Dear Families,

It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm with which our students have participated in the range of excursions and sporting events that have been held lately. I am also extremely proud that all staff have indicated that the behaviour of our students has been outstanding at all times.

All students received their mid year reports today. If your child did not receive their June report please contact their class teacher as soon as possible. As a suggestion, when sharing the report with your child please look for 3 positives and 2 areas for improvement. Write them down as goals for Semester 2. Revisit the goals at the end of the year. Celebrate the positives with your child.

This will of course be our last newsletter for the term. I would like to thank everyone in the Blairmount community for their wonderful support of our school this term. I wish everyone an enjoyable break and the opportunity to spend time with family.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

**Important Dates**

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**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 for free for iPhone and Android.

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.

**Child Protection Education**

In NSW government schools, Child Protection Education forms part of all students learning in Personal Development Health and Physical Education from Kindergarten to Year 10. All classes at Blairmount PS will be covering this section of the syllabus during terms 3 and 4.

Students learn skills in recognising if they could be unsafe and strategies for protecting themselves.

Strategies including saying ‘no’ if they can, going away from the situation and telling a trusted adult what has happened as soon as possible.

Learning is organised into three themes: Recognising Abuse; Power in Relationships and Protective Strategies.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the content covered in Child Protection please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.
Knitting Club

Knitting Club meets on Thursday lunchtimes in room 5 for grades 4, 5 and 6. We are knitting lots of squares so we can make blankets. We are hoping to donate the blankets to less fortunate community groups. You can help us achieve our goal by donating wool or knitting needles to the office.

Thanks
Mrs T Pollard

K-2 Athletics Fun Day

The K-2 Athletics Fun Day will be held on Monday 3rd August, week 4 of Term 3. The students will begin participating in the fun day from 9:30am and it will run to approximately 1:00pm. We have lots of fun activities for the students to participate in throughout the day and we would like to invite the parents in our community to come along for the day to join in the fun. Parents are welcome to stay and have a picnic lunch with their child(ren) making it a fun filled day. We hope to see you there.

Kindergarten Visited the Campbelltown Art Centre

Last Friday all of Kindergarten went to the Campbelltown Art Centre. On our excursion we got to have a look at the art exhibit in the gallery which was very exciting and visit the sculpture garden. We even got to make our own sculptures using the environment around us. The second half of our excursion was participating in a drama workshop. The students had lots of fun acting out different animals and using their bodies to express their ideas.
KM is on Twitter!

In KM this term we have been trialling a new program called ‘Wonder Time’. ‘Wonder Time’ happens every Thursday afternoon and is an opportunity for students to participate in a range of activities that appeal to their interests and helps students build connections to real life learning. Currently during ‘Wonder Time’ we have been exploring Cooking, Gardening, Paper Mache craft and Construction. We have been recording through videos and photos our achievements and progress. We would love for you to follow along with us on our progress in ‘Wonder Time’ by following our Twitter page. Our Twitter account is @KMBlairmount.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

Well done to Jackson P, Helen T, Cassie D and Tilden B who participated in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition at Thomas Acres on Thursday the 11th of June. These students attended the local finals and did a fantastic job. It was nerve racking as students had to present both a prepared and impromptu speech in front of other schools. However, they all presented in a confident and enthusiastic manner.

A big congratulations to Jackson P who was the only boy to represent Stage 2 students and who won the local final on the day. He will be going to compete in the regional competition next term.

Well done, Jackson, Helen, Tilden and Cassie!

Miss Minihan and Miss Chatterjee
Public Speaking Coordinators

3-6 Athletics Carnival

The 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 3rd August (Term 3, Week 4) at the Campbelltown Sports Stadium (Corner of Rose Payten Dr & Pembroke Rd Leumeah). There will be no canteen facilities on the day. Students will be required to bring plenty of water and food. A more detailed note will be sent home closer to the event.

Shane Pereira
Ready Set School Term 2

We have had a great start to Ready Set School this year. This term we had two groups participate in the program & they are well on their way to Big School, learning lots of skills to get them ready for next year. Congratulations to all the students who participated this term & we look forward to seeing you next year.

Each session of Ready Set School has a very specific focus with a variety of activities including literacy, numeracy, music, art, craft and social play. The children will learn to use correct pencil grip for writing their names & skills to help them with counting. There will also be opportunities to visit the library, canteen 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.

The program for Term 3 is already full with only limited spaces available for Term 4. To ensure your child’s place in the program or if you have any questions, please contact Penny Golledge on 4626 1795.
Education Week 2015
Celebrating Local Heroes

We are searching for local heroes to be part of Blairmount Public School’s Education Week celebration in Term 3.

If you know a local hero please complete the form below and return to the office before the end of Term 2.

Name of hero: ____________________________

Contact number: _________________________

Reason why they are a local hero:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
**EVERY DAY COUNTS....**

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

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Give your child every chance to succeed... **Every day counts!**

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN CLAYMORE**

**THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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**Claymore Child & Family Connect**

Super bowling Heroes Bake Party at Wheel League club

DATE: Tuesday 7th of July 2023
TIME: 10:00am to 2:00pm
LOCATION: Claymore Youth Centre, Gould Road

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

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Connect IT - low cost computers

Connect IT is Australia’s largest non-profit computer refurbisher and has supplied more than 50,000 computers & laptops. We help low income groups, who’ve traditionally been on the wrong side of the digital divide, to feel confident using technology in their everyday lives.

Why buy a refurbished computer or laptop?

Our computer packages include:

- Fully licensed software from Microsoft - Windows 7 Professional operating system, Office 2010 Home & Business edition, and Security Essentials anti-virus software
- Free 1 year subscription to SafetyNet phone technical support
- Nationwide delivery
- Plus WorkVentures offers a range of payment options including Centrepay (deductions from Centrelink benefits).

Who can buy a refurbished computer or laptop?

You are eligible to purchase a computer or laptop if:

- You receive Centrelink or Dept. of Veterans Affairs benefits
- You holding a Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card
- You are a not-for-profit organisation or school.
- Order online or you can call on 1800 112 205 Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm (Eastern Time).
Blairmount Public School would like to thank

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Mary Kay Cosmetics
Australia
Ph: 0419 491 379

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Eagle Vale Shopping Centre
Eagle Vale, NSW 2559
Ph: (02) 9824 9478

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Campbelltown, NSW 2560
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Macarthur Square Shopping Centre
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Macarthur Square Shopping Centre
200 Gilchrist Avenue
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