Term 3 – Week 10

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          | **Now Overdue please pay** |

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

What’s Happening

Term 4

**Week 1**

6th Oct.       Students return to school
7th – 9th Oct. Years 5/6 Canberra Excursion
7th Oct.       Band lessons in afternoon with new conductor

**Week 2**

12th Oct.       P & C Meeting, 7.30pm

**Week 3**

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

**Week 5**

3rd Nov.       Teddy Bears’ Picnic, 10am
Value of the Week – Responsibility

I am practising responsibility when I:

- take my agreements seriously;
- am willing to do my part;
- admit mistakes without making excuses;
- am ready and willing to clear up misunderstandings; and
- give my best to whatever I do.

What a wonderful scene of learning and wellbeing.

Wonder who thought of the idea, Mrs Rawlings or the children?
Another fabulous outcome of our new playground. So lovely to see.

(PS Mrs Rawlings has no idea the photo was taken. You just don’t know where Mrs Smith is likely to pop up. Thanks for sharing Deb 😊)

Return to School
Kindergarten to Year 6
All students and staff return to school on Tuesday 6th October.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN TERM 4

Canberra Excursion Years 5 and 6

Years 5 and 6 are off to Canberra the first week back in Term 4 on Wednesday 7th October at 6.00am.

P&C

The first P&C meeting for Term 4 is on Monday 12th October at 7.30pm.
Please feel free to join us for a coffee and a chat.

Have a safe, happy and restful holiday everyone. 😊

See you back at school on October 12th.

Stewart House Clothing Drive 2015
Kindergarten to Year 6

We are asking parents to assist the Smith Family who collect clothes on behalf of Stewart House in their donations of clothing.
Your donation helps fund the program that support the 1,800 public school children who experience a healthy and much needed break at Stewart House each year. Please return your bag to the school office by Wednesday 21st October.

Survey now open
Dear Parents,
We are always looking at ways to enhance the quality of communication between our school and our parents. One of the key communication channels is our school website, http://www.blaxland-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

The department is looking at enhancing the quality of our school website and would really like to get your feedback as a parent about the type of functionality on the website that would help improve the communication between the school and you.

Friday, 18 September 2015
We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the following online survey. The survey is located at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback and help us make our school website even better.

**Kindergarten Orientation**
Parents and our 2016 Kindergarten students are invited to an orientation morning at school on **Thursday 22nd October at 9.30am**.

On arrival at school the children make their way to the Kindergarten room. Once settled in with the teacher and learning support officers parents are asked to make their way to the hall for a chat about 2016.

**Year 6 Mini Fete**
**Kindergarten to Year 6**

Year 6 will hold their mini fete for the student body on Friday 23rd October.

**Teddy Bears’ Picnic**
**Kindergarten**

Kindergarten 2015 invite Kindergarten 2016 to a Teddy Bears’ Picnic on **Tuesday 3rd November at 10.00am**.

Mums and dads are invited to a morning tea with our current Kinder parents and P&C while the children and their teddies enjoy a play and morning tea on the oval or in the hall if the weather is inclement.

This is the time that the 2016 Kindergarten students meet their school buddy who will support them during their first year at school.

This is also an opportunity for our new parents to speak to other parents about a year in the life of a Kinder student here at Blaxland. You may have questions that, as a parent you may feel more comfortable speaking to the P&C or to another parent until relationships are built with staff.

**Captains’ Posters**
**Year 5**

Students in Year 5 who wish to participate in the procedures for the election of 2016 school captains are invited to design a poster for display outlining strengths and reasons they would make a good captain. The posters are A3 size and will be displayed on the library windows from **Tuesday 17th November 2015**.

**Captains’ Speeches**
**Kindergarten to Year 6 and Parents**
**Tuesday 24th November**

Students wishing to be elected as a school captain are invited to develop and present a speech to the school community outlining why they would make a good captain for Blaxland Public School.

**Year 5 Girls’ speeches are at 10am in the school hall.**
Students return to classes to vote after the assembly.

**Year 5 Boys’ speeches are at 11.30am in the school hall.**
Students return to classes to vote after the assembly.

Parents are invited to come along and join us for the speeches.

