End of Term 2 Newsletter

Important Dates

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I take this opportunity to thank parents, students, volunteers and staff for their commitment and dedication to our school. Term 2 has been extremely busy and students should be commended for their efforts throughout the term. Our teachers have continued to support and extend your children in all learning areas which will in-turn lead to individual success during Semester 2. 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 3.

Regards,
Mr Zahra
Principal

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

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
**Multicultural Public Speaking Competition**

On Monday 16 June, Mr Simpson and I had the pleasure of taking four of our students: Rabiha Etri and Arinjay Saha (both from 5D) and Jiya Wig and Tasfiah Hoque (both from 3P) to the Local Area Final for the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition held at North Strathfield Public School.

The Multicultural Public Speaking Competition is a public speaking competition which aims at developing students’ knowledge on issues of a multicultural nature. The competition is divided in two parts. Students firstly perform a prepared speech on a multicultural topic of their choice whilst the second part involves what’s called an impromptu (or prepared on the spot speech).

It gives us great pleasure to announce that this year, Rabiha Etri won the Yr 5/6 section of the competition whilst Arinjay Saha in the same category received one of the three highly commended certificates issued. Both of these students spoke extremely well on the topic of: “Same but different”.

Arinjay was judged as having the best prepared speech whilst Rabiha did well in her prepared speech and then topped the impromptu part of the competition. When the adjudicator gave her verdict, Rabiha scored the highest combined score out of 15 students from 8 schools and duly won! Rabiha now progresses to the Regional final in August. Good luck Rabiha!

In the Yr 3/4 section, although they did not win or receive any special commendations, Jiya and Tasfiah rose to the occasion and gave their best performances since being selected for the competition earlier this year. Jiya spoke on the topic: “Every family has a story” whilst Tasfiah’s speech was on “Multiculturalism at school.” Despite only being in Yr 3 and competing with many students who were in Yr 4, both of these students have great potential as future great public speakers!

Overall, we are very proud of all these students not only for the commitment they showed in preparing for the competition both at school and at home over the last term but also with their respectful behaviour and for being fantastic representatives for their school. They clearly reflected our school’s motto of “What you do, do well!”

Go Blaxcell Street!

**Mr Cioffi and Mr Simpson**
**Public Speaking Coordinators**
Year 5

Inventions Expo

Throughout Term 2, students in Year 5 have studied ‘inventions and discoveries that have changed the world’. To extend student learning, we asked each student to choose one invention or discovery, research its beginnings and create a 3D model of the original invention. The effort and creativity from Year 5 was amazing and the students were excited to display their work as part of a whole grade exhibition to the school and community.
Powerhouse Museum Excursion

Last week Year 5 visited the Powerhouse Museum to travel back in time and explore the advances in technology and transport over the last 100 years.

The excursion allowed Year 5 a first-hand look inside the way we listen to music, play games and communicate. A great time was had by all the students and teachers that went along.

Congratulations to all Year 5 students’ on their positive behaviour and lovely manners.
Blaxcell Street Public School
Debating Team

On Thursday, Blaxcell Street’s debating team (Emily D 6D- 1st speaker, Rabiha 5D- 2nd speaker, Amani 6A- 3rd speaker, Arinjay 5D- team advisor, Kristina 5D, Daniel 5D and Keziah 6D) had their second debate, in the school hall, with Newington Public School. The topic was ‘Zoos are a cruel place to keep animals’ with BSPS as the affirmative team and Newington as the negative team. It was a hard choice for the adjudicator but fortunately Blaxcell Street won. So far our debating team has won all the debates they have entered, and their next debate is going to be early next term.

By Arinjay Saha - 5D
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READY, SET, GO TO BIG SCHOOL CLASSES

Ready, Set, Go to Big School Classes will be held this year in Terms 3 and 4, for children who are going to enrol in Kindergarten at Blaxcell Street Public School in 2015.

Ready, Set, Go to Big School Classes focus on early literacy and numeracy skills which lay the foundation for future literacy and numeracy learning.

In the literacy session, children will be involved in activities which focus on pre-reading and writing skills and strategies, and basic language skills of how to interact in a group. In the numeracy sessions, activities will focus on making and recognising patterns, completing puzzles, and whole number skills, such as counting, and comparing, ordering, reading, and representing numbers.

