Term 3 – Week 2

**Permission Notes and Payments Due**

- **Voluntary Contribution** - $40 student or family $60
- **Textbooks** – $40 per student *overdue please pay*
- **5/6 Canberra Excursion** - $50 deposit *overdue please pay*
- **Term 1 Craft** - $10 *overdue please pay*
- **Cartoonist Visit** - $5.00 + note
- **Athletics Carnival** - $10 + note

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

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**What’s Happening**

**Term 3**

**Week 3**
29th July  
P & C Meeting 7.30pm, Staffroom
2nd Aug.  
K-2 Athletics Carnival, at school

**Week 4**
5th Aug.  
Athletics Carnival (Primary), Tom Hunter Park
6th Aug.  
Interrelate – 6.00pm & 7.15pm
9th Aug.  
Open Day

**Week 5**
13th Aug.  
Maths Competition
15th Aug.  
Cartoonist – Dave Hackett

**Week 6**
23rd Aug.  
Featherdale Excursion, K-2 – notes home soon
District Athletics
Value of the Week – Patience
I am practising patience when I:

- am willing to wait for things I want;
- set goals and persevere until they are met;
- tolerate mistakes being made;
- calmly tolerate a delay or confusion and accept things I cannot change with humour and grace.

Love and Best Wishes
Life sometimes sends us challenges in different ways. We have two very brave staff members whom we care for currently facing their own challenges. We pray that the treatment for both Mrs Chamberlin, our school counselor, and Mrs Connors is effective and successfully restores them to good health. We hold Mrs Chamberlin in our hearts as she receives treatment for cancer.

Mr and Mrs Connors would like you to know that while they are unsure of the outcome, the prognosis is positive. The Neurosurgeon is hopeful that the tumour, located close to the part of the brain that controls speech, will be successfully removed. We send our love and best wishes to our friends and their families.

We also ask for your understanding at this time. We welcome Gail Sunderland, relieving for Mrs Chamberlin and thank Mrs Sealy for supporting Mrs Connors’ many initiatives in our school.

Newsletter
Parents may access to newsletter via email or the school website.
If you currently do not receive an emailed copy of the newsletter and wish to you can log on to the website at: www.blaxland-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
and click on ‘Newsletters and Notes’ in the top menu bar. This will direct you to

Newsletters
Click here to subscribe to receive the newsletter via email and view past copies.

Follow the directions and you will automatically receive the school newsletter by email each fortnight.

Emailing Notes Home
We are trialing sending notes home by email in order to ensure parents receive notes that sometimes go astray.
Training is now in place for staff to upload notes to the website which will be another avenue for parents to access notes.
We will continue to send hard copies of notes home for the time being.

Chess Competition
Our Chess team had a wonderful day of chess last Tuesday. Mrs Symonds you are always sunny, smiling, positive and reassuring. We really appreciate you being there. Thank you for transporting children and spending the day supporting us.
Thank you to the students who attended. Your manners made you role models for other students attending to emulate. You listened quietly and attentively when the organisers were talking and giving instructions and played with courtesy. Of special mention was the impressive attitude of our students when faced with a close game that required adjudication due to time constraints.
Well done everyone – you were terrific; a joy to spend the day with.

Head Lice
We have an ongoing problem with head lice. As a teacher and a parent of a child who consistently seemed to be enticing for the lice I sincerely understand the frustration and distress this ongoing situation occurs.
I ask that all parents check their child’s hair. Lice can be difficult to see and appear as transparent and shiny attachments to the hair.
If your child requires treatment the pharmacist will be able to advise you a course of treatment over a two week period.
I encourage students to wear hats all day, including in class. Hopefully, this may minimise difficulties. Teachers will explain to students that there will be no problems if they elect to wear hats in class.

P&C Meeting
The P&C invite all parents to join them for a meeting on 29th July at 7.30pm in the Office Staffroom.
On the agenda is school uniform.

NSW University English Competition
Students in Years 3 to 6 who previously elected to participate in the program will sit for the paper on Wednesday 31st July at 9.30am.
Ms Jamieson will be the supervising teacher.

Planet Ark
K – 6 students will be involved in planting trees and managing gardens on Thursday 1st August.
It would be appreciated if students bring a pair of gardening gloves and a plastic bag for weeds.

