Dear Families,

It was great to see so many families at our ‘Meet The Teacher’ afternoon. We really value all our parental support and look forward to our continued partnership throughout the year.

The Kindergarten classes KH, KP, K/1M, KS and KB have settled in quickly and are already engaged in learning like experienced ‘big school’ kids.

Congratulations to their teachers Miss Haddock, Mrs Murray, Miss Maxwell, Mrs Bagley and Mr Pereira whose outstanding organisation, management and care has allowed the kindergarten students a happy and successful transition to Blairmount Public School.

Congratulations to the students for being great listeners and trying hard. Thank you also to all kindergarten parents who have ensured the children are at school on time, with all their belongings labelled. Parents have allowed the children to show independence by a ‘kiss and drop’ strategy, which ensures a positive and productive start to the day.

We understand that leaving your child at school can be worrying at times, especially if you are a ‘new’ parent. I can assure you, they are in very good and caring hands and that they are smiling and engaged the minute you leave the grounds!

Regards
Melissa Clarke
Rel. Principal

School Photo Day

Just a reminder to all parents that you will be receiving an envelope with information and payment for photo day soon.

ALL money MUST be paid on the day directly to the photographer. No money is to be paid via our online payments or eftpos at the school.

Cash and credit card are the 2 options. Please read the information on the payment envelope for instruction.

P&C Thank You

The P&C would like to thank the school community for supporting our Valentine's mufti day. We raised $403.25 on this day and everyone looked great in their red colours.

Happy Birthday

Peter Phouangpanya, Ashley Clissold, Cobey Watkins, John Williams, Caitlyn Chaophrasy, Ruby Chaophrasy, Christian Norwood, Jordan Hughes, Pursaysis Ahmad, Kodelia Manapori, Ethan Brown, Nataiya Williams, Olivia Ricketts, Ethan Kenney, Jada Carlyon, Esther Soalii, Tane Croft-Ritte, Shaun Tupou, Geofelyn Robinson, Christian Douangdara, Alyssa Khouri, Brock James, Leonydus Ah Chong.
**Road Safety**

It has been brought to our attention that some families are not using the supervised crossing to cross Badgally Road to come to school.

The Roads & Maritime Services provide a crossing supervisor on Badgally Road to ensure the safety of students arriving and leaving school.

Please talk with your children and emphasise the importance of using the crossing on Badgally Road when arriving or leaving the school.

**Kindergarten Sight & Hearing Testing**

As part of our National Partnership Funding all Kindergarten students have the opportunity to have free Hearing and Sight testing.

Hearing testing has been taking place this week with pleasing results. If a recommendation is made in regards to your child’s hearing you will be contacted by Penny Golledge to advise of the result.

We have decided to postpone the Kindergarten Sight testing until Term 3. All permission notes that have been received will be kept so there will be no need to sign any more notes. Keep an eye on the newsletter for the revised Sight Testing dates.

**Library News**

The library timetable has now been finalised and borrowing will begin next week. Please see below for your child's library day.

*Monday* - 3C, 5G, K1M, 1M, 2K  
*Tuesday* - 5O, 6D, KB, KS, KH  
*Wednesday* - 45C, 2E, 2C, KP  
*Thursday* - 23L, 4J, 1A, 3N  
*Friday* - 34H, 6N, 1T  

Every child will need a waterproof library bag. Some children have brought calico bags or bags made from paper. These are not waterproof, so I have given these children a plastic shopping bag to put inside these types of bags.

The library will soon be opening at lunch and this will provide them with extra opportunities to return and borrow books.

**1A News**

1A were asked ‘what is their favourite flavour in a Neapolitan tub of ice cream? ’

They realised to figure out which one was the class’ favourite they needed to taste all the flavours, choose one of their favourites and then they needed to collate that data into a graph.

After much data collecting (and taste testing) 1A found that strawberry was the class’s most favourite flavour.

**Ready, Set, School Program**

The Ready, Set, School program is a transition program for all children beginning Kindergarten in 2015. The program has been running for the past few years and we have received wonderful feedback from parents. They feel their children are better prepared for Kindergarten and teachers are also seeing the benefits of students
who have participated in the Ready, Set, School program. The program will increase your child’s readiness for Kindergarten and help engage parent/carers in understanding the education process.

Beginning 7th May, the program will take place each Wednesday & Thursday morning from 9.15am – 11am and will run for 8 weeks. It is very important that your child attends every session. Parents are asked to stay with their child for the first three weeks only. Parents will then be given the opportunity to take part in a variety of planned parent workshops.

Each session will have a specific focus with a variety of activities including literacy, numeracy, music, art, craft 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.

Places are still available for next term. To ensure your child’s place in the program or if you have any questions, please contact Penny Golledge on 4626 1795.
Mother’s Day Stall

Children need to pre-order & pay for Blairmount Money before Friday 28th March 2014.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Thursday 8th May 2014, the P&C will be running their annual Mother’s Day Stall. The Stall allows children to purchase a special gift for their mother, grandmother or special someone, while at the same time raising money for Blairmount Public School P&C. Participation in this event is entirely voluntary.

Gifts will range in price from $1, $2, $3, $4, $5, $7 and $10.

A limited amount of gifts will be purchased and children who have pre-ordered and paid for Blairmount Money will be given the opportunity first to purchase a gift or gifts of their choice, anything that is left over will be sold at lunchtime.

This year’s PRE-PURCHASED stall will provide your child with the opportunity to purchase more than one gift if they so choose. There is NO LIMIT to the number of gifts than can be purchased providing they have purchased Blairmount Money PRIOR to the day.

In order to streamline the running of the stall, the reply slip needs to be completed and returned with your order. (Blairmount Money will be handed out to children on the day of the stall. $1 = 1 Blairmount Dollar).

What do you need to do before the day?
Please return the attached slip, along with all monies addressed to P&C Mother’s Day Stall, in a sealed envelope to the front office by Friday 28th March 2014. (This will give us time to order and arrange gifts).

CHILDREN WILL BE PURCHASING GIFTS – THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2014

RETURN SLIP – MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Return this slip and monies by Friday 28th March 2014

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________ Class: __________________

Amount of money enclosed: $______________________________
Dear Parents,

At the start of a new school year we would like to invite you to become a volunteer parent helper within the school on a regular basis. We find offers of help invaluable and would appreciate any time you could give us. If you are able to commit to a time each week please tick the boxes below and return this note to the front office.

Parent Name: ____________________________________________
Contact Phone Number: ________________________________
Child's Name: __________________________________________
Child's Class: __________________________________________

Please complete the table below with your availability:

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If you have any other skills that could be utilised outside of the classroom please list below:

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We would like to thank you in advance for your support, when we know your availability you will be contacted by Mrs Penny Gollidge.

If you have any queries please contact me on 02 4626 1795.

Kind Regards

Penny Gollidge
Curriculum & Community Liaison Officer