Dear Families,

Our new three year school plan has now been published and can be downloaded from our school website; http://www.blairmount-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/11759400/11770273/BPS_Plan_2015_2017.pdf

The school plan was developed after significant community and staff consultation that started in term 4, 2014. The plan articulates our vision for what we would like Blairmount Public School to look like over the course of the next three years. If you have any questions regarding our school plan please do not hesitate to speak to either Mrs Clarke or myself.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

Heartbeat Excursion
On Friday 8th May, Amelia, Patrick, Chloe, John, Jayden, Talon, Portia, Tynieka, Madison and Latiesha from years 5 and 6 visited the University of Western Sydney.

Students attended the Heartbeat excursion which explored science around the human body and how to keep yourself healthy.

We searched through the gardens to find natural remedies for colds, flus, burns and stomach aches just like the Indigenous people did and still continue to do!

And lastly we played a game of Gorri which is a traditional Indigenous game commonly known as bowling.

Newsletter Going On-Line Only
From the beginning of next term our fortnightly newsletter will not be sent home to all families.

The newsletter will still be written fortnightly but will only be published as a pdf document on our school website and then advertised through Facebook, Twitter and our School App that it is available to download.

If you are unable to access the newsletter electronically and would still like a printed copy each fortnight please contact Ms Brownlee in the school office.

School App
We would like to remind everyone that Blairmount has it's own Smartphone App. The App is available to download from both the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. See the attached parent information sheet to download instructions.

The App enhances the communication between the home and school and adds to what we already do communicate with the community:

- School Website; www.blairmount-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
- Facebook www.facebook.com/blairmountps
- Twitter handle @BlairmountPS
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and Disability Standards for Education 2005. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.


Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth Australian Education Regulation 2013, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth Privacy Act 1988 when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at http://education.gov.au/notices

If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate contact Mrs Lisa Haddock.

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.

Thank you to those who have been keeping up to date with their camp payments. You may choose to pay weekly, fortnightly or all in one payment. The third installment is due by Friday 26th June. Please ensure that all payments are placed in an envelope with your child’s name and class clearly printed on the front.

Year 6 Shirts

Our Year 6 students are very excited and cannot wait until they receive their Year 6 shirts. The design is green and gold, with the school logo on the front and all of the students’ names printed on the back. The students have all seen the design and have checked to make sure that their name is correctly spelt.

The note and payment for the Year 6 shirt are due to the front office by Friday 29th May. The sample sizes that were in our office have been collected by Sportsmagic but all students were fitted and their size has been recorded.

If you need another note or need to ask about your child’s size, please see the ladies in the front office. There will be no more orders taken after this date.

Sharon Sammut

ICAS Science

The Science assessment will be held on Wednesday 3rd June. If you have paid for your child to do this assessment, please ensure that they are at school on this day.
4M Writing Buddies

The students in 4M have been working on ways to improve their writing. The students jointly created a writing editing checklist. The students first check their own writing and correct any errors and then ask a peer to check their work using the editing checklist. The students are then given time to talk to each other about what they liked about the piece of writing and what can be done to make it even better.

Spelling in 1P

1P are working hard during sensory spelling groups to learn their spelling patterns, numeracy language and sight words. They rotate between mini golf, Play-Doh, hopping, magnetic letters, painting words with water and many more engaging activities. At the end of the session, we reflect on what we have learnt and use our words in a sentence.

MISSING!!!!!!

Several weeks ago, a student in Year 2 placed her reading glasses on the teacher's desk. Unfortunately the glasses have gone missing and this student really needs them to be able to do her work. The frame is purple in colour with a leaf pattern on the side and the lenses are square shaped. If you find these glasses, please hand them into the front office. This student and her family would greatly appreciate them being returned.

Literacy News

Helping your child with reading...Let’s try something different!

Attached to this article is a QR code (quick response code). By scanning it, it will take you directly to a link that provides helpful hints for helping your child with reading at home.

You will need to download a free QR reader app on your phone or iPad. Something like the ones below should work.

Open the app and scan the code provided below to take you to the link...it’s that easy.

Sometimes an ad may appear, just press the cross in the top corner and then click ‘Go to URL’

Happy reading
Mrs Gibbs
Sydney's Writer's Festival

On Thursday the 21st of May, 48 students from years 3-6, were chosen to attend the Sydney's Writer's Festival. At 7:30 in the morning we meet at school ready to leave to travel to Town Hall. The trip took roughly 1 hour and everyone was excited to be there.

After a few conversations here and there we went into the Town Hall. Every part of it was luxurious, inside and out.

After a 10-minute introduction, author Andy Griffiths was welcomed to the stage. He was really entertaining and funny. Andy's talk went for about 45 minutes then it was Jacqueline Harvey's turn. Her stories were good and entertaining for everyone. Listening to her talk about her stories definitely encouraged me to start reading them.

We then had a long lunch break that was also a time for us to get our Andy Griffiths and Jacqueline Harvey books signed.

After the break, Anthony Horowitz was up on the stage. Anthony had more scary books, he said they were like adult books but for children. His books seemed interesting but not my type of book. And last but not least, illustrator and author, Leigh Hobbs, entertained us. He was great. We got to draw 3 characters, 2 of them were from his books and the other was our own. We drew Old Tom and Mr Chicken.

Unfortunately, it was the end of the day. But before we left we had the chance to get our Anthony Horowitz and Leigh Hobbs books signed. Then it was time for us to go. It was a long drive home, but it was a great day!!!

On behalf of the 48 students, I would like to thank the teachers involved in taking us to this great event.

Alyssa 6J

NASA Visits BPS Via Video Conference

Last week and this week, students from Stage Two completed an incursion with the NASA Space Centre in Houston. Students learnt about the impact of air pressure on human bodies and why space suits are needed to protect astronauts in Space. The NASA experts then answered some questions that students had about Space. The students tested their own space suit designs to see if they were able to protect their balloon astronauts. It was a wonderful experience for the students to learn from experts!

Miss T Pollock
Assistant Principal

World Environment Day

Campbelltown Council gave our school 100 native trees and shrubs to plant in our playground, particularly in the gully and along the fences.

We will be planting them on Thursday, 4th June, 2015 from 12 noon as part of World Environment Day. A roster is being made so that students from all grades can participate in this exciting event.

Parents/Caregivers are welcome to assist and if you are interested in joining us please contact Ms Fakes.
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
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

**iPhone & iPad Users**

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install!"
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install!".
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

**Android Users**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
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2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
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