Term 4 – Week 8

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $40 per student **overdue please pay**
Term 4 Craft - $10 **overdue please pay**
Hairspray - $10 + note

*All outstanding payments should be finalised for the year ASAP please*

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments

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What’s Happening

Term 4

**Week 9**
1<sup>st</sup> Dec.  Hairspray@ Blaxland High School
2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.  Captains’ Speeches
3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.  High School Orientation
4<sup>th</sup> Dec.  Presentation Day

**Week 10**
10<sup>th</sup> Dec.  Fete Donations Mufti Day
10<sup>th</sup> Dec.  Band Party Day
11<sup>th</sup> Dec.  Year 6 Farewell
12<sup>th</sup> Dec.  Reports Home

**Week 11**
15<sup>th</sup> Dec.  Talent Quest
16<sup>th</sup> Dec.  Blue Gum Lodge Years 3-6
17<sup>th</sup> Dec.  **Students Last Day**

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Friday, 28 November 2014
**Value of the Week - Moderation**

I am practising moderation when I:

- take enough of what I need, no more, no less;
- know my own limits and set boundaries for myself;
- take care of my health;
- balance work and play in my life; and
- am content with enough.

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**Hairspray @ Blaxland High**

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will travel by bus to the high school on Monday 1st December to experience this fantastic musical. The cost is $10 to cover transport and tickets.

**High School Orientation**

Year 6 students transitioning to Blaxland High school are invited to an orientation morning on Wednesday 3rd December. The morning will begin at 9:00 am at Blaxland High. **Students are to arrange their own transportation to the High school.** Have a great day everyone!

**Presentation Day**

Please join us for Presentation Day on Thursday 4th December in the school hall. K - 2 at 9:15 am 3 – 6 at 10:00 am

We look forward to sharing the wonderful achievements of students with you.

**Infants Activity Day**

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 have an activity day on **Tuesday 16th December** to celebrate a wonderful year of learning. The school will provide recess and lunch on the day. More details to follow.

**Primary Activity Day**

Students on Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have the traditional excursion to Blue Gum Lodge at Springwood on **Tuesday the 17th December**. Children will take their recess and lunch. More information including permission note to follow shortly.

**Books in Homes**

The Rotary Club is a wonderful organization and has been supporting schools and our students with books for some time. Mr Geoff Valance will be at our school on the 1st December with a new delivery of books.

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**Year 6 Farewell**

It is that time of the year when we wish farewell to our wonderful Year 6 students. The Farewell is on Thursday 11th Dec in the school hall.

6:00 pm – Year six arrive for photos
6:30 pm – Dinner with staff
7:30 pm – Year 5 arrive for Dance
8:30 pm – Parents of Years 5 & 6 attend formal assembly and slideshow.

**Fete Donations – Mufti Day**

**Wednesday 10 Dec, 2014**

Donations are being taken for the **Blaxland PS Fete** to be held next year 2015. This is an opportunity for a pre-Christmas clean-out. Any clean, pre-loved items can be donated such as teddy bears, toys, school-aged appropriate books etc. Drinks such as bottled water, coke, lemonade and poppers (please check expiry dates) will be accepted. Please take all donations straight to the school hall on **Wednesday 10th December, 2014**. Class with the largest number of donations win a class surprise!

**School Swimming and Water Safety Program**

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program is a learn to swim and water safety program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival for students in Years 2 to 6. This year 30 students were in the program.

**Day 1 Freestyle Distance Benchmark**

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**Day 9 Freestyle Distance Benchmark**

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Our results were excellent and we are hoping that next year we can take all of Year 2 and Year 3.

A big thank you to the parents/grandparents who helped out with transport.

Friday, 28 November 2014
Congratulations Izaak
Izaak has placed first overall for the year, winning the 85cc 9-U12 division at Lower Mountains Motocross Club. Izaak and his sister Rhiana also race at Blacktown Mini Bike Club, which Izaak has also taken home 2 first places at competitions between all of the clubs in the Sydney region. This is a huge achievement for Izaak this year as he has also had to overcome a fractured shoulder and finger surgery. Izaak and Mum & Dad are very proud!!

Congratulations Blaxland
Look at the amount of food that was donated to Gateway Family Services from our Christmas Appeal Mufti Day. The ladies at Gateway were thrilled to receive our donation of food and funds. Good on you Blaxland!

Just to let you know. We are still collecting food for the Christmas Appeal until its collection from the school on 5th December.

Fire Info Night
On Thursday night we had numerous speakers providing a wealth of information and ideas relating to bushfire preparation and planning. Guest speakers included the Mayor, Mark Greenhill, David Brown (Principal Glenbrook PS), David Jones (RFS), Greg Wolf (Insurance Council, Alix Buckingham (School Counsellor), Emma Jamieson and Emma Husar chairing the Q and A session. Special thanks to the P&C executive for organizing the night.

Student Awards
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Mrs Lees
Isla W – a positive start in your new school
Cody L – a positive start in your new school

APs Award
Luke B - Friendliness

VIPs
Harry S, Lara H

Mr Zoglmeyer
James M – an excellent attitude in the classroom
Emily J – concentrating really hard during all maths lessons

APs Award
Myles P - Friendliness

VIPs
Ben T, Jasmine S

Mrs Shaw
Laurence N – great persuasive writing
Ellexus M – great persuasive writing

APs Award
Albie W - Friendliness

VIPs
Woody S, Lily O

Mrs Palmer
Georgia H – wonderful enthusiasm for learning
Tilly M - her positive attitude towards her work

APs Award
Kate T - Friendliness

VIPs
Caitlyn L, Kael L

Mr Ellwood
Jennifer C – great progress in Maths
Nersess M – caring about his work

APs Award
Anabella H - Friendliness

VIPs
Yvette M, Jed F

Mrs Ellwood
Adrian S-N – excellence across the curriculum
Angelina H – lovely dancing

APs Award
Lachlan M – his lovely manner

VIPs
Daniel S, Chloe S

Mr Foye
Tristan G – a stunning research assignment
Alison D – application to schoolwork

APs Award
Angus C - Friendliness

VIPs
Cameron H, Lara-Ann K
Gateway Family Services aims to provide hampers for 130 families in financial need this Christmas. They hope to give families hampers that will provide the basics for a Christmas lunch and some of the extras that they would not usually have. We also provide gifts for children u/16 years of age and for single people & couples.

This year we need help to provide 1 litre juice, savoury and sweet biscuits (shortbread is ideal), gravy, jelly, soft drink, cordial, coffee, tea bags (small packet), rice, tinned ham, tinned vegies, tinned fruit, UHT milk, UHT cream, UHT custard, snack foods (e.g. chips/savoury snacks) and toiletries.

We are in need of gifts for primary aged and early teenage children and we are in need of gifts for boys especially. Some suggestions are toiletries, books, games, beach towel.

If you would like you may donate money that we can use to purchase a gift. Donations over $2 are tax deductible-contact Gateway to arrange a Tax receipt. 47395963 (Kerry)

Please place all donated items in the box in the front foyer at School before 5th December.

Please support local families through our Christmas Food Appeal
We’d love to thank...

for their awesome and generous support for Spooky Family Fun Night!

And a huge thanks to all our spine-tingling volunteers!

We raised a massive $1200.00 Towards our playground