Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $50 per student **Now Overdue**
Yearly Craft - $40 per student **Now Overdue**
Gymnastics/Zumba - $40 **Now Overdue**
Yrs 5/6 Canberra Excursion - $280 + Yrs 3/4 Winmalee Excursion - $100 approx.
Visual Arts Excursion (selected students) - $15 + note
Scenic World Excursion 3/4E & 4/5F - $20 + note

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

What’s Happening

**Term 2**

| Week 6  | 29th May | Live Life Well Day – Kindergarten to Year 6 |
| Week 7  | 3rd June | Science Competition – Years 3-6            |
|         | 4th June | Blue Mountains Services Morning Tea 9.15am |
| Week 8  | 8th June | Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday           |
| Week 9  | 15th June| Writing Competition – Years 3-6            |

**Term 3**

| Week 1  | 13th July | Staff Development Day                     |
|         | 14th July | **Students Return to School**              |
| Week 2  | 22nd July | OC Placement Test – Glenbrook PS           |

Friday, 15 May 2015
Value of the Week – Courage

I am practising courage when I:

- stay strong even when I am afraid;
- am willing to try new things;
- admit mistakes and learn from them;
- make amends when I do something wrong and
- do what is right for me even when it is hard.

FETE
Saturday 16th May

Gateway Family Services
Preschool children and parents

Gateway Family Services will hold

‘Storytime’ for preschoolers in the park at the
back of IGA and beside the Harvest Café at
10am on Thursday 21st May.

Please feel free to come along, have a coffee
while the little ones listen to Anne and Geoff
read a story.

Live Life Well Day – Students  K - 6
Parents Invited

We have Live Life Well Day coming up on
Friday, 29th May.
Deb has arranged a menu to trial on the day
with the students. The healthy lunch packs will
be easy to put together and quite time efficient.
If you are able to come along and lend a hand
please let Deb know on 47392817 or send her
an email at school:
blaxland-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The day will be a relaxed day of learning and
activity. Students will engage in bike,
skateboards and scooter activities, exercises,
yoga, meditation and learning about staying fit
mentally and physically.

Students riding bikes or scooters must wear
safety gear such as helmets and knee and
elbow pads etc

Please feel free to come along and join us on
the day. Activities begin at 9.30am and will
finalise after lunch.

Friday, 15 May 2015
Blue Mountains Bus Company
John Williams, the Service Delivery Manager for Blue Mountains Transit has contacted the school to discuss how the company and schools can best support each other to safely transport students to and from school. He has provided information for drivers in regards to parking offences.

Please be aware that the Local Area Command for Springwood has increased police patrols for the 40 kms safety zones around schools over the coming months. This means the police will also monitor parking in and around school zones, including our ‘Kiss and Drop Zone’. The company has information about student eligibility for free transport and how to organise a bus pass on their website:

http://www.bmbc.com.au

Payments to the Office
When making a payment to the office please ensure that all money and notes are enclosed in an envelope or ziplock bag clearly labelled with the students name and particulars of payment.

Mrs Smith is finding it quite daunting when loose money is dropped on her desk with a note and they become separated to the point that she is unable to work out who paid for what. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Blaxland Public School Preschool Play and Chat
The school is privileged to be part of the Family Gateway and Department approved hub that provides for ‘Play and Chat’ time for preschoolers and their mums, dads or carers on a Thursday morning. Please feel free to bring your preschooler along. Preschoolers do not have to have a sibling here at the school to attend. All are welcome. Please let neighbours know who might like to come along.

Services available to the community in the Blue Mountains.
All parents and friends are invited to a morning tea at 9.15am in the school hall on Thursday 4th June to look at the different types of services available to families in the Blue Mountains.

Some of the services support adolescents, children, or families for many different reasons. Unfortunately, we don’t often know there is support around us until we or someone close to us need those services.

It is wonderful information to know, especially when you are able to help someone out in the community just by being aware of support structures that may be recommended in times of need.
Gateway Family Services will be there to support with information and child minding. If you are able, please come along and have a cup of tea or coffee with us. If you would like to bring a guest or friend with you, please feel very welcome to do so.

Winmalee Cup  
Friday 19th June  
Years 3 – 6

Years 3 to 6 students were canvassed to determine whether we could establish junior and senior teams for Soccer, Newcombeball and Netball. As a result, we have two soccer teams, a junior and senior team who will participate in the Winmalee Cup this year. We were unable to field teams for Netball or Newcombeball. Our apologies to students who would have very much liked to participate in Netball or Newcombeball and are unable due to lack of players to form teams.

Reports  
Monday 22nd June.

Students K – 6 will receive their Semester 1 Reports to take home and share with mum and dad on Monday 22nd June. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of your child / children with you.

Interviews

Parent and Teacher interviews are scheduled for Tuesday 23rd, 24th and 25th June. Specific details for interviews will be forwarded to you by your child’s teacher during the following week.

University Science Competition  
Years 3 – 6

Students who have elected to sit for the University of NSW Science test will do so on Wednesday 3rd June at 11.30am. We wish them all the very best of outcomes.

| Student Awards  
| Term 1 Weeks 3 |
| Ms Everett  
Harvey J – excellent effort in Gross Motor  
Angela S – wonderful effort in Literacy Groups  
Felix McC – being a careful, creative worker  
Molly D – fantastic effort in Literacy groups  

APs Award  
Declan H – Co-operation  
Kobe M – being a courageous worker  

VIPs  
Brode P, Bonnie K, Tatum S, Samantha O

| Mr Zoglmeier  
Isabelle W – outstanding persistence in Spelling  
Jaz C – fantastic effort in Writing  
Harmony C – lovely work in Handwriting  
Nathan S – using a number of strategies in Reading  

APs Award  
Jordan G – Co-operation  
Sophia W - Courage  

VIPs  
Harmony C, Ebony B, Sharlette S, Lara H

| Mrs Shaw  
Angad P – fantastic effort in Spelling  
Benny T – working hard in Literacy groups  
James W – enthusiasm for all he does  
Jacob V – improvement in effort and concentration in class  

APs Award  
Sacha McL – Co-operation  
Willem H - Courage  

VIPs  
James W, Rohan D, Kiara E, Joey W

| Mrs Palmer  
Araluen F – wonderful work in Handwriting  
Emily J – positive attitude towards her work  
Isabella M – always having a smile on her face  
Jacob M – always being helpful and responsible  

APs Award  
Lawrence N – Co-operation  
Jasmine S – Courage in learning  

VIPs  
Albie W, Jasmine S, Kobie T, Lana T
Mrs Ellwood
Isaac M – fantastic effort in HSIE
Kate T – excellent effort in all classroom activities
Miranda P – amazing effort during all spelling activities
Harrison S – an excellent work ethic during classroom activities

APs Award
Riley J – Co-operation
Mikaela K-T – Courage in learning

VIPs
Lochlan A, Lilly N, Leonard N, Noah S

Mr Foye
Austin M – positive attitude to all school tasks
Lily S – an enthusiastic, diligent young lady
Thomas L – always striving to do his best
Freya C – a helpful co-operative young lady

APs Award
Caitlyn L – a very co-operative student
Joel D - Courage

VIPs
Elijah B, Jed F, Genevieve G, Oscar K

Mr Ellwood
Geordie S – well written letter from the trenches
Alison D – excellent poster analysis
Eli B – improved completion rate
Grace S – excellent work in Maths

APs Award
Oscar A – Co-operation
Quinn D - Courage

VIPs
Madeleine R, Nick J, Max P, Phoebe R

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