Term 1 – Week 6

Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $40 per student
School Dance Group, 3-4 & 5-6 - $5.00 + note
Craft - $40

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

What’s Happening

Term 1

Week 7
13th March  Selective High School test

Week 9
27th March  School Photos
28th March  Harmony Day

Week 11
9th April  Loose Change Coin Snake
10th April  ANZAC Day Service

Term 2

Week 1
29th April  Students Return
2nd May  School Cross Country, 9.30am
Value of the Week – Trust

I am practising trust when I:

• believe there is some good in everything that happens;
• trust others unless I have good reasons no to;
• know that my best is good enough;
• let trust take away my worries and
• don’t nag, worry, or try to take control.

More Convenient Way’s To Pay
Parents have more options on how to pay!

POP – Parent Online Payments.
Parents can now pay via the school’s web page.

[www.blaxland-p.schools.nsw.edu.au]

Students have been invoiced for the 2014 costs. Excursions and some performances will be invoiced later. Statements will be sent home each term informing parents of their account balance.

You can pay by the following methods
* Pay in full
* Pay by due date
* Pay $20.00 per fortnightly.

Payments accepted at school
POP - Parent online Payments
EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque

Payments now Due
Text Books $40 per student
Craft $40 per student
Voluntary Fees $40 /$60 per family
Athletics Carnival $12 years 3 to 6
Gymnastics $30 per student

Congratulations and Thank You
To Mrs Hammond, Mrs Ellwood, our wonderful swimmers and parents attending the District Carnival on Friday; thank you.
It was a cool and wet day which is never encouraging for a day at the pool. Attendees are congratulated for the great effort and energy they put into the day. Our swimmers performed very well across what was a very strong school group. Well done everyone! In our eyes you are all champions.

Year 6 Transition Program
Mr Frank Pasqua will be visiting Year 6 on Wednesday 12th March to begin the transition program to high school.

Selective High Tests
Students who have applied for selective high placement sit for their assessment on Tuesday 13th March. The testing centre will forward, if they have not done so already, the information required as to the testing centre and times.

School Markets
On Sunday the 9th March we will be hosting the markets in our school grounds. We hope you will be able to come and have a look around.

Market BBQ
The P&C will be organizing a roster for class parents to come along and help with the Market BBQs. Please keep an eye out for the forms that will be going home. If you can help out it would mean a lot to our hard working P&C and the school as a whole. It is a wonderful opportunity to gain some additional funds that can go towards resources for the students, such as readers, technology, sport, student welfare etc.

Uniform - Micro Fibre Track Pants
To help out with sizing the following sizing chart for Micro Fibre Track pants is as follows:
Size 4 6 8 10 12 14 S M L
Waist 47 51 55 59 63 67 70 73 76
Length 70 76 82 88 94 100 103 106 109

School Swimming Carnival
We had a beautiful day for our carnival on Friday 21st February – lovely weather and lots of eager faces!
Races went through steadily with the children trying their best while their classmates cheered them on. No records were broken but a wonderful day was had by all.
Congratulations Ruby, Mikalya, Lachlan, Austin, Isobel, Jed, Hamish, Freya, Callum, Sebastian, Callie, Shanee, Lachlan, Savannah, Tom, Niamh and Alison for qualifying for District!
Thank you parents and high school students for your help in making our carnival such a success.

Mrs Ellwood
School Photos
School photos are on Thursday 27th March. It would be appreciated if all students could be in their new school uniform for the day. Girls would wear their blue skirt, new blue shirt, white socks and black sneakers. Boys would be in their new blue shirt, blue shorts, white socks and black sneakers. Year 6, hopefully, will have their 2014 Year 6 shirts back by then and may wear them for photos.

