Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $50 per student Overdue Please finalise account
Yearly Craft - $40 per student Overdue Please finalise account
Gymnastics/Zumba/Yoga - $40 Overdue Please finalise account

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments

What’s Happening

Term 4

Week 3
19th Oct. Swimming Scheme begins – Years 2-6
22nd Oct. Kinder Orientation, 9.30am
23rd Oct. Year 6 Mini Fete

Week 4
26th Oct. Swimming Scheme continues
28th Oct. Year 6 to Blaxland High School
30th Oct. AFL Clinic, K-6
31st Oct. Spooky Family Fun Night – 5–8pm

Week 5
3rd Nov. Teddy Bears’ Picnic, 10am
4th Nov. Year 6 to Blaxland High School
5th Nov. AFL Clinic, K-6
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.

Spooky Family Fun Night

Saturday 31st October
5pm to 8pm
Children $5.00
Adults free
Come along and help out, bring your teenagers
to help out and your children are free 😊
All welcome; family, friends, neighbours.

Last year’s experience was fabulous. If you can, please join us for a few hours of community fun in a safe environment where the children can enjoy themselves with friends and family.

Lots of help is needed for stalls, baking of cakes and biscuits and trick or treating in classrooms.

Please contact Mark at markoxbrow@gmail.com to discuss how you can support.

Kindergarten Orientation

Thursday 22nd October
10.00am to 11.00am

On arrival please make your way to the Kindy room opposite the small table and chairs under the awning.

The School Captains will direct families to the Kindergarten room where required.

Once your child is settled with the Kindy teacher please make your way to the hall where Mr Zoglmeyer will lead the information session for parents.

Current 2015 Kindergarten parents and caregivers are invited to come along to welcome our new families at 11.00am.

We would really appreciate it if you could bring along a plate of something delicious to share at morning tea.

Teddy Bears’ Picnic

Tuesday 3rd November
10 am to 11am

Kindergarten students for 2016 are invited to join Kindergarten 2015 for a Teddy Bears’ Picnic at 10 am on Tuesday 3rd November.

On arrival at school please make your way to the back oval where Kindergarten students and buddies will be waiting, with great excitement, to welcome you to the picnic.

Once your child or children are settled we invite you to the library to enjoy a quiet cup of tea or coffee while your child has a wonderful time with their teacher and new friends.

Parents of our current Kindergarten children will be there to welcome you with a plate of something yummy, to have a chat and answer any questions you might have.

Don’t forget your favourite bear 😊

STORY TIME

Tuesday 27th October
9.00am to 9.30am

Preschoolers, siblings, friends and neighbours are all invited to ‘Storytime’ with Gateway Family Services.

Billie Booksie will be joining us to share in the fun of reading. Hope you are able to come along.

Year 6 Mini Fete

Year 6 will hold their mini fete on Friday 23rd October.
The fete will begin at 11.00am and conclude at 1.00pm.
Have a great time everyone! 😊
P&C MEETING
Parents, friends and citizens are welcome to attend the next P&C meeting on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm in the administration block of the school.
Hope you are able to join us.

Australia Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion
Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.
The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme contributed towards the travel expenses incurred. This contribution is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This money is used by the school to offset overall travelling costs for the students.
We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. We hope that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMS
We send our best wishes to all Year 12 students sitting for the Higher School Certificate and let them know we have them in our thoughts.

If there is one message we would like to convey it is that, these exams are just one part of the journey, not the end point. Exams do not define who we are as a learner or as a person. Nor do they determine our future.
There are many doors that can lead to the same destination and different opportunities often arise as a result of the challenges we face.
Good luck to you all.

P&C NEWS

Upcoming dates:
31st October – Spooky Family Fun Night 5pm – 8pm
9th November - P&C General Meeting 7.30pm
14th December - P&C General Meeting 7.30pm

Spooky Family Fun Night – Preparations are well under way for yucky dip, zombie Zumba & the spooky disco! Hopefully you’ve seen the flyers around the school as well as the volunteer roster!! We’re still needing volunteers to make this event happen, so please volunteer, even 30mins would be great 😊 Tickets are $5 with adults free – this is a fun way for your kids to trick or treat in a safe environment. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible on the night in support of our last fundraiser for the year! All funds raised are going towards building a new sandpit!

