Mid Term 2 Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As usual, it has been a very busy few weeks and our entire school community has worked extremely hard to support our students. I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your commitment to Blaxcell Street Public School.

I would like to welcome Ms Wilton, our new Deputy Principal, to Blaxcell Street Public School. I know Ms Wilton has thoroughly enjoyed meeting all our students and families. Please introduce yourself next time you see her around the school.

School Uniform
With the cooler weather it is important to ensure that your child continues to wear full school uniform each day. We often receive comments from the general public about how well presented our students are in their school uniform. I thank parents for supporting the uniform policy.

Hot drinks at school
For safety reasons, hot drinks such as tea and hot chocolate are not permitted at school. Whilst the new café is a great addition to our community, it is important to ensure your child is not purchasing hot drinks when arriving at school.

International Dancers
Congratulations to La’Shonda Pierce and Ricardo Fernandez. Both students have excelled in their respective dance areas and will be performing in America in the near future.

DEC website
The NSW Department of Education and Communities has an excellent website to support parents: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/home

I encourage our community to visit the site which has highly informative articles around school relevant subjects.
Assistant Principal Teacher Mentor
In April, the Minister for Education Adrian Piccoli announced the appointment of eight teacher mentors to support beginning temporary teachers at 38 schools across NSW. The new roles were created as part of the NSW Government’s Great Teaching, Inspired Learning reforms, designed to increase quality teaching in NSW public schools.

Blaxcell Street Public School was fortunate enough to be identified as one of the schools involved with this initiative. As such, I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Pearson to our school.

National Reconciliation Week
To support and acknowledge National Reconciliation Week our students participate in a variety of learning experiences to further develop their understanding of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and culture. Recognition has a lot to do with reconciliation - the two go hand in hand. For example, an acknowledgement of country is a way of showing respect for traditional owners and of recognising their continuing connection to country. This recognition is at the very heart of reconciliation. Our school leaders present an acknowledgement of country at our assemblies. It’s another small way of ensuring our students work together and understand the important role of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our society.

Arranging a meeting with a teacher
Our teachers are committed to building a strong relationship with parents to ensure all students achieve to their potential. If you would like to speak to a teacher please remember to contact the school office to make a request for an appointment. This is to ensure that you are provided with adequate time to discuss all relevant matters. As you can appreciate, it is not appropriate for teachers to have conversations with parents when settling their students in the morning or dismissing them in the afternoon.

Message from the Deputy Principal, Ms Wilton
Dear Parents and Carers,

Blaxcell Street Public School is certainly a busy place. Every day there is something new happening. In my short time here, I have attended our school cross country carnival, watched our students participate in dance workshops and waved goodbye to them as they hopped on buses to travel to the city.

However, the most exciting thing happening is also one of the most regular. Every day in our school, for the last few weeks, I have visited classrooms and witnessed extraordinary things happening there. Yesterday, as I walked through the playground, I was pleased to be informed by some students of their progress in reading. Reading is a gift that we share with our children that will contribute to their future success. It is delightful to hear from students who are so excited about their improvement and who are so eager to share their aspirations of achieving their learning targets.

Striving to reach those goals is a collaborative effort. Students read at school and at home daily, in order for them to attain optimal growth. With parental support and guidance, home reading contributes to improvement across all curriculum areas. So, I would like to recognise the important role parents have in their child’s education and recommend the workshops for fathers currently being held at school on alternate Tuesday evenings.

My time at Blaxcell Street Public School has only just begun. I have the pleasure of working with motivated, enthusiastic students, dedicated and committed teachers and a community that is keen to provide a quality education for our students. I look forward to the possibilities of the future.

Regards,
Ms Wilton
Deputy Principal

Regards,
Mr Zahra
Principal
The Great Debate

On the 29th of May, four students (Amani Alameddine, Abraham Achrafi, Liam Hoang & Jordan Wilkinson) were selected to represent Blaxcell Street at ‘The Great Debate’ organised by Dymocks Children’s Charities. Around 500 people were present at this event, many of whom are very successful in the business world.

The students arrived at 7:00pm at The Four Seasons Hotel and were greeted and ushered to their own ‘green room’ to prepare their speeches for the night. Adam Spencer and Rob Carlton, who are the ambassadors for this event, walked the students on stage and asked questions about the Book Bank Program and all about their favourite book. The students spoke with pride and amused the crowd with their cheekiness and wittiness. They were even lucky enough to meet and receive an autographed CD from Darren Percival, runner up of The Voice 2012.

Amani, Abraham, Liam and Jordan did Blaxcell Street proud and we are honoured to have these role-models at our School.

