Dear families,

Welcome back for term 3, I trust everyone enjoyed the opportunity of family time together.

This term is already shaping up to be extremely busy, with our first big event being Education Week. I trust you have already received your invitation to our open classrooms, our showcase performances and our teacher for a day. Should you have any questions regarding our education week activities please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Clarke at school.

We also have our annual athletics carnival in week 4 of this term. For the first time we have decided to hold our 3-6 carnival at the Campbelltown Athletics Stadium. K-2 students will participate in a sports fun day at school on the same day.

Our Year 5 and 6 students are getting extremely excited about their impending overnight excursion. They will be visiting Canberra and the Snowy Mountains for 3 days and 2 nights in week 5, an experience I am sure they will remember for some time.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

Education Week 2013

Education Week will be celebrated in week 3 this term. We have a variety of activities planned to help us celebrate here at Blairmount and we hope you can come and get involved and enjoy the week.

The week begins with "Open Day" and "Blairmount’s Showcase" on Wednesday 31st July 2013. Parents are invited into their child’s classroom and to have a healthy lunch with them. The day will finish with an assembly to showcase our student’s talents.

Wednesday 31st July is the P&C fundraiser Christmas in July. Please see flyer attached for details.

Thursday 1st August will be Teacher for a day here at school. This gives parents and caregivers the chance to shadow their child’s classroom teacher for the day to find out what really goes on at school and to have a go at teaching. Please ensure all permission notes are returned to school promptly.

We hope to see you for these Education Week events.

Melissa Clarke
Deputy Principal

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 from the office and return to school ASAP. 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.

Happy Birthday

Tamara Thorburn, Kayla Condron, Katie Thompson, Ray Williams, Samantha Lene, Shane Apulu, Tahya Lange, Tiarna Miletic-Abrahams, Mitchell Darnley, Andrew Liddle, Shyann Wilson, Puhi Raika, Elizabeth Pahulu, Iosefa Faleali’I, Erin Burns, Brodie Condron, Jeffrey Tilialo, Mikael Matthews, Heidi Wilson, Frraj Zahara, George Fuesaina, Ashleigh McIlwrath, James Burgess, Jeremiah Glover
**Student Medical Forms**

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.

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**Kindergarten News**

We are inviting a teddy bear to come to school on **Wednesday the 31st July** with our Kindergarten students. We ask that on this day all Kindergarten students bring a medium sized teddy bear to school. Not too big please, as we need to fit all teddies and children in the classroom.

We will be using our teddies on the day to help us participate in our Education Week Open Day. We would like to invite parents/grandparents up to the school on this day to enjoy this special occasion. Our open classrooms will begin at 10am followed by a Teddy Bear’s picnic in the gully at lunchtime.

Please bring a picnic rug and some yummy lunch to share with you, your child and their teddy at lunchtime.

We look forward to seeing you on this day.

Miss Howick
Rel. Assistant Principal

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**Peer Support**

This is our final week of peer support, the children have enjoyed the experience and Year 5 & 6 have developed their leadership skills, confidence and organisational skills. Well done leaders and to all the boys and girls that participated in the program.

**Week 2**

In this week’s final session of Living Positively the children will reflect on what they learned in Peer Support. They will remember to think optimistically, persevere and use positive self talk. The children will learn about a model - I laugh, I live, I love. This will help them to remember the activities they enjoy, their strengths and to show appreciation to others. Discuss with your child ways they can live positively.

Miss Dash

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**Primary Athletics Carnival**

The Primary Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 7th August at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. All parents are invited to attend in order to support their children. Notes and $10 are due in to the office by Monday 29th July 2013.

As this is a sports carnival we ask that you pack a healthy, nutritious lunch and recess for your child and ensure that they have a hat to wear on the day.

Hope to see you there.

Mrs M Clarke

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**P&C Update**

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 5th August at 6pm in the staffroom, as always everyone is welcome to attend.

The P&C have organised a number of fundraising events for this term. As well as our traditional Fathers Day stall they have also organised a K-2 and 3-6 Christmas in July disco to be held during education week and community movie night at the Dumaresq Street Cinema for the last week of term. Please refer to the flyers in this newsletter for further details of these two events.
National Tree Planting Day

On Friday 19th July 2013, Blairmount Public School welcomed a gift of a native lilli pilli tree from Campbelltown City Council for National Tree Planting Day.

Mayor Sue Dobson was welcomed by our environmental education committee leader and teacher, Mrs Fiona Bagley, together with some of our student school leadership team and BIG Group students.

