Term 2 – Week 2

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $40 per student overdue
5/6 Canberra Excursion - $50 deposit overdue
Term 1 Craft - $10 overdue

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments

What’s Happening

Term 2

Week 3
14th May NAPLAN
15th May NAPLAN
16th May NAPLAN

Week 4
21st May Interschool Chess Challenge – Years 5 & 6
24th May District Cross Country

Week 7
10th June Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
14th June Walkathon
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.

LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL 2013
INFORMATION SHEET

Date: Friday May 24th, 2013 (Week 4), 10am
Venue: Sydney International Regatta Centre (Penrith Lakes). Enter through gate A and proceed to car park behind the main stand.
Distance: Juniors 2000m (8/9yrs and 10s)
           Seniors 3000m (11yrs and 12/13s)
Competitors: 6 per race
Ages: Age refers to the age the child will be on 31/12/13
Dress: Each competitor must be dressed in school sports uniform and be wearing a tag with Name and Date of Birth. No district shirts please.
Transport: Parents are to organise transport for their children to the Regatta Centre. If you are unable to organise private transport for your child please let the school know and we will try to make alternative arrangements for your child.
Area Carnival: the Sydney West Area cross country will be held at the Regatta Centre on Friday 14th June, 2013. The top four runners in each race will combine with the top four runners from the upper mountains carnival to represent Blue Mountains at the Area carnival.
Wet weather: There will be NO cancellations for wet weather. The audience is seated under cover. Please advise children to bring a change of clothes if the weather looks unkind!
Officials: Mrs Jamieson and a teacher will attend the carnival.

Holey Dollar Presentation, 12pm - 20th May
Students will be presented with a 'Holey ' Dollar to celebrate the 'Crossing of the Blue Mountains on Monday 20th May at 12pm in the school hall.
Parents are welcome to join us for this assembly.

Mothers' Day
Thank you to all our wonderful support network in our community who have worked hard to ensure there have been lovely gifts, wrapped and ready for students to surprise mum with on Mothers' Day.
It is wonderful that we are able to put smiles on children’s faces and excitement in their hearts.
Thank you kindly for all your efforts.
To our ‘mums’, have a fabulous day on Sunday, enjoy in the celebration where everyone comes together to say - ‘thank you for all the loving things you do every day of the year !’ , you deserve it.

A note will be sent home from Mrs Shaw with students attending the carnival.
Good luck everyone.
Have a fabulous day!

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Good luck everyone and please don't worry.
Remember, it is just one of many assessments that you will be involved in throughout your school years and one test does not define what you are capable of.

The Crossing of the Blue Mountains - A Play
On Thursday, 8th May we were very fortunate to be the audience for a well scripted play about the crossing of the mountains. It was extremely well written and presented, keeping our school mesmerized for 45 minutes.
The children were also very lucky to meet a descendent of one of our pioneers; Jessica Blaxland.
A truly great experience.

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P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting is on Monday 13 May, at 7.30 pm, in the staffroom. The agenda is below. We very much hope to see you there!

Agenda: 13 May 2013
1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the previous meeting
4. Business arising from the previous meeting minutes
5. Correspondence
6. Business arising from the correspondence
7. Reports:
   · President’s report
   · Principal’s report
   · Treasurer’s report
   · Funding grants committee report
8. General business:
   · Ethics classes
   · IPADS for Classrooms
   · Wi Fi or the three main teaching blocks
   · Events and activities updates and progress reports
9. Close

The Kitchen Garden and Greta
Mrs Connors shares her knowledge and passion of sustainable gardening with our students and we are very grateful for the care taking role she has engaged in with our gardens.

Because the produce is not treated with insecticides of any kind the children are encouraged to pick the strawberries and other produce to eat.

A note from a parent
I thought you might like to see Greta’s success in cooking the spaghetti squash from the BPS garden! A first for our family and we thought it was yummy! Thanks Mrs Connors!

OC Placement
Year 5 opportunity class placements for 2014 application are now open on line and may be accessed at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement.

Paper application forms are available at the front office for parents unable to access the online applications.

Information provided on paper application forms will be scanned. It is imperative that no information is crossed out or removed with whiteout. If an error is made a new application form will need to be completed.

Applications, whether completed online or on paper will close on Friday 17 May 2013.

Dates to note:
17 May 2013: Closing date for online applications and paper application forms lodged with schools
24 July 2013: Opportunity Class Placement Test (Venue to be advised)

PSSA Soccer
The boys fought valiantly, but unfortunately didn't make the finals. Their sportsmanship was exemplary. 5 boys from the team have been selected to try out for the Sydney West team including our Tom W. Congratulations Tom!

Library News
Hi Everyone,
We are collecting earn and learn points from Woolies again this year. Keep an eye out for the stickers and our school’s box down at Emu Plains. You can also collect the stickers and ask your child to put them into the box in the foyer at school. You can also collect more sheets from school.
Last year our community did a fantastic job of bringing in the stickers and sheets. Here’s a picture of the amazing things the teachers could order from your points. It was a bit like Christmas. Well done everyone.

Mrs Hall

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Premier’s Reading Challenge
Well done Year 1 for being the first in the school to complete the challenge.

