Permission Notes and Payments Due

Voluntary Contribution - $40 student or family $60
Textbooks – $50 per student Now Overdue please pay
Yearly Craft - $40 per student Now Overdue please pay
Gymnastics/Zumba - $40 Now Overdue please pay
Yrs 5/6 Canberra Excursion - $280 + Yrs 3/4 Winmalee Excursion - $200 approx.

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments

What’s Happening

Term 3

Week 1
13th July  Staff Development Day
14th July  Students Return to School

Week 2
22nd July  OC Placement Test – Glenbrook PS
24th July  Dance T-shirt Orders due

Week 3
28th July  ICAS English – Years 3-6

Week 4
5th Aug.  Interrelate 6pm & 7.15pm
7th Aug.  Open Day – Book Fair
P & C Coin Snake
Value of the Week – Kindness

I am practising kindness when I:
• do things to give others happiness;
• accept people who are different;
• practise habits that help the environment;
• resist the temptation to be cruel and
• give tender attention to those who need help.

Opportunity Classes (OC) Year 4
Year 4 students who have applied for OC placement in 2016 will sit for tests on Wednesday 22nd July at Glenbrook Public School.

Departmental documentation with regards to times, venues and requirements were sent to parents. Please advise the High Performance Unit on 1300 880 367 if you have not received your information letter.

Lost Property
We have a Cannon Camera, a toddler’s green shoe and several wallets that still remain unclaimed since the fete and a ladies Cabor watch that was found in the playground.

Playground Update
With all the fabulous fundraising the community has been engaged in we are now ready to look at how we can provide for a more constructive play area for the children in front of the Kindergarten and Year 1 rooms.

The logs surrounding the sand pit have been removed ready to begin work. This should make for cleaner and more comfortable classrooms for the children and far less work for our wonderful cleaner, Frances.

The green seedling troughs from in front of the old practical activities building are to be moved to where the main vegetable beds are sited.

A new sand pit will then be built in place. Sails will provide shade.

The current quote we have by DC Paving is designed to mirror the Blue Mountains environs.

This includes:
• Excavation
• Supply and install sandstone log retaining wall.
• Tip fees
• 185m2 kikuyu turf laid on premium top soil
• Concrete pathway 1.2m wide finished in a textured – coved finish and coloured.
• Concrete stream lined with lucky stones
• Stream lined with boulders
• Dig out and fill new sandpit – includes drainage fabric
• Install ag line to pond to drain water to pond.
• Install pond.
This comes to a cost of $26,690

We have a new quote by Glenstone Constructions. This includes:

Option 1
• Excavation
• Construction of a curved retaining wall that is a seat around the what will become the friendship tree (as requested by the children)
• 126m2 of synthetic turf
• 250mm wide shallow concrete stream (to float little boats) 15m long to finish in the existing drain – water is supplied by a tap that is to be installed to ensure there are no issues with stagnant water
• Supply and install a Tee Pee – 2700 high
• Supply and install a 2500 x 2500 deck for a stage that the children can use for impromptu plays etc
• Supply and install a slippery slide
• Supply and install a low rock climbing holds built into the existing incline – think more climbing along than climbing up
• Supply and install a rope for crawling along the incline
• Supply and install a small fiberglass boat for the children to sail the ocean waves!
• Supply and install concrete under the existing shade structure where tables and seats will be placed for the children
• Supply and install paving to border the synthetic grass
• Soft mulch to Tee Pee area, around friendship tree
• Supply and install 12 stepping pavers throughout the area.
This comes to a cost of $28,325.00 including GST.
Option 2
The same as Option 1 for all except the synthetic grass.
This would include the replacement of 66m² of synthetic grass with Couch Grass or the like.
The costs then becomes $25,575 including GST

We are currently waiting on follow-up with two more quotes.

What do we need to consider in terms of the landscaping of the area?

- Safety and health issues – what is foreseeable in terms of the children’s safety and health as a result of the landscaping and how do we manage this?
- Social, Emotional and Educational outcomes
- Research to support our vision for improved outcomes; educationally, socially, emotionally
- Is the vision supported by our school plan?
- Cost – is it possible we will have to do the work to the area in two stages in order to meet costs?
- Maintenance – Sustainability
  Our General Assistant (GA) works a 3 day fortnight and ground maintenance, while a component of his duties, is not the only facet of his work at the school. In order to improve the school grounds and environment we currently extend the GA's time to a 4 day fortnight. This is paid out of our global or general funds. We also have to acknowledge the very hard work of parents in the improvements we see throughout the school grounds. It is important that we are careful to include what may be considered manageable and sustainable in terms of any change we make to the school environment.
- Longevity of the resource
- Viability of the area as an area for play or quiet time – ie. What do we want the area to provide for the children?
- Teacher duties – there must be a clear line of sight with all of the resources without the need to place a teacher on point duty. Our teachers already do four playground duties a week plus dance, sport training etc.

