Blakebrook Public School Bulletin
Term 2 Week 2 ~ Thursday 30 April 2015

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Diary dates:

Week 2
Thu 30/4  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  Rural Fire Service visit to school
Tue 5/5
Wed 6/5
Thu 7/5  Mr Duroux at TP’s meeting all day @ Tuntable Creek PS
P&C Mother’s Day Stall $4 – see P&C News – please note change of day
Fri 8/5  Stewart House envelopes MUST be returned by today

Week 4
Mon 11/5
Tue 12/5  NAPLAN Language Convention and NAPLAN Writing tests for Years 3 & 5 only
Bonfire Night Meeting 4.00pm in the library  P&C Meeting 5.30pm in the library
Wed 13/5  NAPLAN Reading test Years 3 & 5 only
Thu 14/5  NAPLAN Numeracy test Years 3 & 5 only
Fri 15/5

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)

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

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD: Jessica for always being a great helper and role model for all students

CAPA: Leo  CITIZENSHIP: Django  ENVIRONMENT: Bella P  SPORT: Amber B
GOOD FRIEND: Hayden J  Chosen by: Trent

ACADEMIC
K-1  Shakeily for writing with greater independence
2-3  Bradley for being a champion with time activities in particular ‘quarter to’ & ‘quarter past’ the hour
Y4  Jasmine T for always trying to improve
5-6  Liam S & Tiamikia for outstanding work during our ANZAC studies

GO FOR IT
K-1  Malakai for working hard with three digit numbers
2-3  Bella P for sharing how her understanding of koala care
Y4  Angela for her effort in discuss, shot put and soccer
5-6  Billie for showing determination and courage during Cross Country running

THINKING SKILLS
K-1  Dean for remembering important calendar facts
2-3  Rorie for asking questions to gain additional information during news
Y4  Phoenix for his effort in numeracy
5-6  Trent for consistent application in all KLA’s this term

LIBRARY
K-1 Daniel  2-3 Riley  Y4 Jessica  5-6 Hayden P

NUDE FOOD  Banjo

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Thank you Daniel Gray

The front of the school has had a makeover with the Administrative building being partially enclosed underneath. This not only looks wonderful but provides a practical area to store equipment. I would like to publically thank Daniel Gray (father of Cameron and ex-students Ben and Amelia) for taking on this task and making our school look fantastic. Well done and Thank you from all the Blakebrook School Community.
5-6 Class
Through negotiations with the DEC, I have been able to return to work in an administrative capacity on light duties for the first 5 weeks of this term. After which I will hopefully return to teaching the 5-6 class. During this time Miss Megan Curran will continue teaching the 5-6 class.

NAPLAN
These assessments will take place during week 4. Tuesday will be the Language Conventions and Writing assessments. Wednesday will be the Reading assessment. Thursday will be the Numeracy assessment.
It is important that students are in attendance during week 3. Please do not exert pressure on the students sitting the assessments during this time, I simply ask the students to try their best.

PSSA Representatives
Well done to Josh, Sharmeeka and Zac on their selection in the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA soccer and hockey teams. They all tried very hard against some very talented students from all over the North Coast but unfortunately missed selection in North Coast PSSA teams to travel to the State Championships in Sydney later in the year. I received a lovely note about Zac from the NRPSA Hockey coach:
“\[I would like to congratulate Zac and thank him for his behaviour and exceptional sportsmanship demonstrated yesterday at the Regional Hockey trials at Grafton. He was a wonderful ambassador of his school and it was pleasing to see his skills, teamwork and confidence improve as the day progressed. It was a privilege to coach him.\]”

ANZAC Day March
The ANZAC day march was held on the 25 April in Lismore. Blakebrook Public School has a proud tradition of leading the march and it was fantastic to have so many students attend and represent our school for this very important occasion. Five of our students were selected to carry special flags and poppies and walk in front of the veterans to lead the march and place their flags and poppies on the cenotaph at the Memorial Baths. This was a great privilege and an honour. Well done to all students and thank you to the families for giving up some of your weekend.

Anaphylaxis
Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response.
We have a student in our school that is anaphylactic and allergic to nuts. The school staff have been trained in the procedures to be followed in the event of a reaction. EpiPens are located in the school.
Whilst nuts are not being banned from our school, I ask that you be mindful when packing lunches to minimise or exclude any nut products. Please discuss the importance of not sharing food at school as this could also lead to an allergic reaction.

Terania District Cross Country
This event was held last Friday at Caniaba Public School. Well done to all our students who ran and cheered throughout the day. Thank you to all the parents for transporting children to and from Caniaba for this event. At this stage I do not have a copy of the results but will publish them later on. I know we have several students who have qualified for the Zone Cross Country Championships later in the term at Corndale. These students need to return their notes to school next week.

Assembly
Our weekly assemblies recommence this week. Awards will be presented at this time. Parents and visitors are most welcome to attend our assembly. It commences at 3pm on Friday.

Mother’s Day
Our annual Mother’s Day stall will be held next Thursday (week 3). Children are encouraged to bring along $4 to purchase a gift for their mum, grandmother etc. Gifts have been wrapped. This event is being organised by the P&C. To all the mum’s, have an enjoyable Sunday!