OOSH – Thank you to those families who responded to the survey, the P&C is working hard towards making this a reality for 2016, so watch this space!

P&C in 2016 – In March 2016 we will be holding our AGM and will be looking for some new members to take over. Please think about what contribution you may like to make to your child’s school and how you can make a difference.

Please come along to the next P&C meeting so you can get involved! We’d love to see some new faces. If you have any queries regarding our meetings &/or ideas please feel free to contact Kylie Jones – P&C President on 0404 064 819.

GOVERNMENT SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL

The Selective High School placement process for Year 7 entry in 2017 is now underway by the High Performing Students Unit, NSW Department of Education.

Current Year 5 students wishing to apply will need to do so by Monday, 16th November 2015.

Applications are made on line at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

Please read the attached document for information about applying for entry to a selective high school.

Further information is available on the website provided above.
Applicants receive notice of testing and venue on Thursday, 25th February 2016.

The scheduled test date is Thursday, 10 March 2016.

Notification of the placement outcome is provided in July 2016.

Please be aware that late applications are not accepted.

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**Student Awards**

**Term 4 Week 2**

**Ms Everett**  
Bonnie K – working well in reading!  
Declan H – a terrific friend in Kindergarten  
**APs Award**  
Brodie P - Consideration  
**VIPs**  
Felix McC, Samantha O

**Mr Zoglmeier**  
Ebony B – wonderful work in Reading Group!  
Violet S-C – keeping the school clean!  
**APs Award**  
Jordan G - Consideration  
**VIPs**  
Ryley D, Baxter B

**Mrs Shaw**  
Mia H – always working hard  
Kiara E – her lovely attitude towards school work  
**APs Award**  
Emily M – being a considerate class member  
**VIPs**  
Molly G, Evie F

**Mrs Palmer**  
Hartley K – excellent effort in Maths  
Lily O – always being on task, especially in reading groups  
**APs Award**  
Kynan L – being considerate in all classroom activities  
**VIPs**  
Lana T, Ellexus M

**Mrs Ellwood**  
Austin L – being a careful and conscientious worker

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**Gateway Family Services**  
(an activity of Blaxland Uniting Church/Uniting Care)

The SRC are organising a weekly collection of goodies for local families for Christmas in conjunction with the Blaxland Uniting Church in the hope of making the holidays a little bit special for those in need.

We ask that donations are taken to the office and placed in the decorated boxes there. Each week we request a different type of product to hopefully provide a variety of goods to families. They are as follows:

**Week 3 (October 19-23)** - Tinned Food.  
eg. Canned vegetables (artichokes, beans, corn, tomatoes, etc), soups, fruit (pineapple, peaches, pears, etc), seafood (tuna, crab, sardines, etc)

**Week 4 (October 26-30)** - Drinks  
eg. Poppers, long life milk, bottles of juice and water, cans of softdrink

**Week 5 (November 2-6)** - Packet Food  
eg. pasta, rice, soup, tea, sugar, flour, nuts, crackers, cookies

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Week 6 (November 9-13) Jars of Food
eg. pasta sauce, apple sauce, curry sauce,
jam, pickles, Nutella, Vegemite, honey,
peanut butter, olives, sun-dried tomatoes,
coffee

Week 7 (November 16-20)- Toiletries
eg. soap, tissues, toilet paper, toothbrushes,
floss, deodorant, talc, wipes, combs

Week 8 (November 23-27)- Christmas Fare
eg. Christmas crackers, puddings, custard,
chocolate, cranberry sauce, candy canes, chips,
lollies, gingerbread men, cookies, chocolates,
advent calendars, zooper doopers

Week 9 (November 30- December 4)-
New Toys and Books
Suitable for a range of ages and either gender. Please don’t send in used or pre-loved toys and books.

Monetary Donations are much appreciated. Please ensure envelopes are handed into the office ladies NOT left in the food boxes. Donations over $2 are tax deductible and Gateway Family Services will issue you with a receipt soon after collection.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support!

BPS SRC, Mrs Ellwood, Mrs Jamieson

Thursday, 15 October 2015