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Issue 12.18 - Tuesday 14th August

What's Happening At Our School			
TERM 3 WEEK 4 – National Scie	nce Week		
Tuesday 14 th August	UNSW Maths Competition – 8am P&C Meeting - 8pm		
Thursday 16 th August	Infants' Assembly – 2pm		
Friday 17 th August	Athletics carnival – Glenbrook oval		
TERM 3 WEEK 5			
Monday 20th August	Mufti-Day "Dress Like A Farmer"		
Tuesday 21 st August	Touch Football Gala Day		
Wednesday 22 nd August	Calmsley Hill Kinder excursion		
Thursday 23 rd August	Girls Football (soccer) Gala Day		
Friday 24 th August	Athletics carnival back-up date		
	Captains' Assembly – 1:45pm		
TERM 3 WEEK 6			
Tuesday 28th August	Nepean Dance Festival Rehearsal		
Wednesday 29th August	Interrelate night – Years 3-6		
TERM 3 WEEK 7			
Friday 7 th September	District Athletics Carnival Infants' Assembly – 2pm		
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Welcome back to Week 4. Some families may have noticed that our school website looks a little different. This is because it has changed to a new platform however at the moment much of the information has been updated or has been moved. We are presently working on getting everything back to where it should be and thank you for your patience while this is happening. In the meantime, information on our Skoolbag app remains up to date.

There are now only a couple of weeks left before our Interrelate night is conducted for our primary students. Families from Blaxland Public and Warrimoo are joining us so places are filling quickly. If you haven't signed up for one or both sessions then please do so as soon as possible so that you don't miss out.

In 2019 our school will be transitioning over to NAPLAN online for Years 3&5. To prepare fo rthis we will be conducting a readiness test in Week 6 which will require students to sit a 'practice' Naplan. The purpose of the practice is to determine whether our technology will be able to handle all students accessing the test at the same time. More information is included within the newsetter.

Mr Giles

Thank you to

- All parents, grandparents and community members who visited our school during Education Week. Staff and students all appreciated your visit and support.
- Parents for transporting our students to the Todd Woodbridge Cup in Penrith today.
- Mrs Knedl for the National Science Week activity links.

Assemblies This Term

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Thursday 16th August Friday 24th August Friday 7th September Friday 14th September Friday 28th September

Congratulations to

- Our Premier's Spelling Bee Representatives:
 - Junior Elijah and Bayley
 - Senior Holly and Connor
- The following students who have successfully completed their Premier's Reading Challenge:
 - Nila A., Hadley D., Bennett H., Issey A., Za
 H., Sofia K, Jacinta J., Genevieve B.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held in the library on Tuesday 14th August at 8pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Interrelate School Program – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

The Interrelate Sexuality and Relationship Education Program will be conducted at Mount Riverview on **Wednesday 29th August**.

There will be two sessions run on the night with the first session targeting students in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and the second session specifically for students in Years 5&6.

Please read and complete the attached information page regarding the sessions. If you would like to participate in one or both sessions then complete and return the booking slip to school by Wednesday 5th August. Payments should be made online using the portal on the school website.

If there are any questions then please contact the office.

Library News

Yesterday's performance of "Treasure Hunt" was enjoyed by all who attended. A great way to celebrate this year's Book Week.

Thank you for all those students, parents, relatives and friends who visited the Book Fair last Thursday. From all accounts the children were very happy with their purchases.

Many thanks to all those who donated books to the Library. These new additions will be available to borrow this week.

There is less than two weeks to finish the PRC. It can be done! Please make sure all entries are entered online or handed to the office by **FRIDAY**, **24th August**.

Mrs Turner

Doing It For Our Farmers

The SRC are joining in with the "Doing It For Our Farmers" drive to help support farmers in drought affected areas. We will be doing 2 events:

1. Mufti-day – Monday 20th August

Students are invited to dress up like a farmer or farm animal and bring a gold coin donation.

