Dear Families,

What a busy start to the term! Last Wednesday was our open day and showcase assembly to celebrate Education Week. We were overwhelmed with the number of parents that joined us in classrooms to see students’ learning in action. The positive feedback we received has been fantastic and it is exciting to see such interest from the community in what we do.

On Monday we held our annual 3-6 Athletics Carnival and K-2 Sports Fun Day. I had the pleasure of spending the day with our 3-6 students at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. I am pleased to report that once again our behaviour was outstanding and all students demonstrated excellent sportspersonship. It is also very pleasing that I received similar feedback from our K-2 teachers.

Next week our Stage 3 students along with myself, Mrs Clarke, Miss Howick, Mr Evans and Mr Collins are off to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. All students are extremely excited about the opportunity to attend this 3-day, 2-night excursion. As we did last year Mrs Clarke and I will be posting photos from camp on Facebook. Please look out for full reports of all events in our next newsletter.

Finally, I will be taking some long service leave for the last 3 weeks of this term. During this time Mrs Clarke will be the relieving Principal.

Regards
Greg Turnbull
Principal

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**Staffing News**

With Mrs Sammut moving to Campbelltown North PS we have had to make a small reshuffle to our staffing organisation.

Miss Howick will be the Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) Assistant Principal for the remainder of the year. Miss Howick has undertaken this role previously and brings a wealth of leadership experience to the executive team.

Miss Pollock will now join Mrs Heyburgh and Mrs Gibbs as part of the professional learning coaching team. Miss Gearside will be the classroom teacher for 3/4P for the remainder of the year.

We would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding with this matter.

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**Starting Kindergarten in 2016**

If you have a pre-school child turning 5 years old on or before 31st July 2016, they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten for 2016.

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.

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**P&C Reminder**

Our next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 7th September at 6pm in the staffroom**. As always everyone is welcome to attend.
**Campbelltown Academic Challenge**

On Monday 27th July, Ashley C, Alyssa K, Maegan S and Kaleb M represented Blairmount PS at the Campbelltown Academic Challenge which was held at Sarah Redfern HS. This challenge involves 20 schools and is a fun, team-based competition for students in Year 6 to showcase and celebrate their academic excellence in Mathematics, Science, English and Human Society and Its Environment. These students participated in five group challenges during the day and displayed exceptional problem solving skills. At the end of the day, they were awarded a medallion for being the overall winners in the Chemistry Challenge. Congratulations Ashley, Alyssa, Maegan and Kaleb. We are so proud of you!

Mrs Sammut

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**Library News**

**Bookfair**

Thank you to all the students, mums and dads, grandmas and grandpas who visited the bookfair in the library last week. $1911 worth of books were sold which means I can keep $573 worth of our books for the library. Thank you also to the kind visitors who donated books to the library.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Lots of our students have been busy reading to complete this challenge. There are only 16 days left for them to read the 20 books required to finish the challenge.

Congratulations to the following students who have already completed the challenge; Ocarina 6J, Tilden 5/6C, Yulun 4M, Liam 4M and Zayne 4M.

Mrs C. Burden
Teacher Librarian

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**All Schools Rugby League Champions 2015**

In Term 2, Blairmount entered a Junior and Senior Boys Rugby League team in the All Schools Carnival. Both teams demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship to progress through very competitive area and regional qualifying rounds to reach the state finals.

The Junior team played teams from the Illawarra and North Coast, finally finishing third in their pool. The Seniors continued unbeaten to play St Agnes Public School from Port Macquarie in the final at St Marys Leagues Stadium. In a thrilling game, Blairmount won with a try in the last minute to become State Champions for 2015. Congratulations also go to William F for being awarded man of the match in the final.

We would like to thank all the parents and staff for their help and support during the All Schools Competition, to make this achievement possible.

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**Super Heroes & Villains Mufti Day**

On Tuesday August 11th, Week 5 the SRC Committee will be having a Super Heroes and Villain themed mufti day. All students are invited to dress up as their favourite super hero or villain for the day. To participate in the day students will need to bring a gold coin donation. The SRC look forward to seeing all your wonderful costumes.
**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Blairmount Public School is once again excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Point stickers when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 13th July and Tuesday 8th September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop the stickers onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school and drop it into your class Earn & Learn box. There is also a collection box in the corridor near the hall if you don't place it in your class box. A collection box has also been allocated to our school outside Eagle Vale Woolworths.

The class with the most completed sheets in their class box will receive a class prize at the end of the program. The more we collect, the more we can redeem!

Miss Minihan

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**School Swimming & Water Safety Reminder**

The School Swimming and Water Safety Program for 2015 will be held in weeks 9 and 10 of this term. This program will be available for students in years 2 – 6.

Notes will be sent home shortly. This program is always extremely popular and places are filled on a first come basis with priority starting with Year 2 students.

**We would like to thank the P&C who cover the cost of the bus hire for this program which significantly reduces the cost for all families.**
Education Week 2015

Thank you to all parents, teachers and students for their involvement in Education Week last week. It was great to learn about local heroes and celebrate their achievements for our community.
Dear Parents,

The Blairmount Public School Athletics Carnival was held yesterday at Campbelltown Sports stadium. I would like to thank everyone who came to support the students and help make this day fun and enjoyable for all. The weather was perfect, the cheering was loud, and every single student gave it their all on the day. The results for all the track and field events will be found in the next school newsletter.

Regards,

Mr S. Pereira
Dear Parents and Guardians,

On **Wednesday 2nd September 2015**, the P&C will be running their annual Father’s Day Stall. The Stall allows children to purchase a special gift for their father, grandfather or special someone, while at the same time raising money for Blairmount Public School P&C. Participation in this event is entirely voluntary.

For this year’s Father’s Day Stall gifts will range in price from $1, $2, $3, $4, $5, $7, $10 and $15.

This year’s **PRE-PAID** 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 that can be purchased providing they have purchased Blairmount Money **PRIOR** to the day.

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 on 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 Father’s Day Stall, in a sealed envelope to the front office by **Friday 28th August 2015**. **NO MONIES WILL BE RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE.**

**CHILDREN WILL BE PURCHASING GIFTS – WEDNESDAY 2nd September 2015**

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**RETURN SLIP – FATHER’S DAY STALL**

Return this slip and monies by **Friday 28th August 2015**

Child’s Name: ____________________________ Class: ____________________________

Amount of money enclosed: $________________________
Blairmount Public School would like to thank

By Kat
Mary Kay Cosmetics Australia
Ph: 0419 491 379

Eagle Vale
Shop 14
Eagle Vale Shopping Centre
Eagle Vale, NSW 2559
Ph: (02) 9824 8478

Blair Athol
Cnr Blaxland Rd & The Kraal Dve
Blair Athol, NSW 2560

Campbelltown
21 Blaxland Road
Campbelltown, NSW 2560
Ph: (02) 4620 4855

Macarthur Square
Level 2 Shop 87
Macarthur Square Shopping Centre
200 Gilchrist Avenue
Campbelltown, NSW 2560
Ph: (02) 4624 9100

Blair Athol
37 Mount Erin Road
Blair Athol NSW 2560
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