Term 4 has had a very successful start with the CAPA Faculty staging three highly successful nights for Orchestral, Music and Dance. These nights are designed to provide performance opportunities for our students and they certainly rise to the occasion. Of particular note was the Orchestral Night. Blaxland High School Orchestra has been resurrected by Mr Kalman this year. They rehearse once a week before school which has amounted to 30 hours or 5 days of rehearsal and what they produced given this time was outstanding.

Many of our students have experienced success. We have had Maddie Lashmar receive a Callback Nomination for Dance, Shannon Graham and Chloe Lammers nominated for ArtExpress and Tonieka Del Rosario for Encore.

Carly Hanko won the overall category in the High School section in the Gazette’s Design an Ad competition. We have had outstanding results in the recent Science Competition with five High Distinctions. Laurence Presland has won a prestigious award from Wollongong University in the Area of IT.

We also recently said a final farewell to Year 12, 2015 at their formal. We look forward to their results and wish them well for their future.

N Tunica
Principal

*Shannon Graham’s* artwork
Pre-selected for ArtExpress
We congratulate our Year 12 Major and Perpetual Award recipients on their hard work and achievements:

**Hollie Beard**
Performing Arts Award: This award is given to a student who shows high aptitude in one or more areas of the performing arts
First in Course: English Studies
Excellence and Leadership in Senior Vocal Ensemble

**Thawatchai Kanaphan**
Excellence in English Award: For a student who shows effort and perseverance to achieve their personal best in English
Equal First in Course: VET Construction
Special Achievement: Mathematics General 2
Library Award: for Outstanding Student Diligence and Commitment to Learning

**Brooke Reberger**
Excellence in Visual Arts: awarded to a student who shows continued excellence, commitment and drive towards improving their skills in Senior Visual Arts
First in Course: Ancient History
Special Achievement: Physics
Award for Outstanding School Attendance

**Courtney Sorenson**
The Kingsley Amis Writer Award: For the student who possesses the best literary skills
First in Course: Design and Technology
First in Course: Senior Science
Special Achievement: Mathematics
Special Achievement: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Special Achievement: Netball

**Angus Johnson**
Sportsman of the Year: Awarded to the boy in the senior years of school who has performed at the highest level/s of sporting representation and has displayed a consistently high level of commitment and sportsmanship.
Special Achievement: Baseball
Special Achievement: Softball
We congratulate our Year 12 Major and Perpetual Award recipients on their hard work and achievements:

**Madeleine Birt**
The Blaxland High School Academic and Sporting Award: awarded to a student who has excelled both academically and on the sporting field
First in Course: Biology
First in Course: Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Special Achievement: Mathematics
Special Achievement: Society and Culture
Special Achievement: Water Polo
Service to the Student Representative Council

**Lachlan Waters**
Snape Family Shield for Excellence in Mathematics and Science
First in Course: Mathematics Extension 2
First in Course: Mathematics Extension 1
First in Course: Physics

**Adrian Evangelista**
The Citizenship Award in Memory of Alicia Snaith: This student has proven to be a valuable member and supporter of Blaxland High School who contributes to the wellbeing of the school in general
Excellence and Leadership in Senior Vocal Ensemble
Outstanding Service to the Student Representative Council
Award for Outstanding School Attendance

**Tyla Thompson-Smith**
Blue Mountains Woodturners Incorporated Frank Newton Memorial Award: For Excellence in Woodworking
Special Achievement: English Standard
Special Achievement: VET Construction

**Amy Newland**
The Glenbrook/Blaxland RSL Sub-Branch Modern History Award: Most outstanding student in Modern History
The SRC Award for Academic Achievement: awarded to the student who has achieved overall excellent results across all subjects but not necessarily first in course.
First in Course: Modern History
First in Course: Society and Culture
Certificate of Merit: High Academic Achievement, Korean Continuers
We congratulate our Year 12 Major and Perpetual Award recipients on their hard work and achievements:

Laurence Presland
The Nell Redman Shield for Leadership: to the student who demonstrates the best leadership qualities
P & C Award for Best All Round Results at the Trial Higher School Certificate examinations
The Gregory Blaxland Award; the highest Blaxland High School merit award. Awarded for all round excellence, consistent effort and application
First in Course: Chemistry
First in Course: Engineering Studies
First in Course: English Advanced
First in Course: Industrial Technology Multi Media
First in Course: Information Processes and Technology
Outstanding Service to the Student Representative Council
Award for Outstanding School Attendance

