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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.

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
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.

Canteen News

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 hot lunch orders are completed before 9:00am each morning. Unfortunately, only sandwiches will be available to order after 9:00am.

Please note that Nutella/Hazelnut spreads are no longer available at the canteen.

School Uniform

With the warmer 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. Plain black shoes should be worn as part of the school uniform with the exception being days when your child participates in sports activities. Please ensure your child has plain black shoes for the start of Term 4. I have attached some photos to assist parents when selecting plain black shoes. I thank parents for supporting the uniform policy.

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.

Regards,
Mr Zahra
Principal
BSPS Excel at Zone Athletics Carnival

Earlier this term, a talented group of 53 students headed off to the Auburn Zone Athletics Carnival at Wyatt Park. All students performed to the best of their ability representing Blaxcell Street Public School in a positive and impressive manner. Some outstanding results were achieved by the following students:

**Jessie Wong 11 Year Girls**
1st Long Jump
1st High Jump
1st 800M
1st 200M
1st 100M

**Roukayah Al Fararjah Junior Girls - Zone Age Champion**
1st 800M
2nd 100M

**Bency Yan**
3rd Senior Boys 200M

**Yussuf Chaker**
3rd 8 Year Boys 100M

**Adam Naboulsi**
3rd Junior Shot Put

**Esie Ofa**
3rd 11 year Girls Shot Put

**Boys Junior Relay** - finished 2nd

**Girls Junior Relay** - finished 3rd

Special mention to Jessie, Roukayah, Yussuf and the Boys Junior Relay Team, who will be representing our school and the Auburn Zone Regional Athletics carnival to be held on 9th September. Thanks also to Mrs Najjarine for organising the carnival and taking our students.
BSPS Triumphant on Return to PSSA

This year saw BSPS return to the fields of PSSA, with 96 enthusiastic students taking part in Soccer, Oz Tag, Newcombe Ball or Netball. To join a PSSA side, all students had to take part in trial games to make the team and then train at least once per week before school and/or during lunch. All students were committed, displaying and developing not only their sporting skills, but most importantly their ability to consistently work as a team and gain the insight that is ‘a team that works as one, will always excel over a team of individuals’. With a great attitude, hard work and determination all PSSA teams and coaches had an incredibly successful season. At the end of regular competition, we ended up having four teams in the semi-finals - with the Newcombe Ball and Junior Soccer team just missing out on the finals. Three out of the four teams made the grand final: Senior Soccer and both the Junior Boys and Junior Girls Oz Tag teams.

All three grand finals were played at an extremely high level with impressive sportsmanship shown by all. Our Senior Soccer and Junior Girls Oz Tag teams were triumphant and are now and will forever be the Auburn Zone PSSA Champions for 2015! Although putting in a phenomenal effort, our minor premier Junior Boys Oz Tag team lost 3-2, with Lidcombe PS scoring with only seconds remaining.

I’d like to say a huge thank you to our super coaches and support staff: Miss Najjarine, Mrs Schiff, Mrs Najjarine, Miss Mair, Miss Gorrie, Mrs Bell, Miss Maher, Mrs Bennett and Ms Krazinski. Without their ongoing commitment and giving up so much of their own time, PSSA would not have been possible.

On a final note, it has been very pleasing to hear how other schools have commended our students on their professionalism, sportsmanship and overall good nature.

Once again, congratulations and well done to all our PSSA teams and coaches - great work everyone!

Mr Pedersen
YEAR 6 FETE

On Wednesday the 2nd of September we had our YEAR 6 FETE. It was the most fun we’ve had all year!

There were loads of fun rides and a whole heap of exciting stalls like sponge throw, hair spray, face painting, karaoke and much more!

Year 6 just wants to thank all of the grades for bringing in donations. They really helped us a lot and we’d also like to thank all the Year 6 teachers that helped us organise and create our year 6 fete as well as the teachers that helped us with our stalls.

We really appreciated all the support that we got from the community and the school. We’d like to thank everyone for participating in this event and we hope you can come next year for more fun!!!

