Blakebrook Public School Bulletin
Term 2 Week 1 ~ Thursday 23 April 2015

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Diary dates:

Week 1
Thu 23/4  ANZAC Assembly 2.00pm followed by afternoon tea
Fri 24/4  Terania District Cross Country Carnival for whole school K-6 - make own way to Caniaba PS– arrive by 10am, finish time 1pm
Sat 25/4  ANZAC March meet 8.30am at Clyde Campbell (Brown's Creek) Car Park, Molesworth St, Lismore

Week 2
Mon 27/4  Koala Eco Schools excursion for 2-3 class only. Bus leaves 9.15am
Wed 29/4  Reminder - P&C Canteen lunch orders due in by 9.30am
Fri 1/5  Reminder - P&C Canteen lunches served

Week 3
Mon 4/5
Tue 5/5
Wed 6/5
Thu 7/5  Mr Duroux at TP’s meeting all day @ Tuntable Creek PS
Fri 8/5  P&C Mother’s Day Stall $4 – see P&C News

Important dates & events in Term 2

Week 4  Tue 12/5  NAPLAN Language Convention and NAPLAN Writing tests for Years 3 & 5 only
Week 4  Tue 12/5  P&C Meeting 5.30pm
Week 4  Wed 13/5  NAPLAN Reading test Years 3 & 5 only
Week 4  Thu 14/5  NAPLAN Numeracy test Years 3 & 5 only
Week 5  Thu 21/5  School Photos T2W
Week 7  Mon 1/6  ‘Red Cross Food Drive’ non-perishable food items only – for two weeks, ending Fri 12/6
Week 7  Fri 5/6  World Environment Day
Week 8  Mon 8/6  Queen’s Birthday PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Week 8  Tue 9/6  P&C Meeting 5.30pm
Week 8  Fri 12/6  Pirate Day at school
Week 8  Fri 12/6  Last day for receiving ‘Red Cross Food Drive’ items
Week 9  Fri 19/6  School Athletics Carnival (Rosehill house v’s Terania house)
Week 10  Fri 26/6  Last day of Term

Please read the Bulletin each week as dates are subject to change and new events are added each week.

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

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Welcome back
Term 2 commenced on Monday for staff and students returned on Tuesday. I trust you all had a restful, enjoyable and safe holiday. It’s great to see all the smiling children back ready for a very busy term. This term is only 10 weeks long but is full of different events. Please read the Bulletin regularly to keep up to date with what is happening at school.

Thank you
I am back at work this week after an extended period of absence. Whilst not completely out of the woods, I’m certainly enjoying my time back. I would like to thank all the “Well Wishes” from the students, staff and families. I would like to thank Louise Tate for relieving as Principal during this time. Also, a special thanks to Megan Curran for teaching the 5-6 class in my absence. Both ladies did a fantastic job and their efforts are truly appreciated.

Terania District Cross Country
This event will be held tomorrow at Caniaba Public School. All students are expected to attend and participate in this event. There will be no supervision at Blakebrook School on this day as all the teachers will be at Caniaba PS. Transport is by private car. Permission notes were due earlier this week. I wish all our students the very best as they try to qualify for the Zone Cross Country Championships later in the term.
PSSA Representatives
Good luck to Josh on his selection in the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA soccer team. Good Luck also to Sharmeeka and Zac on their selection in Northern Rivers Zone PSSA hockey teams. These students will travel to Grafton tomorrow or Monday to seek selection in North Coast PSSA teams to travel to the State Championships in Sydney later in the year.

ANZAC Ceremony
Our annual ANZAC Ceremony was held today. It was a very respectful and informative event led by the senior students under the guidance of Mrs Perren and Miss Curran. Thank you to all our guests for attending and sending in memorabilia for the display. It certainly was a ceremony worthy of remembering the service men and women of Australia.

ANZAC Day March
The ANZAC day march will be held on the 25 April in Lismore (Saturday). Blakebrook Public School has a proud tradition of leading the march and I encourage as many students as possible to march. School uniform must be worn including a sun safe hat. Students should also bring a water bottle. We will meet in the Brown's Creek / Clyde Campbell Car Park (next to the old Police Station) at 8.30am. Students can be collected at the conclusion of the formal ANZAC ceremony at the Lismore Memorial Baths cenotaph.

Notes and Payments
Throughout the year, the school tries to give as much advanced notice about different events and excursions as possible. At times short notice is inevitable and this will be the case once our sporting teams commence playing matches/games. It is a legal requirement that we send home information and consent forms for events that occur outside of the school grounds. Some of these events do incur a cost. On each note we include a ‘Due by Date’ for the return of notes and payments. Unfortunately, many families are not complying with these requests. The school spends valuable time chasing up notes and payments well after the due by dates.