The newly elected 2016 Captains and their parents are notified the following day, **Wednesday 25th November**.
Helpers Morning Tea
Parent and Community Helpers

Parent helpers and community volunteers are invited to a thank you morning tea on **Wednesday 18th November at 11.00am.** You are pivotal in providing additional opportunities in learning, curricula and extra curricula activities and we are eternally grateful for your support.

It is at this time that the school formally takes the opportunity to say thank you to all the people who have enriched and empowered the lives of our students.

We hope that all our parent and volunteer helpers from Scripture, to classrooms, sport, transporting students, P&C, baking cakes for teachers, weeding gardens, supporting at events to sewing and making resources are able to come along, have a cup of tea and share in the staff’s sincere thanks to you.

If you are able to attend please let Debbie or Janyce know in the Office 4739 2817, so we know how many goodies to buy 😊

Presentation Assembly
Kindergarten to Year 6 Parents, friends, family
**Thursday 26th November**

This year we are trialing a new format for the presentation assembly to better accommodate students.

Presentation Assemblies will be in the school hall at:

- 9.15am for Kindergarten to Year 2
- 10.00am for Years 3 to 5
- 11.30am for Year 6 Graduation

We hope you are able to join us on Thursday 26th November to celebrate student achievement.

Feedback on the structure will be sought from students, parents and staff in order to inform 2016 organisation.

**Year 6 Farewell**
**Year 5, Year 6 and Year 6 Parents**
**Wednesday 9th December**
This year we have a change to the format of the Year 6 Farewell and are looking very forward to sharing this with the students. Students and staff will be dining out at a local venue that has been pre booked. Only Blaxland Public School will be at the restaurant. After dinner, students and staff will return to school for dancing and presentations. Year 6 parents are invited to join their children later in the evening.

Feedback from the students will inform the organisation of the 2016 Farewell.

**New Band Conductor**
We are happy to announce that we have secured a new Band Conductor for Blaxland Public School. Mr Glenn Skarratt is a local musician who comes to us with loads of experience and enthusiasm for the job (thanks to Oz Music Gear for finding him for us!) He is currently employed by both Lapstone and Hazelbrook Public Schools. He is able to start at Blaxland in Term Four.

Instrument lessons will continue on **Wednesday** afternoons between 1:45 pm – 3:05 pm. Mr Skarratt will let the children know when they will be needed. Mr Skarratt is also offering an afternoon slot 3:10 – 3:40 pm for lessons. Please let Mr Zoglmeyer know if you are interested in this time slot.

Full band rehearsal will be on **Friday** mornings 8:00 – 9:00 am. This is where the students put their instrument practice into the whole band experience and learn how to play in a band situation.

**Reports**
**Kindergarten to Year 6**
End of year reports will be sent home to parents on Tuesday 8th December.

Friday, 18 September 2015
Last Day of the School Year for Students Kindergarten to Year 6

The final school day of the year is Wednesday 16th December. A guard of honour is formed by Kindergarten to Year 5, and staff at 2.50pm, where we send Year 6 out with an ovation for years gone by and adventures to come. Parents are very welcome to join us.

Last Day of the Year for Staff

The school year ends for staff on Friday 18th.

Staff is involved in professional development for the last two days.

Thursday 17/12

Session 1

Staff review:

- feedback provided for the 2015 Presentation Assembly structure and 2016 planning. (8.30am – 9.00am)

- feedback provided for the 2015 Year 6 Farewell and planning for 2016 (9.00am – 9.30am)

- individual professional performance plans.

Session 2

12.00pm – 4pm

Teachers are involved in collegial professional development at Blaxland High School as part of the Lower Blue Mountains Learning Community.

Dan Hasler, an international keynote speaker, educator, writer and consultant will address teachers. Dan is a dynamic educational thinker who is engaging, thought provoking and likes to push boundaries. His work is predominantly involved in the relationships between engagement, wellbeing, achievement and leadership.

This should be an afternoon packed full of inspiration and information.

Friday 18th December

Day 2

As a result of work undertaken throughout 2015 teachers will review the:

- session with Dan Hasler and implications for us as teachers. (Session 1, 8.30 – 9.30)

- outcomes of the 2015 implementation of the new Science and Technology syllabus and Scope and Sequence of units of work for Years Kindergarten to Year 6. (Session 1, 9.30 – 11.00am)

- strategies developed for the 2016 implementation of the new History syllabus. (Session 2, 11.30am – 1.00pm)

- new Geography syllabus and plans for K – 6 trial unit. This syllabus is to be implemented in 2017. (Session 3, 1.30pm – 2.30pm)

- professional development Day 1 and Day 2. (Session 3, 2.30pm – 3.30pm)

Parents are welcome to join us.

