Dear families,

I would like to welcome everyone back and trust you all enjoyed the time with your children during the holiday period.

This is sure to be an extremely busy term. Year 3 and 5 students will sit the NAPLAN next week, we have a number of excursions planned, the zone cross country, PSSA Gala Days and student half yearly reports will be sent home – all in only eight weeks!

All staff will also be continuing their professional learning in a number of initiatives including:

- TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) K-2
- TOWN (Taking Off With Numeracy) 3-6
- Accelerated Literacy
- The English and Mathematics Australian Curriculum

Finally this Sunday 12th May is an opportunity for all the Blairmount kids to spoil mum and say thank you........where do you begin to list the things a mum does?? On behalf of all the staff at Blairmount Public School I would like to wish all our Blairmount Mums a wonderful Mother's Day.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013 (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN will be conducted next week for all Year 3 and Year 5 students.

Tuesday 14th May
- Language Conventions
- Writing

Wednesday 15th May
- Reading

Thursday 16th May
- Numeracy

Friday 17th May
- Catch-up tests for absent Students

Kindergarten 2014

If you have a pre-school child turning 5 years old on or before 31st July 2014, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten for 2014.

If you haven't already done so, please collect an enrolment form at the office and return to school a.s.a.p. If you are aware of neighbours or friends with eligible children, please advise them to come and introduce themselves and ask for an enrolment form and information about the school.

Ready, Set, School

The Ready, Set, School Program started this week. The children seen below enjoyed a variety of activities, which have been designed for the children to get ready for Kindergarten in 2014.

All activities within the program have been carefully planned to increase each child's readiness for Kindergarten and help engage parent/carers to understand the education process. As most parents would be aware the program has been so successful we now run the program within Terms 3 and 4.

Each session has a very specific focus with a variety of activities including music, art, craft

Blairmount PS - 2012 Annual School Report

The Blairmount Public School 2012 Annual School Report is now available to be downloaded from the school website (http://www.blairmount-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/annual-school-report). If you do not have access to the internet copies can also be collected from the office.

I would encourage you to take the time to have a read of it. The report outlines the achievements made by the school and also the targets we are aiming for.
and social play. There will also be opportunities to visit the library, computer lab and become more familiar with different areas of the school. Many different skills will be highlighted including some simple, cheap and effective ideas for you and your children at home.

You and your child will be made to feel part of the school community and will get to know some of the staff. I encourage you to take this opportunity to help get your child ready to start Kindergarten. There are limited places for the program so please contact Melissa Clarke on 4626 1795 to confirm your place for Term 3 or 4.

School Photos

We have had a number of enquiries regarding school photos recently. I am very pleased to announce that school photos have arrived at school and are currently being checked and sorted.

We are intending to send all school photos home this Friday (10/5/13). If you ordered school photos please ask children and check bags when they come home on Friday.

Sacred Teaching Time

The first 3 hours of each school day is the optimal learning time and therefore it is essential that all students arrive for school before 9.00am and that parents do not disturb or interrupt learning time.

Please remember, if you need to speak with the teacher, arrange to do so at a mutually convenient time.

All teachers have been instructed that they are not to engage in discussions that take them away from teaching their class.

Library News

Last term was a busy one in the Library with our first bookfair of the year. It was a very successful one too. I was able to keep about $750 worth of books for our library. This year lots of books were sold as well as lots of stationery items and posters.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge also started. We are expecting all our students to complete this challenge.

K-Yr1 will be read their 30 books by their classroom teachers and myself.

Year 2 will read their 30 books during their Library time.

Years 3-6 will be expected to borrow their 20 books from the library and complete their reading at home. If you have internet access at home, children can enter their own books on-line. The address is: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html.

The library is open 3 lunchtimes (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) for all children to exchange their library books.

Issue 3 bookclub is due back on Friday 17th May.

