Dear families,

Mrs Davis from our front office has advised me that she will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Davis has supported the students and staff at Blairmount Public School for the last 30 years!!

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Mrs Davis for her work and for everything she has added to our school, her knowledge and expertise will be sorely missed. I would like to wish Mrs Davis and her family all the very best as the next chapter in her life begins.

This will be our last newsletter for the term. We would like to wish everyone in the Blairmount community and a relaxing break and hope you enjoy the time with your families.

Students and teachers return for term 4 on Tuesday 7th October.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

Staffing News

In other staffing news it is with great pleasure that I can announce that Mrs Clarke has been successful through the merit selection process in being appointed as the Deputy Principal for Blairmount PS.

Mrs Clarke has been acting in the position for a number of years but could not fill it permanently due to our decreasing numbers. Our numbers have now increased and our staffing entitlement again includes a Deputy.

Mrs Clarke will begin in this new permanent position from the beginning of 2015.

Kindergarten 2015

If you have a pre-school child turning 5 years old on or before 31st July 2015, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten for 2015.

If you haven’t already done so, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it 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.

Kindergarten Orientation

We will be holding an Orientation session for parents of students who are enrolled to start Kindergarten at Blairmount next year.

This session will be held in the hall on Wednesday 22nd October from 8.45am – 11.00am to give you some very important information about your child starting school.

During this time your child will attend a morning session and experience a range of school readiness activities with the current Kindergarten teachers.

Prior to the end of term we will post an information pack to you containing an invitation and all the relevant information for your child to start school. Please contact the office early term 4 if you do not receive any information in the mail.

Thank you,
Mrs Renee Heyburgh and Ms Murray
**New BPS Maths League**

**WHAT**
We have just started a Maths League at BPS

**WHY**
To provide opportunity for these students to further enrich their problem solving and working mathematically skills.

**WHO**
Students who have been identified as working above grade expectation in Mathematics

**WHEN**
Every Thursday at lunchtime

**WHERE:**
In the school library

So far it has been a great success. Look out for examples of their amazing work in future Newsletters.

Miss Chatterjee and Ms Murray

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**K/1M Star of the Week**

For showing that learning is important to them,

the star of the week for:

Week 7 was........... “Preston M”
Week 9 was............ Iliyaz V

Congratulations Preston and Iliyaz you should be very proud of yourselves.

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**Dads Fun Night 2014**

The Kindergarten Teachers and the staff at Blaimount would like to invite all Kindergarten fathers or other significant males (grandfathers, carer, uncles, etc) with their Kindergarten child to attend the Dad’s fun night.

**Where:** Blaimount Public School Hall

**When:** Wednesday 15th October, 2014

The activities for the Dad’s Fun Night include:

- Footy Passing Competition
- Backyard Cricket
- Construction activity
- Sausage Sizzle

We look forward to seeing you and your child on the night!

Regards,

Shane Pereira

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**SASS Appreciation Week**

This week Blaimount has had the pleasure of taking part in SASS Appreciation Week. The Blaimount community would like to say a big thankyou to our dedicated and hard-working members of staff that make up our ‘School Administration and Support Staff’.

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**Beautiful Blaimount Brides to Be**

It was an absolute pleasure last week to host a bridal Shower for Miss Dash and Miss Maxwell.

Miss Maxwell was married on Saturday and will now be known as Mrs Mcgaughey (Mrs Mac). She was an absolutely beautiful bride.

In the school holidays, Miss Dash will become Mrs O’Keefe when she gets married in New York.

We send them both our best wishes and look forward to seeing them when they return.

Kind Regards,

Ms Murray

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Grandparents’ Day

Last Thursday was Grandparents’ Day where the grandparents of students in Year 1 and 2 were invited to the school for a special afternoon. All classes in Year 1 and 2, including K/1M and 2/3L, presented a fantastic performance for the grandparents. There was some great dancing, drumming and artwork of one class’ grandparents. After the performances, the grandparents joined their grandchildren in their classrooms for a short activity, then had afternoon tea in the hall with them. Thank you to all the grandparents for attending, it was a great afternoon!

Regional Athletics Carnival

A big congratulations to Ryan, Deacon, Sherritta, William and Saymon. These students came 1st and 2nd at The Campbelltown Zone Athletics Carnival track/field events and therefore qualified for the Sydney South West Regional Athletics Carnival, which was held on Wednesday the 10th September.

The 4 boys competed in the senior boys relay event and came 10th. Sherritta competed in the 11 year girls 100m dash and came 9th. Deacon and William also competed in the 100m dash, in which Deacon came 12th and William came 15th. Saymon also competed in the 12 year boys long jump and came 14th.

These placings were fantastic achievements, as they were competing against the fastest and most athletic students in the Sydney South West region!

A big thank you to Mrs Golledge and parents for transporting these students to the event.

Miss R Chatterjee

5Gs Learning Goal Trophy Title Holders

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved their learning goals.

For spelling;
Caterina and Sarah.

For Comprehension;
Harry, Jack, Kadhim and Brayden.

