



Blaxcell Matters

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End of Term 1 Newsletter

Important Dates

Tuesday 1 May	Students return for T2
2-4 May	Mother's Day Stall
Friday 4 May	Cross Country Carnival
7-9 May	Year 6 Camp
15-17 May	NAPLAN (Years 3 & 5)
29-30 May	School Photos
Thursday 21 June	Glow Disco
Monday 25 June	K-6 Athletics Carnival

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really busy first term with many exciting events. I am very proud of our students' achievements both at school and within the general community. I take this opportunity to thank staff, students and the community for their efforts throughout the term. Term 1 has been an extremely productive and rewarding term. Our teachers have established a strong platform from which your children will grow and develop throughout the year. I hope that families have a safe and restful holiday enjoying the company of loved ones.

School App

To support direct parent communication, Blaxcell Street Public School has a school app. Information and download instructions accompany this newsletter.

P&C AGM and 2018 Executive Committee

The P&C AGM was held on Tuesday 13 March. I thank all the parents who attended and became members. I take this opportunity to congratulate the following parents/community members elected into the Executive Committee:

President	Souha Alameddine
Vice President	Soulaima Zreika
Vice President	Cibelia Ibrahim
Treasurer	Kylie Luysterburg
Secretary	Maryam Chami
Canteen Coordinator	Lyn Connelly

School hours for students

There was an improvement with students arriving at school on time and ready to learn throughout Term 1. I thank parents for their effort and support in this area. 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. Keep up the great work in Term 2 - very much appreciated by all staff.



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.**

If you are able to volunteer some time to help in the canteen, please leave your details with the office staff.

School Uniform

The School Uniform Shop is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am - 10:00am. 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. 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 2.** I thank parents for supporting the uniform policy. Please review the uniform requirements accompanying this newsletter.

Community Access Policy

Accompanying this newsletter is our Community Access Policy. This policy will promote mutual respect for all stakeholders as well as a harmonious, nurturing and caring environment in which we can grow and learn in partnership.

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

Year 6 Parliament of NSW Excursion

On Monday 26th of February and Wednesday 28th of February, Year 6 was given the special opportunity to visit the Parliament of NSW located in the city.

Students participated in a role play where they experienced the law making process first hand. Students who attended on Monday were lucky enough to meet the Leader of the Opposition, Luke Foley.



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The GRIP Leadership Conference

On the 7th of March 2018, the BSPS TSL went along to the GRIP Leadership conference. The conference was held for school leaders across the Sydney region with over 30 schools in attendance!

The topics covered during the sessions were 'Leaders are Transformers', 'Lead like a Strawberry Not like a Watermelon', 'Ideas that Transform' and 'Making a Positive Change'. After each session had ended, The Loud Noise Boys came on stage. They provided some great entertainment and got that inner noise out of us. It was a fun day that taught the 12 TSL members how to be amazing school leaders!



Saul Shrestha
Captain

Joohee Han
Vice Captain



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Blaxcell Street Public School 2018 COMPULSORY 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

- Royal Blue shorts – cargo style
- Royal Blue pants – cargo style
- Blaxcell Street PS original polo with crest embroidery (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS 2016 polo with crest embroidery (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS jackets with crest embroidery (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- White plain socks
- Black shoes (must be plain black and should be leather - no colours on shoes)
- **NO** ¾ tights or compression tights such as Skins

GIRLS

- Blaxcell Street PS dress (**ONLY NAVY BLUE** stockings permitted)
- **ONLY** white under garments (for arms) permitted for religious purposes under the school dress
- Royal Blue skorts
- Royal Blue A-Line full length skirt
- Royal Blue formal school uniform pants
- Blaxcell Street PS original polo with crest embroidery (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS 2016 polo with crest embroidery (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS jackets with crest embroidery (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS white hijab, if worn (**ONLY available at the uniform shop**)
- White plain socks
- Black shoes (must be plain black and should be leather - no colours on shoes)
- **NO** ¾ tights or compression tights such as Skins

