Diary dates:

**Week 6**
- Thu 5/3: Visit by Japanese Uni students 9.30-10.30am
- Fri 6/3: Assembly 3pm, P&C ‘Welcome’ Disco 5.30pm at school
  - Only glowsticks purchased at stall are allowed

**Week 7**
- Mon 9/3: Admin Office will be closed from 12.30 pm onwards - Make sure any student travel changes are received by 12 noon!
- Tue 10/3
- Wed 11/3
- Thu 12/3: International fundraiser ‘coin trail’
- Fri 13/3: Assembly 3pm

**Week 8**
- Mon 16/3: Scheduled visit from Rous Water ‘Every Drop Counts’ K-6 no cost
- Tue 17/3: P&C meeting & AGM 5.30pm
- Wed 18/3: Mr Duroux & Mrs Sevens at Prof. Learning Day, Mrs Tate at L3 training
- Fri 20/3: NR Soccer trials – selected students
  - Assembly 3pm

Regular P&C dates: Tuesdays: 3-3.30pm Uniform shop
  - Thursdays: Lunch orders by 9.30am
  - Fridays: Canteen lunches (pre-ordered only)

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**Welcome Disco & BBQ**

*Friday 6th March, 2015*

- **BBQ**
  - Steak Burger
  - Sausage Sandwich
  - Veggie Burger
  - Tea
  - Coffee
  - Poppers
  - Water
  - Cakes by donation

This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the Blakebrook Public School family. Come along bring your family and enjoy a fun filled night with us!

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*‘GLOW UP’*

**AT**

**BLAKEBROOK DISCO**

**Friday 6th March.**

**GLOWSTICKS WILL BE FOR SALE**

**FOR $3 or $4 each**

**GO WITH**

**THE GLOW!**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP SUPPORT A COMMUNITY PROJECT IN VIETNAM.

The only glowsticks allowed at the event will be those sold at the stall – child safe. All OTHER glowsticks will be confiscated!

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**Awards** will be presented at tomorrow’s assembly, 3pm

- **PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:** Ryan for being a beautifully mannered student
- **CAPA:** Shea
- **CITIZENSHIP:** Dante
- **ENVIRONMENT:** Ivy R
- **SPORT:** Billie
- **GOOD FRIEND:** Georgia
  - Chosen by: Tamzyn
ACADEMIC
K-1  Dean for pleasing spelling and homework results
2-3  Bradley for his quick responses to subtraction problems
Y4  Jessica for her handwriting and neat work
5-6  Zac for working hard and producing a great art piece

GO FOR IT
K-1  Taj for reading with improved focus
2-3  Hannah for her well written narrative on a ‘Haunted House’
Y4  Sina for producing a colourful Picasso style art work
5-6  Angus for pushing himself in all KLA’s

THINKING SKILLS
K-1  Kadence for an interesting recount about her New Zealand trip
2-3  Jasmine W for demonstrating to others good listening skills
Y4  Josie for learning to show minutes on analog and digital clocks
5-6  Erika for creativity in writing

LIBRARY
K-1  Shea                                                      2-3  Wendell   Y4  Felix   5-6  Kellie

NUDE FOOD
This week: Angela

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL’S REPORT with Louise Tate

WELCOME DISCO 5.30 – 8.00pm for school & community
Tomorrow evening the school P&C will host a welcome BBQ and disco on the school grounds. All students attending must have an adult present for supervision.
Dinner will be available to purchase along with drinks and cakes. Everything kicks off from 5.30pm and dinner from 6.00pm - with parking available in the rear playground.
We will have dance competitions throughout the evening.
A fundraising ‘Go with the Glow’ event will occur at the same time focussed on raising money to send 4 ex pupils of BPS away to Vietnam in December. They will be selling glow sticks, necklaces, rings and headwear at a cost of $3 -$4 per item. The girls will be at their stall to talk about their upcoming adventure. Please assist them by having the right change (no $50 notes!!) The only glow sticks allowed at the event will be those sold at the stall – child safe. They will also have bags of popcorn on sale for $1.00.

MR DURoux - ABSENT
Unfortunately Mr Durox has suffered an injury and is undergoing a series of tests. We send him best wishes and hope he makes a speedy recovery.

WALLER’S BUS TRAVEL: FYI
1. With soccer season nearly upon us some students may need to travel into town on either Tues, Wed or Thurs for club training. If the town bus is not your child’s usual bus service you will need to pay $2.00 per student each time they use the service. **Without the payment your child will not be able to travel** on the Waller’s bus.
2. Waller’s Bus Company also advises that ALL students travelling on a Waller’s bus MUST show their yellow bus pass when boarding, otherwise they will need to pay for the journey.

JAPANESE STUDENTS
Today we were lucky to have Japanese students from Niihama University visit our school. Blakebrook students found out interesting facts and comparisons about Japanese lifestyles and were able to spend quality time with our visitors back in their classrooms.