Who: Children who are enrolling in Kindergarten at Blaxcell Street Public School in 2015. Children must be in Blaxcell Street Public School’s local catchment to enrol in our school. Parents must attend our Ready, Set, Go to Big School Classes with their child. Priority of placements will go to children who have siblings currently attending Blaxcell Street Public School. No younger children/toddlers/babies are to attend.

When: Your choice of one (1) of the following days - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Term 3 and Term 4. Classes occur weekly and the duration of each session is for 1 hour.

Where: Blaxcell Street Public School

How to enrol in Ready, Set, Go to Big School Classes:

Please go to the school office to enrol your child into Ready, Set, Go to Big School Classes. Your child must be attending Blaxcell Street Public School in 2015 so you will be required to fill out a school enrolment form to be eligible for Ready, Set, Go to Big School Classes.

We require the following documents when enrolling in Ready, Set, Go to Big School Classes -

- Birth Certificate of child involved (Proof of Age)
- Utilities Bill (Proof of Address)
- An adult MUST accompany a child during Ready, Set, Go to Big School Classes and participate in the class with their child. No younger children/toddlers/babies are to attend.

Michelle Towns
Deputy Principal
Dear Parents,

Students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the national capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined below.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred. The contribution will be paid directly to the school, and has already been taken into account in initial costing.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. We believe that the excursion was a rewarding experience for all students.

Yours sincerely,
Ms Caroline Antoun
Assistant Principal

**Australian Government Assistance for National Capital Excursion**

**Year 6 Excursion to Canberra – 2014 Itinerary**

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| **Tuesday 17th June** |
| 6:30 am | Breakfast at Canberra Carotel                                            |
| 7:30 am | Depart accommodation                                                    |
| 9:00 am | Rhythm Snowsports - Cooma (collect ski boots, parka and pants) & comfort stop |
| 11:30 am| **Arrive Perisher Snowfields for fun in the snow**                      |
| 1:00 pm | Lunch (supplied)                                                        |
| 2:00 pm | Depart for return journey to Cooma                                       |
| 3:30 pm | **Snowy Hydro Info Centre – Mountains of Power Program**                |
| 4:45 pm | Return snow gear to Rhythm Snowsports Cooma                             |
| 6:45 pm | Arrive at Canberra Carotel                                               |
| 7:00 pm | Dinner                                                                   |
| 8:00 pm | Evening Entertainment such as ‘talent quest’                             |

| **Wednesday 18th June** |
| 7:00 am | Breakfast at Canberra Carotel and pack up                                |
| 8:00 am | Depart accommodation                                                    |
| 9:00 am | **National Museum of Australia**                                        |
| 11:00 am| **Questacon**                                                           |
| 1:00 pm | Lunch at Questacon                                                      |
| 1:50 pm | **Australian War Memorial**                                             |
| 4:00 pm | Depart Canberra                                                          |
| 5:30 pm | Comfort Stop – McDonald’s Sutton Forest (own expense)                   |
| 8:00 pm | **Arrive at School**                                                    |
Message from the Community Engagement Officer

Thank you for your continued support this year. This term we started the ‘Fathers and Successful Learners’ program. This included research on the impact of fathers’ involvement in their children’s learning, phonics, reading and comprehension, and writing.

Thank you to all the fathers who attended and I look forward to having more fathers involved next term.

Enjoy the holidays and for those who observe the Fasting during the month of Ramadan have a blessed month - Ramadan Mubarak.

Regards,

Mr Sukkarieh
Community Engagement Officer

VACATION CARE

EXCURSIONS: CHIPMUNKS WORLD, FLIP OUT, MOVIES, BIKE RIDING
BOWLING, LASER SKIRMISH, ROLLER SKATING, ROCK CLIMBLIMING

INCURSIONS: MY KITCHEN RULES/MASTER CHEF, FOOTBALL COMP, SUMO WRESTLING, FACE PAINTING, JUMPING CASTLES EVERYDAY, FACE PAINTING, JEWERERY MAKING, CAKE DECORATING, GIRLS PAMPER DAY-HAIR, NAILS, MAKE UP AND FASHION PARADE.

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Class Time 4:00 TO 4:40 PM

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Class Time 4:45 to 5:25 PM

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Class Time 5:30 To 6:10 PM

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