Term 1 – Week 4

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60  
Textbooks – $40 per student  
Swimming Carnival (Primary only) - $10

*Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments*

What’s Happening

Term 1

Week 6  
8\textsuperscript{th} Mar.  
Disco, K-2 – 4.30 to 6pm, Yrs 3-6 – 6-7.30pm

Week 7  
11\textsuperscript{th} Mar.  
District Swimming Carnival

Week 9  
28\textsuperscript{th} Mar.  
School Photos  
29\textsuperscript{th} Mar.  
Good Friday
Value of the Week – Enthusiasm

I am practising enthusiasm when I:

- look forward to something eagerly;
- have a positive attitude;
- do things wholeheartedly and
- look on the bright side.

Story Time

Family Gateway Services invite preschoolers to a Story Time session at 2.30pm on the 28th February in the school hall.

It is a lovely idea for those children waiting for older siblings and please feel free to invite neighbours with little ones to come along and listen to a story as well.

Waiting for Children

It is lovely to see our children interacting in the school setting and chatting to parents in the afternoon is a wonderful way to develop friendships within the school community.

The last fifteen minutes of the day can be a very busy time with children organising bags, personal items, homework and notes to go home. Teachers at this time are often giving many instructions or the class has reached down time where they are listening to a story and need quiet.

Lots of voices outside a classroom can be very distracting for children and teacher.

Please, continue to enjoy afternoon chats - they are important, however it would be greatly appreciated if conversations could take place well away from classrooms, for example at the front of the school, between the office and garden area adjacent to the library or the seated area where students have their morning tea and lunch.

Thank you kindly for your understanding.

Disco

The children are invited to a Disco on Friday 8th March in the school hall.

Kindergarten to Year 2 attend from 4.30pm to 6pm

Years 3 to 6 attend from 6pm to 7.30.

Cost $3.50.

Year 6 to Year 7

We are working closely with Blaxland High staff to improve strategies for the transition of Year 6 students to Year 7. Mr Foye and Mr Ellwood will be joining Blaxland High teachers on a sharing day on Friday 8th March.

District Swimming Carnival

Students who have qualified will attend the District Carnival on Monday 11th March.

Students and parents are informed of requirements by Mrs Shaw.

Good luck everyone and have a great day of fun.

Safety Issues

Dogs in School Grounds

As a person who loves dogs I understand how happy little people are to see their loyal and loving four legged friends waiting happily to greet them after the school day.

I also understand that no parent would ever bring a dog to school that represented a threat to anyone let alone children.

The Department of Education and Communities recently released a policy on Dogs in schools. The guidelines are restrictive and as a result I have to ask parents to refrain from bringing their dog into the school.

I thank you for your understanding and support.

Staff Carpark

We ask parents not to park in the staff parking area. The area is out of bounds for students and there have been situations where preschoolers have run behind staff cars whilst staff have been leaving.

Some of our staff work different hours or some staff need to leave for meetings so we often have cars entering and leaving at all times.

Please, as an issue of safety, ensure your car or child does not enter the school carpark.

Thank you for helping to keep our little ones safe.

Kiss and Drop Zone

The school has received a complaint from the bus company in regards to picking up and dropping off students. While we have a ‘Kiss and Drop Zone’ the bus takes priority. The bus must be able to access the school and leave without additional delay in order to maintain timetables.

Unfortunately, there also appears to have been issues with the bus unnecessarily blocking the driveway to the Visitors’ Carpark. This certainly does not help the situation and the school will follow up with the bus company.

It is hoped we can overcome these issues so that everyone is able to access the front of the school without undue stress and frustration and our children can be safe coming and going from school.

Thank you for your support.
‘My School Lunch Box’ is a local Springwood business offering great lunch options, online ordering and free delivery. The service is available to the students, staff and volunteers in our school community each day. A hard copy of the menu and instructions has been sent home to all families. Should you wish to utilise this service, please go to the following link:

www.myschoollunchbox.com.au

Don’t forget to sign up before logging in and also remember to add your child’s name.

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**Student Awards**

**Term 1 Weeks 2 & 3**

**Ms Kerr**
Woody S – reading very well in groups
Jazmyn W-B – excellent rhyming work
Mitch F – excellent application to his work
Alexanna G-T – settling in well

**APs Award**
Samantha E – being a reliable helper in class
Leonard N – being a reliable class member
**VIPS**
Leonard S, Matilda W, Isaac M, Jazmyn W-B

**Mrs Hayes**
Noah A – settling in beautifully at Blaxland
Natalia M – settling in beautifully at Blaxland
Jessica McA – great journal writing
Mia J – super reading

**APs Award**
Lochlan A – always being a very reliable class member
Clair B – being a reliable helper
**VIPS**
Dylan N, Talia L

**Mrs Shaw**
Elijah B – being a lovely new member of our class
Nersess M – being a lovely new member of our class
Jordan F – a great start to the year
Lily S – a wonderful effort in Spelling

**APs Award**
Austin M - Reliability

**VIPS**
Cameron H, Freya C, Caitlyn L, Cooper H, Zali D, Isabella M

**Mrs Palmer/Mrs Connors**
Terri D – wonderful work in Spelling
Jack W – his beautiful manners and hardworking attitude
Ashton VP – beautiful work presentation
Sophia KdeB – her positive attitude towards her work

**APs Award**
Adrian S-N – Reliability

**VIPS**
Grace S, Sebastian N, Eli B, David R

**Mr Ellwood**
Aarin P – excellent effort with all work
Kate S – beautiful Art
Matthew S – insightful answers

**APs Award**
Caitlin C – Reliability
Jarmira B - Reliability

**VIPS**
Matthew S, Chanel C, Hayden M, Greta M, Savannah H, Kate S

**Mr Foye**
Lucy W – wonderful research assignment
Angus C – great start to Year 5
Jonny M – wonderful start to the school year
Amber C – a positive attitude to schoolwork

**APs Award**
Schae F – Reliability
Emerald H - Reliability

**VIPS**
Tara M, Brad D, Peter P, Ruby H