

Blaxland Public School



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Term 4 – Week 6

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Band Fees - Term 4 now due
All Outstanding Payments now due.

Thank you everyone for your support regarding prompt returning of notes and making of payments this year. It has been a much easier process and we very much appreciate your positive response. 😊

What's Happening

Term 4

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

Week 9

10th Dec. Presentation Day
12th Dec. Year 6 Farewell
13th Dec. School Reports Home

Week 10

16th Dec. Talent Quest
17th Dec. Party Day: Primary Blue Gum Lodge
18th Dec. **Students' Last Day**
19th Dec. Staff Development Day
20th Dec. Staff Development Day

Term 1 – 2020

Week 1

28th Jan. Staff Development Day
29th Jan. **Students' Years 1 – 6 Return**

Week 2

3rd Feb. Kindergarten starts

Value of the Week – Excellence

I am practising excellence when I:

- give your best to relationships;
- set noble and realistic goals;
- remember to plan and practice and
- don't try to do everything.

Winmalee Camp

Despite the hot weather, the Year 3 and 4 children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the overnight camp in Winmalee. Activities included flying fox, swimming, bush craft and various sporting games. The food was delicious, as always and sleep sporadic. Thank you Mrs Palmer for organizing the excursion and staying for the duration! Many thanks also to Mr and Mrs Foye for giving up your free time and to the SLSO's whose assistance was invaluable.



Christmas Cheer Boxes

As an SRC initiative, the staff and students of Blaxland P.S. are making up some special boxes for the staff and students at **Willow Tree P.S.** who are experiencing difficult times due to the on-going drought. Donations of new items such as toys, clothing, stationery, Christmas ornaments, Christmas treats and so on may be placed in the box provided at the office before or after school until the 6th of December. What a wonderful thing to do, Blaxland! Thank you all in advance for your support.



Year 6 Farewell Meeting for Year 5 Parents

On Monday, November 25th straight after school, Ms Everett and Mrs Ellwood will be holding a meeting in the seniors' room to discuss arrangements for this year's farewell to be held on December 12th. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

2020 Captains Posters and Speeches

From Tuesday November 26th, Year 5 students wishing to run for captain in 2020 will be able to display their election posters in the library. These must be A3 in size and should feature the student's name and positive attributes that will make them a good school captain. A photo of the student is also recommended so everyone can associate the faces with the names when it comes to voting. Speeches will be held the following week on Tuesday, December 3rd commencing at 10:30 am and continuing after recess. Parents are invited to attend if they wish to and will be most welcome. Best of luck to all those running.

Christmas Hamper Mufti

To encourage support for Gateway Family Services in Blaxland, we will be holding a mufti day on Friday November 29th. Instead of a gold coin, children are asked to bring an item for the food hampers instead.

Christmas is a difficult time for many families in the area and the demand for such



hampers is increasing each year. Suitable items are listed further in this newsletter and will be greatly appreciated. A reminder that students still need sensible shoes for sport and a hat for out in the sun. No singlet tops please.

External Validation

Our school has recently completed our external validation procedure and had it approved by the Department.

It is an on-balance judgement of how we feel we are performing as a staff and a school as measured against the Department's Schools Excellence Framework. Blaxland P.S. was found to be sustaining and growing in most areas and even more pleasingly is excelling in a few areas including Integration, of which we are very proud. ☺

MAY YOU BE PROUD
OF THE WORK YOU DO
THE PERSON YOU ARE
AND THE DIFFERENCE
YOU MAKE

School Presentation Day K-5

As last year's Presentation Day assembly was such a success we've decided to repeat the format. The assembly will commence at 9:30 and conclude before recess. There will be a small morning tea held for visitors afterwards. Families of special award recipients will receive a letter home although ALL STUDENTS will receive a certificate to acknowledge their effort or achievements this year. Please ensure children are in full school uniform for this special occasion.

Year 6 will receive their special awards at the Farewell being held on Thursday December 12th in the evening.

Library Books

Mrs Hall will be doing stocktake in the library soon so please start looking for those missing books around the house. Books may be returned any day to the returns box even if Mrs Hall isn't here. What a surprise she will get!

Outstanding Payments

Mrs Smith will soon be closing the books as the end of the year draws near. Please finalise any outstanding payments as soon as possible so we don't have to carry them over to the new year and we can all have a fresh start in 2020. Many thanks.

