Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $40 per student
Craft - $40
5/6 Broken Bay Camp Deposit - $100

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments

What’s Happening

Term 2

Week 3
13th May Naplan – Language
14th May Naplan – Reading
15th May Naplan – Numeracy

Week 4
23rd May District Cross Country

Week 6
4th June UNSW Science Competition
5th June Visual Arts Excursion – Norman Lindsay

Week 8
20th June Winmalee Cup
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.

Mothers’ Day

Our sincere thanks to the P&C for their vision of a wonderful afternoon spent by mums, grand mums, aunties and special friends and their children. We were very appreciative of the effort made by everyone to come along to school which resulted in a great turnout. We know it is not always easy, especially for our working mums and dads.

The weather blessed us with sun and only the odd gentle breeze as we enjoyed presentations from the children, our terrific little band, the budding jazz musician; Tyler and our fabulous senior dance group. Thank you to our gifted teachers who support such wonderful opportunities and initiatives.

The day was a brilliant example of teamwork between parents, teachers and students and sets a shining benchmark for what a learning community is all about.

Thank you to you all for the effort you went to which ensured the day was a great success.

(Loved the little gift bags that took precious gifts home for mums on Sunday) 😊

Kiss and Drop Zone – Reminder

The council agreed to the allocation of the zone based on strict conditions. The main conditions are:

• vehicles move as far along the pathway as possible towards the teachers car park gates to enable other cars access to the zone.
• students must alight from the vehicle onto the footpath, not onto the roadside - at any time.
• drivers must remain in the vehicle.
• vehicles are not to be left / parked in the zone from 8.50am - 9.10am and 2.50pm – 3.10pm.
• buses must be able to access and exit their bus stop at all times. Unfortunately, the buses may not arrive until after 3.10pm and it is expected that the buses continue to have priority.

It is a juggling act, however when the zone is used appropriately it works well for parents and students. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated and more importantly keeps our children safe.

Student Toilets

As a matter of child protection we remind parents and community members that the toilets in the hall and beside the kindergarten rooms are for the children only.

• Preschoolers who can manage toileting on their own are more than welcome to access the toilets.
• Preschoolers who need mum or dad to help them are more than welcome to come to the office to use the disabled toilets beside the office.
• Adults needing to access toilet facilities are also more than welcome to come to the office and use the disabled toilets.

As a matter of security and courtesy can you just let Deb or Janyc in the office know you are there and would appreciate access to the disabled toilet.

The Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open in the morning at 8.45am for your needs. Thank you Christine

Anaphylaxis

Could I please remind our families that we do have students with Anaphylaxis which is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening.

Anaphylaxis is a generalised allergic reaction, which often involves more than one body system such as skin, respiratory, gastro-intestinal and cardiovascular and can result in death.

It is essential that we minimise exposure to nut products at school and ask that students enjoy peanut butter and other nut products at home.

Thank you for helping to keep our little people safe.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy tests next week.

Tuesday 13th – 9.30am is Language and Writing
Wednesday 14th – 9.30am is Reading
Thursday 15th – 9.30am is Numeracy

Circle of Strength

Gateway Family Services is running an interesting relationship program from the 20th May until the end of term.

WHERE: Blaxland Public School, Baden Place, Blaxland

WHEN: Tuesday mornings: 20 May – 24 June
TIME: 9.15 am – 11.15am
COST: Gold Coin Donation
CHILD CARE: Limited child care available – ask when you book
INFO & REGISTRATION: call Gateway on 1300 316 746

Friday, 9 May 2014
The program looks at relationships between a child and their parents/caregivers. Parents are supported as they learn how to be “bigger, stronger, wiser and kind” with their babies, toddlers and young children (aged 0-6yrs). Parents are provided with easy to understand and common sense information that will help them to really understand & respond to the needs and behaviour of their child which helps their child to feel secure.

**District Cross Country**
Students who have qualified to compete in the District Cross Country will do so on Friday 23rd May at the Penrith Regatta Centre. We wish them luck and hope they have lots of fun.

**Blaxland Explorers’ Day**
The Blaxland Chamber of Commerce, supported by our P&C have organised the Explorers’ Day here at school this Saturday. There will be rides for the children, a petting zoo, food to relish and lots and lots of market stalls. Hope you are able to come along and enjoy a day out.

**Gardens**
If you are at school and have a chance please go down to the highway side of the school to see the work our parents have engaged in to bring to fruition an eco garden. Money was raised by the Grant committee to fund the garden and much time has been spent by dedicated parents who have designed, cleared the area, planted, mulched, weeded, watered and nurtured. The Eco garden will be a wonderful legacy that this school community leaves to students and parents to come.