P&C News

Upcoming dates:

23rd October – Working Bee 10am
12th October - P&C General Meeting 7.30pm
31st October – Spooky Family Fun Night
5pm – 8pm
9th November - P&C General Meeting 7.30pm
14th December - P&C General Meeting 7.30pm

Working Bee – We will be working in the playground on the fairy garden. BYO lunch, something to share for morning tea and gardening gloves! Kids are welcome!!

Spooky Family Fun Night – is on again this year and we are still looking for volunteers to help on the night, please contact us if you’d like to be a part of this exciting event.

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 and/or ideas please feel free to contact Kylie Jones – P&C President on 0404 064 819.
**Uniform Shop Update**

**THE UNIFORM SHOP IS AT SERIOUS RISK OF CLOSING!!!**

Due to the lack of volunteers the uniform shop is at serious risk of being out sourced.

**WE DESPERATELY NEED ADDITIONAL HELP**

If the uniform shop goes to a supplier with a shop front, not only do we lose the convenience of having the shop on site at the school, families will also experience a significant rise in the cost of uniforms.

If you are available to help please contact:
Christine 0407 752 250 or Fiona 0418 688 126

**NEW SHOP HOURS FOR PERSONAL SHOPPING IN TERM 4**

- **Fridays** – 8.45 - 9.30am
- **HATS** – Are also available for purchase anytime from the front office.

All other purchases are handled by our volunteers either in person or via order on Fridays.

**PURCHASING BY ORDER**

All orders will now be placed via email.

1. Save the attached order form for future use or download from school website
2. Complete order form for a total cost
3. Make “POP” (pay online payment) via school website noting as “UNIFORMS”
4. Email completed order form and POP receipt to **Blaxland-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au**
5. Orders will be filled on Friday mornings by our volunteers and sent home with students

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**Student Awards**

**Term 3 Weeks 9 & 10**

**Ms Everett**
Kobe M – trying his best in Handwriting!
Molly D – exceptional Reading!
Lyla M – being a happy and helpful class member
Henry P – working well in writing

**APs Award**
Lyla M – Understanding
Ava S – being a responsible student

**VIPs**
Elias V, Bonnie K, Angela S, Tatum S

**Mr Zoglmeier**
Lara H – improved application in Mathematics
Harvey J – great application in Writing

**APs Award**
Luke B - Understanding

**VIPs**
Cody L, Charlie H, Nathan S, Baxter B

**Mrs Shaw**
Eli P – producing interesting writing and working a lot faster
Evie F – great participation in all class lessons
Harry S – working well in Literacy groups
Sacha McL – her enthusiastic approach to all activities

**APs Award**
Molly G – having an “understanding” of others
Carlito G-P – being a responsible student

**VIPs**
Jacob V, Rohan D, Mia H, Keira L

**Mrs Palmer**
Byron M – consistent effort and enthusiasm
Isaac D – a much improved application and attitude in Maths

**APs Award**
Hartley K - Understanding

**VIPs**
Myles P, Lana T

**Mrs Ellwood**
Taleah V – pleasing improvement in Maths
Harrison S – excellent work in Mathematics
Charlie S – his enthusiastic singing!
Yvette M – being a consistent worker

**APs Award**
Natalia M – increased understanding of Mathematical concepts
Rheannon W – taking responsibility for her own learning

**VIPs**
Kael L, Austin L, Lilly N, Leonard N

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Friday, 18 September 2015
Mr Foye
Ella H – a great commitment to learning
Jed F – an amazing effort in sports
APs Award
Freya C – all around “amazingness”
VIPs
Elijah B, R-J M

Mr Ellwood
Tyler E – consistent and genuine effort
Grace S – nice work with metaphors
Quinn D – persevering with all his work
Terri D – because we’ll miss her
APs Award
Brad B – Understanding
Claire H - Responsibility
VIPs
Madeleine R, Max P, Terri D, David R