Quotes will be tabled at the P&C meeting on Monday 13th July. You are very welcome to come along. Your input is valued.

Preventing Anxiety and Victimisation Education
PAVE

Years 4 and 5 begin the research pilot for Friendly Schools Plus with Macquarie University for us in Term 3.
The syllabus, Kindergarten to Year 6 is linked to the Australian Curriculum and Australian National Safe Schools Framework.

The teaching and learning activities are designed to build capacity, support students, be proactive and protective through exploring self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills and social decision making.

For Year 4 this includes activities that address:
- manners;
- standing up for yourself / your beliefs;
- bullying;
- values;
- sorting out conflicts;
- conflict situations; when it is OK to say “No!”;
- friendships;
- feelings;
- types of bullying;
- how to avoid bullying others
- character studies

For Year 5 activities address:
- friendship qualities;
- healthy or unhealthy groups;
- friendship shuffles;
- tricky situations;
- understanding bullying;
- the bullied and the bystander;
- being cool and being a friend;
- temperature rising – getting angry;
- being sorry;
- strategies for taming teasing;
- tips for tackling teasing;
- stop, feel, think, decide and do
- taking time to decide.

The Year 4 and 5 students will be tracked by the researchers (data does not include student names, it is numerical) through to Year 10 at Blaxland High School.

The syllabus and overall program is backed by global research and the data will provide information as to the efficacy of Friendly
Schools Plus for long term use in schools to reduce the incidence and impact of social issues such as bullying in schools and communities.

The school executive and Mrs Ellwood have been trained by Macquarie University in the use of the program and will take that training to our staff throughout the remainder of this year.

We are looking forward to implementing the Friendly Schools Plus program Kindergarten to Year 6 in 2016.

**Interrelate**

**Family Evening Program  Wednesday 5th August**

**Session 1:** ‘Where did I come from?’ at 6pm sharp

**Session 2:** ‘Preparing for puberty’ at 7.15pm sharp

**Where:** Blaxland Public School Hall

**Expected Cost:**
- $27.50 a family for one session
- $33.00 a family for two sessions

**Payments:** Please forward payment to the Office by Friday 31st July.

**The programs:**

‘Where did I come from?’
This is a program for Years 3,4,5,6 and Parents.

**Key Focus**
- Develop students’ understanding of male and female reproductive systems, conception, foetal development and birth
- Discuss different ways children can join families, e.g. adoption, fostering, blended families
- Facilitate parent-child discussions

‘Preparing for puberty’
This is a program for Years 5 & 6 and Parents

**Key Focus**
- Develop students’ understanding of the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for boys & girls
- Facilitate parent-child discussions

The program has been very successful in the past with parents indicating that the outcomes were excellent for their family.

**http://www.interrelate.org.au/program/schoolservices/**

**ICAS ENGLISH**

Students in Years 3 to 6 who have elected to sit for the International English competition run through the University of New South Wales will do so on Tuesday 28th July at 9.30am. Good luck everyone.

**Years 3 and 4 Camp**

The school is currently reviewing camp arrangements.

We are looking at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation Camp at Narrabeen.

**Facilities include:**
- 400 metre Olympic standard athletics track
- 25 metre, six-lane heated indoor pool with recovery centre
- Multi purpose indoor sports gymnasium
- Aquatic centre - for sailing, canoeing and kayaking
- Five multi-purpose ovals (three with lighting)
- Flexipave netball courts with lighting
- Cricket nets with synthetic pitches
- Six tennis courts (with lighting)
- Fitness and jogging tracks
- Sports science, sports medicine and physiotherapy.
- Guests can also make use of the kiosk and picnic areas

**Activities include:**
- Abseiling
- Archery
- Bushwalking
- Orienteering
- Kayaking and canoeing
- Challenge ropes course
- Swimming and just about any sport, given their extensive range of indoor and outdoor sporting facilities.

Sport and Recreation staff is recognised by the Department of Education as staff and having high sporting knowledge and expertise.