The school would like to take this opportunity to thank the families who have consistently given of their time to provide a unique experience for our students with plants to be touched, walked through and frogs to be watched in our frog pond. Under the guidance of Mrs Symonds (gardener extraordinaire) and the care of our committed P&C the area will just go on improving as it grows and is added to.

**Year 5 Disco – Save the Date**
Year 5 will be holding a Kindergarten to Year 2 and Year 3 to Year 6 disco on Friday 6th June after school. Funds raised will go towards the Year 6 Farewell. Notes will go out closer to the date.

**PSSA Netball**
On Monday 5 May 2014 Karlie D and Niamh A attended the PSSA Netball. Overall the Blue Mountains team came in 5th place out of 11 teams. Both girls had an absolutely great day. Well done girls!

### Student Awards

**Term 1 Weeks 8, 9 & 10**

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**VIPs**

| Andie E, Willem H, Keira L, Aislinn W, Evie F, James W, Abi W, Joshua M |
Mr Zoglmeier
Emily K.J – excellent work in writing
Lillian M – wonderful work habits
Kiara E – being a hard worker in class
Roary E – excellent effort in all class work
Benny T – wonderful work in Reading Group
Molly G – excellent application to all tasks
Kiara E – good thinking in Maths
Rohan D – outstanding application in Maths

APs Award
James M – Understanding
Emily K J – Responsibility
Claudia K – Generosity
Carlito GP - Consideration

VIPs
Myles P, Rohan D, Jasi S, Lillian M, Christopher S, Alexander W, Kiara E, Isabella M

Mrs Shaw
Matilda W – neat and efficient completion of work
Erin O’K – trying hard with her handwriting
Samantha E – beautiful presentation of work
Hartley K – excellent thinking in Maths
Jacob M – taking more time and care to complete work
Byron M – his wonderful attitude in class
Jack W – fantastic contributions to class discussions
Lily O – a great effort in reading groups

APs Award
Austin L – Understanding
Lana T – Responsibility
Leonard N – Generosity
Rhys C - Consideration

VIPs
Isaac M, Rhys C, Lily O, Isaac D, Hudson F-E, Annabel B, Austin L, Lawrence N

Mrs Palmer/Mrs Connors
Dylan N – trying hard in writing
Jericho H – trying hard in writing
Mikalya A – keeping up with all her work
Miranda P – wonderful work in English
Kael L – working well in class
Charlie S – giving his best effort in class

APs Award
Elijah B – Responsibility
Isabella M – Generosity
Elijah B - Consideration

VIPs
Riley J, Caitlyn L, Lochlan A, Elijah B, Miranda P, Ella H

Mr Ellwood
Talia L – a wonderful Places and Change poster
Rheannon W – a wonderful Places and Change poster
Joel D – attentive listening and intelligent responses
Declan McD – prompt completion of his work
Jed F – keeping up well with all work
Oscar K – a well published exposition
Claire B – trying her best with all her work
Austin M – working efficiently in English

APs Award
Alistair B – Understanding
Hamish B – Responsibility
Charlotte B – Generosity
Yvette M - Consideration

VIPs

Mrs Ellwood
Daniel S – excellent writing and reading of his recount
Oscar A – a pleasing start to the year
Ashton VP – beautiful presentation of work
Angelina D – being a persistent worker
Lachlan M – enthusiasm in dance
Madeleine R – excellent dance steps
Niamh A – excellent attitude and application to school
Max P -

APs Award
Callie A – understanding that some problems need to be discussed
Maddy R – being a responsible student
Chloe S – generosity towards another school
Jack W – showing consideration for others

VIPs
Jack W, Greta M, Tom M, Theresa M, Louise N, Bradley B, Ashton VP, Lucy M

Mr Foye
Karlie D – an enthusiastic class member
Ruby H – supporting her classmates
Angus C – a responsible and dependable student
Savannah H – a dependable and enthusiastic young lady
Emerald H – a mature helpful young lady
Geordie S – wonderful completion of homework
Aarin P – improved attitude to learning
Lily H – enthusiasm for learning

APs Award
Ben S – an understanding student
Grace S – a responsible young lady
Terri D – her generosity towards others
Ruby H – a young lady who displays consideration

VIPs
Nicholas M, Zhalia F, Christian M, Grace S, Alison D, Nicholas M, Karlie D

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