Welcome to Week 4 and the end of October. Year 5 are away this week having a wonderful time at Narrabeen. Today they are sailing, abseilling and trying their hand at archery.

**Summer Games**
Unfortunately, due to a clash of events with the back up date, we have had to cancel our participation in the Summer Games for this year. We will organise our own ‘games’ afternoon where the teams will still be able to play once Year 5 and Mr Simone are back from camp.

The money paid for summer games can either be refunded or put towards the “Hairspray” excursion to Blaxland High later this term.

Mr Giles

**Congratulations to:**
- Our chess players for their performances at the one day tournament held last week at Blue Mountains Grammar. Special congratulations to the team consisting of Corin, Caelin and Xavier who were successful in gaining 1st place on the day. They will now compete later this term in the state finals.
- Matthew, Bailey and Olivia for their participation in the regional oral reading and public speaking competition. You represented yourself and the school proudly.

**Thank you to:**
- Mrs Cheeseman and Mrs Doran for their help transporting and supervising during last week’s chess tournament.
- Mrs Sowter for her organisation of a very successful Grandparents Day.
- All parents who are helping with transport this week for the Year 5 camp.
- Mr Simone for his organisation of the Year 5 camp. From what I understand, everyone is having a great time.

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**What’s Happening At Our School ……**

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“Hairspray” @ Blaxland High
This year’s big production from Blaxland High is “Hairspray”. The productions each year are a wonderful showcase of the talent and work Blaxland High do in the area of Creative & Performing Arts and this year’s show will be no exception.

As we do every year, we have organised an excursion to see the show on Wednesday 26th November. We have booked enough tickets so that all primary classes will be able to attend. The school will subsidise the transport costs and the final cost to students will be $6.50. Those primary students who have already paid for the Summer Games can have that cost transferred over to the ‘Hairspray’ performance.

A separate permission note will be sent home within the next week. If there are any questions regarding the show or if help is needed to meet the costs then please contact the office.

2015 OC Information Evening
This Thursday 30th October, Blaxland East will be holding an information evening for those students who have been offered a placement (or placed on the Reserve list) in the OC class for Year 5 in 2015. All families in this situation should have also received an email advertising this event.

2015 Election of School Captains
Students in Year 5, who have indicated they would like to be considered for one of the school captain positions in 2015, will be delivering a speech to the school on why they would make a good school captain. The speeches will be delivered at a special school assembly on Wednesday 19th November at 9am.

The week prior to this assembly, students will place their promotional poster up at school. The posters will show everyone who they are and why they should be elected as a school captain.

Remembrance Day
Tuesday 11th November, the school will hold a short Remembrance Day service conducted by Year 6 students. The captains and vice-captains will represent the school at the Glenbrook RSL service on the same day.

School Gymnastics Program – Term 4
After the first couple of weeks the gymnastic program seems to be going very well. We are having a break this week while Year 5 are away and the program will re-commence next Monday 3rd November.

For those families who are paying off the cost in instalments, please remember that the final payment is due by Wednesday 12th November. If at any stage there is a problem, please contact the office.

Students are allowed to wear their sports uniform during the gymnastics program. If there are any questions about the program then please contact the office.

Kinder Orientation Program
Our three week Kindergarten Orientation program commences on Thursday 6th November. Our 2015 Kinders will arrive for a 9:15 start in the classroom where Mrs Dwyer will be waiting for them. During the hour (9:15-10:15) they will participate in classroom activities as well as meeting their buddies for next year, which I know Year 5 are all very excited about. Whilst their children are busy in the classroom, parents will meet in the hall for a brief presentation and morning tea.

The second orientation experience will be the following Thursday 13th November (9:15 – 10:15) with the final session on Thursday 20th November (9:15 – 11:00) where they will join the rest of the school for recess before going home.

Roza Sage MP – Christmas Card Competition
Roza Sage MP is once again running her Christmas Card design competition for interested students.

This year’s theme, for the Christmas card competition, is “My Christmas wish is ……..:

There will be two categories for the competition:
- Kindergarten to Year 3
- Year 4 to Year 6.

To participate students should send their completed artworks (on A4 paper) to Roza Sage at 132 Macquarie Road, Springwood, NSW, 2777. Entries are due by 21st November 2014. On the back of the entry students should put their name, school and grade. If there are any questions then please contact the office.
**Grandparent’s Day**

Last week we held Grandparent’s day. It was a great success. We had over 140 grandparents visit our classrooms and join in activities with their grand children.