WORLD VISION FUNDRAISER
This year the school will be raising funds to support World Vision. Teaching our students about the struggles of people across the world is aimed at developing empathy and understanding.
Next week we will create a coin snake where students can lay various coins - the final total will kick off our yearlong fundraising efforts. SO.. empty out the shrapnel of ash trays, under mats and coin jars and help us help others.
GENERAL NEWS

Admin Office closure
Due to specialist appointments the Admin Office will close next Monday, 9 March 2015, at 12.30pm. Please ensure any changes to afternoon student travel are sent in prior to 12 noon. This time limit also applies to general notes and phone calls.

Information Update - reminder
A request to update information was sent home last week and the deadline for returning this (bright yellow) note is next Wednesday 11/3/15. Thank you to those families that have returned their forms already.
This mandatory information update is important as the school requires up date contact numbers and details for effective communication. The information is treated as confidential and stored securely at school.
The Aboriginality, occupation, school education and education qualifications of parents/carers is necessary for data collections but please be aware that the reports generated never identify individual students or families.
We would appreciate your cooperation in returning this form ASAP. To assist with the collection of this information, students who return their form (one per family) will have a ticket in a raffle to win a new DVD player from school.

Uniform Orders are organised by the P&C - reminder
Uniforms are organised by the P&C not the Admin staff. Each Tuesday at 3pm Suzie Somerville will process any orders that have been left in the black Uniform Orders tin, located in the office foyer. You are welcome to come to the school on Tuesdays at 3pm if you would like to check sizes etc.
Jessica Enever will also drop into school, on an ad hoc basis, and complete any uniform orders that may be in the tin.

Below Photo from the K-3 Tip Trip excursion on Thursday 19 February 2015  Photo kindly supplied by Diana Devai

Inspiring Learning for Lifelong Success

An Invitation To Our

YEAR 6->7 2016 OPEN NIGHT EXPO

Thursday 5th March 2015 5.00 -7.30 pm

For all current Year 6 students & their parents
Blakebrook Public School P & C Newsletter
Thursday 5th March 2015 – Week 6 Term 1

P&C CALENDAR

Week 6
Friday 6th March, 2015  Canteen – Hamburger & Vegi Burgers $3.50  Kaye Cooper

Week 8
Tuesday 17th March, 2015  AGM P&C Meeting in Library (ALL welcome) 5.30pm  $5 membership due

CANTEEN

Alternative Lunch Menu

| Sandwiches /Toasted/Rolls/Lavish | Drinks
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Snacks

| Fresh fruit    | Fruit tubes | $0.50 |
| Apple Slinkies | Moosies     | $1.50 |
| Popcorn        | Frozen yogurts | $1.50 |
|                | Vanilla Ice cream tubs | $1.50 |

| Week 6          | Fri 6th March | Homemade Hamburger/Vegeburger | $3.50 |
| Work (9.30am - 1pm) | Kaye Cooper |

| Week 7          | Fri 13th March | Pie Day  Meat Pies $4.00 Sausage Rolls $3.00 | $4.00/ 3.00 |
| Work (9.30am - 1pm) | Jodie Wakeman |

| Week 8          | Fri 20th March | Toasted sandwiches (any comb. $3.50 or cheese only $2) | $3.50/$2.00 |
| Work (9.30am - 1pm) | Karen Symonds |

| Week 9          | Fri 27th March | Sausage Sizzle (one bread & one sausage) | $2.00 |
| Work (9.30am - 1pm) | Mandy Mustard |

Fundraising

Our annual Welcome Disco will be held Friday 6th March 2015 commencing at 5.30pm at Blakebrook Public School. A BBQ will be held selling sausage sandwiches, steak burger, veggie burger, poppers, water, tea & coffee with cake. Donations of cakes, slices & biscuits to sell would be appreciated, please bring on the night. They can be homemade or brought. This is a great opportunity to meet other members of the Blakebrook Public School family. Come along bring your family and enjoy a fun filled night with us!

Betty McPaul (Newsletter Coordinator for the P and C Committee)  macwag@bigpond.net.au
Blakebrook PS is:

- Use manners
- Consider others
- Be clean and tidy
- Wait your turn
- Sit quietly and eat
Assisting Family Households in your Community with Energy Bills

Families with dependent children may be eligible for the rebate of up to $150, but are not yet aware of this program. The application submission deadline is Midnight 16 June 2015. The Family Energy Rebate is one of a number of NSW Government energy assistance programs to help eligible households reduce the impact of electricity costs. It takes just two minutes to apply online and once submitted the rebate application begins processing. Applying online can also be done from mobile, internet-enabled devices including smartphones and tablets:


Applications for the 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate up to $150 are available from www.trade.nsw.gov.au

Reminder: To qualify for the 2014/2015 Family Energy Rebate the applicant must have received a 2013/14 Family Tax Benefit payment from Centrelink and the applicant must be the electricity account holder for the household. For a full list of the eligibility criteria and further information on the Family Energy Rebate, follow the link above to our website.