By Ahmed Al Farajeh – 6G
On Thursday the 20th of August, Year 4 went on an excursion to Muru Mittigar Aboriginal Education Centre as part of their HSIE unit of work, First Contacts.

The day was extremely exciting with many fun activities such as singing Aboriginal songs and learning a dance performed with that song. We met people who have travelled around the world to perform Aboriginal music as well as a well-known artist, John Boney, or JB as he liked to be called. Everyone got to participate in boomerang throwing and then we all had a chance to learn about Aboriginal paintings. Plus, we got to create our own aboriginal painting too!

We all had a fantastic day!

By Miss K. Blanning-Pascoe
Arabic Language Students win Community Awards

Blaxcell Street Arabic language students (years 5 and 6) reached the finals in the Mirath In Mind program in their first ever participation. *Mirath in Mind* is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 2010 to promote and keep alive the cultural legacies of the arts, heritage and Arabic culture and organises annual school arts competition.

Inspired by the work of artistic legends, one of the principal objectives of *Mirath in Mind* is to raise awareness amongst the Arab and non-Arab communities of the rich Arab cultural contribution, particularly amongst the younger generations.

During Term 3, the Arabic Community Language program at the school explored the work and the life of two cultural and pioneering icons in the Lebanese/Arab entertainment industry and the arts. Sabah, who died late last year, and Philomon Wehbe, left a treasure of cultural heritage that paved the way for the identification of Lebanese music and songs. Students analysed one of Sabah's film and entered a quiz competition, participated in visual arts competition with distinctive results and will participate with two live dance performances against a number of schools in the Gala Day on 9 September before a panel of judges. Additionally, we have been advised that 3 Blaxcell Street students are winners in the multimedia presentation and will receive their prizes at the Gala Day for their ICT skills.

We are grateful to the students who showed exceptional interest, commitment and dedication in a very short time to harness new talents in the performing and visual arts as well as in the quiz competition. We are also grateful for the support and cooperation of the teachers and staff who have helped make the program achievable.

Arabic Community Language Program
Thanks

Blaxcell Street Public School would like to thank students, staff, parents, community and our prize donors, Kmart Merrylands Store, Islamic Council of NSW (ICNSW) and the Bulldogs NRL Club for their generosity.

**Prizes:**

**2 bikes were donated by Kmart and ICNSW’s scripture program (ISRE)**

**2 signed Bulldogs caps**

In this our sixth annual fundraising drive, ‘Not Just Pocket Money’ funds raised will assist two charities, Muslim Aid Australia (MAA), to distribute to the Nepal Earthquake victims and Father Chris Riley’s ‘Youth Off The Street’ Foundation, to assist homeless young people in Sydney.

**Background**

Over the last 6 years, Blaxcell St Public School (BSPS) students and staff have collected over $13000 to help the poor and needy. Charities such as Muslim Aid Australia and Care Australia were selected as they delivered suitable projects effectively and efficiently. BSPS also donated money to Ellison Public School which was affected by bushfires in the Blue Mountains in 2013 and a community garden at Wilcannia Central School in 2014. It was initially started through the ICNSW Islamic scripture lessons (ISRE) and became a whole school program at the request of the Principal in 2012.

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**Prizes were drawn at School Assembly – Monday 27 July 2015 by Mohammed Quadan from MAA and Ms Teresa Tree YOTS Foundation**

Two (2) bikes and two (2) Bulldogs signed caps were given as prizes to the students.
Cheque presentation to the charities for 2015

**Special thanks go to:**
Kmart Merrylands Store, Bulldogs NRL Club, and Islamic Council of NSW for their donations of prizes.
Blaxcell Street Public School admin office ladies for counting all the COINS and MONEY
Ms Emily Darragh BSPS TSL teacher and the TSL team,
Mrs Rema Najjarine Year 5 teacher for organising the Bulldogs caps signed by the players.