Mrs D’Penha
On Wednesday 21st May, Mr Tucker and I had the pleasure of taking 40 talented runners to the Zone Cross Country held at Webbs Avenue in Auburn. To make it to the Zone Cross Country, students had to finish in the top 5 of their age group at the school cross country held in Week 1. With perfect weather, the scene was set for these talented athletes to perform at their best on the day. A well-coordinated event saw the senior boys and girls run a 3km circuit, followed by the junior group running a 2km circuit. With enthusiasm and excitement, our students warmed up and prepared for each race. Keen and energetic starts by all age groups were quickly replaced with style and grace, as stamina and experience was the key to success with the temperature starting to rise. All runners were impressive demonstrating great sportsmanship and maturity on the day. The following students achieved an exceptional result:

- Jessie Wong 1st - 10 years girls
- Adam Hussein 2nd - 10 years boys
- Keziah Sue 5th - 11 years girls
- Amal Alameddine 7th - 8/9 years girls
- Nour El-Sayed Ahmad 8th - 10 years girls
- Sabrina Lu 8th - 11 years girls
- Larissa Halawi 10th - 11 years girls
- Aisha Hussein 10th - 8/9 years girls

The top eight students will all be attending the Regional Cross Country to be held on the 11th June, at the Penrith International Regatta Centre.

At the end of the day and given we had such a talented and committed group, BSPS came in 2nd place overall; a fantastic achievement and testament to an array of outstanding individual results.

Well done everyone for a fantastic day where you did yourself and Blaxcell Street Public School proud! Good luck and all the best to those runners who have made it to the Regional Carnival.

Mr Pedersen
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
Debating Update

This is an exciting year for our Year 5 & 6 Debating team! This year the members are: Rabiha Etri (5D), Daniel Khuu (5D), Arinjay Saha (5D), Kristina Hua (5D), Amani Alameddine (6A), Keziah Sue (6D) and Emily Dang (6D).

Blaxcell Street Public School has entered in the Granville/Strathfield Debating Competition. Round 1 occurred in Week 2 this term, with our team on the affirmative side for ‘all children should own and use a mobile phone’ against Granville East Public School. Both teams presented very strong arguments and spoke confidently. Our team was very excited to hear that they had won the debate!

Also, on Thursday 8th May, some members of our debating team attended a debating workshop at Strathfield North Public School. Here, they were joined by many other schools in Sydney to learn some very valuable tips and strategies for presenting strong arguments in a debate. At the end of the day, they had to enter a mini-debate and, applying all of the skills they had learned, they spoke extremely well.

Congratulations to the very hard-working debating team on their achievements so far!

Miss Darragh
5D Teacher & Debating Coordinator

Fathers and Successful Learners

Tuesday marked the launch of Blaxcell Street Public School’s special event for all fathers who are interested in supporting their child’s education. The meeting shared the importance of a father’s role in forming a child’s positive attitude and developing good learning habits.

All fathers are welcome to future meetings. On Tuesday, 17th June, we will focus on reading. We will explore the skills and knowledge children need in order to learn to read and when reading to learn. The following Tuesday, 24th June, we will look closely at writing and discover strategies that will support learners at home. A presentation on the use of computers and other digital technologies to encourage our students to become literate learners is also planned.

So, mark your diaries and we will see you there!

Khaled Sukkarieh, Community Engagement Officer
تهيآ، استعد فصول التمهيدية

تهيآً، استعد، امضي، استعد، امضي، امضي في الصفون التمهيدية لتعليم طرق القراءة والكتابة والحساب للأطفال المسجلين في السنة القادمة. سوف تجري في الفصل الدراسي الثالث والرابع لهذه السنة الدراسية في مدرسة بلاكسيل ستريت.

تهيآً، استعد، امضي في الصفون التمهيدية تركز هذه الصفوف على تعليم أصول الكتابة والقراءة والحساب. سوف يقوم بتعليم هذه الصفوف معلمي خصائص تربية، تعليم أطفال المرحلة التمهيدية.

سوف تشارك الأطفال، خلال هذه الدروس بمارتين تعليمية تؤهلهم لتحقيق الأهداف التربوية اللازمة من أجل قراءة وكتابة الحروف والأصوات بطريقة جيدة. أما من ناحية الرياضيات فسوف يتلقى الأطفال المساعدة والتعليم الملمّ، من أجل تحقيق قدرتهم على الهدوء والمقارنة وقراءة الأرقام وترتيبها وكتابةها.

من يحق له الاتصال بهذه الصفوف؟

كل طفل مسجل في مدرستنا لدخول صف الحضانة في السنة الدراسية القادمة. كما انتهى يجب أن تلبس الجميع بأننا نستقبل الأطفال الذين يسكنون في الإطار الجغرافي الملائم لبلسكل ستريت. من ناحية أخرى، نذكر بأنه يجب على الاهل مراقبة أطفالهم لحضور هذه الدروس. ونستعرض الأولوية للاتصال بهذه الصفون إلى الأطفال الذين لديهم أشقاق يحضرون حاليا في مدرسة بلاكسيل ستريت. لا يجب احضار أو اصطحاب أطفال تحت سن الرابعة.

متى تبدأ هذه الصفون؟

تبدأ في الفصل الدراسي الثالث وتتمدّد حتى نهاية الفصل الرابع، وذلك لمدة ساعة واحدة لكل درس اختيار يوم من أيام الأسبوع الثلاثة، اربعاء وجمعة أسبوعياً.

