Dear Families,

What a fantastic week we had last week. I had the opportunity to travel with Years 5 and 6 along with Mrs Clarke, Miss Howick, Mr Evans and Mr Collins on their overnight excursion to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains.

Over the three days our students had the opportunity to visit:
- Parliament House
- The War Memorial
- The Museum of Democracy at Old Parliament House
- Questacon
- The Snowy Mountains Hydro, and
- Snow play at the top of Thredbo

The student’s behaviour at all times was outstanding, they certainly did themselves, the school and their families proud.

Finally, just a reminder that 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 and Mrs Gibbs will be the relieving Deputy Principal.

Regards  
Greg Turnbull  
Principal

**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.

**PSSA Gala Day**

The second Winter Gala Day for Term 3 will be held on **Friday 4th September (Week 8)**.

Below are a list of the sports and venues.

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Payments are due by Wednesday 2nd of September at the front office. Students will all be provided with a bottle of water on the day.

Regards,  
Mr S. Pereira

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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.
Ready, Set, School Program

The Ready, Set, School program is a transition program for all children beginning Kindergarten in 2016. The program has been running for the past few years and we have received wonderful feedback from parents. They feel their children are better prepared for Kindergarten and teachers are also seeing the benefits of students who have participated in the Ready, Set, School program. The program will increase your child’s readiness for Kindergarten and help engage parent/carers in understanding the education process.

Each session will have a specific focus with a variety of activities including literacy, numeracy, music, art, craft and social play. There will also be opportunities to visit the library, computer lab 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.

Spots are filling up quickly for Term 4 with spots available for Thursday and Friday. To ensure your child’s place in the program or if you have any questions, please contact Penny Golledge on 4626 1795.

Canberra Camp 2015

Students from Blairmount have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion however, was previously deducted from the initial costing of the camp for your convenience.

Yugioh Cards - Banned

Unfortunately, over the last couple of weeks we have had a lot of problems with Yugioh cards resulting in a number of students becoming very upset.

We have informed the students this morning that from tomorrow the cards will now be banned from Blairmount PS. Can I please ask for your support with ensuring these cards are left at home.

Peer Support – Session 4

Respect is the focus of this weeks Peer Support session. Encourage your child to discuss with you different people they respect and why. It is important to remind them that although we may not always agree or get along with people, we still need to respect everyone.

Next week we will be discussing ‘rights’, how we as individuals have rights and so do other people.

Book Week Parade

On Thursday the 27th August, Blairmount P.S. will be having a book parade to celebrate book week. All students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character for the day. The book parade will take place on the oval beginning at 10am. All parents are welcome to come along and help us celebrate the 70th anniversary of book week and see all the wonderful costumes.

We look forward to seeing you there.
Chess Club

Over the last few weeks a small but dedicated group of students have been gathering every Tuesday at lunchtime to test their skills, battling against each other playing chess.

This week saw the start of the inaugural Blairmount Chess Championships where 12 students nominated to see who would be crowned Champion. Plans are underway to have some of our chess players use their skills in competing against other schools later this year.

My roommates Abdullah, Kadhim, Tariq, Hassan and Kaleb all watched a movie in our cabin. When it was finished we all tried to sleep. Since we couldn’t sleep we turned off all the lights and tried to scare each other. We told each other scary stories. I said something really scary, which not only scared everyone but scared me also. What I said was "imagine you got to the shower at night then you see someone showering in blood". After that was said my nose instantly started to bleed. Luckily Miss Howick entered our cabin right on time. Adam 6J

We went to the House of Representatives at Parliament House. We got to see Tony Abbott and Russell Matheson during Question Time. I thought it was funny because the government and the opposition were arguing with each other. We stopped listening to Question Time and went downstairs to do our own debating in a smaller House of Reps. Faith 6J

We travelled to Questacon. Questacon was an amazing Science place. We looked at all the galleries and went shopping. Questacon was big and very fascinating. When we were done at Questacon, we walked to the Old Parliament House. We had a tour in two groups. We saw the old Senate and House of Reps. We then had lunch outside Old Parliament House. Alyssa 6J

I just want to thank Cassi, Sammi, Laura, Ashley, Ashleigh, Chloe and Taleah for making this camp amazing for me, for making me have a smile on my face and making me laugh. We had an amazing time. Ashleigh 6H

Highlights from our Stage 3 Canberra Experience

At 7:15am on Wednesday the 12th August 2015 my family and I had arrived at school. We packed our bags under the buses. There were two buses, one for 5/6C and 5E and one for 6H, 6J and 5A. Finally we drove off and left our loved ones behind: FREEDOM! Eliza 6H

We arrived at the War Memorial about 10:30am. The War Memorial was so cool but sad to see all of the people who had sacrificed their lives and fought for our country. It was cool to see all of the stuff they used to fight and survive. We even saw wax people, they were amazing. We saw all the planes, helicopters and guns they used and we knew it was real because there were bullet holes in them. I was astonished! Gabriel 6J
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
2015 Action Group

Planning Day Invitation

You are invited to attend the 2015 Action Group planning day. This is an extremely important school process, that will benefit from the participation of as many staff and community members as possible.

Where:

Rydges Campbelltown
15 Old Menangle Rd, Campbelltown

When:

Saturday 31st October 2015
9:00am – 4:00pm

Focus:

• Reviewing strategic directions for 2016-2017
• Planning of strategies for 2016

RSVP:

Wednesday 28th October 2015
Penny Golledge 4626 1795

All meals, non-alcoholic beverages and equipment will be provided. We look forward to your participation which will be greatly appreciated and valued.

Please contact Penny Golledge on 4626 1795 to confirm if you are able to attend or if you have any questions.
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-PURCHASED** 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.**

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**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) 9324 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
Ph: (02) 4620 9777

Event Cinemas Campbelltown
Macarthur Square Shopping Centre
200 Gilchrist Avenue
Campbelltown, NSW 2560
Ph: (02) 4628 0999

For their wonderful support of our school
Happy 20th Birthday to Eagle Vale Marketplace!

Join us for celebrations...

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