Dear Families,

I trust all our mums had a wonderful Mother’s Day last Sunday. Thankyou to our wonderful P&C for organising our Mother’s Day stall. They are very small in numbers but work tirelessly, volunteering many hours of their own time to support all the students in our school!

Congratulations must go to all of our Year 3 and 5 students for their efforts during NAPLAN. It is very tiring for those students completing 4 formal tests in the space of three days. All students remained calm, positive and tried their best at all times.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

Winter Gala Day

The first Winter Gala Day will be held this Friday 15th May (Week 4).

The second Gala Day will be held on Friday 12th June (Week 8).

Below is a list of the sports and venues.

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Please remind students that they need their school hats and bottles of water for Gala Day.

Regards,
Mr S. Pereira
PSSA Organiser

Parent Concerns at School

From time to time parents and carers have questions or concerns regarding incidents at school. Should you have any questions regarding your child’s schooling you should always approach the class teacher first for clarification.

You can also contact the Assistant Principal who is responsible for that part of the school;

- Kindergarten Mrs Renee Heyburgh
- Years 1 and 2 Mrs Belinda Gibbs
- Years 3 and 4 Miss Tamara Pollock
- Years 5 and 6 Mrs Sharon Sammut

Should you not be able to resolve the issue please make an appointment to see either our Deputy Principal (Mrs Melissa Clarke), or myself, the Principal (Mr Greg Turnbull).

Do not, under any circumstances, approach other students directly regarding incidents at school.

We thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

Well done to all the students in Stage 2 & 3 that represented their class in the stage finals, for the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition.

The following students won their stage finals and will be going to Thomas Acres Public School this term to compete in the local final.

- Stage 2: Jackson P and Helen T
- Stage 3: Cassi D and Tilden B

We wish them all the best!

Miss A Minihan
**Blairmount Buzz by 6H**

6H are currently working on an online newspaper in class called the Blairmount Buzz. We are working very hard to post fortnightly editions of our newspaper, discussing important events in our school community. We would love for you to have a look at our articles and some of the behind the scenes work to get our paper up and running.

http://blairmountbuzz.weebly.com/

We will let you know of our new editions through our school Facebook page each fortnight. Thanks for your support in making Blairmount such a great community and happy reading!

Miss Howick and 6H

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**1P**

This term 1P are learning about imaginative texts. We put pictures in our head before we write so we can make our writing more interesting. A couple of weeks ago we read *The Gruffalo* then wrote what we could sense if we were in a forest.

Kaylen: In the forest I can see a blue and red owl. I saw a blue waterfall. I saw a feather it looked beautiful and looked like a macaw.

Alexis: In the rainforest I can hear an orange fox and a white fox too and trees with raindrops. In the forest I can feel grass and leaves.

Ephraim: In the big bad forest I can hear fat birds tweeting. I can see a mossy tree. I can feel the beautiful breeze. I can taste a red juicy apple. I can smell a pink ice-cream.

Aramis: In the forest I saw a tree flowing away and I hear an owl then hear a bird chirping.

Mrs Pollard

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**ICAS Computer Competition**

The Digital Technologies (computer skills) assessment will be held on **Tuesday 19th May**. If you have paid for your child to do this assessment, please ensure that they are at school on this day.
Library News

NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015
Due to my absence last term, we are a bit late starting this challenge. However the teachers and myself are confident that every student in Years 3-6 will be able to meet this challenge by reading by themselves 20 specially marked books by late August. Kinder and years 1 and 2, will have their 30 specially marked books read to them by their teachers and myself. For further details on this challenge please go to https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html.

Book Club
The deadline for issue 3 bookclub has been extended to Friday 15th May. Simply fill out the order form and put it in an envelope with the money. The order may be given directly to me or popped in at the front office. See the brochure for details on how to pay online if this is more convenient.

Overdue Books
Some children this week will be bringing home a gold slip of paper with their overdue books listed on it. Please help them to locate these and return them to the library as soon as possible.

Library Timetable
- Monday: KR, KM, KD, 4/5A
- Tuesday: 1P, 3W, 5E, 5/6C
- Wednesday: 2E, 2K, 3C
- Thursday: 3/4P, 2O, 1T, 1/2B
- Friday: 4S, 4M, 6H, 6J

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher Librarian

Books and Blankets & MathSMAD Afternoon
Blairmount PS held its first books and blankets afternoon in conjunction with MathSMAD. Parents and carers were invited up to the school on Wednesday afternoon, with a blanket, to enjoy reading with or listening to their child read.