2. Donation Drive

Families who are interested may donate nonperishable food and/or household items. The drive will run until 28th August when all items will be collected and delivered. Donated items can be left at the office.

<u>Non-perishable food items can include:</u> canned food, glass jar food, sauces, soups & noodles, breakfast snacks, confectionery, pasta, rice, grains, coffee, tea, flour and cooking items, pet food of all kinds, etc.

<u>Household items can include:</u> shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste & brushes, soap, sunscreen, nail clippers, tweezers, cleaning products, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, bodywash lotion, hairbrush, hairspray/gel, sanitary items, dry shampoo, nappies, wipes, formula, baby shampoo and lotion, bibs, socks, etc

If there are any questions please contact the office.

Head Lice at School

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter our school has another outbreak of head lice.

Please check you child's hair for nits / lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health

(http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice /Pages/treatment.aspx).

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended.

Further information on head lice is available on theNSW Health website (details above) or theought the Department's website at

http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/stud enthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php

I would ask all families to carry out checks on their children's hair please as this is the only way of getting rid of head lice from our community.

Free Science Week Activities

As Science Week is officially drawing to a close, here are some free science events families may wish to check out. All of these events (and others) can be found on the National Science Week website https://www.scienceweek.net.au/

Kids Free entry at Taronga Zoo •

http://tinyurl.com/y8pcpyw4

Parramatta

Explore the Power of Code CODEDOJO http://tinyurl.com/ybnaa3a8

North Parramatta •

Space and Astronomy

http://tinyurl.com/ybzlxggf

Dr Karl in Penrith http://tinyurl.com/ycs88300

School Banking

School banking operates every Thursday. The mums who coordinate the program are set up in their regular place under the COLA. For those families wishing to commence student



banking please have a chat with them.

Visitors to the School

ALL visitors to the school are required to visit the office before going to one of our classrooms or contacting students in the playground.

If your child is arriving late or leaving early please remember to go to the office to receive an early leaving / arriving late slip which is then given to the teacher. If there are any questions then please contact the office.

Family Contact Details

At the beginning of each year we ask families to ensure that their contact details are accurate, which include email address and mobile numbers. Thank you to those families who have already updated their details.

Accurate information is extremely important in the event that we have to contact you regarding your child or in the event that we have to declare a catastrophic fire warning during bushfire season.

Sun Safe K – 6

Sunscreen will be available in all class rooms for use at recess, lunch and during sport times or times spent outside. If your child cannot use sunscreen due to allergies or sensitivities please let your child's class teacher know. Parents may opt to provide sunscreen for their child to use at school.

Bucket or broad brimmed hats are a requirement of the school uniform and sun safe policy. If students forget their hat then they will be asked to play in the various shady areas within the playground.

Sunglasses have been provided by the P&C for all students and should be worn during recess and lunch. Captains will announce during morning assembly particularly high UV days. Replacement glasses can be purchased from the office if needed.

Mount Riverview Play Group

The playgroup runs every Wednesday morning in the school hall commencing at 9:15am. It has been established for parents, grandparents and caregivers of children aged 0 - school age in an effort to help the transition to school become a little smoother by helping children become familiar with our school environment.

School Entry and Exits

For safety reasons we ask that all students (and visitors to the school) enter and exit the school using one of the three pedestrian gates. There are two on Rusden Road and one on Blackbutt Circuit. Entering and exiting the school via one of the carparks is not a safe practice as we have delivery vehicles using all three driveway entrances at various times each day.

Residents in Students Lane have also requested that people who park in the lane in the morning or afternoons please not park across driveways as residents use the lane to access their properties.

Finally, when crossing Rusden Road outside of the school please use the pedestrian crossing thereby setting a good example for all of our students.

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

Absent From School?

If you child is away from school a note explaining the reason of the absence is required to be sent to school within 7 days of them returning to school. If an absence remains unexplained after this period then a letter will be sent home asking for an explanation of the absence.

