Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $40 per student
Swimming Carnival - $12.00 + note
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 9
27th March  School Photos
31st March  P&C Meeting

Week 11
3rd April  Environmental Talk Years 3 to 6
5th April  P&C Barn Dance
7th April  Uniform Shop Open
9th April  Loose Change Coin Snake
10th April  ANZAC Day School Service
11th April  Last Day of Term 1
25th April  School March ANZAC Day Service Glenbrook

Term 2

Week 1
29th April  Students Return
2nd May  School Cross Country, 9.30am
5th May  Wrapping Day for Mothers’ Day Stall
8th May  Mothers’ Day Stall and Picnic at School
10th May  Blaxland Explorers’ Day at School
Value of the Week – Caring

I am practising caring when I:

- let people know that what they say is important by looking at them and listening closely;
- give people help when they need it;
- treat my body with respect and
- work with enthusiasm and excellence.

More Convenient Ways 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

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

Mother’s Day Stall and Picnic

Save the Date
Thursday 8th May 2014

The Parents and Carers Association at our school are hoping to make this a very special event for the female adults in our community. Mums, Grans or Aunties are invited to spend time with their special little people, eat together and be entertained and pampered at an afternoon picnic. This is also a chance to raise some money.

The Stall: The children will come to school as normal and be able to bring money to purchase a gift, in the morning, from the stall. ($1-$10)

The Picnic: Families are invited to come to school with a rug for an afternoon picnic from 1.30ish until 3.05. There will be entertainment, delicious food to share and maybe some pampering.

For our school to raise as much money as possible, suggested donations of food and things from each class would be much appreciated. To be bought in to school, not before Thursday 1st May.

- KL -cakes/biscuits/slices
- 1Z –cakes/biscuits/slices
- 1/2S –cheese and crackers
- 3/4P –fruit
- 3/4E –disposable cups and serviettes
- 5/6F –tea/coffee/milk/sugar
- 5/6E –juice

More information will be sent home closer to the day. If you would like to get involved, contact Amanda on 0408113462 or Rebecca on 0400062739

The Rocks Excursion

On the 6th of March my class went to The Rocks by train to learn about the First Fleet and early settlement.

We got the train to Central then another to Circular Quay. While we were waiting for the train at Blaxland the Intercity Express came rushing past then the Countrylink came and stopped at Blaxland. Finally our train came and we all got on. I sat next to Maddy for most of the trip and then I sat by myself. The train trip was about one hour but I had fun looking out the window.

When we all got to Circular Quay we walked to a nice little place on Argyle Street where we sat down and had our recess. Then we found our tour lady named Margie and we all got dressed up as convicts,-apart from Angelina, Jack and Christian who got dressed up as soldiers. We each got our own name tags, describing who we were in the first settlement. I was Tom Hill. We then started off on the tour.

Margie told us why it was called The Rocks and showed us old buildings. She also told us about what life was like back in that time; it was very rough. She told us all about our characters. I was the hungry one. I was always taking food. My character got sent over to an island with a gaol on it (Fort Dennison) for stealing another convict’s biscuit.

When the tour was over we all went to Pancakes on the Rocks and had lunch. I had an Alice in Wonderland pancake. It was covered in ice cream and melted chocolate. It was very yummy!

When lunch was over we were too early for the train so we got to have a play in the park. We played Stuck in the Mud and Bullrush for a little while but not too long.

We caught the train back. I sat next to Andrew for a little bit but then I went and sat next to Ashton for the rest of the trip home while Andrew moved next to someone else too.

To sum up, it was a pretty awesome day. I learnt so much I can’t tell you all-like how the convicts couldn’t write so they drew lines in the bricks to show what work they’d done each day! Anyway, it was a great day.

By Daniel Simpson
Student Awards
Term 1 Weeks 7 & 8

Mrs Lees
Joshua M – trying hard and improving his work
Keira L – lovely work and manners in class

APs Award
Joey W - Enthusiasm

VIPs
Lola W, Isabella W

Mr Zoglmeier
Chris S – outstanding self-monitoring in reading
Claudia K – beautiful presentation of work

APs Award
Lillian M – Honest student

VIPs
Eli P, Benny T

Mrs Shaw
Hudson F – working well in class
Ellexus M – lovely manners and listening skills

APs Award
Isaac D – Enthusiasm
Lily O - Honesty

VIPs
Jack W, Araluen F

Mrs Palmer/Mrs Connors
Kate T – great effort in reading
Caitlyn L – positive attitude towards her work