Library borrowing days are the same as last term. In case you have forgotten, here they are again:

Every week

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1A</td>
<td>1C</td>
<td>KR</td>
<td>KP</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>KH</td>
<td></td>
<td>IL</td>
<td>KD</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Fortnightly even weeks

5/6N Tuesday 7/5, 21/5, 4/6, 18/6
4Y  Wednesday 8/5, 22/5, 5/6, 19/6
2C  Thursday 9/5, 23/5, 6/6, 20/6
2E  Friday 10/5, 24/5, 7/6, 21/6 (N.B Gala days may affect some of these dates)

Fortnightly odd weeks

2L, 6D, 3K - Monday 13/5, 27/5, 24/6
6C, 4/5S 3G -Tuesday 14/5, 28/5, 11/6, 25/6
4M  Wednesday 15/5, 29/5, 12/6, 26/6
5A  Thursday 16/5, 30/5, 13/6, 27/6
1/2M Friday 17/5, 31/5, 14/6, 28/6

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher/ Librarian
Congratulations to the SRC (Student Representative Council) members selected from each class. We have had 2 meetings already and we are working on a fundraising project.

**SRC**

KH: Alyssah Price, Laylah Tupou  
KD: Lilly Williams, Ashlee Craig  
KR: Amelia Jones, Kabien Parker  
KP: Kodelia Manapori, Mikael Matthews  
1C: Stefanie Nyciuk, Tarelle Tutu  
1A: Jake Andersen, Sascha Hoffman  
1L: Lincoln Fretton, Geofelyn Robinson  
1/2M: Neha Naidu, Jackson Price  
2E: Carl Parker, Jessica Khouri  
2L: Meleana Mounga, Francis Mochang  
2C: Maddison Saul, Zayne Miletic-Abrahams  
3G: Tamati Tahana, Jay Hoffman  
3K: Kelli Faleali’I, Halamehi Neiufi  
4Y: Geofery Robinson, Melanie Iopu  
4M: Hassan Abbas, Eliza Siilata  
4/5S: Payten Fretton, Tiarna Eade  
5A: Deacon Fox, Bradley Butt  
5/6N: Brandon Phanith, Mieke Jensen  
6C: Zac Thong, Shyann Wilson  
6D: Junior Iopu, Gemma Dalmas  
The Captains and Prefects are also going to be attending the SRC meetings.  
Captains: Anneliese Cordoba, Alex Curcuruto  
Prefects: Rana Abdo, Ali Abbas, Corey Bourke, Faith Faleali’I, Nathaniel Jarrold, Kayla Condran

**Parent Visitors**

A reminder that all visitors to the school during the day must report to the school office to sign in and receive a visitors badge.

We apologise for the inconvenience however student and staff safety is a major concern to us and as such we need to know who is on site and why at all times.

We would like to thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Points 2013**

This year our school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school - and all we need you to do is to shop for your groceries at Woolworths. From **Monday 8th April until Sunday 9th June 2013**, we are collecting Woolworths Earn and Learn points. You will get one Earn and Learn point for every $10 spent (excluding cigarettes, liquor and gift cards).

Place the Woolworths Earn and Learn Points onto the Earn and Learn sheet and when it’s complete, it can be brought into school and dropped into the collection box, which is located at the front office. There are more sticker cards available near the box for you to take each time you bring a full one into school.

We were very successful in this program last year and it is all thanks to your support. We hope that this year will be just as successful.

Mrs Sammut

**Happy Birthday**

Andrew Carver, Khalelia Ahmad, Jaydon Viliamu, Harmonie Taumalolo, Jeremy Moxham, Joyel Jose, Liesl Filipine, Amosa Glover, Krystal Brown, Peter Leituala, Piti Sioung, Ruby Stark, Rosalie McGuire, Lincoln Fretton, Natalia Benitez
Helping your child to measure length

What can you do at home?