SPORTS UNIFORM FOR BOYS

- Blaxcell Street PS Royal Blue shorts (**ONLY available at the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS original polo with crest embroidery (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS 2016 polo with crest embroidery (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS 2016 Tracksuit (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- White sports socks
- Sports shoes e.g. runners – **PLEASE NOTE** canvas shoes such as Converse are not sports shoes
- **NO** ¾ tights or compression tights such as Skins

SPORTS UNIFORM FOR GIRLS

- Blaxcell Street PS Royal Blue shorts (**ONLY available at the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS original polo with crest embroidery (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS 2016 polo with crest embroidery (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- Blaxcell Street PS 2016 Tracksuit (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- Royal Blue yoga style pants (**ONLY available from the uniform shop**)
- White sports socks
- Sports shoes e.g. runners – **PLEASE NOTE** canvas shoes such as Converse are not sports shoes
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HATS (**ONLY available at the uniform shop and front office**)

- **K-2** students must wear the **wide brimmed** Blaxcell Street PS hat
- 3-6 students may wear the wide brimmed Blaxcell Street PS hat OR the Blaxcell Street PS cap

Examples of black shoes appropriate for school:



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

Concern	Appropriate Action
The academic progress of your own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Directly contact your child's teacher either by note, by telephone or in person to arrange a suitable time to discuss any issues.
The welfare of your own child	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact the class teacher for a classroom problem.• Contact the Deputy Principals for playground or operational matters.
School policy or practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

PARENTS' EXPECTATIONS	PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES
My child has experienced the best education possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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To support direct parent communication, Blaxcell Street Public School has a school app. The Skoolbag app will provide you with immediate access to notes, newsletters and information on upcoming school events. All notes and newsletters will be available for direct access to your mobile phone or tablet.

The app is available for download to mobile phones and tablet computers. It can be easily accessed from the Google Play Store and Apple's App Store.

How to install Skoolbag on your Smartphone or Tablet Computer

iPhone & iPad Users

- 1) Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
- 2) Type **Blaxcell Street Public School** in the search field.
- 3) If iPhone, you will see the school logo, click "GET" then "INSTALL".
- 4) If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "GET" then "INSTALL".
- 5) When installed click "OPEN"
- 6) Select "ALLOW" to receive push notifications, when asked.
- 7) Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup Push Notifications".
- 8) Select the Push Categories that are applicable for you.



Android Users



You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

- 1) Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
- 2) Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in **Blaxcell Street Public School**.
- 3) Click the school logo.
- 4) Click the "INSTALL" button.
- 5) Click "Accept" for various permissions (we do not modify any of the personal data on your device).
- 6) Click "OPEN" when installed.
- 7) Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup Push Notifications".
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The simplest way

...to pack a healthy lunch box.

Pack at least one item from each of the following food groups for a healthy lunch!

Breads/ cereals: Wholemeal or wholegrain bread, wraps and pita. For a treat, pack pikelets, or homemade muffins and slices.

Fruit: Serve in fun ways; try fruit kebabs or fruit in jelly, cut whole fruit into small pieces for younger kids.

Vegies: Pack carrot or celery sticks with hummus.

Dairy: A slice of cheese, yoghurt or custards are all great lunch box items.

Meat and alternatives: Cooked chicken, tuna, egg, roast meat and legumes like red kidney beans or chickpeas.

Water or milk: Water or milk are the best drink choices.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

The *Eat It To Beat It* program is supported by the Western Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School Program.



The simplest way

...to use sunscreen!

What does sunscreen do?

Sunscreen acts as a barrier, filtering UV radiation by absorbing and reflecting UV rays away from your skin.

Make sunscreen a habit!

In the morning, check if the UV will be 3 or above and apply sunscreen before heading out for the day.



Use SPF30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen 20 mins before going outside. Make sure you reapply at least every 2 hours.

Sunscreen is just one part of sun protection! Remember to use sun-safe hats, clothing and sunglasses and seek out shade.

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