Music Showcase Afternoon

Do you have musical talent or know of a Blaxland P.S. school community member eg. former student, who does? We are hoping to have an afternoon of musical entertainment (from 2-3pm) to showcase the school bands and would like to include performances from other past or present students who are musically inclined. If you are such a person or know of someone, please contact the school to talk to Mrs Ellwood about our afternoon. More information to be provided once we have a definite go-ahead. Thank you!



School Reports

Teachers are busily working on the end of year reports for students. These are a summary of your child's efforts and achievements in Semester 2, 2019 and should provide parents and carers with a clear picture of individual's strengths and areas for revision and practice. Thank you, teachers, for the care and many hours you put into completing these

documents. It's not an easy task! Student reports will be given out on Friday, December the 13th.

Kindy Academy

Thank you Ms Everett for running such a successful Kindy Academy for our new enrolments for next year. I hear the Kindergarten class of 2020 is shaping up to be a very mature, enthusiastic and clever group. We look forward to having them join Blaxland P.S. and seeing them all in their new uniforms!

Sustainable Schools Grant

We're just now putting the finishing touches to our grant application to expand the beautiful kitchen garden that Theresa and students are working so hard on. In the application we've asked for money for a greenhouse, more garden beds, trellises, a 'market shop', and more! Fingers crossed.



Classes 2020

As you can appreciate, forming classes for a new year is not an easy task. Our student numbers are fluctuating greatly each week and we won't know for certain for a few weeks yet what our classes might look like. At this stage we know that Ms Everett will be having Kindergarten next year but the teachers and classes for the other grades are not settled yet. We understand that knowing their teacher for next year will help some of our students to adjust to the idea over the holidays and we are endeavouring to finalise classes soon. Thank you for your patience and watch this space!

Combined Scripture Service

On Wednesday, December 4th there will be a combined Scripture service in the hall from 10:30am. All students who attend Scripture classes will attend the Christmas Service, the final Scripture lesson for this year. Many thanks to Mrs Morris, Mr Dobson, Mrs Colbourn, Mrs Tolhurst and Mr Castro for their dedication and care in bringing Scripture to our school.

P&C News

Our last P&C meeting of the year will be held at the Lapstone Hotel at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 December. Join us for the meeting, a meal and drinks to celebrate a successful 2019. All welcome - we'd love to see you there!

PBL Badge and Band Winners, Week 8



Manix, Ivy, Caitlyn, Yazmine, Taia, Joanna



So many wonderful children!



Student Awards

Term 4 Week 5 & 6

Mrs Lees & Mrs Daschke

Sawyer McL – showing positivity and enthusiasm
Wolfgang V – giving great input in class discussions
Manix W-J – improvement with reading
Eli C – trying his best in all areas of learning

APs Award

June C – being a creative student
Ivy B – excellence in all that she does

VIPs

Eli C, Jaxon B, Sophia D, Wolfgang V

Mrs Shaw

Charlotte O'B – outstanding attitude towards her work
Theo V-B – pleasing progress in Reading
Joanna I – great responses in class discussions
Dylan D – improvement in work habits

APs Award

Angus MacG – showing creativity in class
Alice W – excellence in all she does

VIPs

Maddie McL, Marcus M, Ned R, Theo V-B

Mrs Palmer

Daniel S-L – his wonderful attitude towards his learning
Adelaide W – her wonderful attitude towards her learning
Abby S-C – working well in Maths
Preston S – making sensible decisions in class

APs Award

Thomas O – Creativity
Grace B – excellence in all her class work

VIPs

Abby S-C, Jessica W, Gabby R, Maycee W-J

Mr Foye

Matthew S-L – wonderful participation in sport
Yazmyne C – positive attitude to all school tasks
Miroslav M – wonderful work in Mathematics
Sienna McL – positive application to all school tasks

APs Award

Caitlyn C – a creative young lady
Riley C – excellent application to all school tasks

VIPs

Baxter B, Leila K, Anastasia M, Liani L

Mrs Ellwood

Lily O – always producing quality writing
Harmony C – persistence with challenging tasks
Kira C – being a quiet achiever in her class work
Eli P – working towards his learning goals

APs Award

Joey W – creative solutions to problems
Sacha McL – displaying excellence in all she does

VIPs

Aislinn W, Joshua F, Jaxon C, Kynan L

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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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