Term 3 – Week 2

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<td><strong>Textbooks</strong> – $50 per student <strong>Now Overdue please pay</strong></td>
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*Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments*

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Friday, 24 July 2015
**Value of the Week – Patience**

I am practising patience when I:

- am willing to wait for things I want;
- set goals and persevere until they are met;
- tolerate mistakes being made;
- calmly tolerate a delay or confusion and
- accept things I cannot change with humour and grace.

**Notes Home Students K - 6**

Notes sent home will be primarily through the newsletter as attachments. There will always be times that crop up where a note is needed in between newsletters, such as reminders, and at these times we ask for your understanding.

If you are unable to download notes to be signed for return to school please contact the office for a hard copy or ask your child to come and see Mrs Smith in the office who will provide a note.

**University of NSW Years 3 to 6 students**

Students in Years 3 to 6 who elected to participate in the International English Competition (ICAS) with the University of NSW will sit for the test on Tuesday 28th July at 9.30am.

Good luck to all.

**Raffle Prize**

Look at the wonderful cake that was a raffle prize from the school fete. Raen Frazer sure does beautiful work!

**Open Day**

Parents, Family and Friends are invited to Open Day on Friday 7th August to share in a snapshot of the work the children are currently engaged in.

The Book Fair opens in the Library at 9.00am. Classrooms open at 10.00am. Morning Tea is at 10.45am where Café 6 will be available for tea, coffee and special treats. Performances by various groups will begin at 11.30 on the hard court behind the school hall. This will include: senior choir, junior choir, dance groups, school band and Book Parade. Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

An Open Day flyer is attached to the newsletter for parents who may wish to download a copy for the fridge! 😊

**The NED Show**

Students have the opportunity to share in an anti bullying show, NED on Wednesday 29th July at 11.45am. The show imparts three main messages through storytelling, magic, humour and yo-yo tricks. The messages are:

- Never give up
- Encourage Others
- Do Your best

Please fill out the attached permission note for attendance and return it to the school office by: Tuesday 28th July.

The company requests cheques for purchases be made out to the Blaxland Public School. The school will then forward a school cheque to the company for all purchases made.

**Blaxland High Choral Performance**

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to Blaxland High School on Thursday 30th July to view a choral performance. Blaxland High School Vocal Ensembles are absolutely amazing. Students will travel by bus to and from the High School and the cost of the excursion is a gold coin donation.

Our thanks go to Blaxland High for providing this opportunity for our students.

Permission notes need to be signed and returned to the school office by 28th July.
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.

Please return forms and payment to the school office.

P&C Meeting  
The next P&C Meeting is on Monday 10th August at 7.30pm.  
All parents are invited to come and hear about the great work our community of parents engage in.

University of NSW  
**Years 3 to 6 students**  
Students in Years 3 to 6 who elected to participate in the International Maths Competition (ICAS) with the University of NSW will sit for the test on Tuesday 11th August at 9.30am.  
Good luck to all.

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments  
If you have a little person who is coming to Kindergarten next year could you please contact the office for an enrolment form. All NSW State Schools are required to submit anticipated enrolments for 2016 by 5th August. It would be helpful for overall organisation if forms could be submitted as soon as possible.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could let neighbours and friends know who may not be aware.

Thank you kindly.

Dance Tickets  
We understand tickets for the Dance festival at the Joan Sutherland Center go on sale on 10th August. Please be aware that the tickets sell out very quickly.  
We are waiting on advice in regard to the cost of the tickets and the performance days and times for our school. As soon as we have the information we will forward it you.

Contact Information:  
Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre  
597 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750  
PO Box 2, Penrith NSW 2751  
T: (02) 4723 7600  
F: (02) 4731 3701  
E: boxoffice@jspac.com.au
Ms Everett & Mrs Hayes
Marissa W-J – working hard and trying her best with her learning
Angela S – taking care to do neat and correct work
**APs Award**
Finlay G - Patience
**VIPs**
Ashton J, Sienna McL

Mr Zoglmeier
Charlie H – continued great work in Maths
Jaxon C – great effort to Term 3
**APs Award**
Violet S-C - Patience
**VIPs**
Violet S-C, Jordan G

Mrs Shaw
Willem H – wonderful effort and progress in Reading
Joey W – his enthusiasm and contributions to class discussions
**APs Award**
James W - Patience
**VIPs**
Aislinn W, Claudia K

Mrs Palmer
Araluen F – great thinking in Literacy Groups
Myles P – always trying to improve his work
**APs Award**
Jasmine S - Patience
**VIPs**
Jacob M, Rachel L

Mrs Ellwood
Woody S – great start to Term 3
Natalia M – excellent effort in Maths
**APs Award**
Charlie S - Patience
**VIPs**
Kate T, Yvette M

Mr Foye
Joel D – wonderful start to Term 3
Elijah B – wonderful start to Term 3
**APs Award**
Lily S - Patience
**VIPs**
Isabella M, Oscar K

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