Prior to the planting of this new tree, Ray and Jacob from our BIG Group paid respect to elders past and present by reading acknowledgement to country in both English and Dharawal.

Student leaders Annaliese and Alex then participated in the preparation for planting of this new tree with Mayor Dobson.

At the closing of this small ceremony all students had a photo opportunity with Mayor Dobson.

Mayor Dobson acknowledged the great work being done by teachers at Blairmount Public School in the interests of student learning including Aboriginal education, and indicated that she hoped we would continue to work together with local government to further support and improve our community.

Library News

I have some exciting news to share with you this week. Our second bookfair for the year, will be arriving any day, ready for Education Week next week. Children can buy during their library time or any lunch time next week. Parents are invited to visit the library during our open day on Wednesday. Books range in price from a few dollars to about $20. There will books available for you to donate to the school as well.

Bookclub: Issue 5 bookclub orders are due back on or before Friday 2nd August.

Bookweek Performer: Aleesah Darlison will be visiting our school on Monday 12th August. There will be 2 performances. Each one goes for 60 minutes and cost $4.50 per student. More details and permission notes to come.

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher Librarian

Gala Day Report - AFL

It was great to finally have nice weather for a Gala Day so the AFL players were very excited and keen to play. There were three rounds played for both Juniors and Seniors.

For the Juniors it was their first experience of AFL and this showed on the field. They were up against Claymore first game and this was a good learning experience for them. Gabriel To’o played very well in defence. The second game against Campbelltown saw Halamehi Neiuifi and Emmanuel Levika, both year three students, step up and play well. The third game against Campbelltown North saw Blairmount get a point on the board at last. Gabriel was again a stand out player. Well done to the Juniors, even though they lost all three games they had a great time, showed great sportsmanship and improved in their knowledge of the game.

The Senior team started very well with a 24-12 win over Claymore. Goals were scored by Elijah To’o (2), Keanu Chatters and Deacon Fox. Junior Iopu took a spectacular flying mark and others to take marks were Nathaniel Jarrold (2), Zac Thong and Luke Curcuruto. Not such a great game against Campbelltown with no goals being scored, but plenty of marks being taken; Keanu (3), Deacon (3), Luke, Elijah and Akash Kumar. The
The final game against Campbelltown North was very close and could have gone either way; unfortunately Blairmount lost 19-13. Goals in this game went to Nathaniel and Luke and marks to Deacon, Keanu and Lina Nabuka.

I think we all learnt a bit more about AFL after our Gala Day experience and I'm happy to report that all players were well behaved and played the game in the right spirit. Well done players.

Mrs Richardson.

### Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition

Last term Caterina Cordoba, Alyssa Khori, Cailin Fahey and Annaliese Cordoba represented the school in the Multicultural Perspective Public Speaking Competition at Robert Townson Public School. This was a fantastic achievement and all four girls represented the school with confidence and are to be commended for their efforts.

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### K-2 Sports Fun Day

K-2 will be holding a Sports Fun Day on **Wednesday 7th August**. The activities will begin at 9.30am and conclude at recess time. Normal classes will resume after this. Parents are invited to come and watch their child/children participate in the day and are welcome to have lunch and recess with their children. Children will need to wear full school uniform, joggers and bring a drink for the day.

We look forward to seeing you on the day!

Miss A Minihan - K-2 Sports Fun Day Organiser

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### Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks Blairmount Public School, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day-to-day learning.

This trial is focused on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day-to-day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students’ education provisions. Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers of those students selected for the trial.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child’s involvement or would prefer that your child does not participate, please telephone the school on 4626 1795
P&C Fundraiser

**Monday**

29th July 2013

Yrs K - 2,

*Lunchtime*

$2 per ticket
(includes entry &
glow stick)

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Christmas in JULY

Disco

**Wednesday**

31st July 2013

Yrs 3 - 6, *4.30pm - 6.30pm*

$5 per ticket (includes entry, hot dog, drink & glow stick)

[Yrs 3-6 Pre-purchase Tickets](#)

*Wednesday & Friday mornings near Canteen*

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*Other items on sale during Yrs 3-6 Disco -*

- Glow Sticks - 50c each or 3 for $1.00
- Hairspray - 50c
- Chips/Popcorn - 50c
- Chocolates - 50c
- Photo booth - 50c
Blairmount Public School
P&C Movie Fundraiser

Tuesday, 17th September 2013
6.30pm
Dumaresq Street Cinema
$8 per ticket
Lucky door prizes

Tickets on Sale from School soon!
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