Important Dates

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really eventful first term with many exciting events. I am very proud of our students’ achievements both at school and within the general community. I take this opportunity to thank staff, students and the community for their efforts throughout the term. Term 1 has been an extremely busy and productive term. Our teachers have established a strong platform from which your children will grow and develop throughout the year. I hope that families have a safe and restful holiday enjoying the company of loved ones.

Parents, it is very important that you encourage your child to read and to talk to you about what they have read every day during the break. That consistency will support and benefit your child in Term 2.

BSPS P&C AGM and 2014 Executive Committee

The P&C AGM was held on Tuesday 11 March. I thank all the parents who attended and became members. I take this opportunity to congratulate the following parents/community members elected into the Executive Committee:

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<td>Jen Hunt</td>
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<td>Canteen Coordinator</td>
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School hours for students

There was an improvement with students arriving at school on time and ready to learn throughout Term 1. I thank parents for their effort and support in this area. It is important to note that students must not arrive at school before 8:30am. This is a safety issue. Teachers are on duty from 8:30am. In addition, students are dismissed at 2:45pm. Please ensure that you are on time to collect your child(ren) in the afternoon. Keep up the great work in Term 2 - very much appreciated by all staff.
Road Safety

It is everyone’s responsibility to ensure that our students are safe as they come to school in the morning and go home in the afternoon. We need your help in ensuring that our students are safe as they enter or leave school each day. It is also important to remember that the staff car park is not to be used for dropping off or picking up students. The area is out of bounds for all students. Please do not use the school driveways as a turning point as this is also highly dangerous and puts our students at risk. The council has advised that Parking Officers will be patrolling the roads around our school in the coming weeks.

Thank You to Abu Hussein Mixed Business

On behalf of the students and staff, a special thank you to Abu Hussein Mixed Business for the sponsorship and donation of fresh fruit each week. The fruit is eaten during our “Crunch and Sip” break to reinforce the important message of healthy eating. The donations are greatly appreciated.

Community Access Policy

Accompanying this newsletter is our Community Access Policy. This policy will promote mutual respect for all stakeholders and a harmonious, nurturing and caring environment in which we can grow and learn in partnership.

Message from the Deputy Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very productive and busy Term 1. Thank you to all teachers and students for a wonderful term. The holidays are now approaching so make sure you make safe choices over the holidays and come back to school refreshed and ready for another great term of learning.

Glow Disco Night

We had a wonderful glow disco night. The children looked amazing in their disco outfits and had lots of fun dancing the night away. Thank you to Mrs Derbas and the Year 6 team who put this together and all our teachers for their work on the night.

Books to Boost Brains - Holiday Reading

Literacy skills often progress suddenly in leaps and bounds. The secret is to keep kids of all ages reading over the weekends and school holidays. Even 20 minutes a night can make a huge difference to their reading, comprehension and general knowledge. It’s also a great way to settle their minds down before sleep (for adults too!). If your child hasn’t found a book that grabs their imagination, why not try them on a series book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge list? Here are top suggestions for all ages, including young adult: [http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0](http://bit.ly/1dLSGC0)

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday with your children. I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Happy holiday reading!

Regards,

Mrs Towns
Deputy Principal
Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday March 4th a group of very talented swimmers represented our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Nineteen students from Blaxcell Street Public School attended the Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival. The children were absolutely wonderful and displayed great sportsmanship. Overall Blaxcell Street came third in the point score. Jessie Wong came second in the race for Junior girls' champion with Thea Gim coming in third. Vivian Zeng is the 11 years girls' champion and Moksh Bhatia came second in the race for the 11 years boys' champion. Good Luck to the following students who have been chosen to represent the Auburn Zone Team at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre: Jessie Wong, Vivian Zeng, Thea Gim, William Zhang, Akram Jebara, Moksh Bhatia, Mandy Shi, Nora El Sayed Ahmad, Ahmed Al-Farajeh and Justin Nguyen. Congratulations to our other students Riley Webb, Ruqayyah Ali, Roukaya Al-Farajeh, Vivian Pham, Jason Yang, Safiya Alameddine, Tiffany Mai, Maya Alameddine and Khalil Ali who also swam at the Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival.

Miss King, Swimming Coordinator

Chess Champions

On Monday 24th March, our school hosted a chess competition, facilitated by Sydney Academy of Chess. Ryan Tan (5D), Mandy Shi (5D), Utsav Sharma (5D), William Tang (5D), Justin Nguyen (4S) and Renny Zeng (4K) formed our school's team. They played so well that they placed second out of six schools. This means that four members of our team will be participating in the final rounds later in the year. Also, a special mention to Ryan Tan who was our school's top player on the day. Well done Chess Champions!

Miss Darragh, Year 5 OC Teacher

(Justin Nguyen and Utsav Sharma absent for photo)
A very big thank you to all families who donated eggs for our Easter raffle and fancy hat prizes, and to our P & C for organising such a wonderful event.
Community Access Policy

Schools are places where students, staff, parents and visitors need to feel safe and secure. Ensuring that our school remains a pleasant and safe place for all is the responsibilities of everyone who enters the school grounds, parks their cars in the streets around the school grounds, walks past the school or is associated with the school in any way.

