If you're on a desktop computer or have the app, or if not email blaxlandpandc@gmail.com and we will add you. All volunteers will receive a free sausage sandwich and soft drink and older (high school) siblings who volunteer will also get free entry.

Last term's **coin snake fundraiser** was a slithering success with over 5,700 coins donated and a total of \$603.85 raised for the continuing upgrade of the toilets. Thanks to everyone for getting behind this fundraiser and congratulations to Kindy for their win and 5/6 for coming in second.

There is no **P&C meeting** this month. Our next one will be 7pm Tuesday 12 November.

In the Garden

Wow it's Term 4 already and so much has happened and changed in our little school garden. We had a bountiful harvest last term of broccoli, snow peas, parsley, mint and rosemary. Our family enjoyed the fresh broccoli lightly steamed as well as in a beef stir-fry. Did your family manage to try some of the produce?



It's really heating up and the sharp change in weather means new plants for the garden. Currently we have lettuce, pumpkin, sweet potato, tomatoes, broad beans, garlic, strawberries, blueberries and herbs growing. 1/2S sowed seeds at the end of Term 3 and these are now seedlings ready for planting into the garden beds. These include silverbeet, yellow beans, green beans, cucumbers and corn. Last term the kids also had fun making up the Woolworths Discovery Pots, so thank you to those who donated spare pots. These pots are growing in the mini green house and you are welcome to use the spray bottles to give them a drink.



To add some fun in the garden, we have giant sunflower seedlings which will be spectacular in Connors Corner and compliment the flowering lavenders. We are looking to plant more low lying herbs into this area to grow around the beautiful mosaics made by the kids and their families. So please come and have a wander around and let the kids show you how proud they are of their school garden. Also if you have a keen interest for mosaics we invite you to design and create a paver of your own. Please see Mrs Smith in the office for more details.

This week it was beautiful to see the Kinder Academy Kids in the garden picking some herbs and beans to take home to their family. They incorporated being in the garden with reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle. There really is a multitude of benefits for kids to be immersed in the gardening environment.

Now just one last thing from me, if you would like to help in the garden, please see Mrs Smith in the office or you can often catch me digging around before and after school.

Happy School Gardening, Theresa aka Maddie's Mum.

Head Lice – K – 6

Just some information in regard to the ever dreaded head lice for you.

It is possible that your child may contract the condition at some point during the year.

It is helpful to check your child's hair for signs of lice infestation.

Unfortunately, the lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore, you should be looking for the eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away. The eggs are hard to move and do not brush away. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

If your child has contracted head lice do not be alarmed. Although the condition is unpleasant, it is easily treated with specialised treatments available from the chemist. After treatment use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs.

Even though we are assured lice do not live in or on clothing and they need a blood source to survive, it is a good idea to wash school hats, clothes, towels and bed linen in hot water and detergent. Combs and brushes could also be washed in hot soapy water. If possible, after washing, these items should be put into the sun to dry.

As head lice are highly contagious and multiply at an unbelievable rate it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time.

Further information can be found through:
http://kidshealth.org/parent/infections/common/head_lice.html



Student Awards

Term 3 Week 10 & Term 4 Week 2

Mrs Lees & Mrs Daschke

Ivy B – excellent application to schoolwork
Eli C – being a helpful class member
Archie McK – fantastic reading progress
Chloe C – working really hard during reading groups

APs Award

Sophia D – Responsibility
Eli C – being a considerate class member

VIPs

Colten S, Jaxon B, Susanna T, Manix W-J

Mrs Shaw

Maddie Mcl – a wonderful information report
Marcus M – working hard in Literacy Groups
Billy C – wonderful effort in Literacy Groups
Melody K – working well in Maths

APs Award

Lachlan B – being a responsible student
Charlotte O'B – being a considerate class member

VIPs

Charlotte O'B, Billy C, Lachlan B, Angus MacG

Mrs Palmer

Suzy O – perseverance in Maths
Gabriella R – fluent and expressive reading
Rhys L – working very well during his first day of Term 4
Jake M – a wonderful start to Term 4

APs Award

Adelaide W being a responsible student
Will H - consideration

VIPs

Grace C, Grace B, Lewis W, Pearl W

Mr Foye

Yazmyne C – wonderful application to schoolwork
Marissa W-J – an enthusiastic hardworking student
Brad L – fantastic application to school tasks
Luke M – settling into new school routines

APs Award

Angela S – a responsible young lady
Josh V – consideration to classmates

VIPs

Leila K, Josh V, Henry P, Ambrielle G

Mrs Ellwood

Jacob M – being a responsible, reliable student
Ebony B – super improvement in Reading
James W – thoughtful questioning during Camp visits

Erin O'K – wonderful manners at Camp

APs Award

Carlito G-P – being a responsible class helper
Violet S-C – being a considerate class member

VIPs

Ryley D, Mia H, Ryley D, Carlito G-P

PBL Wrist Band and Badge Winners

Learner Bands:

Sophia, Emmett, Noah, Preston(a), Maycee, Jessica, Adelaide, Dylan, Lewis

Safe Bands: Ned, Marcus, Eli

Respectful Bands: Maycee

PBL Badge- Eli



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CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



Gateway Family Services
(an activity of Blaxland Uniting Church/Uniting Care)

We know it's early but...

The SRC are organising a collection of goodies for local families for Christmas in conjunction with the Blaxland Uniting Church in the hope of making the holidays a little bit special for those in need.

We ask that donations are taken to the office from Monday October 14th and placed in the decorated boxes there. Our last collection day is **Friday, November 29th**.

We respectfully request different types of products to hopefully provide a variety of goods to families.



Examples are:

Tinned Food eg. Canned vegetables (artichokes, beans, corn, tomatoes, etc), soups, fruit (pineapple, peaches, pears, etc), seafood (tuna, crab,

sardines, etc)

Drinks eg. Poppers, long life milk, bottles of juice and water, cans of softdrink

Packet Food eg. pasta, rice, soup, tea, sugar, flour, nuts, crackers, cookies

Jars of Food eg. pasta sauce, apple sauce, curry sauce, jam, pickles, Nutella, Vegemite, honey, peanut butter, olives, sun-dried tomatoes, coffee

Toiletries

eg. soap, tissues, toilet paper, toothbrushes, floss, deodorant, talc, wipes, combs

Christmas Fare

eg. Christmas crackers, puddings, custard, cake, cranberry sauce, candy canes, chips, lollies, gingerbread men, cookies, chocolates, advent calendars, zooper doopers

New Toys and Books

Suitable for a range of ages and either gender. Please don't send in used or pre-loved toys and books.

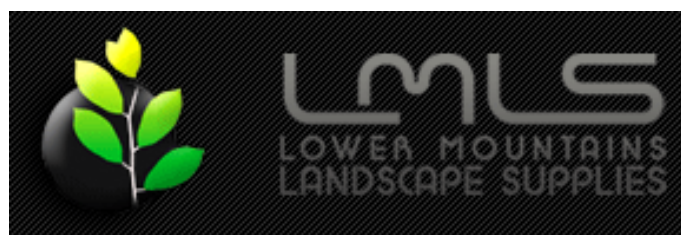
Monetary Donations are much appreciated also. Please ensure envelopes are handed into the office ladies NOT left in the food boxes. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and Gateway Family Services will issue you with a receipt soon after collection.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support!

BPS SRC and Mrs Ellwood



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