أين:

مدرسة بلاكسيل ستريت الابتدائية

كيف يتم تسجيل الأطفال؟

عليكم الذهاب إلى مكتب إدارية المدرسة مرفقين:

- شهادة الميلاد للطفل (ودليل على العمر)
- فاتورة (دليل على العنوان)
- يجب على البالغين مراقبة الطفل أثناء صفوف التدخل المبكر، ويمكن المشاركة في الصف مع طفليهما، لا يجب احضار أو اصطحاب أطفال تحت سن الرابعة، وشكراً.
‘准备，就位，开跑’学前班

‘准备，就位，开跑’学前班将于今年第三和第四学期开办，对象为将于 2015 年入读 Blaxcell 街公立学校幼儿园的儿童。

‘准备，就位，开跑’学前班侧重早期识字和算术技能，为未来奠定识字和算术学习的基础。

在识字课，儿童将参与学前阅读和写作技巧活动，以及如何在小组里与人沟通的基本语言技能。在算术课，活动将集中于创造和识别数字模式，完成拼图，认识，计算，比较和排列数字。

对象：对象为将于 2015 年入读街 Blaxcell 街公立学校幼儿园的儿童，儿童必须住在 Blaxcell 街公立学校的校网内才能报读。家长必须与孩子一起出席‘准备，就位，开跑’学前班。现有兄弟姐妹就读于 Blaxcell 街公立学校的儿童，将获优先安排。请留意不能携带其他幼童，婴儿出席。

时间：第三和第四学期的星期二或星期三或星期五，可以选这三天的任何一天，每星期一课，每课一小时。

地点：Blaxcell 街公立学校

如何报读‘准备，就位，开跑’学前班：

请到校务处填写报名表格。您的孩子必须于 2015 年入读 Blaxcell 街公立学校，所以您报名时，需要同时填写入学表格，才能报读‘准备，就位，开跑’学前班。

报名时需要出示下列文件 -
- 出生证明书（证明适龄入学）
- 公用事业账单，如差饷，水电费单（地址证明）
- 驾驶执照（地址证明）

参加‘准备，就位，开跑’学前班的儿童必须有家长或一名成年人陪同，这位家长也需跟孩子一同参与课堂活动。不能携带其他儿童或婴孩上课。

副校长
Michelle Towns
LỚP HỌC VỞ LONGLONG

Các lớp học vở lòng mềm mại và toàn ses được tổ chức vào học kỳ 3 và 4 trong năm nay cho các em học sinh ghi danh vào lớp mẫu giáo năm 2015 tại trường Tiểu học Blaxcell Street.

Các lớp vở lòng chú trọng vào các kỹ năng về văn và toán nhằm tạo cho các em có căn bản cho sự học tập các môn này trong tương lai.

Trong buổi học mềm mại, các em sẽ được tham gia vào những hoạt động và phương pháp học nhằm vào kỹ năng đọc vở lòng, viết và những kỹ năng cần bản như làm thẻ, nào để xử lý trong nhóm. Trong những buổi học về toán, các hoạt động sẽ chú trọng vào việc làm thành và nhận biết kiểu mẫu các mô hình, lập ráp những çarp hình và kỹ năng về học số như: đếm, so sánh, xếp thứ tự, đọc và biểu thị con số.


Khi nào: Phù huynh chọn một 1 trong những ngày sau đây - thứ ba, thứ tư và thứ sáu trong học kỳ 3 và 4. Các lớp sẽ được dạy hàng tuần và mỗi buổi học 1 giờ.

Đầu: Trường tiểu học Blaxcell Street

LÀM THẾ NÀO ĐỂ GHI DanH VÀO LỚP VỞ LONGLONG

Xin vui lòng đến văn phòng để ghi danh học sinh vào lớp Vở Lồng Môn Văn Và Toán. Các em với vị phải học tại trường tiểu học Blaxcell Street vào năm 2015 vì vậy phụ huynh cầnvenient vào đơn ghi danh để được vào học lớp Vở Lồng.

Khi ghi danh lớp Vở Lồng nhà trường cần những giấy sau:
- Giấy khai sinh của học sinh (chứng nhận túc)
- Hộ chiếu chứng thực đã đi nước ngoài (chứng nhận địa chỉ)
- Phụ huynh PHẢI có mặt với con, em khi tham dự lớp học vở lòng.

Không được đem theo các trò em khắc khi tham dự lớp học.

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Class Time 4:00 TO 4:40 PM

New Students ages 9 to 16
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Class Time 4:45 to 5:25 PM

Returning Students Ages 7 To 16
3RD Degree Blue belts thru 3rd Degree Brown
Class Time 5:30 To 6:10 PM

Returning Students Black belts
Class Time 6:15 To 7:00 PM

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NEW STUDENTS CAN ALSO JOIN ON: WEDNESDAYS, 14 MAY, 21 MAY.

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.