

Blaxland Public School



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Term 4 – Week 9

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Band Fees - Term 4 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 10

- 16th Dec. Talent Quest
- 17th Dec. Party Day: Primary - Blue Gum Lodge; Infants – at school
- 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, Primary Swimming Carnival



Value of the Week – Flexibility

I am practising flexibility when I:

- am willing to change bad habits;
- try imaginative new ways to do things;
- can adjust when something unexpected happens;
- go with the flow; and
- learn from my mistakes.



Congratulations!

Three students from 5/6 E entered the Daily Telegraph's Bradfield Oration Sydney Building Competition in November. The Daily Telegraph launched the competition as part of the Bradfield Oration campaign which draws on the vision and drive of Sir John Bradfield who created the Sydney Harbour Bridge. The task was to "Draw, build or construct a great new design for Sydney, tell us where it should sit and what it will be used for." Joey, Eli and Mia designed a shelter for the homeless, a 'Sydney Clockwise Theatre' and a music centre. Two of these designs were featured in the Daily Telegraph. Congratulations all of you for your interest and efforts. Some outstanding ideas for the future.

Well done, Ryley!

Ryley D in Year 5 received the District U10's Cricket Best All Rounder for 2019. He joins a number of elite athletes who now play for Australia, including Jordan Silk! Congratulations, Ryley. We wish you all the best in your cricketing future.



The flying fox was cool but some people said it was too fast. I went on it even though I was a little scared. At the end I was actually excited. **Gabby**

I loved the pool. We had to find pool toys that had sunk to the bottom. **Pearl**



We slept in cabins and our room was so tidy for the inspection. **Scarlett**

I enjoyed this experience. It is my last time at Winmalee. **Tatum**

Camp was really enjoyable and the food that they made was really delicious. It was the best camp ever. **Anastasia**



3/4 Winmalee Camp

The rooms were spotless when we arrived and that's how we left them on Friday. I was on the top bunk and I used the bottom bunk for my bag. **Lewis**

The food was so good. My favourites were the chicken wraps, fish and chips and a pavlova covered in berries and chocolate sauce. **Will**

By Year 3 and 4

Thank you for your donations!

We have sent 4 large boxes of toys, snacks, books and stationery to the students of Willow Tree Public School in the north-west of the state. The students in this drought-affected area will be so thrilled with your generosity, Blaxland! Well done.

Band Afternoon

Parents and students are invited to the school hall on Wednesday December 11th at 2:30pm to listen to our school bands play a few tunes they have been practising. We look forward to hearing them and enjoying the selection.



Bushfire Readiness

There are flyers available at the office, prepared by the RFS, with information for parents and carers about "What to do in the event of local bush fire activity". (Pictured below) There is a copy attached to this Newsletter.

What to do in the event of local bush fire activity
Information for parents and carers



ADVICE ALERT	WATCH AND ACT ALERT	EMERGENCY WARNING ALERT
<p>A bush fire has started, there is no immediate danger, our school will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update student rolls and account for early leave/absences in our school system Monitor air quality and adjust school activities accordingly i.e. if smoke affected cease outdoor activities Monitor Fire Danger Ratings, Fires Near Me app, Live Traffic NSW app and local ABC Radio Parents/Carers will be kept informed via Skoolbag 	<p>There is a heightened level of threat and bush fire conditions are changing, in addition to the Advice Alert procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If possible, we will alert parents/carers the day before via Skoolbag or SMS. If the district is affected by heavy smoke, consider keeping students with an Asthma Plan at home. Parents/carers stay updated using the Fires Near Me app, Live Traffic NSW app and/or listen to local ABC Radio School will take action to prepare i.e. provide regular updates of bush fire activity to all occupants and prepare bush fire emergency equipment We will raise with Local RFS Control Centre for support and advice. If required, we will take action to implement our Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan 	<p>This is the highest level of bush fire alert</p> <p>Our school will take action to implement our Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan</p> <p>We will continue raising with Local RFS Control Centre and keep parents/carers informed of all actions taken by the school</p>
<p>SHELTERING PROCEDURES</p> <p>In the event of an approaching bush fire threatening our school premises our primary action is to SHELTER IN PLACE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All occupants will be relocated and accounted for at our designated refuge Parents/Carers DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL we will be safely sheltering in place and keeping all staff and students calm through activities and games. Students will not be released to anyone who is not listed prior as an emergency pick-up for that student. It's important that parents/carers take measures to activate your family Bush Fire Survival Plan We will continue to keep you informed via Skoolbag or SMS 		<p>EVACUATION PROCEDURES</p> <p>We will be evaluating the safety of all staff and students, with the Local RFS Control Centre, throughout the bush fire event. If the threat is increasing it may be determined that it would be safer for all persons to evacuate to our designated refuge. If an EVACUATION is to occur we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immediately inform parents/carers via Skoolbag or SMS Safe transportation will be coordinated to relocate all persons to our designated evacuation refuge Information will be provided to all parents/carers and arrangements will be made for the safe pick-up of all persons from the designated evacuation refuge

Infants' Party Day

K-2 will be having their party day at school on Tuesday, December 17th. Children can dress in sensible mufti and must bring a hat. Students will not need to bring recess or lunch. Food will be available throughout the day. The cost of the day is covered in school fees.

Blue Gum Lodge – Primary Party Day

Years 3-6 have their picnic day at Blue Gum Lodge, Springwood on **Tuesday 17th December**. Notes went home week 7 and are due back on Monday December 16th. The cost of this event is covered by school fees.