We had an exceptional turn-out and all students loved the opportunity to sit in a cosy spot and enjoy a book with their parents.

Thank you to all the family members who joined us for ‘Books and Blankets & MathSMAD’. We are hoping to have another one next term!

Kindergarten Mums Fun Night
Last Tuesday the Kindergarten students and their mum’s participated in our Mum’s Fun Night. The students and parents had the opportunity to decorate cupcakes, participate in Tai Chi, create placemats and learn more about the reading happening in the classroom. We would like to thank all the mum’s who were able to attend and we hope that you had just as much fun as the teachers.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
The NSW Department of Education and all schools nationally will be participating in the collection of data to establish how many students in NSW public schools have a disability.

Teachers will provide feedback to the NSW Department of Education if there are any adjustments and the extent of adjustments made to school programs that may impact on student learning.

If you think your child may fit into this category and you do NOT want them to be part of this data collection please contact Mrs Haddock as soon as possible.

Mrs L Haddock
Learning and Support Teacher
Stage 3 Camp
In Term 3, our Stage 3 students will be going on a three day camp to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains.

This is just a reminder that the second camp installment is due by Friday 22nd May. Please ensure that all payments are placed in an envelope with your child’s name and class clearly printed on the front.

Mrs Sharon Sammut
Assistant Principal

Year 6 T-Shirts
Our Year 6 T-Shirts are being designed this year for our students by a company called Sportsmagic. The students have been consulted every step of the way and Sportsmagic have been wonderful in accommodating the design that the students wanted for their Year 6 shirt. Sportsmagic specialise in creating sportswear and a large range of other products.

For further information, please see their website www.sportsmagic.com.au

Eco Group
The Eco group would like to thank everyone who bought an apple slinky over the last couple of weeks and also thank students who gave a donation. We raised $150 which was enough for the garden shed with the help of a Masters voucher and some school funds. We would also like to thank Mr Blake for putting up the shed. We can now store our gardening tools in a dry setting.

Ruby, Hannah and Ms Fakes

KR
KR have enjoyed reading the book Anzac Ted as part of an English Unit we have been learning about in Term 2. The students were sad that in the story the children in the class did not understand the important role of the soldiers and the support that Anzac Ted provided to the soldiers when they were at war.

As part of this unit we had a toy show just like the book, the children shared their favourite toy and then each child voted on their 3 favourite toys. In the book Anzac Ted did not receive any votes, and this was very upsetting for our class. The children were happy that in our toy show every toy received a vote and no toy missed out.

We also made Anzac biscuits in our class. We discussed how when the soldiers went off to war the people that were at home wanted to make them something that would give them energy and some nutrition. They knew that the food had to travel a long way and it would take a long time to get there, and so this is why they made Anzac biscuits. The oats would provide them with some nutritious goodness and the biscuits would last a long time. Our biscuits in KR did not last so long, the children all enjoyed eating them when they were still warm.

Finally we wrote a letter to Anzac Ted expressing how we felt about him and all his efforts to support the soldiers.

Mrs Ryan and all the students of KR have enjoyed learning about Anzac Ted.
Put on your favourite teams jersey and come and join us for a P&C

FOOTY Mufti Day

Thursday 28th May, 2015
Gold Coin Donation

PARENTS & CARERS

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

BLAIRMOUNTS BEVERAGES & BIKKIES

WHEN: 18TH MAY 2015
WHERE: SCHOOL HALL
TIME: 8:30AM TILL 8:55AM
P & C FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

MEET STUART KEVIN & BOB

Illumination presents
MINIONS
JUNE 2015

Tickets $8.00

***Children must be accompanied by an adult***

Tickets on sale every Friday morning from 29th May 2015 @ canteen

WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2015

DUMARESQ ST CINEMA @ 6:30PM
Blairmount Public School would like to thank

By Kat
Mary Kay Cosmetics
Australia
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Soul Pattinson Chemist

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Campbelltown, NSW 2560
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Campbelltown, NSW 2560
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- **Week 12**: PSSA Gala Day
- **Week 12**: Kindergarten Excursion Campbellsart Art Gallery