Mid Term 3 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. There are many wonderful events coming up in Term 3 and I look forward to enjoying these experiences with all our students.

School Administration & Support Staff Recognition
The week commencing Monday 1 September is School Administration & Support Staff (SASS) Recognition Week. It is an opportunity for our entire school community to acknowledge and thank the SASS team for the outstanding contribution they make to our school. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!

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 - Repeated Message
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.

Canteen Lunch Orders
Our canteen is coordinated by volunteers who donate their time to support Blaxcell Street Public School. These wonderful helpers are dedicated parents, former parents and community members who commit many hours each week to provide a service to the students of our school. Please support them by ensuring that all lunch orders are completed before 9:00am each morning. Unfortunately, only sandwiches will be available to order after 9:00am.

Book Week Character Parade
Our annual Book Week Character Parade is on Monday 18 August. It is always a fantastic event with many students and teachers getting involved with some fabulous costumes. Please ask your children to keep an eye out for Mr Zahra’s disguise!
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.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, school staff, as a part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

Parents are responsible for:
• enrolling their children of compulsory school age in a government or registered non-government school or registering them with the Board of Studies for home schooling
• ensuring that their children attend school regularly
• explaining the absences of their children from school promptly to the school
• taking measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children.

School staff are responsible for supporting the regular attendance of students by:
• providing a caring teaching and learning environment which fosters students’ sense of belonging to the school community
• recognising and rewarding excellent and improved student attendance
• maintaining accurate records of student attendance
• implementing programs and practices to address attendance issues when they arise
• providing clear information to students and parents regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance.

Please support the school in the area of student attendance. In addition, please ensure that your child(ren) arrive at school between 8:30-8:57 each morning. Arriving late may negatively impact the development and achievement of your child(ren). Again, I thank you for the continued support with attendance.

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.

Regards,

Mr Zahra
Principal
A huge thank you!

Mr Khaled Sukkarieh, our Community Engagement Officer kindly purchased for the school two very large boxes filled with books and a visit by well known children’s author Sally Rippin.

On behalf of the library team, teachers and students I would like to say a huge thank you for his donation and generosity.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is quickly coming to a close.

Students in years K-2 have completed their reading challenge with the help of their classroom teacher. Students in years 3-6 complete the challenge individually and must submit their reading list online by Friday 22nd August.

Instructions for submitting your reading list online:

- Open the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge website
- Click ‘logon’ and use your school log in username and password
- Click on ‘student reading records’
- Enter the PRC ID number or book title (remembering if a book starts with 'The' do not type it first)
- After you type the ID number or title (so long as it is spelt correctly) it will automatically come up
- Click 'Add'
Book Week Character Parade

On the morning of Monday 18th August Blaxcell Street Public School will be hosting their annual Book Week Character Parade in the school hall. Students have been thinking of lots of great book characters to come dressed as. If possible please bring a copy of the book to match your costume. There will be lots of prizes for best dressed students in each grade, best dressed classes and best dressed teachers. A costume can be as simple as a home made mask. We would love for all students to get involved and help us to celebrate book week. Parents are welcome.

Book Fair

This week students have been looking at the Book Fair and writing down wish lists of books they would like to purchase. Please remember that the school only has limited stock so these are only ‘wish’ lists.

The Book Fair will officially open for sales on Monday 18th August at lunch time (not before school due to the character parade set up). After the official opening the Book Fair will be open before school (from 8.30am), lunch time, recess time and after school (until 3.00pm).

Books in the Book Fair are supplied by the Scholastic book company and range in price from $1 to $20.

Please remind your children to be responsible when bringing money to school and to keep it in a safe place at all times.

Mrs Branford and Miss Spillet
(Teacher Librarians)
Year 2 meets the one and only Surfing Scientist!

As part of the Year 2 Unit of Inquiry “What’s the Matter?” in Week 3 students were able to have a unique science incursion experience with Channel ABC3’s Surfing Scientist Ruben Meerman.