There is now a feature available within our SkoolBag app which allows parents to send the absent note straight away. If you would like to be shown how this works please visit the office for a "test drive".

Changes have been made to the way extended family trips or holidays taken during the school term are recorded. A certificate of exemption is no longer issued for such trips and the days will be counted as absences. Obviously, special circumstances do arise from time to time and will be looked at when they occur.

If a student has high absenteeism during the school year a referral will be made to the Home School Liaison Officer.

If there are any questions regarding school attendance please contact Mr Giles.

Financial Assistance Is Available

Throughout the year we have several extra-curricula activities that are held approximately at the same time and have a similar cost each year. Examples include camps, overnight excursions, text books, gymnastics program, swim school, etc.

For various reasons this may become an issue for families within our school. There are however a couple of ways to tackle this issue and to help lessen the burden many of our families feel, especially if they have more than one child at school.

The most popular option used in 2017, was to work out a payment plan with Mr Giles, spread across the desired number of weeks, covering all associated costs within that time frame. This option is becoming more popular because it spreads the costs out over easy fortnightly payments rather than having a few major costs at different points of the year.

If this sounds like something you would like to look into, or if parents require any assistance with school related expenses, please contact Mr Giles or your child's class teacher. All enquiries are confidential.

School Uniform

We are a very lucky school in that nearly all children are dressed in the correct uniform every day of the school year. Whilst on excursions or camps we are always complemented on how smart our students look.

For 2018 the P&C have outsourced the school uniform shop to *Principal School Wear* which is located in Springwood – 2/66 Springwood Avenue, Springwood. Their telephone number is 4751 3157.

Opening Hours during the year will be:

•	8 th Oct – 21 st Oct:	9am – 5pm (M-F)
		9am – 12:00pm (Sat)

 23rd July – 20th Dec: 9am – 5pm (Tues & Thurs) 9am – 12:00pm (Sat)

The P&C run a second hand uniform pool. This is run by volunteers and is currently open on Wednesdays from 8:45am – 9:15am.

UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY

Great Western Highway, Werrington North (Building AO)

Public Astronomy Night Saturday 25 August (7pm – 9pm)

Gravity

Have you ever wondered about gravity?

What is this invisible force that stops us from flying off into space as our planet rotates?

How does the Moon stay in orbit around Earth?

Why is the gravity of a black hole so strong?

The night will include a multimedia presentation, a 3D astronomy movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

Cost: \$18 adult, \$12 child/concession & \$50 family (2 adults + 2 children) Children under 3 years of age free

Bookings are essential – all public visits must be booked and prepaid online:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatory penrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on

Enquiries:

Phone:	(02) 4736 0135
	(Mon, Wed or Thurs)
or email:	penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au

School Volunteers

At Mount Riverview we are very fortunate in the number of volunteer parents, grandparents and community members who volunteer their time to help the students at school in a variety of ways.

Anyone who is thinking of helping out at school will need to have completed a "working with children" form here at school. When completing the form you will need to bring 100 points of identification. I have included a list of appropriate documentation below.

If you volunteer at multiple organisations then it may serve you better to do the working with children check at the link below. Along with what you have to do there you will also have to go to the RMS and do the identity check. Their website is http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/

If you are not sure about which procedure you need to do then please see Mr Giles

Proof of Identity

Category 1 – 70 points

(Only ONE form of identification accepted from this category.)

- Birth Certificate/Birth Extract
- Australian Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- Australian Citizenship Certificate
- International Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport e.g. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature)

Category 2 – 40 points

(More than one of the following documents may be counted. The initial document will score 40 points, and any additional documents will be awarded 25 points each.)

- Current Licence or Permit (Government Issued)
- Working With Children/Teachers Registration Card
- ASIC/MSIC Card
- Public Employee Photo ID Card (Government Issued)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card
- Current Tertiary Education Institution Photo ID
- Reference from a Doctor (must have known the applicant for a period of at least 12 months)

Category 3 – 25 points

(More than one of the following documents may be counted; each will score 25 points.)

