Blakebrook Public School Bulletin
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Regular P&C days:  Tuesdays: 3-3.30pm Uniform shop     Thursdays: Lunch orders by 9.30am     Fridays: Canteen lunches served (pre-ordered only)

There are no awards presented in the last or first week of each term.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT with Allan Duroux

Welcome Back
Welcome back to an action packed last term for 2015. I trust you have all had an enjoyable and restful holiday. There are a lot of things happening this term and I ask that you read this weekly bulletin to keep abreast of all the happenings at Blakebrook PS.

Tell Them From Me Survey - The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey.

Our school is participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated. A flyer with login details and password has been sent home previously.

NSWPSSA Athletics

Jessica McKie has qualified to represent our school at the NSW State Athletics to be held at Homebush, Sydney next week. She will compete in the discus, long jump and shot put events. She will be competing against the best athletes from all over NSW including students from the Catholic and Independent Education Systems. We wish Jessica all the best. Congratulations and good luck, Jess!

No Assembly or Awards
There will be no assembly or awards presented this week.

State Champions

Our school soccer team travelled to Sydney for the finals of the Small Schools State wide Soccer Knockout last term. I am very proud to announce that Blakebrook Public School has been crowned State Champions of New South Wales in the NSWPSSA Small Schools Knockout Soccer Competition. This is the second time in three years that the team has won the
State-wide knockout competition in Sydney. An amazing achievement for such a small school! Blakebrook has a wonderful record in this competition having been crowned State Champions in 2013 and placing 4th in the state in 2014.

Blakebrook Public began their quest with a convincing win against Eltham Public School. This was followed by a fantastic game against Clunes Public School. Last term the team travelled to Coffs Harbour to play Barrington Public School where they ran out winners 2 goals to 0. This win saw the team qualify for the semi-finals.

Sydney played host to the semi-finals and final of the competition. Blakebrook played Nashdale Public School in the semi. This was a hard fought game with two very competitive teams playing end to end soccer. At full time the scores were locked at two goals each. Extra time was needed but at the end of this period the scores were still locked at 2 goals each. Blakebrook was awarded the win on corners.

Salt Ash Public School was the opponent in the State Final. They had won their semi-final convincingly, 4 goals to nil. The Blakebrook players were a little nervous! However the team overcame the nerves by scoring a goal within 10 seconds. This put the opposition on the back foot and enabled the Blakebrook team to dominate possession and field position leading to a 3 nil lead at half time. The accelerator was lifted a little in the second half with only one goal being scored. At the full time whistle, celebrations and excitement echoed across the soccer complex. Blakebrook were the State Champions!

This is an amazing achievement for our school. I'm really proud of the students. The students must be congratulated for not only their efforts on the field but also for the way they conducted themselves on the bus and overnight accommodation. The behaviour and maturity was outstanding! Thanks also to our parent volunteers Matt and Stewart for assisting with the bus driving. Thanks to our fantastic cheer squad of parents and excellent Manageress, Mrs Perren, for their support on the trip. Well done kids!

LIBRARY NEWS with Mrs McInnes

Library days & times
From next week K-1 and 2-3 are swapping their library times for the rest of this term:

| Wednesdays | 9.30-11.30am = Y4 class | 12.30-2.30pm = 2-3 class |
| Thursdays  | 9.30-11.30am = 5-6 class | 12.30-2.30pm = K-1 class |

The one exception to the above will be Weeks 6 & 7 where Y4 & 2-3 will swap times on the Wednesday, but NOT the day.

Overdue Books
Please ensure you have a good search for any of our library books as we still have some outstanding borrowers from Term 1!!
2-3 Class News with Lois Skorjenko

A reminder to students that they will be presenting their oral explanation of an object/activity to their peers during their class news time. A note went home yesterday (Wednesday 7/10/15) explaining in detail what is expected (see right).

If you have any problems please speak directly to Mrs Skorjenko.

GENERAL NEWS

Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers
On the last Friday of Term 3 we sent away 167 completed sticker sheets = 10 020 points. We are now waiting on confirmation before choosing the products to redeem our points. We will keep you informed as to what we end up with.

Thank you so much to everyone that supported us, and to Woolworths at Lismore Central for inviting us to have a collection box outside their store.