APs Award
Loretta K - Honesty

VIPs
Lily S, Mikayla A

Mr Ellwood
Lilly N - beautiful weaving
Noah S – excellent work in maths

APs Award
Anabella H - Honesty

VIPs
Thomas L, Oscar K

Mrs Ellwood
Louise N – excellent ‘Harbour Bridge’ research
Angelina H - excellent ‘Harbour Bridge’ research

APs Award
Greta M – her honest, hardworking approach

VIPs
Callum W, Niamh A

Mr Foye
Grace S – enthusiastic, hardworking student
Tristan G - positive participation

APs Award
Claire H - Enthusiasm

VIPs
Tara M, Sebastian N

School Photos
School photos are on Thursday 27th March. It would be appreciated if all students wear new school uniform for the photos. Girls to wear their blue skirt, new blue shirt, white socks and black sneakers. Boys to wear 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.

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.
Tickets are on sale on now from 8.30am and 9.15am every morning. Tickets are $5 per person. Children under 2 are free. It should be a great night. Hope you can join us.

Uniforms
Black shoes are a uniform requirement. In order to accommodate the students’ wish to wear sneakers to school and to lower costs for parents who can now purchase one pair of shoes for school we elected, as a community, to accept black sneakers as uniform. Sneakers must be all black. This includes the sides of the sole, sole and shoe laces. Colour on any part of the sneaker is not accepted as meeting uniform requirements. We are more than happy to discuss this with your child if they are stretching boundaries for you. 😊
Uniform Shop
The Uniform Shop is open every second Monday of the month. The next day open is Monday 7th April.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting is on Monday 31st March at 7.30pm.
The agenda includes:
- Uniform - formal options for school captains
- Nomination for Chair of Grants Committee
- School council committee nominations
- Media contact – is there a need for a publicity officer?
- Prize donors/sponsors for bush dance – spreadsheet by Jen
- Update on Mothers' Day Picnic
- Working Bee update
Hope you are able to come, have a coffee and join the discussion.

JACKEROO RANCH HORSE RIDING
SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY RIDING CAMPS

Jackeroo Ranch (est. 53 years) Recently relocated to Bingletree Station at Upper Turon, is again running Autumn Vacation.

1st Week: Sat. 12th April. – Sat. 19th April.
2nd Week: Sat. 19th April – Sun. 27th April.

Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked.

These camps are for “horse mad” children aged 6 to 16. Five to six hours per day are devoted to horse activities including a 1 hour lesson and a 3 hours trail ride in the beautiful Turon Valley with tuition still being given. As well, campers are taught grooming, saddling, haltering, and catching a horse, safety aspects and many other facets of horsemanship.

Previous experience is not necessary as beginners to advanced riders are catered for, we specialise in teaching nervous riders and developing their confidence.

Other activities include gold panning, cattle feeding/checking, cattle mustering, camp fires and native wildlife spotting. The property abounds with Wallabies, wombats, wonderful bird life as well as being a working cattle farm and Quarter Horse Stud.

There are Poll Hereford calves and Quarter Horse foals now being born.

This is not just a camp!!
It is a wonderful farm experience
Your child will treasure forever.

Enquiries Mrs Pattie Hudson
Phone 6337 7173 (nights are best)

Free cat microchipping in the Mountains
Residents of the Blue Mountains will be able to have their cats and kittens microchipped for free during April 2014. A joint initiative of Blue Mountains City Council and the RSPCA NSW, the free service will be available at the RSPCA shelter in Katoomba and at participating vets throughout the mountains.

Microchips identify your pet as belonging to you. They help Council, the RSPCA and local vets to reunite lost or injured pets with their owners as quickly as possible. Microchips won’t hurt your cat. They last for the life of the cat and can’t be lost like collars and ID tags. And they help reduce the number of cats that have to be rehomed or euthanased because their owners can’t be found.

The free microchipping service will be available from 1-30 April at:
- Council RSPCA Pound Katoomba 4782 2674
- Katoomba Veterinary Clinic 4782 3273
- Wentworth Falls Animal Hospital 4757 3255
- Mid Mountains Animal Health Centre Lawson 4759 2655
- Selwood House Veterinary Hospital Hazelbrook 4758 8990

The service is only available by appointment and only to Blue Mountains City Council residents proof of residency must be provided.

For more information see www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/main/whatsnew