Using liquid nitrogen, balloons and the laws of physics, Ruben showcased some really engaging and mind boggling science tricks! Year 2 learnt about solids, liquids and gases through Ruben’s enlightening and interactive workshop about heating, cooling and the world.

This term Year 2 will be conducting their own science experiments in class using materials from around the home. We are learning to make conclusions about materials and mixtures and record our findings. Keep up the great work Year 2!

Year 2 Reminders:

- Bring in tissues and stationery
- Bring in Home Readers weekly
- Home Learning due Friday Week 5, 7 & 9
On Wednesday 13th August, author and illustrator Sally Rippin visited our school and spoke to students in Years 1 and 2. Sally shared with the students her personal experiences working as the author of the ‘Billie B Brown’ and ‘Hey Jack’ books. She explained to students that the ideas for her books come from her own childhood experiences. The students loved her talk and asked lots of great questions. Many students even managed to get one of their own Sally Rippin books signed.

Sally has written and/or illustrated over 50 books for children of all ages. For more information on Sally go to: http://www.sallyrippin.com/sallyrippin.com/home.html

The school library has multiple copies of Sally’s ‘Billie B Brown’ and ‘Hey Jack’ books, many of which have been signed. If any children are interested in borrowing one of her books, please see the library staff and they can point you in the right direction.

On behalf of the BSPS students and staff I would like to say a huge thank you to Khaled Sukkarieh for organising Sally to visit the school at no cost to the students.
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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| The welfare of your own child          | • For minor issues directly contact your child’s teacher to clarify and discuss the issue.  
• 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.  
• To convey information about a change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details health issues etc. Please contact the office. |
| Actions of other students              | • Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.  
• Contact the Deputy Principals for playground or operational matters. |
| School policy or practice              | • Contact the office. State the nature of concern and make an appointment to see the Principal and/or appropriate member of staff. |
| Actions of a staff member              | • Contact the office immediately and state concerns to the Principal or a Deputy Principal.  
• Arrange to meet directly with the Principal or a Deputy Principal. |

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 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.

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.
Dynamic TAEKWONDO Fitness Group Training

Exclusive to **Females** only

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Cnr Guildford Road and Blaxcell Street Granville
Monday and Wednesday Nights:
Juniors (Primary school Students, ages 4-11yrs) 6-7pm
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Mary Raad
Head Master Instructor
5th Dan Black Belt
Owner/Director
All Female Taekwondo Academy
Do you want to be an Aboriginal Foster Carer?

Community Services is looking for Aboriginal people willing to become a foster carer. You can be single, married, in a de facto or in a same sex relationship. You can be renting, buying or you may own your home. You can be working or not working.

As an authorised carer of a child or young person, you will receive ongoing support and you may be entitled to a carer allowance to assist you with providing care. Standard Care Allowances are detailed below:

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For more information on becoming a foster carer please don't hesitate to contact a staff member in the Aboriginal Foster Care Recruitment Team based at the Mt Druitt Community Services Centre on (02) 8887 7400 or you can email to james.conaty@facs.nsw.gov.au

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**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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EXCURSION SPECIALS INCLUDE- 5 EXCURSIONS FROM $55 PER CHILD FOR THE WHOLE TWO WEEKS HOLIDAY.
Granville South Public School 125th Anniversary

Thursday 28 August 2014, 10am-2:30pm

There will be amusement rides, petting zoo, jumping castles, face painting, food and activity stalls, showbags, police, fire and careflight helicopter visits, historical display and multicultural picnic.

Rides  Petting Zoo  Jumping Castles
Face Painting  Multicultural Picnic  Food and Activity Stalls

All welcome. Under 18 year olds who do not attend GSPS must be accompanied by an adult. Contact the school on 9632 9388 for more information or if you would like to have a stall.

Granville South Public School Cnr of Woodville Rd and Oxford Street Guildford