Ethan Stein
Leadership in the Community Award: For a student who has represented the school and readily offers their time and effort to further the school image.
Most Outstanding Legal Studies Student – Sponsored by Lamrocks Solicitors: For the student who came first in the Legal Studies course
First in Course: Legal Studies
Special Achievement: Business Studies
Special Achievement: Community and Family Studies
Outstanding Service to the Student Representative Council
Acknowledging Six Years Continual Service to the Student Representative Council

Scout Fisher
The Scarf Foundation Award for Commitment: This award is designed for a student who has shown significant commitment towards their studies throughout their school.
The D W Gregory Award for Proficiency in a Foreign Language: awarded to the student who achieves the best result in a language other than English
First in Course: Earth and Environmental Science
First in Course: Italian Beginners
Special Achievement: Biology
Special Achievement: Mathematics General 2
We congratulate our Year 12 Major and Perpetual Award recipients on their hard work and achievements:

**Danyon Dowton**

The Stuart Ayres ‘All Rounder’ Award: for a student recognising and demonstrating consistent effort and achievement across multiple areas such as academia, arts, social and sporting activities.

The Aitken Shield for Perseverance in Sport: Awarded to a student who best exhibits qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and school spirit.

The Gregory Blaxland Award; the highest Blaxland High School merit Award. Awarded for all round excellence, consistent effort and application.

First in Course: Drama
First in Course: Entertainment Industry
First in Course: Mathematics General 2
Excellence and Leadership in Lighting and Production
Special Achievement: Athletics

Acknowledging Six Years Continual Service to the Student Representative Council
Outstanding Service to the Student Representative Council
Award for Outstanding School Attendance

**Rebekah Davison**

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Teamwork and Leadership Award: for a student showing excellent teamwork and leadership qualities.

The Gregory Blaxland Award; the highest Blaxland High School merit award. Awarded for all round excellence, consistent effort and application.

Outstanding Service to the Student Representative Council

**Jesenia Bodey Lee**

The CALTEX Best All Round Student Award: This student is one who excels in a wide variety of fields including academic, cultural, sporting and community.

Special Achievement: Chemistry
Special Achievement: English Advanced
Special Achievement: Mathematics Extension 1

Outstanding Service to the Student Representative Council

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Upcoming dates:

full calendar www.blaxlandhigh.com.au

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Final day of the year for students.

Students in Years 7, 11, 12 resume Thursday 28/1/2016; Students in Years 8, 9, 10 resume Friday 29/1/2016

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EXTRAORDINARY DATES FOR UNIFORM SHOP:

Wednesday 20, Thursday 21, Friday 22, Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 January.
CARLY WINS ‘DESIGN AN AD’ COMPETITION

A huge congratulations to Year 8 Visual Arts student Carly Hanko for winning the High School division of the Blue Mountains Gazette’s annual ‘Design an Ad’ competition. Her design was selected out of hundreds of entries (including fantastic work by her classmates) to receive the $700 first prize. The school will also receive a prize of $1000 because of Carly’s outstanding achievement. Her artwork will also appear in the Gazette this week. Well done Carly!

Miss Murphy
Blue Mountains Musical Society

Phantom of the Opera

Hayley Riches Year 9
Willow Waizer Year 8
Chloe Lammers’ artwork
Pre-selected for ArtExpress

HSC Artwork by
Indiana Langworthy

Senior Dance Company
“The End of All Things”

Performed at the Synergy Dance Festival and the Blue Mountains Dance Festival
SPORT REPORT

As the year winds down our students continue to achieve in the sporting arena.

The U15 girls netball team recently played in the Regional finals under the expert tutelage of Mrs Jenkins. They were victorious right until the final match. Unfortunately, in the final they met their nemesis – Hills Sports High. The girls were very brave but were nonetheless defeated. Since many believe Hills Sports should not be in the normal competition I consider it a moral victory and will continue to assert that we are the real Sydney West Champions.

Richard Stewart of Year 10 has recently been selected to play for the Youth Team of Western Sydney Wanderers. I look forward to hearing of his success in football in the years to come.

Our grade teams continue to march through the competition with enthusiasm and, in particular, our boys Ultimate Frisbee team are still undefeated.

