Dear Families,

The holidays are quickly creeping up on us. This term has certainly been a busy term with many extra-curricula activities and many outstanding learning programs offered in classrooms.

I would like to thank all our staff for their efforts throughout this term; many parents for their input and student’s for their efforts.

I imagine the school holidays will bring an opportunity for our student's to overcome the winter illnesses that have become so prevalent in the past few weeks.

A big thank you to all the staff and parents for ‘Parent Teacher Interviews’. It was great to see so many parents up at the school discussing the progress of their students to date.

We are now starting to plan for 2016 school year. Accurate numbers on student numbers is essential. Could you please assist us by letting the school know if you intend on moving to a new school or there are new neighbours in the street who have school aged children.

To update the community on staffing news: We all look forward to Mr Greg Turnbull returning from long service leave at the beginning of Term 4.

I would also like to take this opportunity to farewell Ms Davison for the remainder of the school year. She will be missed and we wish her the very best. Miss Toogood will be taking KD in Ms Davison’s absence. I am confident the Blairmount community will welcome her into our amazing school.

I want to wish all of our families a safe and happy school holidays and I look forward to seeing all our smiling Blairmount families back on Tuesday 6th October 2015.

Regards
Melissa Clarke
Deputy 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.

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.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Kindergarten Spelling Bee winner: Brendan Manivong.

Peer Support

This week in Peer Support students will be discussing the importance of being responsible. Students will be encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions. You may want to give your child an extra chore for the week and emphasise the value of being responsible. Next week we will be discussing how to attempt new and unfamiliar situations.

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

Dad’s Fun Night

Last Thursday we had many dads attend our Dad’s Fun Night we thank you for supporting our students on this special occasion it truly was a success!! The students and dads enjoyed a sausage sizzle with a game of cricket and even spent some time playing all of the wonderful literacy activities the teachers had prepared.
**Stewart House**

Each family has been allocated a Stuart House bag. If you are doing a Spring clean of your wardrobes in the holidays, filling up a bag of unwanted clothes or blankets would be much appreciated. There are some extra bags at school, if you need more please see the front office.

**Boys Club – Play NRL in-school Program**

On Tuesday of Week 9, the Boys Club students and several other 3-6 students participated in the NRL In-School Program. It is an exciting programme that aims to introduce students to Rugby League in a safe, non-competitive and fun environment. The purpose of the programme is to improve game play understanding and is closely linked to higher levels of motivation, increased participation and more positive attitudes towards playing games and sports.

I would like to thank Tiarna for coming to Blairmount and running the training session for the students and for giving them each an NRL pack. The boys had a great time. For any further information visit: [www.playnrl.com](http://www.playnrl.com)

Mr S. Pereira

**Regional Athletics**

Congratulations to the following students for their success at Zone Athletics and for making it into the Regional Athletics Carnival last week:

- William F (5/6C) Long Jump
- Faith A (6J) Shot Put
- Kaleb C (4M) 200m Dash

Regards,
Mr S. Pereira

**2015 Macarthur Parent Conference**

Last Friday a small group of Parents & Teachers attended the 2015 Macarthur Parent Conference hosted by John Warby Public School. The theme for this year’s conference was Happy Child! Happy World! The aim of the conference is to raise and provide successful strategies for the emotional and well-being of families. Guest speakers included Dr Freelander and Matthew James who both talked about the importance and impact of emotional wellbeing for families. They talked about skills that can be used for harmonious homes and happy children. We were also given information on available networks that can help families and children to live in that happy place. We also took part in an art therapy session which was lots of fun. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Haddock or Penny Golledge.
A very welcome return

A much loved student of Blairmount Public School has made a very welcome return to class. Tanesha Lovas has returned to 5E after a long illness. Since her return Tanesha has excelled at every task put before her producing work well beyond the expectations of a year 5 student. Her dedication and sheer enthusiasm to her schooling has seen her astound staff and students alike. I am a very proud and happy teacher who is enjoying watching a passionate student love what they do and go well beyond what is required. I would also like to thank the whole class for making Tanesha feel so welcome and safe in our classroom. I am very grateful for Tanesha’s return and the support shown to her by all of my other students. 5E sure is a great class.

Steve Evans
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Parents & Carers - We Want You

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:
- This is your chance to have a say in planning and strategies that will be implemented in 2016
- Keep up to date with what’s happening in 2016

RSVP:
Wednesday 28th October 2015
Penny Golley 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 Golley on 4626 1795 to confirm if you are able to attend or if you have any questions.
Blairmount Public School would like to thank

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