Thank you again to all those involved for your help this year and we look forward to your ongoing support in the future.

**Khaled Sukkarieh**
Community Engagement Officer
Blaxcell Street Public School
Kindergarten Transition

Is your child starting school next year?
Help your child settle into school by attending our Kindergarten Transition Program!

When: Monday November 2\textsuperscript{nd} and Monday November 9\textsuperscript{th} 2015
Where: Blaxcell Street Public School. Meet under the COLA.
Time: 9:30am to 10:45am

What: Kindergarten Transition is a 2 day program for both parents and children.

Please speak to our friendly office staff for more information.

MARY RAAD
Blaxcell Street Public School - Hall
Cnr of Blaxcell St & Guildford Rd Granville

Exclusive to Females only
Mon & Wed nights: 6-7pm & 7-8pm
Ages 4 years to Mothers are Welcome

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Child Adolescent and Family Team (CAFT) | Free and confidential counselling for adults, children (0 – 18 years) and their families. Support is available for a range of issues including: Child behaviour, shyness, anxiety, bullying, peer relationships, parenting & attachment, depression, postnatal depression, experience of trauma, domestic violence and family relationships. Includes: individual counselling with parents, children & adolescents; family work; and groups. | Auburn Community Health Centre, Norval St, Auburn NSW 2144  
**Telephone:** (02) 8759 4000  
**Referral:** 1800 600 681 |
| **Auburn Department of Family & Community Services (FaCS)** | Community Services promotes the safety and wellbeing of children and young people and works to build stronger families and communities. Community Services provides child protection services, parenting support and early intervention, foster care and adoption services. | Level 1, 57-61 Queen St, Auburn NSW 2144  
**Telephone:** (02) 9335 4200  
**CS Helpline on:** 132 111 |
| **Auburn Diversity Services Inc (ADSi)** | ADSi offers settlement services to newly arrived migrants, particularly refugees and humanitarian entrants from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) background. This service also provides opportunities for mothers, fathers & their children to make friends. Playgroups for 0-5 age group enhance child development & are available for a range of cultural backgrounds. Culturally specific groups meet to receive emotional & practical support as well as exchange information & learn new skills. | 17 Macquarie Rd, Auburn NSW 2144  
**Telephone:** (02) 9649 6955 |
| **Auburn Youth Centre** | AYC provides settlement support, counselling, social, educational and recreational services for young people aged 12 to 24 who have a connection with Auburn and surrounding suburbs. | Wyatt Park  
Church St, Lidcombe NSW 2141  
**Telephone:** (02) 9646 2122  
**Counselling line:** (02) 9749 2321 |
| **Barnardos - Auburn Children’s Family Centre** | “Barnardos works with children, young people and their families where children & young people and families have been affected by domestic violence, experienced sexual assault, where there may be family conflict, homelessness, violence/abuse &/or neglect. We work with children in out of home care and also provide the following programs; Family Support, Youth Support, Domestic Violence, Child Sexual Assault Counselling; Temporary Accommodation for families &/or youth and a Long Day Care program for children 2-5years.” | 18-24 Kerr Parade, Auburn NSW 2144  
**Telephone:** (02) 9646 2770  
Fax: 9749 1050  
Contact: Mary Haiek, Centre Manager |
| **Association of Bhanin El-Minieh** | The Arabic Family Support project offers a range of flexible support services to families from Arabic speaking backgrounds. It provides women with opportunities to socialise, create networks, & gain useful information on a range of social, personal, health and educational issues. | 98 Auburn Rd Auburn  
**Telephone:** (02) 9649 2063  
Contact: Mary Semaan |
| **Cumberland Brighter Futures (CBF)** | CBF assists families find services and supports. Home visits by supportive caseworkers can assist with a variety of problems that many parents face when raising young children. We offer parenting programs, social support opportunities & education to develop new ways to manage children’s behaviour. Assistance to access quality playgroups or childcare can be provided. | **Telephone:** (02) 9330 7200  
**Fax:** 93307291  
**Email:** cbfintake@wesleymission.org.au |
| **Family Referral Service Western Sydney** | Supports families and young people to connect with local services in their area. Referral for a wide range of issues that families face and who may be finding it hard to get back on track. Brokerage available. | **Telephone:** 1300 403 373  
Westfield Shopping Plaza Mt Druitt. Outreach services available. |
| **Granville Multicultural Community Centre (GMCC)** | Case management for families with children aged 0-12 years, in the local government area, that requiring support for a range of issues. | 8 Factory St, Granville.  
**Telephone:** (02) 9637 7600  
**Email:** fss@gmcc.org.au |
| **Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS)** | STARTTS provides services to assist people from refugee and refugee-like backgrounds who have experienced torture or other traumatic events before arriving in Australia. We do this by helping individual refugees and families recover from their experiences, working with refugee community groups to foster empowerment and self-determination, and supporting other organisations and individuals working with refugees.  
- Individual counselling (including children and adolescents, many of whom are seen at school)  
- Group counselling  
- Community groups | 44-50 Auburn Road,  
Auburn NSW  
**Telephone:** (02) 9646 6666  
www.startts.org |
| **The Salvation Army** | Homework Club- Tuesday 3-4:30pm and Wednesday 3-4pm (Primary School Students)  
Street Dreams Dance- Wednesday 4-5pm (Primary School Students)  
Support for families needing assistance including money care, English classes, welfare assistance and more. | The Salvation Army Auburn  
166-170 South Parade Auburn  
**Ph:** 9646 3767  
**Welfare:** 1300371288 |
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MAKE NEW FRIENDS
IMPROVE STUDIES