- Foreign/International Driver's Licence
- Proof of Age Card (Government Issued)
- Medicare Card/Private Health Care Card
- Council Rates Notice
- Property Lease/Rental Agreement
- Property Insurance Papers
- Tax Declaration
- Superannuation Statement
- Seniors Card
- Electoral Roll Registration
- Motor Vehicle Registration or Insurance
 Documents
- Professional or Trade Association Card

To use more than one of the following documents, they must be from different organisations:

- Utility Bills (e.g. Telephone, Gas, Electricity, Water)
- Credit/Debit Card
- Bank Statement/Passbook

Special Category 4 – Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander resident in a remote area/community

• The applicant will meet the **100-point** requirement if the applicant is an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander resident in a remote area/community, and the identity of the applicant is verified by two persons recognised as 'Community Leaders' of the community to which the applicant belongs.

Special Category 5 – Person under the age of 18

A child will meet the **100-point** requirement if his or her Identity is verified from ONE of the following:

- Birth Certificate/Birth Extract;
- Australian Passport (current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled);
- Australian Citizenship certificate;
- International Passport (current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled);
- Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport eg. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature);

Or

A statement from an educational institution, signed by the principal or deputy principal, confirming that the child attends the institution (statement must be on the institution's letterhead).





NAPLAN Online fact sheet for parents and carers

In 2018 schools across Australia started the move from pencil and paper to online testing. The move to NAPLAN Online will bring new benefits for teachers and students.

Why are schools moving to NAPLAN Online?

Significant planning, research and trialling has been ongoing since 2012 to support the move to NAPLAN Online. Online testing creates new opportunities for teachers and students that are not possible with pencil and paper tests.

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

- NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.
- Most students find online assessment more engaging.
- NAPLAN Online will use tailored testing, which gives students questions better suited to their ability, resulting in more detailed individual assessment.
- By 2020, your child's results will be returned within weeks of the NAPLAN test, as opposed to months.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools and teachers.
- The precision and improved timing of the results will help teachers streamline their teaching more specifically to student needs.

School readiness test

NSW schools intending to transition to NAPLAN Online in 2019 will participate in a school readiness test between 20 August and 7 September 2018.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to participate in a trial NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability but will allow schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN online test format and processes;
- check they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online; and

• provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 & 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

The NAPLAN Online website provides more information about the school readiness test: <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/</u> <u>teaching-and-learning/student-assessment/naplan-online/nsw-</u> <u>transition-approach/readiness-activities</u>

For more information

More information about the NSW transition approach to NAPLAN Online, including answers to frequently asked questions, can be found on the NSW Department of Education NAPLAN Online website: https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/ student-assessment/naplan-online

Parents wanting to familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform can visit ACARA's demonstration site, which includes sample online mini-tests for each NAPLAN year: <u>http://www.nap.</u> edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site

General questions around the NSW Department of Education's approach to the move to NAPLAN Online can be addressed to the NAPLAN Online transition team: <u>NAPLANOnline@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

Frequently asked questions

When will NSW schools transition to NAPLAN Online?

Education ministers have agreed to full participation in NAPLAN Online by 2020. In 2018, around 550 NSW schools transitioned to NAPLAN Online.

Is NAPLAN Online compulsory?

NAPLAN Online will replace the current pencil and paper NAPLAN tests. When schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 or 9 must participate, unless they are exempt or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing by parents or carers.

Will the Year 3 writing test be online?

No. At this stage, the Year 3 writing test will continue to be paperbased. All other Year 3 NAPLAN tests (numeracy, reading and language conventions) will be online.

Education ministers have requested more research about the benefits or disadvantages for Year 3 students composing text in an online environment before any future decision is made.

What is tailored testing?

NAPLAN Online uses tailored testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level. This allows students to better demonstrate their knowledge and provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance. More information about tailored testing can be found on the NAPLAN Online website: <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/</u> student-assessment/naplan-online/whats-changing/tailored-tests

How will NAPLAN Online tests be marked?