For those who have not paid school fees, \$20 is required to cover bus cost and hire of the facilities. Children are to wear mufti, including hats and sensible shoes. Students wishing to participate in swimming must have their **permission notes** returned with their swimming ability clearly marked. Swimmers, a rash or t-shirt and a towel are needed for this activity. Please remember to take sunscreen.

Children should bring their own recess, lunch and a bottle of water. Fingers crossed for good weather!



Thank you 2019 School Captains!

This year's student leaders have consistently demonstrated our values and been safe, responsible learners. They have fulfilled their roles with reliability and courage in all school activities. We wish Lily, Erin, Kynan and Jacob all the best as they begin their high school journey in learning and leadership. Thank you!



Talent Quest

The school's annual talent quest will be held on Monday, December 16th commencing at 9:30 am. Students wishing to perform need to ensure they have signed up on the sheets provided at school so they can be included on the program. Thank you!

Incoming School Captains

BPS held the candidates' speeches and voting across the entire school on Tuesday, December 3rd to elect our captains for 2020. Every single candidate spoke beautifully and impressed staff and students with their sincerity and eloquence. While we could only elect 4 captains/vice-captains, all students will be given many leadership opportunities in Year 6 and will form a vital part of our student body. Thank you to everyone who 'had a go' and congratulations to Jude, Sacha, Harmony and Mia. We know you'll do a sterling job!



Staff Development Day 2020

All the teachers will be returning to school on Tuesday 28th Jan 2020 to participate in a variety of staff development activities. Our new Principal, Mrs Karen Ellis will be starting with us then. Some of these activities include: completion of mandatory training modules, policy reviews, training in new syllabus documents.

School Swimming Carnival 2020

Our school swimming carnival is on Monday, February 3rd (Week 2) at Glenbrook Pool. Please keep an eye out for permission notes early in the school new year. Perhaps some practise in the holidays prior to the carnival would be an advantage?

Class Equipment Lists 2020

* All Students K-6:

1 box tissues	Roll- on sunscreen
1 roll paper towel	A3 Cardboard for art folders
1 pump pack hand wash	Library bag
4x glue sticks	Paint shirt/ apron
1 pkt baby wipes	A4 plastic envelope folder with fastener



* Years 2-6 Students:

2x blue pens	A4 Homework book
1x highlighter	Ruler
1 red pen	Pencil sharpener
Scissors	Pencil case
2x lead pencils	Textas/ wind-up
2x erasers	Crayons/ Coloured pencils
	1x Black Finline Marker

Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on all personal equipment.



Reminder to all parents that there is to be no smoking in or around the school grounds at any time. Thank you.



Student Awards

Term 4 Week 7 & 8

P&C News

The P&C is seeking feedback on what community event we should run in 2020. We have two options - a family camping night or a family movie night. The children voted overwhelmingly for a family camping night - at 99 votes to 11! Now we want to hear from the parents - please fill in the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/F2YDRK3> to tell us what you'd prefer!

The P&C executive wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas and a fantastic new year!

PBL Band Winners, Week 8



PBL Badge Winners, Week 8



Maycee, Suzannah, Angie, Ambrielle, Leila, Jaxon, William, Melody, Lachlan, Riley, Sawyer

Mrs Lees & Mrs Daschke

Emmett R-B – showing persistence with his writing
Jaxon B – showing excellence in his reading abilities

APs Award

Adalyn S – being a friendly and caring class member

VIPs

Noah Y, June C

Mrs Shaw

Lachlan B – trying his best in class
Marcus M – his wonderful effort in reading and spelling
Kayla Q – trying hard in all areas of learning
Oliver H – fantastic progress in reading

APs Award

Kayla Q – being a friendly student
Theo V-B – persevering with maths

VIPs

Carly P, Melody K, Billy C, Taia A

Mrs Palmer

Joshua K – his alliteration sentence
Jessica W – her alliteration sentence
Grace C – wonderful Christmas poem
Suzannah O – a wonderful Christmas poem

APs Award

Jewel S – Friendliness
Will H – persevering with his learning

VIPs

Daniel S-L, Rhys L, Adelaide W, Amelia B

Mr Foye

Amelie O – trying many new things and succeeding
Tatum S – always enjoying all aspects of school
Logan G – fantastic reading results
Caitlyn C – wonderful class citizen

APs Award

Angela S – a friendly young lady
Scarlett G-P – persevering with all tasks

VIPs

Michael I, Marissa W-J, Miroslav M, Sienna McL

Ms Everett

Alexander W – working well in Reading Groups
Teleah R-B – improvement in completing tasks
Mia H – a creative entry in the Bradfield Oration Sydney Building competition
Joey W – an outstanding entry in the Bradfield Oration Sydney Building competition
Eli P – a brilliant entry in the Bradfield Oration Sydney Building competition

APs Award

Rhys C – being a friendly person
Lily O – displaying moderation where it is appropriate

VIPs



The staff of Blaxland Public School wish everyone a happy and safe holiday with those they love and look forward to a wonderful year in learning in 2020.

A Thank You from Gateway Family Services

Dear School Community,

Thanks so much to everyone at your school, who's contributed to our Gateway Family Services Food Drive this year.

We've packed lots of boxes of food for families doing it tough, to make Christmas a bit brighter.

We couldn't do it all without the support of the local schools and preschools.

Thanks, and hope you all have a good Christmas.

Heather Gwilliam
Volunteer Hamper Coordinator.



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