Trainee Teachers
We welcome Sarah Leu and Majella Sheridan from Southern Cross University, both 2nd year prac students.
They will be with us for the next 6 weeks. Miss Leu is on the K-1 class and Miss Sheridan is on the 2-3 class.

Grandparents Day
On Thursday 22 October (Week 3) at 2-3pm we will be having a mini concert and afternoon tea to celebrate Grandparents Day. We are asking all families to supply a plate of food = biscuits /cake / slice etc. (No chips or lollies)

- NO NUTS in products please, if possible
- Ingredients listed - due to allergies & intolerences
- Items pre-cut into serving sizes

Halloween
Halloween will be celebrated on Friday 30 October at Blakebrook (Week 4) 11.30am - 3.30pm. There will be a one off cost which will include coming out of uniform, BBQ lunch/drink and activities. The event will be the final fundraiser organised by the ‘Vietnam girls’. Students can come to school dressed in their Halloween costumes/outfits. More details next week.

There will be NO assembly on this day, double awards will be presented in Week 5.

Intensive Swimming Scheme
Aquatic activities play a significant role in the lifestyle of many Australians. Therefore it is essential that students are aware of the importance of water safety and are equipped with the necessary skills of safety and survival.

The NSW Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program provides students with swimming and water safety instruction. The Program is a learn-to-swim and water safety program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival for students. The Program operates over ten consecutive school days.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, who are unable to swim 50m confidently, unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program.

Swimming skills and water confidence greatly improve. Students are instructed prior to swimming lessons in what to do if difficulty occurs in rivers, dams or at beaches. Students in the higher groups swim freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Austswim trained instructors provide stroke correction in all lessons.

Blakebrook Public School has been allocated (Monday 9th – Friday 20th November) Weeks 6 and 7 in Term 4. All students in Years 2 and 3 are expected to attend. Students will travel into the Lismore Memorial Baths to undertake the two weeks of swimming for an hour a day (12:30pm - 1:30pm). The bus will leave BPS daily at 12:00 midday and return by 2:00pm.

Identified students in Years 4-6, who are unable to swim 50 m confidently, are invited to attend the swimming lessons. These students will have received an Expression of Interest note (EOI).

Students will undertake intensive swimming lessons with Austswim trained instructors. Mrs Skorjenko will accompany the students. All students in Years 2 & 3 are expected to attend, plus several from Years 4-6.

The total cost for the 10 day program will be $60.00 per child which covers the cost of daily pool entry and bus travel. This cost has been subsidised by the school. Progressive payments may be made until the program commences.

An EOI has been sent home today to relevant students, and the deadline is next Wednesday 14 October.
Welcome back everyone! Hope you had an enjoyable break and ready for Term 4!

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SOCCER TEAM WHO WON THE STATE FINALS IN SYDNEY!

We are all so very proud of you!

**CANTEEEN**

Canteen will commence NEXT WEEK roster is below if you are able to assist please sms Ali 0420 946407 or Betty 0427 216802 ASAP to ensure canteen runs for the full term.

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**FUNDRAISING**

*Shopping Bus Trip* has been booked for Saturday 14th November, 2015. We are commencing collecting names and money now. The costs will be $30 per person and we are looking at heading to Robina Town Centre. There are only two pick up points Blakebrook Public School 7.30am and St Carthages Cathedral, Leycester Street, Lismore 7.45am returning to the Cathedral approx 5.30pm and Blakebrook 5.45pm. Remember to bring boxes or bags for your shopping so it doesn’t slide around under the bus.

Money raised will support our representative students and purchase equipment for the playground.

Name: _____________________________________________ Contact Number: _________________________

Number of Seats required:___________________________ Pick up point: ____________________________

**P&C QUERIES - please contact Betty to assist on 0415 394354 not Wendy in the office thank you!**

Next P&C meeting Tuesday 27th October, 2015 – Week 4, Term 4

Betty McPaul on behalf of the P and C Committee Mobile 0415 394354
Limit Screen time to Two hours

- 40% of children aged 5 – 12 years watch an average of two or more hours of television or videos a day. This does not include time on other kinds of screens.
- Studies have shown that we use less energy watching TV than just sitting still.
- TV influences the food choice of kids – Australia has a high rate of food advertising during children's viewing hours.
- TV replaces time a child can be active and enjoy the Great Outdoors.
- There is an association between TV watching and being overweight.