Automated marking is currently used in the pencil and paper NAPLAN test to mark numeracy, reading and conventions of language and will remain in use for NAPLAN Online.

Trained markers will mark student writing as is currently the case with pencil and paper tests. Automated essay scoring will not be used to mark NAPLAN Online writing tests.

Will students' personal information be safe?

Yes. Information about your child is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained. The NAPLAN Online platform has been built with state-of-the-art security features that comply with national data security policies and data encryption standards.

How will parents receive their child's NAPLAN Online results?

Printed individual student reports will be sent to parents and carers by the NSW Education Standards Authority, as they currently are with pencil and paper NAPLAN tests. Once all NSW schools have transitioned to NAPLAN Online, all individual student reports will be returned to parents within weeks of the completion of the NAPLAN test window.

What if my child's school is not participating in NAPLAN Online in 2018?

Pencil and paper tests will be undertaken by schools that are not moving to NAPLAN Online in 2018. These will take place at the same time as NAPLAN Online, but within the current paper-based test window period of three days, as opposed to nine days for NAPLAN Online. NAPLAN paper-based and online tests assess the same skills in literacy and numeracy taught through Australian curriculum content. Whether they complete the pencil and paper or online test, students will answer the same number of test questions and their results will be measured and reported against the one NAPLAN assessment scale.

Will NAPLAN Online be accessible to students with disability?

Yes, for most students. The accessibility adjustments provided in NAPLAN Online for students with disability will be equivalent to what is currently provided in pencil and paper NAPLAN tests in most instances.

ACARA will provide new adjustments for NAPLAN Online, such as alternative items for students with visual, hearing or motor disabilities. Students requiring braille, or print larger than what the NAPLAN Online platform or assistive technology can provide, will sit pencil and paper tests.

Do students need headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes. Headphones or earphones are required for each student to complete NAPLAN Online, as some questions include audio. For example, the spelling test includes audio delivery of words that students are required to type in.

Schools will be responsible for ensuring that all students have the appropriate headphones or earphones to complete NAPLAN Online.

Can students use their own devices to complete NAPLAN Online?

Yes, however it will be at the discretion of the individual school. Each device will require the installation of a locked down browser application, which prevents students from accessing unauthorised websites, applications and spellcheck features.

The ACARA website has more information on technical requirements for NAPLAN Online: <u>http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/</u><u>naplan-online/technical-requirements</u>

What happens if a computer experiences issues during a test session?

No student is disadvantaged if their device stops working during the NAPLAN Online test. In the case of interruptions, tests can be paused and resumed as required with no time lost. If a device stops working, all responses will be saved and the student can complete their test in a rescheduled test session.

Who is responsible for administering the NAPLAN tests?

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) is the test administration authority responsible for the administration and delivery of NAPLAN tests in NSW, including pencil and paper test and NAPLAN Online.

Who is ACARA?

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is an independent statutory authority responsible for the development of national curriculum, and the administration of national assessments and associated reporting on schooling in Australia.





NAPLAN Online School Readiness Testing Privacy Notice to parents and carers

In preparation for NAPLAN 2018, some personal information about students and their parents that was obtained for NAPLAN 2017 will be used by the relevant NAPLAN Test Administration Authority (TAA) to assist in ensuring that schools are ready for NAPLAN Online.

In NSW the TAA is the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), which is responsible for the collection of information to be used during the readiness testing for NAPLAN Online. This includes the management of student registration, test administration and reporting of results to schools.

The information used by the TAA will include school name, year level, student name, date of birth and gender. The TAA discloses this personal information to Education Services Australia Limited (ESA).

ESA is a national, not-for-profit company owned by the education ministers from each state and territory in Australia.