Congratulations to all those who strive and achieve on the sporting field and my thanks to those who continue to inform me of achievements so I can acknowledge them.

Jean Paterson—Sports Organiser

THE READING CAFÉ IS STILL ON FRIDAY LUNCHTIMES WITH READING, BOOK REVIEWS AND HOT CHOCOLATE!
ALL ARE WELCOME, SEE MRS HUNNIUS IN THE LIBRARY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

BUY OR SELL SECOND HAND TEXTBOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY!

We have a range of near new textbooks for sale in the library, prices ranging from $15 to $40.

Feel free to call in between 9am-3.00pm any day. Ask for Mrs Maree Browne or Mrs Kellie Hunnius.

TRANSITION TO WORK

Some families have received notes for a Transition to Work workshop to be held on Wednesday 9 December and Thursday 10 December at the school conducted by Beakthru.

Could these be returned to the school (Phillip Baker) by Friday 27 November please.

Mr P Baker
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who's eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
- Years K-2 (Infants) there's no minimum distance.
- Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
- Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.

Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.

A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won't need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student's school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

However, a new application is required if:
- The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
- The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
- The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
- The student's personal details have changed (e.g. address).

Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.

The application may take several weeks and the applicant's email address is required.

If the student doesn't qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.
WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP) Australia

Bring the world to you and host an overseas exchange student in 2016!

Rita N (17) from Italy is one of the fittest in her class! This sporty twin is passionate about athletics. She has grown up hearing stories of her parents' trip to Australia and now she's excited to make her own memories!

Ludovica V (17) from Italy she likes singing and plays guitar and piano. Ludovica enjoys cooking - a skill she learnt from her father and grandmother. She is looking forward to coming to Australia and meeting her host family.

Camilla V (16) from Italy is a hard working student who enjoys school. She participates in a theatre group and takes piano lessons. Camilla's dream is to travel and discover the world! She can't wait to discover Australia!

Sofia D (17) from Italy loves to Dance! She enjoys ballet, contemporary, hop hop and tango. When she's not dancing she enjoys playing beach volleyball and looking after her dog. She can't wait to meet her host family!

Miftah C (17) from Italy loves playing soccer. In fact, his dream is to become a soccer coach when he is older. He also enjoys painting and gardening with his dad. He is excited to come to Australia and to meet his host family!

WEP Australia is looking for wonderful volunteer host families willing to open their home and hearts to overseas exchange students arriving in January 2016. Hosting provides families with a way of welcoming a slice of the world into their lives without leaving the comfort of their own home! If you are as eager as these students are to share your culture, contact us now!

Phone 1300 884 733  Email info@wep.org.au  Web www.wep.org.au/host/
There’s So Much To Gain From A WEP Student Exchange!

WEP student exchange is the opportunity for students to exchange their school, culture, family and possibly language for a selected time period in another country. It is far more rewarding than simply being a tourist, as students live like locals and acquire knowledge not available to the general traveller. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to travel and study at an overseas school with the support of a volunteer host family.

To find out more visit our website: wep.org.au

When you go overseas on a WEP student exchange program, your family, back at home, has no obligation to host an exchange student in return. However, hosting an exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting an international exchange student often endure for generations.

For more information and to request a free information pack, head to our website, www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733.

EXPERIENCE A NEW CULTURE, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE AT HOME

In January students from over 25 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 3 - 10 months. Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity or our student exchange programs out of Australia Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit

www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
The National Disability Insurance Scheme is an Australia-wide scheme to support people with permanent and significant disability which will replace the current disability support system.

The NDIS will fund long-term high-quality care and support for people with significant disabilities, better link the community and people with disabilities, provide information to people, help break down stereotypes, and ensure quality assurance and best practice among service providers.

The NDIS will give people with disability choice and control over the supports they receive. It will help people with disability support live life their way, achieve their goals and participate in the community.

The introduction of the NDIS will significantly increase supports available for people with disability.

Children and young people aged from 0 to 17 in the Penrith and Blue Mountains areas are able to access the National Disability Insurance Scheme from 2015.

The NDIS timeframe for the Nepean Blue Mountains area was brought forward by one year by the New South Wales Government. The National Disability Insurance Agency has established an office in Penrith with information, linkage and capacity building services also in place.