- Use play dough to roll out two snakes of different length. Talk about one snake being ‘shorter’ and the other one being ‘longer.’
- Roll two snakes that are the same length from play dough. Turn one into a zig-zag or curved snake. Ask your child: Which snake is longer? How do you know this?
- Roll a toy car down a ramp and measure how many car lengths it travelled.
- Walk around objects and talk about how many steps it takes.
- Record your child’s growth on a height chart. Compare the height of family members and talk about who is ‘taller’ and ‘shorter’ and by how much.
- Measure the length of different leaves in the garden. Place the leaf on a ruler to measure in centimetres, millimetres, etc.

Adapted from Department of Education and Communities - Parents Count Too pamphlet
P&C
Bright Shirt/Shoes
Mufti Day
Thursday 23rd May 2013

Come dressed in your brightest top/shoes
(Gold coin Donation)
Free Before School Activities

Come and join the fun

Taekwondo

Starts 8:30 sharp in the school hall

Yr K-2 Monday
Yr 3-4 Thursday
Yr 5-6 Friday

UNITED TAEKWONDO
Fitness and Self Defence
Canberra - Sydney
Upper Hunter - Riverina - Adelaide - Tonga

Kick start your life
BLAIRMOUNT PUBLIC SCHOOL’s NEW SCHOOL RULES:

Students at Blairmount Public School have been busy learning their new school rules including the difference between desirable and undesirable behaviour.

- Do your best
- Let others learn
- Participate in learning
- Follow directions and instructions
- Be prepared for learning
- Keep focused and stay on task
- Actively listen

- Always be polite and use your manners
- Be cooperative
- Respect your own, others and school property
- Respect yourself and take responsibility for your actions
- Respect your school and the people and creatures in it
- Wear your school uniform with pride
- Respect the feelings of others
- Respect all natural and built environments
- Keep your play and eating areas clean from rubbish

- Be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing.
- Be sun safe – Wear a hat or stay under shelter
- Move safely at all times
- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Use all equipment correctly
- Travel safely to and from school
- Stay safe in cyberspace

Students are encouraged to demonstrate desirable behaviour at all times by following the school rules and earn some of our fabulous new awards including:

- Desirable Playground Behaviour Awards ~
  - Being a Learner Award ~
  - Being Respectful Award ~
  - Being Safe Award ~

- Being a Safe and Respectful Learner Term Award ~

Please support and encourage your child to learn the new school rules and demonstrate desirable behaviour by following these at all times.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WK</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>29 April</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>1 May</td>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>School Development Day</td>
<td>School Development Day</td>
<td>Students Return</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(Teachers Only)</td>
<td>(Teachers Only)</td>
<td>For Term 2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Mother’s Day Stall</td>
<td>Stewart House Envelopes Due</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>NAPLAN – Year 3 &amp; 5</td>
<td>NAPLAN – Year 3 &amp; 5</td>
<td>NAPLAN – Year 3 &amp; 5</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(Language Conventions &amp; Writing)</td>
<td>(Reading)</td>
<td>(Numeracy)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>P &amp; C Muffl Day</td>
<td>Winter PSSA Gala Day 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>(Gold Coin Donation)</td>
<td>Kindergarten Excursion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Taronga Zoo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Zone Cross Country</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>3 June</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Year 3 Excursion</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Heart Beat Excursion</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Botany Bay</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Yr 3-4 Indigenous Students</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>P &amp; C Meeting 6pm</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Year 2 Excursion</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Manly</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Year 4 Excursion</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Winter PSSA Gala Day 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Botany Bay</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>24</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Last Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Term 2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
## Blanchmount PS