ESA is engaged by the Australian Government to operate the secure online platform used for NAPLAN Online. The TAA will not disclose to ESA any information about students who are not undertaking the readiness testing for NAPLAN online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which conducts NAPLAN testing, will not be accessing the information provided for the readiness testing. The personal information provided by each school may be used to:

- conduct NAPLAN readiness testing
- provide reports relating to NAPLAN readiness testing
- conduct research and compile and analyse statistics.

The information will not be disclosed other than for the purposes outlined above, unless authorised or required by law.

More information

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's school in the first instance.

Further details about how NESA complies with NSW privacy laws, including a right to access and request amendment to your personal information, is available at http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/who-we-are/privacy

Information about how ESA handles information for the purpose of NAPLAN Online is available at <u>www.esa.edu.au</u>.

Family Program Bundle 2





Session 1: Where Did I Come From?

Audience: Year 3 and 4 students and their parents/carers

Sessions: 1 x 60-minute session

Program focus:

- Discuss the male and female reproductive systems, foetal development and the birth process
- Personal safety and protective behaviours

Note: Older students are encouraged to attend if they have not previously seen this program.

Session 2: Preparing For Puberty

Time: 7:15pm

Audience: Year 5 and 6 students and their parents/carers

Sessions: 1 x 60-minute session

Program focus:

- Discuss the physical changes of puberty, emphasising that it can be different for everyone
- Develop students' understanding of periods and sperm production, as well as the physical, emotional, social and intellectual changes associated with puberty for both boys and girls
- Enhance awareness of children's personal safety and protective behaviours

Note: Younger students are welcome to attend at the discretion of their parents/carers.

Family cost: 1 session \$30 per family | 2 sessions \$35 per family

Please note that this cost is GST inclusive

Where: MOUNT RIVERVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOL

When: Wednesday 29th August 2018

(Specialty books are available for purchase on the night)

Please complete and return to school with payment made online or by EFTPOS by Wednesday 22 nd August				
Online Payment receipt number:				
Family name:				
No. attending: Session 1: Where did I come from?	Session 2: Preparing for puberty			
in Interrelate's ' <i>Family Evening Program Bundle 2</i> '. Enclosed is my payment of \$				
Signed	Date			
Parent / Guardian				

Tel: (02) 8882 7875 • schoolservicesnsw@interrelate.org.au • www.interrelate.org.au



BLAXLAND HIGH SCHOOL

2019 Year 7 Extension Class Applications



Blaxland High School will be testing Year 6 students for possible inclusion in the 2019 Year 7 Extension class. If you would like your Year 6 son or daughter to be considered for the Year 7 extension class please contact the School Administration Officer, **Mrs Kerrie Vreeken** <u>kerrie.vreeken@det.nsw.edu.au</u> to register. When registering please provide the following: your child's name, gender, school, parent contact details, email and preferred session. A session confirmation email will be sent prior to the day of the test.

Testing for inclusion for the 2019 Extension class will be held on Tuesday 11th September 2018.

There will be two examination sessions:

Session 1	Session 2
Arrive at 9:10 for a prompt 9:30am start	Arrive at 11:20 for a prompt 11:40 start
Finish : 10:30	Finish 12:40pm

The test is the Middle Year Ability Test (MYAT) which is set and marked by the Australian Council for Education (ACER), Melbourne.

Please forward inquiries to Sharon Laurence at sharon.laurence@det.nsw.edu.au

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Blaxland High School

3-9 Coughlan Road Blaxland NSW 2774 Tel. 4739 4655

Email <u>blaxland-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u>



Seeking Local Sponsors for Mountains Combined School Film Festival

This November, Mt Riverview PS will be one of 7 Blue Mountain schools (2,024 students) directly involved with launching "*Film by the Eucalypts*," a short film festival made by NSW Public School students. The range of schools stretch over a vast 66km of the Mountains, from Glenbrook to as far as the Megalong Valley.

The red carpet event is open to the public and will be launched on November 7th at Springwood Hub. 24 films will be shown in front of a matinee and evening audience (800+).

If you are interested in putting your business forward and sponsoring our event, please contact:

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