Dear Families,

Week 7 and 8 has certainly been busy in our brilliant school. We have celebrated Book Week, attended excursions, held a P&C cake stall, students have represented the school at zone athletics carnival and our amazing NAIDOC celebrations.

This week is SASS appreciation week, when we have been able to recognise our wonderful support staff at Blairmount PS. Mrs Sjaron Jones, Mrs Julie Flynn, Mrs Jodie Brownlee, Mrs Catherin Ligezolo, Mrs Margie Brennan, Ms Paige ____, Mrs Penny Golledge, Mrs Tammy Dooner and our general assistant Mr Blake Manns. All of these amazing people do an outstanding job to support the whole Blairmount community. They often go far beyond their role to help make Blairmount the friendly, welcoming and supportive school that it is. If you see them this week you might want to recognise them for their outstanding contribution as well.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the P&C at Blairmount PS as their continued dedication to supporting the school does not go unnoticed. The cake stall raised $____________ to go towards our year 6 farewell and many parents gave up their time to organise and run the 2015 Fathers Day stall.

Finally, I just wanted to mention we do have a number of staff that are or are about to take Long Service Leave. This is well-deserved leave that has been earned by long serving staff members. Mrs Gibbs and I endeavour to fill each of these positions with teachers known to us. I am confident that your children will enjoy their productive time with their replacement teachers.

Regards
Melissa Clarke
Deputy Principal

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.

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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Students will all be provided with a bottle of water on the day.

Regards,
Mr S. Pereira
**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.

**Six weeks in the Kimberley’s**

I would like to invite parents, caregivers and students to a slideshow of my amazing adventure in The Kimberley region.
When: Thursday 10th September 2015 at 3:15pm
Where: Room 16 (Miss Minihan’s room)
We would to share this experience with you.

**Book Week Parade**

Last Thursday Blairmount enjoyed a day surrounded by book characters. It was wonderful to see so many students dressed up to participate in the book week parade. We celebrated the 70th anniversary of Book Week with the theme ‘Books Light Up Our World’. Thank you to all the parents and staff who organised costumes and help make this day a success.
Ice cream Day
On Thursday the 17th of September the SRC will be holding an ice-cream day to help raise funds for playground sports equipment. Students will be able to purchase ice-creams at lunch time. More details to come closer to the date.

Spelling Bee
Congratulations to all the students who represented their class in the stage/grade Spelling Bee challenges.
Year 1 winners were: Ethan Kenney 1/2B and Tanisha Lata 1P
Year 2 winner: Kabien Parker 2E
Stage 2 winners were: Jasmine Archer 3M, Elijah Mani 3W & Tru Flack 3M.
Stage 3 winners were: Kirra Walters 4/5A and Samantha Lene 6H
Four of our Stage 2 & 3 winners will now represent our school at the regional finals to be held at Thomas Acres Public School on the 9th September. All the very best to our representatives. The kindergarten winner will be announced in the next newsletter.

Legends of League Competition 2015
This year, Blairmount entered a Senior Girls Rugby League team in the Legends of League Sevens Rugby League Competition. The team showed great determination and enthusiasm to reach the state finals. They were unbeaten in their pool and semi-final matches and progressed through to the final against Beralta Public School at Macquarie University. Although the Senior Girls played competitively, they were beaten in a hard contest. The team has achieved the position of runners up in the Legends of League State Finals at only their first attempt. We would like to thank all the parents and staff for their help and support during the Legends of League Competition, to make this achievement possible.

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
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.
Blairmount Public School
would like to thank

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

Join us for celebrations...

Saturday 5th Sept

Happy Birthday

Celebrating twenty years
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