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Euroka Children’s Centre
Vacancies available in the 2-3 room.
Please phone: 02 47393688
website: www.euroka.org.au

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WINTER HAS ARRIVED
School beanie and scarf sets
$15
available at the front office

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Student Awards
Term 1 Week 11, Term 2 Week 1

Mrs Lees
Ben T – excellent work and manners in class
Elle M – excellent work and manners in class
Lucy C – excellent attitude and work in class
Jacob M – excellent attitude and work in class
APs Award
Annabel B – Responsibility
Elle M – Consideration
VIPs
Roary E, Lana T, Kynan L, Rachel L

Mr Zoglmeeyer
Rohan D – wonderful attention in groups
Lillian M – neat and careful work
Claudia K – outstanding presentation of all work
Molly G – persisting in all tasks
APs Award
Eloise K – Responsibility
Rohan D – Consideration
VIPs
Amerie O, Molly G, Alexander W, Rhys C

Ms Kerr
Elli H – writing journals independently
Jazmyn W-B – attempting spelling in journal writing
Ethan H – excellent discussion contributions
Austin L – always putting in a big effort
APs Award
Byron M – looking after the classroom equipment
Hartley K – consideration of classmates feelings
VIPs
Eloise K, Ethan H, Alexanna G-T, Samantha E, Byron M

Mrs Hayes
Talia L – amazing singing and dancing talent
Miranda P – being a studious and well-behaved student at all times
Mia J – bravery in trying and doing so well in cross country
Finn A – really picking up in reading skills
APs Award
Kate T – Responsibility
Taleah V – trying to be a considerate person
VIPs
Claire B, Riley J, Mikalya A, Lily G-T, Jessica M, Lochlan A

Mrs Shaw
Frey C – always working hard and having lovely manners and behaviour
Cameron H – trying hard to improve work habits
Isobel O’T – always being a happy and enthusiastic member of our class
Zachery C – great listening in class
APs Award
Tom M – being a very responsible student
Frey C – being a very considerate student
VIPs
Joel D, Nersess M – Week 10
Elijah B, Tilly M – Week 11
Thomas L, Loretta K

Mrs Palmer/Mrs Connors
Claire H – her positive attitude towards her learning
Rhiana S – her high level of effort in all her work
Angelina D – great effort in Spelling
Phoebe R – her creative work in Writing
APs Award
Jack W – Responsibility
Max P – Consideration
VIPs
Nicholas M, Molly G, Eli B, Ashton V-P

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Friday, 10 May 2013
Mr Ellwood
Kate S – her beautiful handwriting
Lachlan M – sensible and consistent work in class
Paige J – a great mini unit about the ANZACs
Adriana F – a big welcome to your new school

APs Award
Caitlin C – responsible attitude
Caitlin C – consideration in all school activities

VIPs
Samantha H, Niamh A, Jarmira B, Caitlin C

Mr Foye
Hayden M – enthusiasm in pottery
Tom W – outstanding Chinese Food presentation
Josh B – wonderful classroom manners
Sophie H – perseverance and enthusiasm

APs Award
Jayden E – Responsibility
Schae F – Consideration

VIPs
Lachlan R, Emerald H, Amber C, Khye N-H

What is My School Lunch Box?
A locally owned and operated business that offers lunch and snack options that fit with the teaching of a healthy lifestyle at Blaxland Public School.

In 2013, this service is being offered at the following schools: Blaxland Public School; Leura Public School; Faulconbridge Public School; Ellison Public School; St Thomas Aquinas; Blue Mountains Grammar Prep School; Castlereagh Public School.

How is it different from a school canteen?
My School Lunch Box menu items are prepared off-site in a commercial kitchen by professional caterers and delivered to school on designated days. Orders and payment are conducted online, removing the need to send orders and/or money to school with your child.

Does My School Lunch Box meet the appropriate food preparation standards?
The owner/operator of My School Lunch Box meets all requirements to prepare food for sale. She holds a current Handling Supervisors Certificate and is licensed with The Food Authority. The kitchen has also passed inspections carried out by the Blue Mountains City Council and has the required insurances. The Principal holds a copy of all relevant documentation.

When is the service offered?
My School Lunch Box will continue to be provided every day through Term 2.

How do I place my order?
Go to www.myschoollunchbox.com.au/sign-up.asp, sign up with the service by creating a profile and answering some simple questions, then place your order (don’t forget you name, please). Payment for orders is up-front, and can be made by Visa, Mastercard or Paypal.

Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.

The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.

First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!

For you chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland


Friday, 10 May 2013
How does my children get their lunch?
Orders will be delivered just prior to lunch to the school in ice filled coolers boxes. These boxes will be delivered to the office and distributed from there.

How do I find out more details?
Everything you need to know, including the current menu, is on their website:
www.myschoollunchbox.com.au
Click on the About Us and More Info tabs.

What if I do not have access to a computer or Internet?
As this is a web based service, you can ask a friend with access to place an order for you. They can even create a separate user name and profile for your family.

How do I communicate feedback on My School Lunch Box?
My School Lunch Box encourages feedback via email info@myschoollunchbox.com.au

In May, the Blue Mountains will host an exciting program of events to commemorate the historic Bicentenary of the Crossings. The Blue Mountains community is invited and encouraged to be a part of this significant occasion.

The period between May 2013-2015 marks the bicentenary of the first recorded European crossing of the Blue Mountains in 1813 and the subsequent impact of the road, and then European settlement, on the people and country of the Darug and Gundungarra peoples of the mountains and the Wiradjuri people of the West.

These events have shaped the Blue Mountains, Sydney, NSW and the Nation. The bicentenary of the Crossings is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of this shared history and a wonderful way to celebrate the unique place we live in today.

For information on Bicentenary events, activities and history, visit
bluemountainscrossings.com.au