### Canteen Menu

**Term 2**

**KATHY’S KITCHEN**

*Where Food is Fresh & Cooked From The Heart*

Just Some Of The Delicious Snacks & Meals Available During Term 2

### Sandwiches

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Strawberry Jam</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vegemite Sandwich</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honey</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lemon Spread</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cream Cheese</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese &amp; Vegemite</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese &amp; Lettuce</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Baked Beans</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spaghetti</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alphabet Spaghetti</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Egg &amp; Mayonnaise</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Egg, Mayonnaise &amp; Lettuce</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese &amp; Tomato</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese, Tomato &amp; Lettuce</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ham</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ham &amp; Cheese</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ham, Cheese &amp; Tomato</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ham, Cheese &amp; Pineapple</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicken, Lettuce &amp; Mayo</td>
<td>$3.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Salad (Plain) Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Salad (Gourmet) Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Cheese, Beetroot &amp; Onion</td>
<td>$4.00</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*OR CREATE YOUR OWN SANDWICH*

### Breakfast

*(Before 8.50am Only)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Price</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mini Spinach &amp; Cheese Quiches</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cheese &amp; Bacon Roll</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cup Cereal &amp; Milk</td>
<td>$2.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hot Milo</td>
<td>$1.50</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Salad Box

**SALAD BOX $3.50**

- Shredded Lettuce
- Grated Carrot
- Grated Cheese
- Cucumber
- Tomato

Your Choice Of Dressing Or Mayonnaise

**GOURMET SALAD BOX $5.00**

- Freshly Cooked Chicken
- Shredded Lettuce
- Grated Cheese
- Grated Carrot
- Cucumber
- Tomato
- Capsicum

Dressing Of Your Choice

*Or Create Your Own Salad Box*
**SNACKS**

- 2 x Saus & Cheese, Crackers 50c
- 2 x Saus’s & Vegemite, Crackers 40c
- Honey Yoghurt Mini (add topping free) $1.00
- Honey Yogurt Small $3.50
- Honey Yoghurt Large $6.00
- Orange Cut Into Quarters $1.00
- Apple Slinky $1.00
- Fruit Kebab Stick $1.00
- Bag Fresh Popcorn Small $1.00
- Bag Fresh Popcorn Large $2.00
- Freshly Made Jelly Cup $1.50
- On The Go Light Tasty Cheese With Water Crackers $2.00
- Honey Yoghurt Mini (add topping free) $1.00
- Honey Yoghurt Small $3.50
- Honey Yoghurt Large $6.00
- Orange Cut Into Quarters $1.00
- Apple Slinky $1.00
- Fruit Kebab Stick $1.00
- Bag Fresh Popcorn Small $1.00
- Bag Fresh Popcorn Large $2.00
- Freshly Made Jelly Cup $1.50

**GALA DAYS**

Lunch Packs, Frozen Drinks, Sunny Boys, Finger Buns, Donuts, Slices, Lolly Bags, Red Frogs & Snakes Etc Are Available For Gala Days. However They Must Be Ordered And Paid For In Advance.

If your child is a fussy eater, I’m happy to accommodate them in anyway, I will always offer a healthy alternative and free taste testers are available.

If you have a strange or special food request or requirement please feel free to ask, I’m more than \n
**ICE CREAMS & ICE BLOCKS**

- Zooper Dooper Half 50c
- Zooper Dooper $1.00
- Ice Pole $1.00
- Moshi Monsters Milky Pop $1.00
- Strawberry Moosies $1.30
- Chocolate Moosies $1.30 Bulla 98% Fat Free
- Vanilla Ice Cream Cup $1.30
- Lemon & Lime Split $1.30
- Raspberry Split $1.30
- Smoothies Mango Delight $1.30
- Smoothies Mixed Berry $1.30
- Ice Treat Wildberry $1.30
- Ice Treat Tropical $1.30
- TNT Sour Ice Pops $1.00
- Sunny Boy Cola $1.30
- Sunny Boy Raspberry $1.30

Fun Competitions Will Be Held During The Year (Any Suggestions Welcome)

**WAMINDA BAKERY MINI PIERS**

- Vegetarian Pie $3.50
- Chicken & Vegetable Pie $3.50
- Meat Pie $3.50

Other food & Items not listed will be available on various days.