The Sydney Academy has availability for October 6th and 7th this year. This connects with the Years 5 and 6 camp to Canberra.

Cost is $199 for the overnight camp, plus the cost for bus travel.

Families experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to contact the school and speak to Deb, Emma or a teacher they feel comfortable with. Information is confidential and we may be able to help.
Change is always challenging, for many reasons. Sometimes we are delighted with what change brings and sometimes we learn a great deal which then informs later decision making.

What we do know is that the children will have a fabulous time, the facilities are fabulous, the staff is highly trained and the activities sound like lots of fun irrespective of the weather.

The opportunity for input at the next P&C meeting on the 13th July is very welcome.

P&C Meeting
Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th July at 7.30pm in the administration block. The following P&C meetings for Term 3 are:
- Monday 10th August at 7.30pm
- Monday 17th September at 7.30pm.
Please feel free to come along and join us.

OPEN DAY Kindergarten to Year 6
Parents, family and friends are invited to the school’s Open Day and Book Fair on Friday 7th August. Look for your invitation in the next newsletter. 😊

Happy Holidays!
Have a wonderful and safe holiday. We will see students, Kindergarten to Year 6 back at school on Tuesday 14th July.

Staff Development Day
Staff return to school Monday 13th July.

P&C News
Upcoming dates:
13th July - P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the staff room
7th Aug – P&C Coin Snake to be held during Open Day – Book Fair

P&C Coin Snake - Start collecting your small coins now to see which class can create the longest Coin snake! Collection tins will go in the classrooms after the holidays. Prize for the longest snake!
Playground Update – Quotes have been obtained and we are working with the school to provide our children with a creative and fun outdoor play space! Stay tuned for more information!

If you have any queries regarding our meetings &/or ideas please feel free to contact Kylie Jones – P&C President on 0404 064 819.
**Student Awards**

**Term 1  Weeks 9 & 10**

**Ms Everett**
Samantha O – great effort in Literacy groups
Brodie P – exceptional effort in all areas
Kobe M – outstanding reading in Literacy groups
Declan H – listening and following instructions in class

**APs Award**
Tatum S – Moderation
Elias V - Kindness

**VIPs**
Molly D, Ava S, Scarlett G-P, Felix McC

**Mr Zoglmeier**
Lara H – fantastic effort in Reading groups
Cody L – good thinking in Mathematics

**APs Award**
Jaxon C - Moderation

**VIPs**
Luke B, Charlie H

**Mrs Shaw**
Rohan D – being ready to listen
Eli P – working hard on his Reading
Sacha McL
Kiara E

**APs Award**
Rihanna M-M – Moderation
Harry S – showing kindness to others

**VIPs**
Keira L, Alexander W, Molly G, Mia H

**Mrs Palmer**
Erin O’K – excellent work completion
Hartley K – great thinking in Maths

**APs Award**
Myles P - Moderation

**VIPs**
Annabel B, Lily O, Isaac D, Lily O

**Mrs Ellwood**
Rheannon W – her wonderful involvement in Performing Arts
Jericho H – his positive attitude
Natalis M – an excellent ‘Scenic World’ recount
Kael L – trying hard in Mathematics

**APs Award**
Miranda P – Moderation
Isaac M – Kindness to others

**VIPs**
Charlie S, Charlotte B, Taleah V, Woody S

**Mr Foye**
Joel D – kindness to others
Tom M – helpful and considerate class member
Jennifer C – an enthusiastic class member
Thomas L – always striving to do his best

**APs Award**
Lily S – Moderation
Isabella M - Kindness

**VIPs**
Austin M, Ella H, Finn A, Blake S

**Mr Ellwood**
Thomas M – an excellent monochrome painting
Eli B – an entertaining catalogue poem
Brad B – an excellent Eureka Stockade comic
Oscar A – an excellent antiracism poster

**APs Award**
Nick J, Brad B
Grace S - Kindness

**VIPs**
Oscar A, Shanee R, Rhianna S, Andrew G

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**JACKEROO RANCH HORSE RIDING**

**WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY RIDING CAMPS**

Jackeroo Ranch (est. 54 years)
Recently relocated to Bingletree Station at Upper Turon, is again running Winter Vacation.

1st Week: Sat. 27th June – Sat. 10th July
2nd Week: Sat. 4th July – Sun. 12th July

**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)
www.jackerooranch.com.au

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Thursday, 25 June 2015