Term 1 – Week 6

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $40 per student – final payment due 28/3/13
5/6 Canberra Excursion - $50 deposit due 28/3/13

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments

What’s Happening

Week 7
11th Mar. District Swimming Carnival

Week 9
26th Mar. School Photos
29th Mar. Good Friday

Week 10
1st April Easter Monday
2nd April Autism Awareness – Mufti Day (Blue) Gold Coin Donation

Week 11
9th April ANZAC Service
12th April School Safety Day
12th April Last Day Term 1

Term 2

Week 1
29th April Staff Development Day
30th April Students Return
Value of the Week - Honesty
I am practising honesty when I:

- say what I mean and mean what I say;
- make promises I can keep;
- tell the truth tactfully;
- admit my mistakes; and
- refuse to lie, cheat and steal.

Library News

Hooray!
Our Earn and Learn goodies have arrived. Look at what we got with our points. Well done Blaxland community!

Luddenham Show
Our thanks to the Callinan family for their generosity of thought and time in entering some of the extraordinary results of Mrs Connors and her students' vegetable gardens.

The students won first prizes for their exhibits of one very large squash and a collection of not less than six vegetables, a second prize for two pumpkins and a highly commended for three zucchini.

Thank you to Shop Sense at Warragamba. They were so impressed with the school's efforts that they have donated their two prize vouchers of $10.00 each to the school.

Annual Swimming Carnival
A great day was had by all at our Swimming Carnival. The weather was ideal for swimming and the children were enthusiastic and very well behaved.

The carnival ran so well that we actually had time to have a free swim at the end of the day.

Ours thanks must go to the Blaxland High School students for their assistance during the day. Not a bad day's work when you can get a couple of swims in!

We had an over-whelming response from parents who had offered their support. A big thank you to all of you – without your help the children would not have had their well earned free swim.

Thank you also to Mrs Jamieson, Mr Foye (he makes a great "A" Team lifesaver), Mrs Connors and Mr Ellwood.

The District Swimming Carnival will be held at Glenbrook Swimming Pool on Monday 11th March. Good luck to our competitors!

Swimming Champions 2013

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CONGRATULATIONS
District Swimming Carnival
Students who have qualified will attend the District Carnival on Monday 11th March.
Students and parents have been informed of requirements by Mrs Shaw.
Good luck everyone and have a great day of fun.

Year 6 to 7 Transition Program
Mr Foye and Mr Ellwood will attend a meeting with Blaxland High staff on Friday 15th March.
The meeting will involve other Year 6 teachers from the lower Blue Mountains and teachers from the High School who will be working towards transitioning Year 6 students to Year 7 next year.

School Photos
Our school photos are organised for Thursday 28th March.
Debbie, our office manager, would be very grateful if envelopes with payments could be returned by Friday 22nd March please. This gives Debbie time to organise class bundles and class and family photos lists for the photographers.
Students are required to wear full school summer uniform. It would be lovely if we could have all our girls in their dresses please.
Black school shoes form part of school uniform requirements.
Black sneakers are quite acceptable and minimise purchase costs involved in sports shoes for one day a week.
We do ask, however, that shoe laces are also black.

Text Books
Payments are due please. If you have any difficulties please speak to Debbie in the office who can offer alternative arrangements.

Long Service Leave
I will be on Long Service Leave from Tuesday 12th March, up to and including Tuesday 26th March. My daughter is getting married and it is time for me to concentrate on just being mum.
I know the school is in excellent hands with Mr Foye, Mr Zoglmeier and our wonderful staff.
Thank you for your understanding.

The World’s Greatest Shave - Mufti Day
Some of our students and parents have been inspired to shave off or colour their hair to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. On Thursday the 14th of March at 11.30 am Kieran O’Toole (Yr 4), Ashton van Putten (Yr 4), Isobel O’Toole (Y2) and a parent Kim O’Toole will be shaving or colouring their hair to raise money in honour of Connor Ansell. Connor has played soccer with Kieran and Ashton for a number of years and was diagnosed with Leukaemia just before Christmas. Kieran and Ashton came up with the idea to support their friend Connor and help others with Leukaemia by shaving off their hair.
If you would like to sponsor them log on to The World's Greatest Shave Website http://worldsgreatestshave.com/ and enter the team name “Inspired by Connor” then click on their names.
Blaxland Public School is supporting these brave people by having a Mufti Day on the 14th of March. All students wearing mufti will need to bring in a gold coin donation on the day. The money raised will be donated to The World's Greatest Shave.

Student Awards
Term 1 Weeks 4 & 5

Ms Kerr
Ellie H – pleasing effort in all areas
Byron M – pleasing effort in all areas
Samantha G – pleasing persistence with all tasks
Isaac D – improved word recognition in Reading

APs Award
Woody S – being an enthusiastic class member
Ethan H – learning to trust himself and accept that making mistakes is okay

VIPS
Hudson F-E, Ethan H, Ellie H, James M

Mrs Hayes
Riley J – trying hard to learn new concepts in Maths
Mikayla A – trying hard to learn new concepts in Maths

APs Award
Miranda P – being a very trustworthy student

VIPS
Harrison S, Jenny C

Friday, 8 March 2013
Mrs Shaw
Loretta K – always trying hard
Hamish B – fantastic work during Literacy Groups
Tilly M – outstanding work presentation
Joel D – excellent participation in all areas

APs Award
Georgia H – Enthusiasm
Isobel O’T - Trust

VIPs
Jordan F, Jed F, Tom M, Alistair B

Mrs Palmer/Mrs Connors
Andrew G – his positive attitude towards his learning
Alison D – her enthusiasm for learning
Daniel S – for a beautifully presented project about ‘Cyclone Tracey’
Eli B – for a great mini project about ‘mosquitoes’

APs Award
Rhiana S – Enthusiasm
Alison D - Trust

VIPs
Angelina D, Oscar A, Andrew G, Shanee R

Mr Ellwood
Caitlin C – excellent understanding of proverbs
Samantha H – excellent publishing
Alec T-W – fabulous work in Drama
Izaak S – excellent listening skills

APs Award
Olivia C – Enthusiasm
Paige J - Trust

VIPs

Mr Foye
Jayden E – wonderful organising of our Induction Ceremony
Khye N-H – wonderful organising of our Induction Ceremony
Samantha L – trying hard with all aspects of her school work
Dylan F – caring for others

APs Award
Elisabeth S – Enthusiasm
Tara B - Trust

VIPs
Torban H, Josh B, Alyssa L, Lucy M

University of NSW Primary Competitions

Each year Primary (3-6) students have the opportunity to enter the University of NSW Maths, English and Science Competitions.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report.

If you would like your child to enter any or all of the competitions, please complete the slip below and return it with payment to the school office by Friday 22nd March.

Yours sincerely
Kerrie Palmer

University of NSW Primary Competitions

I would like my child ___________________________ to enter the following competition/s.

☐ Science Competition $8.80
☐ Maths Competition $8.80
☐ English Competition $8.80

Signed parent/Guardian ___________________________

Date _______________