For Addition and subtraction;
Cassi, Ashley, Tilden, Abdullah, Caterina, Kadhim and Pierr.

I am very proud of the continued effort of all of the students in 5G. I hope everyone has a great holiday and returns to school ready to achieve more learning goals.

Mrs Gawthorne
Zone Athletics Record

Sherritta qualified for both the Zone and Regional Athletics Carnivals. She also broke a zone record for the 11 years girls 100m dash. The old record was 13.91 held by T. Twentyman in 1995. Sherritta now holds the new record at 13.75. Here is her interview sharing her proudest sporting achievement.

1. How long have you been running in track events? 4 years

2. Have you qualified for the Zone or Regional Carnivals before? Yes, I have qualified for zone 4 times and regional 3 times.

3. Have you broken a record before? No, this is the first time.

4. How did it feel when you found out you broke a record? I was shocked and I felt surprised!

5. Who is your favourite athlete and why? Sally Pearson, she is an Australian runner and hurdler. She is very fast and super good at sport.

6. What are your dreams for the future? I want to be in the Olympics and win gold medals.

7. What advice can you give to other students at Blairmount Public School who want to qualify for the Zone Athletics Carnival next year? Try your best and reach your goal.

Gardening in KS

Since the beginning of term 2 the students in KS have been learning all about gardening. On Thursday afternoon we were able to use all the wonderful vegetables we have grown to create a salad. The students have grown lettuce, carrots, beetroots and snow peas. The students harvested and washed all the vegetables and enjoyed eating their home-grown produce. KS would like to thank Ms Fakes for all her help and sharing all her knowledge about gardening.
Eco Group’s Belgenny Farm Adventure

Wednesday the 10th of September was a fine day when Blairmount’s Eco Group travelled to Belgenny Farm to take part in the Macarthur Schools Sustainability Expo. Whilst we learnt how to help our planet and school, Ms Fakes was learning from other teachers and council members. What she learnt will help us and our school.

Not long after we arrived, we got into our first activity which was learning about Bokashi buckets. We learnt how to compost. After that was seed saving, where we learnt that the seeds inside a tomato can grow into a tomato bush. We couldn’t wait to go to our next activity which was water testing. We tested the ocean water, Belgenny dam water, tap water and salt water. We found out that there were differences in the water. We then moved on to nature drawings. We drew plants, animals, and copied stencils. Bird watching was next, we used binoculars to spot birds in trees. Our favourite session had finally arrived, touching, patting and holding chickens. There was also a big duck that we could pat.

After recess we went to dancing where the students from Campbelltown Performing Arts High School taught us a dance. Our final session for the day was animal art. We drew all sorts of animals from around the world.

At lunchtime, the King and Queen of Green arrived and they taught us about water pollution. All the schools assembled in the granary where our Eco group pledged to get a speaker out to talk about excess packaging of lunch.

The eco group thanks Ms Fakes for taking us. We can’t wait for next year.

By Cassi and Ashley

MVP’s in KP

Each fortnight KP celebrates its achievements in the classroom with a special MVP (Most Valuable Person) award.

This fortnight’s recipient is:

Jewels I

Jewels says that when she is at school she loves:

✓ Learning
✓ Reading
✓ Practising Sight Words
✓ Writing great sentences, with full-stops and spaces
✓ Working neatly
✓ Counting by 2’s
✓ My 5L’s
✓ Playing with Tanya and Rebekah

Well Done Jewels!!

The Boys Club

Member of the Week

Name: Richard M
Age: 12
Class: 6N
Nick Name: Rich

Favourite sport: football
Favourite football player: Sonny Bill Williams
Hobbies: playing sport
Favourite food: pizza

My favourite thing about Boys Club is: playing football
When I grow up I want to be: a football player / sports coach
Congratulations Neveah and Carter
On Wednesday 10th September, Neveah Lynch and Carter Everingham attended the Sydney South West Regional Advisory Council Pacific Awards and won an award each. Carter won the Highly Commended Education award and Neveah won the Junior Performing Arts award for Outstanding Achievement. A huge congratulations to both Blairmount students.

Year 5 Debating
On Wednesday the 3rd of September Ellie, Tilden, Alyssa and I went to Eagle Vale High School to compete in the debating competition for Blairmount Public School. We had lots of fun. We competed against 2 schools out of 4.

First we competed against Eschol Park, our topic was ‘We should ban advertisements aimed at school children.’ We practised our debate for an hour, then we presented it to fellow competing school’s and our adjudicator.

We were really happy because we won! After that they provided us with lunch, drinks and cookies. When we finished lunch we got straight into our second debate against Claymore. Our topic was ‘Children should only use internet at school.’ Again we prepared for an hour and then presented it.

We tried our hardest and used our best skills. We were really nervous of how the results were going to turn out. We were really happy and surprised that we WON! We would like to thank the teachers for all their support but especially Mrs O and Mrs King for organising this. We’d like to also thank Mrs Brownlee for driving us.

By: Ellie, Tahlia, Tilden and Alyssa
Blairmount Public School would like to thank

Ray's outdoors

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and

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