The early rollout of the NDIS in the Nepean Blue Mountains area commenced on 1 July 2015, for children and young people aged between 0 and 17 years. This includes children and young people who do not currently receive supports through New South Wales Government-funded programs. The NDIS will become available for people aged between 18 and 64 years from 1 July 2016.

There is an NDIS office at 331 High St, Penrith. It is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

For more information about the NDIS:
Go to www.ndis.gov.au
Call 1800 800 110 Monday to Friday
Community Notice

Summer Skills

Free Training

Eligibility criteria apply

*Additional costs apply to some courses

To enrol:
(02) 4753 2100
Blue Mountains College
Mitchell St Wentworth Falls

Barista: 16, 17 + 18 November 2015 (162-R1034, 15BMT-090)
Learn how to make the perfect espresso coffee with this intensive 3 day course. Topics include: how to extract perfect espresso, selecting and grinding the coffee beans, texturing milk, cleaning/maintaining the machine.

Café Assistant & Barista: 23 to 27 November (162-R1035, 15BMT-080)
This 5 day course will provide you with all the basic skills and knowledge required to work in a café or coffee shop. You will learn how to prepare and service espresso coffee and other non-alcoholic beverages such as smoothies and milkshakes. The course also includes Barista - Espresso Coffee and Food Safety Supervisor course.

Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA): 3 Dec (162-R1039, 15BMT-091)
*students need to pay $70 Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing registration fee at time of enrolment

Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG): 10 Dec (162-R1010, 15BMT-091)
*students need to pay $30 Office of Liquor Gaming and Racing registration fee at time of enrolment

Food Safety Supervision: Date to be advised
*students need to pay $30 Food Authority NSW registration fee at time of enrolment

Retail Hair & Beauty Assistant: 23, 24 + 25 Nov (162-R1037, 15BMT-090)
Please wear black clothing and closed in shoes.

Retail Tanning & Nail Art: 24 + 26 Nov OR 30 Nov + 3 Dec
(162-R1038, 15BMT-091 or 092)
Please wear black clothing and closed in shoes. Two models required for tanning day.

Guide Single Pitch Abseiling Natural Surfaces:
29 + 30 Oct + 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 27 Nov (162-R3017, 15BMT-201)
Pre requisite—CIII Outdoor Recreation

The training is part of the NSW Government Smart and Skilled Targeted Priorities Pre-vocational and Part Qualifications program.
Community Notice

Your Will can change lives

Make or update your Will from $75

Your Will is the only way you can ensure that your possessions and assets go to the people and causes you care about. Join Red Cross at a Wills for Life day and take advantage of our special offer, where a solicitor can help you prepare or update your Will.

By including a gift to Red Cross in your Will you can help improve the lives of vulnerable people across Australia and further afield, making a difference for generations to come.

Call 1800 811 700 or email bequests@redcross.org.au

Glenbrook Swimming Club
Cnr Wascoe and Fletcher Sts, Glenbrook, NSW 2774
www.glenbrook.swimming.org.au

Swimming

- Promotes physical development
- Develops aerobic endurance
- Enhances children's natural flexibility
- Develops superior co-ordination
- Is the most injury free of all children's sports
- Is a sport that will bring children fitness and enjoyment for life.

Proud History

- Established 1980
- Swimmers both past & present have achieved state & national levels.

Join Our Family

- Both social and competitive swimming catered for.
- Social club nights Mondays from 6.30pm.
- Free stroke correction classes.

So come and join the healthy sport of swimming today!

REGISTRATIONS ARE IN OCTOBER
Community Notice

Become a foster carer with us today and change a child’s life.

You could be exactly who we need.
Barnardos Australia is looking for new or experienced carers for children 0-5yrs for short term and crisis foster care.
We offer intensive training, 24 hour support from caseworkers and a generous allowance of up to $425 per week (subject to work exemptions may apply).

Call us today
1800 663 441
barnardos.org.au/wecare

Gingerbread House Night!
TUES 1ST DEC, 7PM

$35 PER HOUSE KIT: BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
GINGER, GLUTEN FREE OR CHOCOLATE LOLLI, TEA OR COFFEE, AND LIVE MUSIC INCLUDED

REGISTER THROUGH OUR FACEBOOK EVENT: Gingerbread House Night!
OR CONTACT US FOR A REGISTRATION FORM

Springwood Salvation Army
15 - 23 FRANCIS ROAD, FAULCONBRIDGE 2776
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