Students’ behaviour is dictated and monitored by our Student Welfare Policy and teachers follow a Code of Conduct mandated by the Department of Education and Training. It is with this in mind that Blaxcell Street Public School has developed a Community Access Policy. This policy will make clear the procedures that need to be followed so that the issues can be resolved with minimum disruption to student learning and associated discomfort with differing values.

This policy will promote mutual respect for all stakeholders and a harmonious, nurturing and caring environment in which we can grow and learn in partnership.

HOW TO APPROACH BLAXCELL STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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<td>• Directly contact your child’s teacher either by note, by telephone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.</td>
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<td>The welfare of your own child</td>
<td>• For minor issues directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify and discuss the issue.</td>
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<td>• For more serious concerns, contact the office. State the nature of the concern and arrange a suitable time to talk to the class teacher or appropriate staff member.</td>
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<td>• To convey information about a change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details health issues etc. Please contact the office.</td>
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<td>Actions of other students</td>
<td>• Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.</td>
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<td>• Contact the Deputy Principals for playground or operational matters.</td>
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<td>School policy or practice</td>
<td>• Contact the office. State the nature of concern and make an appointment to see the Principal and/or appropriate member of staff.</td>
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<td>Actions of a staff member</td>
<td>• Contact the office immediately and state concerns to the Principal or a Deputy Principal.</td>
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<td>• Arrange to meet directly with the Principal or a Deputy Principal.</td>
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Please note: No parent is to directly approach another person’s child. The school will deal with issues between students via our internal Code of Conduct and Welfare Policy.

If all avenues have been exhausted and a satisfactory outcome has not been reached then you may consider lodging your suggestion, complaint or allegation in writing. In such cases the policy “Responding to Suggestions, Complaints and Allegations” is available at [https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/general_man/complaints/resp_sugg/pd02_51_complaint.pdf](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/general_man/complaints/resp_sugg/pd02_51_complaint.pdf) will be followed.
# EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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| My child has experienced the best education possible | • Accept and support my child’s educational abilities.  
• Present my child at school every day, on time and in full school uniform except in circumstances of illness and family issues.  
• Organise holidays including overseas trips during school holidays.  
• Keep my child at home if he or she is medically unfit to attend school. |
| Have accurate information about my child’s progress | • Read all reports and keep in a safe place for future reference.  
• Attend parent teacher night and Meet and Greet night to learn about class programs and school routines.  
• Contact teachers to discuss any concerns about progress. |
| Have effective home and school partnerships | • Read all notes and bulletins.  
• Return all correspondence promptly.  
• Inform the school promptly of relevant facts which may effect my child’s education.  
• Ensure that my child completes all homework tasks. |
| Expect my child to be safe at school | • Teach my child the safety measures necessary for participation in everyday activities i.e. road safety, stranger danger, hygiene procedures and personal information. |
| Be informed of all disciplinary concerns regarding my child | • Instruct my child as to acceptable standards of behaviour.  
• Support the school in its insistence on adherence to the school’s Code of Conduct. |
| Be involved with my child’s sporting pursuits | • Remember that children compete for enjoyment.  
• Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using inappropriate language or harassing players, coaches or officials.  
• Encourage your child to accept and show respect for the officials’ decisions.  
• Show respect for your team’s opponents. |
| Enter school grounds and attend school functions | • Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using inappropriate language  
• Not to interrupt the class during learning time.  
• Not to allow domestic or personal disputes to impact on the routines of the school.  
• Not smoking on school grounds and/or the vicinity of students. |
| Have suggestions, complaints and allegations dealt with in a fair and expedient manner. | • Follow the school procedure to address the issue.  
• Discuss the issue in a calm and reasonable manner. |

Please note: If a domestic or personal dispute impacts on the school or school routine, all parties will be asked to leave the school grounds.

**THE ENCLOSED LANDS PROTECTION ACT (1901)**

Failure to act in an acceptable manner may lead to exclusion from the school grounds under the Enclosed Lands Protection Act (1901) and its Amendments following procedures established by the Department of Education for:

- Actual physical assaults or intimidating behaviour on students, staff, parents or community members at the school or during the course of school activities;
- Behaviour in a manner in the presence of students, staff, parents or other visitors to the school that causes alarm or concern to the students, staff, parents or other visitors;
- Use of offensive language (i.e. swearing) in the presence of students and staff;
- Persistent interruptions to the learning environment of the school such as entering classrooms without permission;
- Persistent entry to the school site without permission or legitimate reason.
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CLASSES DIVIDED BY AGE AND EXPERIENCE

LOCATION: HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL, EAST GRANVILLE
199 THE TRONGATE (NEAR HUDSON STREET)
CLASSES ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR 8 WEEKS (EVERY SCHOOL TERM)
NEW AND RETURNING REGISTRATION: WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY, 2014
NEW STUDENTS CAN ALSO JOIN ON: WEDNESDAYS, 14 MAY, 21 MAY.

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<th>New Students Ages 5 to 8 and returning students thru 1st degree Orange ages 5 to 8</th>
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<td>Class Time 4:00 TO 4:40 PM</td>
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Registration will only be accepted up to the third week. No pre-registration is necessary, just turn up 10 to 15 minutes before class time above if possible....See you there! For further information contact Matt Klein on 9904-5667.
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