The students enjoyed reading stories, playing math games, showing their work and spending the morning with their grandparents.

The grandparents also had morning tea with the staff. It was great to see the smiles on the student’s faces and also their grandparents.

Thank you so much for making the morning a success!

Mrs Sowter

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**Mount Riverview Games-athon Day**

On Wednesday 17th September, the students of Mount Riverview Public School held their games-athon day. The students were put into their Peer Support Groups and represented Commonwealth countries.

We began with an opening ceremony. Each group marched to their National Anthem into our own playground arena. We read the Athletes Oath and had the lighting of the cauldron.

Each group participated in 15 activities. Some of the activities were javelin, hurdles, swimming relays, equestrian, rugby, netball and shooting. Lots of fun was had throwing bean bags at the targets or trying to jump on the space hopper horses. We even swam- with no water!

To conclude the day we held our medal ceremony.

Australia came first.
Fiji came second.
Malta third.

A great day was had by all. Thank you to all of our spectators and helpers on the day.

We held our sponsor card draw at Monday’s assembly and Charlie Grant and Daniel Clarke both won family passes to the Fire Museum in the draw for returning their sponsor cards and money. So far, as a school, we have raised just over $3000.00. This money will be spent on resources that our students can use. If you have any outstanding money, this can be still handed in.

Mrs Sowter
**Student Assistance, We Can Help**

During the course of the school year there are many financial demands upon parents. Excursions, uniforms, shows and textbooks are just a few. As a parent I understand the constant pressure that these costs can bring to a family budget and that as parents we want to provide our children with all opportunities made available to them. Each year the school is provided with a small budget to help any parents who may require some financial assistance for school related expenses. **If parents require any assistance with school related expenses please contact Mr Giles or your child’s teacher. All enquiries are confidential.**

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**Lost A Copy Of A Past Educom Issue??**

*The Educom Is On the Internet*

Our bi-weekly Educom can be accessed from the internet on our web site –  

If you are not receiving your fortnightly issue of the Educom please contact the office and update your email contact.

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**School Security, You Can Help**

If parents or community members observe any destructive or suspicious behaviour in the school grounds please ring the School Security phone number listed below. All reports are treated discreetly; names do not have to be left with the operator.

**School Security - 1300 880 021**

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**THE RESILIENCE DOUGHNUT**

“...raising resilient young people ...building an optimistic mindset for everyday life!”

PARENT NIGHT..presented by GATEWAY FAMILY SERVICES  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5 2014.  
BLAXLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE  
5.30PM ...for a 6-8 PM program... SRC BBQ & drinks available @ 5.30  
RING 4739 4655 TO BOOK

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**UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY**

Great Western Highway, Werrington North  
(Building AO)

**ASTRONOMY NIGHT**

**Saturday 1st November (8-10pm)**

The night will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. .

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**Cost:** $15 adult, $10 child/concession & $40 family  
**Bookings essential:**  

**Enquiries:**  
Phone: (02) 4736 0135  
(Mon, Wed or Thurs)  
or email: r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

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**The STEPS program, offers free vision screening assessments to all 4 and 5 year olds.**

If your child has not had their vision screened this year, we would like to invite you to attend a free STEPS Clinic.

Clinics are available at;  
**Hawkesbury Community Health**  
Monday 15th December 2014 and Thursday 15th January 2015  
**Penrith Community Health**  
Tuesday 2nd December 2014  
**Cranebrook Community Health**  
Friday 21st November 2014  
**Springwood Community Health**  
Wednesday 17th December 2014

Please phone 47305100 to make an appointment for one of the above clinics.
Anaphylaxis – a shared responsibility

Being the start of a new school year it is just the right time to remind everyone about this issue. We now have a couple of students at our school who have a severe allergic reaction to peanuts. This anaphylactic reaction is likely to be life-threatening. For this reason we ask that peanuts are not brought to school. This includes peanut butter, nut spreads (nutella), and nut bars.

The inconvenience to some children is recognised and appreciated, but the consequences to children with this severe allergy are extremely serious.

All members of our school community are asked to be aware of the dangers of even the slightest contact with peanuts or tree nuts for these children.

To help minimise the risk, simply washing hands and cleaning teeth before coming to school would really help.
BLAXLAND HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS

hairspray
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

27th November – 6th December
BHS
PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
MATINEE 1PM / EVENING 7.30PM

ADULTS—$ 20.00
CHILD / CONCESSION—$ 15.00
FAMILY—(2 Adults/ 2 Children) - $ 62.00

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