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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 3 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 Term 4. 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 4.

School hours for students
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. I thank parents for their effort and support in this area.

Sydney West Regional PSSA Athletics Championships
Congratulations to all our students who competed at the Championships. A full report will be presented in the next newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to recognise Chyrome Pierce for an outstanding result. He came second in the final of the 100m and will now go on to the NSW PSSA State Championships.

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.

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/1dLSGCO](http://bit.ly/1dLSGCO)

**School Uniform**

With the warmer weather it is important to ensure that your child continues to wear full school uniform each day. Please use the holidays to ensure that your child has all the necessary uniform items for Term 4. 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.

**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.

**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 Sp” 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.
**Rabiha Etri - Our Speaker of the House!**

On Wednesday 27 August 2014, Rabiha Etri from 5D represented our school at the Regional Multicultural Public Speaking Competition which was held at the Department of Education and Communities Arts Unit in Lewisham.

Competing alongside 14 other students who also won their respective area finals, Rabiha performed strongly, particularly with her impromptu speech (where participants have to speak on a topic given with 5 minutes preparation!) and was praised for this by the adjudicators. The topic was “Secrets.”

As part of the competition she also had to present a prepared speech of 3-4 minutes on a topic of multicultural importance. Rabiha’s topic was “Multiculturalism at School.”

For competing, she received a participation certificate and valuable feedback which should help with her development as a public speaker in the future.

On behalf of Blaxcell Street Public School, we would like to thank Rabiha for her commitment to public speaking throughout the year, both when working with us at school and at home when preparing for all her competitions.

With continued effort and dedication we are confident that Rabiha can give this competition “a good shake” next year. Keep up the great work, Rabiha!

**Mr Cioffi and Mr Simpson**

**Public Speaking Coordinators**
On Tuesday the 26th of August, 39 talented students represented BSPS in the 2014 Wakakiri Dance Competition at Parramatta Riverside Theatre.

The group of students worked hard all year to create and learn an entertaining dance titled ‘Little Miss Sunshine’. The group danced exceptionally well on the night and received the award for **Best School in Public**, Congratulations!

Thank you to Miss Pearce and Miss Wilkinson for their time and effort in organising the event.
Year 5 – Excursion

Australian Reptile Park

On Thursday the 11th of September, all the lucky students and teachers from Year 5 got up early and headed off to the Central Coast for an amazing excursion.

Throughout term 3, Year 5 has been busy learning all about aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. To enhance our learning our teachers organised an engaging excursion to the ‘Australian Reptile Park’.

At the Reptile Park, Year 5 students got up close and personal with a variety of Australian fauna! Highlights include baby alligators, the cuddly koalas and lots of scary snakes! Not to mention Miss Pearce holding ‘Isabel’ – a 15 kilogram Burmese Python.

We had an amazing day! Congratulation to all of Year 5 for demonstrating fantastic behaviour and beautiful manners.
The Blaxcell Street Public School annual Year 6 Fete was held last Wednesday, 3rd September. It is one of the highlights of the school year, and the money raised from this day is used to fund the Year 6 Farewell, so that all students have an opportunity to formally celebrate their graduation from primary school.

Luckily the weather held out for us, although I personally was glad that I didn’t get too wet at the Sponge Throw Stall! However it was a great day, and fun was had by all.

The Year 6 students were extremely well prepared, and ran their stalls responsibly. I was very proud of them all. Thank you to all other students, who behaved in a safe, respectful manner. It was lovely to see so many people enjoying themselves.

The Year 6 students, and their teachers, would like to thank all who supported the fete through generous donations, and by turning up and spending your money on the day. A tremendous thanks also goes to all of the staff who worked so hard on the day.

Also a big thanks to Mr Nev and Mr D’Penha, the wonderful women in the office, and of course, the fabulous Year 6 teachers, who worked extremely hard for months to make the day so successful.

And a very special thank you to Abu-Jehad Butchery, Dandan Brothers Butchery and the Lien Le family for sponsoring our BBQ.

See you all again at next Year’s Fete!

Ms Antoun
Assistant Principal
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>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>• Contact the Deputy Principals for playground or operational matters.</td>
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<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>• 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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NEW AND RETURNING REGISTRATION: WEDNESDAY, 15 OCTOBER, 2014
NEW STUDENTS CAN ALSO JOIN ON: WEDNESDAYS, 22 OCTOBER, 29 OCTOBER

New Students Ages 5 to 8
and returning students thru 1st degree
Orange ages 5 to 8
Class Time 4:00 TO 4:40 PM

New Students ages 9 to 16
and returning students 2nd degree Orange
thru 2nd degree Blue
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

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.
The Lord Mayor of Parramatta, Councillor John Chedid and fellow Councillors invite you to celebrate the historic opening of

CENTENARY SQUARE

Thursday 25 September, 4pm – 9.30pm

A family fun celebration full of wonderful delights to launch the NEW LOOK Centenary Square, Parramatta (formerly known as Church Street Mall, opposite Parramatta Town Hall)

» FREE children’s activities: face painting, roving entertainers
» Fireworks & lightshows
» Markets & food stalls
» Special performances by Lah-Lah, Darren Percival and finalists from The X Factor

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Positive Parenting Program
(Triple P Seminars)
For Arabic Speaking Parents

Auburn Community Development Network (ACDN) and The Bhanin Association are organizing a series of Triple P seminars in Auburn.

This program helps parents to stay on track and strengthen their parenting skills in raising their children. These seminars are:

- Interactive
- Allow plenty of time for questions

There will be three seminars over a period of three weeks.

If you are interested to participate please register your interest with either Jeslyn on 9646 5559 or Suzy on 9649 2063.

Time and date of the seminar will be communicated to the interested parents at a later stage. Please register early to secure your place.
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Mary Raad
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5th Dan Black Belt
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