K – 2 Athletics Carnival
Students Kindergarten to Year 2 will participate in an athletics carnival at school on Friday 2nd August.
Parents are very welcome to join us on the day.
Notes were sent out on Thursday 25th July.
Additional notes may be accessed via the school website or in the front office.
Years 3 to 6 Athletics Carnival
Students in Years 3 to 6 will participate in an athletics carnival at Tom Hunter Park on Monday 5th August.
Parents are very welcome to join us on the day.
Notes were sent out on Friday 19th July.
Additional notes may be accessed via the school website or in the front office.
In the event of wet weather the back-up date is Friday 16th August.

Interrelate
Family Evening Program  Tuesday 6th August
Session 1: ‘Where did I come from?’ at 6pm
Session 2: ‘Preparing for puberty’ at 7.15pm
Where: Blaxland Public School Hall
Expected Cost: $27.50 a family for one session
$33.00 a family for two sessions
We do have a minimum cost charge of $350 to run both sessions. Hopefully we will have 10 to 14 families booking which will hold costs as expected.
Payments: Interrelate requires payment from the school by Tuesday 30th July so we ask that you forward payment to Deb in the Office by Monday 5th August.

The programs:
‘Where did I come from?’
This is a program for Years 3,4,5,6 and Parents.
Key Focus
- Develop students’ understanding of male and female reproductive systems, conception, foetal development and birth
- Discuss different ways children can join families, e.g. adoption, fostering, blended families
- Facilitate parent-child discussions

‘Preparing for puberty’
This is a program for Years 5 & 6 and Parents.
Key Focus
- Develop students’ understanding of the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for boys & girls
- Facilitate parent-child discussions

The program has been very successful in the past with parents indicating that the outcomes were excellent for their family.
Warrimoo parents are very welcome to attend the course too.

Open Day
Please come and join us for ‘Open Day’ on Friday 9th August.
Classrooms are open for family and friends from 10.00am.
The program for the day is attached to the newsletter for your convenience.
Hope you are able to make it.

Medical Forms
The Department of Education and Communities has made some additions to the current medical information forms for students with medical conditions.
If your child has a medical condition as listed on our current system you will receive a note in the mail to complete and return to school.
If you do not receive a medical form and your child has an existing medical condition or has recently been diagnosed and the school needs to be informed you may:
- contact the school and we will forward a hard copy to you or
- download a copy from the school website. The note can be accessed through; www.blaxland-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
‘Newsletters and Notes’
‘New ERN Medical Information Notes’ July 2013
We thank you for your support in helping us to improve the information system that helps us to ensure your child’s welfare.

Rotary
We have been very blessed to have been involved with some wonderful initiatives of Rotary.
Currently Rotary has invited schools to submit the name of a student who has behaved selflessly at school, at home and in the broader community.
We would love to hear about any of our students who are engaged in community service by Tuesday 6th August.
Staff will make their determination on Thursday August 7th.
Rotary require our nomination by Saturday 10th August.
On Tuesday 10th September at 6.30pm at the Leonay Golf Club Rotary will present a youth award for “Service Above Self”.

Payments
We would like to thank parents for the wonderful responses to meeting financial obligations. It is very much appreciated by the school and has made Deb’s work in the office less stressful.
Often the school has major activities happening at a time when the children’s out of school activities also require payments. When you put these demands together with living costs we know that it can become a challenge.
Please, if there is a time where you experience difficulty it is important to us to be able to support you in some way in order to ensure no child misses out on something special in their learning due to hardship.
In the event you need to contact us, matters are regarded as confidential.
Contact Mrs Smith, the principal, your child’s teacher or the person you feel most comfortable approaching in order to see what arrangements we may be able to put into place.
Winmalee Cup News

On Friday 21st June the senior soccer team participated in the Winmalee Plate. Leigh Banks, our coach, trained us and prepared us well for the occasion. The first team we played against was Warrimoo, then Ellison and then Mt Riverview. We made it into the grand final where we played Ellison and won 3 – 1. The senior soccer team won the tournament. Well played team!