I am an advocate for providing many different and stimulating experiences for children to learn and enjoy. I am sincerely asking that families cooperate and adhere to due by dates in the future. I hope we do not come to a point where children miss out because arrangements have not been made in due time.

If you are having difficulty paying by the expected date, simply contact the school and advise when you will be able to make the payment. If your child is NOT participating in an event, a ‘NO’ reply would be appreciated. I thank the families who do endeavour to return notes and payments on time and also thank people for their intended cooperation in this matter.

Have a great week - Allan Duroux

GENERAL NEWS

TERANIA DISTRICT PSSA COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS
10.00 Arrive at Caniaba School
10.15 Walk the track
10.35 7 years boys/girls 1000m (*)
10.50 8/9 years boys/girls 2000m
11.05 5/6 years boys/girls 800m (*)
11.20 10 years boys/girls 2000m
11.35 11 years boys/girls 3000m
12.00 12/13 years boys/girls 3000m
12.30 PRESENTATION
12.45 Clean up school areas
1.00pm Depart

FOOTWEAR IS COMPULSORY
Water bottles can be carried while running
Hat is not required while running but needed when spectating
(* ) These two events are non-competitive.
Placegetters will be recognised but are not eligible to participate in the Zone Championships.

Menu & Prices
Terania District PSSA Cross Country
Friday 24th April, 2015
Caniaba School

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<td>Quench Fruit Sticks</td>
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Coffee Van will be available from 10.30 to 12.30pm
Reminder: Afternoon student pickup times
If students travel home by car the expected pickup time is between 3.30-3.45pm. This allows for all cars to be gone from the bus bay area by the time the many buses start to arrive. It also enables better supervision for the teachers on duty. Our procedure is to put any child on their regular bus if nobody has arrived to pick them up UNLESS a message has been received for the ‘Bus Book’ stating otherwise. Messages for the bus book are expected to be received before 3.15pm.

Reminder: School arrival time for students
We are noticing students are being dropped off at school in the mornings too early. Students arrive on buses from 8.17am and a teacher is on voluntary duty to cover this HOWEVER no teacher is legally on duty, under NSWDEC policy, until 8.45am.
If circumstances require early drop off, on rare occasions only, you will need to make arrangements with the Principal beforehand. Teachers and office staff are getting to school earlier and earlier to enable preparation time for the day.
The Admin Office hours are 8.30am - 3.30pm. Admin Staff are NOT permitted to supervise students.
Blakebrook Public School P & C Newsletter
Thursday 23rd April, 2015 – Week 1 Term 2

Welcome back Students, Parents/Guardians and Teachers; hope you all had an enjoyable break!

**Canteen Volunteers Needed From Next Week**

- We are still looking for volunteers during this term if you have any time to spare we would appreciate it.
- Each family is asked to nominate a day they could kindly offer their services to help support the canteen.
- Please SMS your request to Alana as soon as practical on SMS 0427 224318, just suggest your preferences for either Friday morning 9.30-1pm.
- Your continued support of the canteen is appreciated.

Canteen will commence NEXT WEEK – 1st May, 2015. Please email which week you are available ASAP.

A huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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**Canteen Roster & Menu**

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<td>Toasted Sandwiches – Cheese only $2.00 / all other</td>
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<td>Fri 15th May</td>
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<td>Fri 5th June</td>
<td>Pie Day, Meat Pies $3.50 Sausage Rolls $2.50</td>
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**Fundraising Term 2**

**Mothers Day Stall** will be held Friday 8th May, 2015. Week 3 of this term, all items are $4 and come gift wrapped for a perfect mother’s day gift. HUGE thank you to Sharon Weir for running the Mothers Day stall for the BPS P&C again this year.

**Bonfire Night** – Friday 12th June, 2015 at the Blakebrook Public School – 3.30pm to 5pm activities. Parents, guardians, children & Blakebrook community all VERY welcome........BBQ commences from 5pm, Expresso Coffee, Jumping castle, Chocolate wheel, raffles, face painting, glow sticks, stalls galore selling cakes, books, bric-brac, toy swap, DVD’s. Lots of class room displays, photo booth and many, many more fun activities.

**P&C Reminder** – All P&C enquiries come direct to Betty on 0415 394354 not Wendy in the office please!

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Betty McPaul on behalf of the P and C Committee

Mobile 0415 394354