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

LOCATION: HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL, EAST GRANVILLE
199 THE TRONGATE (NEAR HUDSON STREET)
CLASSES ARE EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR 10 WEEKS (EVERY SCHOOL TERM)
NEW AND RETURNING REGISTRATION: WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER, 2015
NEW STUDENTS CAN ALSO JOIN ON: WEDNESDAYS, 21 OCT., 28 OCT.

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.
# Blaxcell Street Public School

**UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS**

The parents of Blaxcell Street Public School have agreed to the following items as compulsory uniform for our students. It is an expectation that students wear full school uniform each day.

## BOYS
- Grey shorts
- Grey pants
- Sky blue polo with school crest (iron-on crests will be available from the uniform shop)
- Sky blue button shirt with crest (iron-on crests will be available from the uniform shop)
- Royal blue track pants
- Grey socks
- Black shoes (must be plain black - no colours on shoes)

## GIRLS
- Blaxcell Street PS dress
- ONLY white opaque stockings permitted under dress
- ONLY white body suit/under garments permitted for religious purposes under any uniform
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue A-Line full length skirt
- Navy blue pants
- White polo with school crest (iron-on crests will be available from the uniform shop)
- White button shirt with school crest (iron-on crests will be available from the uniform shop)
- White socks
- Black shoes (must be plain black - no colours on shoes)

## SPORTS UNIFORM FOR BOYS
- Blaxcell Street PS Navy shorts (ONLY available at the uniform shop)
- Blaxcell Street PS sports polo with crest (ONLY available at the uniform shop)
- Royal blue track pants
- White socks
- Sports shoes

## SPORTS UNIFORM FOR GIRLS
- Blaxcell Street PS Navy shorts (ONLY available at the uniform shop)
- Blaxcell Street PS sports polo with crest (ONLY available at the uniform shop)
- Navy yoga style pants
- White socks
- Sports shoes

## HIJAB - White (ONLY available at the uniform shop)
- Blaxcell Street PS white hijab (ONLY available at the uniform shop)

## HATS - (ONLY available at the uniform shop and front office)
- Kindergarten - wide brimmed Blaxcell Street PS hat
- Year 1 - wide brimmed Blaxcell Street PS hat
- Year 2 - wide brimmed Blaxcell Street PS hat is preferred
- 3-6 - Blaxcell Street PS cap