Khye and Angus

On Friday 21st June the senior netball team participated in the Winmalee Cup. Our team was successful. We had an amazing team of talented players. Mrs Connors was a great coach! Thanks to Tara we won every toss. We had some amazing shooters who got 99% of goals in. Our attack and defence was exceptional. All of our team’s hard work paid off in the end because we won the Grand Final!!

Tara, Elizabeth and Amber

Congratulations to the junior netball team who trained hard and played their best on the day.

Thank you to Mrs Van Putten for her help and great coaching of the junior soccer team.

Student Awards

Term 3 Week 2

Mrs Lees
Lawrence N – taking care with his work
Kiara E – trying hard in reading groups

APs Award
Myles P - Patience
VIPs
Lucy C, Christopher S

Mr Zoglmeier
Jasi S – excellent focus and attention in class
Rhiana M-M – neat work in Writing

APs Award
Lillian M - Patience
VIPs
Rhiana M-M, Jasi S

Mrs Ellwood
Matilda W – excellent work in Writing
Austin L – excellent work in Reading

APs Award
Isaac D – improved patience with others
VIPs
Hartley K, Alexanna G-T

Mrs Hayes
Harrison S - being pleasant and happy on the walkathon
Jennifer C – always having a go

APs Award
Dylan N – always being a patient class member
VIPs
Charlotte B, Noah S

Mrs Shaw
Jordan F – enthusiasm in class
Elijah B – lovely manners at all times

APs Award
Kayleigh - Patience
VIPs
Jed F, Zali D

Mrs Palmer/Mrs Connors
Maxwell P – consistently excellent handwriting
Grace S – a great group leader for her play

APs Award
Andrew G – patient and caring with his class
VIPs
Phoebe R, Nadia P

Mr Ellwood
Great M – maintaining a high standard in all her work
Luke T – increased involvement in Maths

APs Award
Zhalia F - Patience
VIPs
Adriana F, Samantha L

Mr Foye
Jonny M – School Service
Lachlan R – School Service

APs Award
Isaac F – displaying patience with others
VIPs
Tara M, Amber C

Friday, 26 July 2013
When kids ask “the” questions . . Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate’s high quality sexuality and relationship education program is coming to your school! With more than 85 years’ experience in this field, Interrelate has a reputation for providing excellence in sexuality and relationship education. Today over 35,000 students and family members participate in Interrelate school and family programs each year.

Many parents find it hard to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality education . . . We know how to ‘help break the ice’. Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. Our fully trained and experienced educators, who adhere to a strict code of ethics, conduct the program.

Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”
1 hour – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females. This session extends their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”
1 hour – Years 5 & 6
This session helps to prepare children and rents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. Information is also presented on menstruation and wet dreams.

You and your child will benefit from the information presented in this program. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive. What parents have said about us:

“The educator has a great way of putting things simply”
“Provided me with a solid foundation”
“Covered areas I hadn’t thought of talking about”
“Entertaining and informative”

Where: Blaxland Public School
When: Tuesday, 6th August 2013
Time: 6.00 pm SHARP (“Where Did I Come From?”)

7.15 pm (“Preparing for Puberty”)

Cost: 1 Session: $27.50 per family
2 Sessions: $33 per family

Please Note: Speciality books are available for purchase on the night.

Please return to school

Name of Family: ………………………..
Number Attending: _______________________
☐ Session 1: “Where Did I Come From?”
☐ Session 2: “Preparing for Puberty”
Amount Enclosed: $……………………
☐ Cash
Cheque
(please make cheques payable to school)

BLAXLAND HIGH SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO A
CHORAL CONCERT
IN THE
PERFORMANCE ARTS CENTRE
Tuesday July 30th
COMMENCING AT 7pm and concluding at 9pm
$10.00 adult
$5.00 student/concession
My School Lunch Box continues to provide their service every day through Term 2.

**How do I place my order?**

Go to [www.myschoollunchbox.com.au/sign-up.asp](http://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.


Click on the **About Us** and **More Info** tabs.

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**DRAWING CLASSES FOR KIDS**

New Wednesday afternoon class starting this term for beginners

Suitable for 7-13 year olds

Classes held at Faulconbridge Public


Limited places, bookings essential

For more info phone Vanessa:

**4758-8030**

Vanessa Joret has been teaching art classes to kids and adults in the Mountains for over 11 years