Harmony Day
Students will participate in Harmony Day, a day of cultural respect and Appreciation, on Friday 28th March. The colour theme for the day is orange. Students are welcome to wear mufti, however, please ensure your child is in clothes that are considered sun smart such as T Shirts or dresses with short sleeves to protect shoulders as many of the activities are outside. Sneakers or closed in shoes are required to keep little (and the not so little) feet safe. Sunscreen is advisable. The Australian Government has a website for further information which can be accessed at http://www.harmony.gov.au/

Sun Safe
Sunscreen pump packs are to be placed in all classrooms for students to access prior to outdoor activities and play. Small wall mirrors will also be placed in classrooms for students to manage the use of sunscreen. Please help your child learn to use sunscreen on their face. Little hands often rub the cream in too close to sensitive eyes which becomes uncomfortable and problematic. Encourage your child to feel comfortable to put their own sunscreen on at school before going out to play, especially on days we know require lots of protection.

Allergy
If your child has an allergy to sunscreen or milk products sometimes found in sunscreen please advise your child’s teacher and the school in writing. In this case please ensure your child has their personal sunscreen to use.

Loose Change Fundraiser
The P&C has arranged a loose change fundraiser. Students will make a coin snake on Wednesday 9th April so please start collecting that loose change 😊

Anzac Day School Service
The school will participate in an Anzac Day Service on Thursday 10th April at 11.30am in the school hall. Parents are welcome to join us.

Anzac Day March
The school participates in the Anzac Day March at Glenbrook. School Captains represent the school in the march and it would be fabulous to have the support of the students of Blaxland Public School that are able to march on the day. The march assembles in front of IGA at Glenbrook at 10am.

Barn Dance
The P&C have arranged a Barn Dance for Saturday 5th April. We had originally planned to have the evening get together on the 15th March, however, time has rushed away and we would like to give parents the opportunity to add the event to the diary. The P&C will send notes out shortly with information for parents. It will be a lovely way to welcome new parents into our school community. If past history of our ‘get togethers’ is anything to go by it will be another fabulous P&C organised community event; lots of fun and lots of laughter getting to know each other.

Duty of Care
Just a reminder about our joint responsibility in keeping our children safe. As you are aware, when a child arrives late or leaves school early notification must be given to the school office staff.

Wednesday, 5 March 2014
Student Awards

Term 1  Weeks 5 & 6

Mrs Lees
Evie F – excellent work and manners in class
Ryley D – excellent work and manners in class
Mia H – excellent work and behaviour in class
Willem H – excellent work and behaviour in class

APs Award
Andie E – Enthusiasm
Abi W - Trust

VIPs

Mr Zoglmeyer
James M – wonderful application in class
Kynan L – great work in Mathematics
Rohan D – Great start to year 1
Myles Payens – outstanding work in Reading

APs Award
Molly G- Enthusiasm
Kiara E - Trust

VIPs
Angard P, Carlito G-P, Jacob V, Roary E

Mrs Shaw
Lawrence N – great work in Reading groups
Issac M – showing a mature attitude to learning
Isaac D – his enthusiastic approach to learning
Rhys C – great actions in singing

APs Award
Isaac D – being an enthusiastic student
Lily O – being a trustworthy member of our class

VIPs
Byron M, Albie W, Leonard N, Lana T

Mrs Palmer/Mrs Connors
Zachary C – an excellent oral re-telling
Ella H – great work in Spelling
Elijah B – responsible attitude to his learning
Isabella M – wonderful attitude to her work

APs Award
Loretta K- Enthusiasm
Freya C - Trust

VIPs
Zali D, Dylan N, Jordan F, Georgia H

Mr Ellwood
Cameron H – imaginative narrative
Charlotte B – wonderful draft writing
Tom M – a well presented BLW comic strip
Leo T – great work in all aspects of English

APs Award
Isobel O’T- Enthusiasm
Declan McD – Trust

VIPs
Anabella H, Austin M, Talia L, Charlotte B

Mrs Ellwood
Andrew G – excellent start to the year
Adrian S-N – excellent work habits
Lucy M – her positive attitude to all activities
Eli B – improved output of class work

APs Award
Theresa M – enthusiastic class member
Daniel S – being a trustworthy class member

VIPs
Madeline R, Issak S, Chloë S, Max P

Mr Foye
Terri D – an enthusiastic class member
Thomas M – wonderful application to all school tasks

APs Award
Karlie D – enthusiasm for learning
Natasha D - Trust

VIPs
Rhiana S, Phoebe R, Tyler E, Torben H

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