P&C meeting
Our first P&C meeting of the term will be held on Tuesday 20th May (week 4). I encourage all families to come along and have a say in the school.

Have a great week - Allan Duroux
GENERAL NEWS

2-3 class news from Mrs Skorjenko

- Parent-Teacher notes went home on Monday and I have requested parent feedback as to whether you would like homework for your child each week. If you do not return the yellow slip I will assume your answer is NO.
- Please make sure you return or purchase an A4 display folder for your child’s reporting interview work samples.
- Students are to bring their toy to school on their news day and be prepared to talk about it.

We had a great time at the Koala Eco Schools excursion to Dorroughby on Tuesday

Year 5 Opportunity Class Placement in 2016 (for students currently in Year 4)

Monday 27 April 2015: Online applications open at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement
Friday 15 May 2015: Online applications close
Wednesday 22 July 2015: Opportunity Class Placement Test

On Monday we sent home an ‘Intention to apply’ form to all Year 4 students. This is to be returned to Blakebrook PS by tomorrow, Friday 1/5/15, to give us an indication on who may be applying online. Any applications received from our school require the Principal to process.

Please note that you must still submit an online application, if you intend to apply for placement in the class.

Stewart House envelopes

The annual Stewart House Donation Drive is on again. Each family has been sent home a collection envelope today.
Fill in your name, address, telephone number and school
Insert $2 donation into the envelope and seal it
Return envelope to school by Friday 8 May 2015 (next week)

Every envelope returned to school goes into the draw to win a $4,000 family holiday.

What is Stewart House?

Every year 1,800 public school children attend our safe haven next to Curl Curl beach at no cost to their parents or carers. During a 12 day stay they are provided with dental, optical, hearing and medical screening and treatment. Children participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being.

This experience provides children with a much needed break from their current circumstance. Our children are inspired to see beyond the present and to have real hope and positive aspirations for their future.

Children in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. The NSW Department of Education and Communities provides infrastructure and staffing support for this school.

All others costs associated with the children’s stay are met from charitable donations.

Below: Work samples from Bella P and Brayden following the 2-3 class Koala Eco excursion on Tuesday 28 May 2015
This year we have decided to include a new community event into our half yearly calendar. Plans are already underway for the inaugural Blakebrook Community Bonfire Night on Friday 12th June 5.00 - 9.00pm. The committee has met twice and is in the process of advertising the event to the wider community - what a brilliant bunch they are!!!!

Our aim is to encourage different sectors of the local community to come and see what our little school has to offer. It will provide an excellent opportunity to showcase the learning occurring in the school and the terrific support provided by our P&C and community.

The evening’s events will cap off an action packed day for students and staff of Blakebrook.

The skeleton program for the day is as follows:

* During the day the school will host *Talk Like a Pirate Day* where students may come dressed as a pirate and participate in silly school based activities. This will mean students will not need to change (much) to take part in the evening events.

* Blakebrook students may participate in an **afternoon tea and activities** inside the school grounds from 3.30 - 5.00pm. During this time teachers will organise fun and engaging activities and there will be an afternoon tea provided by ex students from BPS. There will be a cost to attend this after school care.
  
  $5 - child 1  
  $4 - child 2  
  $3 - child 3  
  $2 - child 4, 5 or 6!

Preschool children attending Blakebrook in 2016 may attend under the supervision of parents at a cost of $2. **Teachers will not be responsible for students aged 3 and under during this time.**

Payment to attend this afternoon care may be made at the office from now. Please place correct money and the slip in an envelope with the family name and Bonfire Arvo activities written on it.

* Parents and Carers will need to take over the supervision of their own children from 5pm.

* There will be stalls setting up in the front playground from 3.30pm. **From 5pm these stalls will become active**, some will be manned by staff and students, the P&C and stall holders from the local community (to be announced in the near future). The school will be hosting baked goods, a plant stall, secondhand books, a toy swap centre, raffles and several drawing stands. Donations for the baked goods, plant and book sale will be requested in the days leading up to the event.

* We are also looking for **donations for our raffles.** If you are a local business owner and are prepared to offer goods or services we would be grateful. Please let Betty McPaul or Wendy in the office know.

* If you know any **stall holders** who may be interested please get them to contact the school. Stall sites are $25 and this includes power, but they will need to provide their own tables - no vehicles will be allowed inside the grounds.

* The school P&C will have a **BBQ dinner** on sale after 6pm and a coffee van will be available.

* There will be plenty of activities to keep the kids amused during the evening including a photo booth, pie throwing, guessing and donut eating competitions, glow sticks and much more. Some events are still in the planning stage so more information will be released as we get closer to the date.

* A community **bush dance** around the bonfire will be the highlight of the night with everyone encouraged to have some fun with us. Students are in the process of learning dances as part of our PE program. Wood for the fire has already been sourced so we will not need any extra, thank you!

* **Parking** will be in shared locations - outside and inside the rear playground. Lighting our extensive outdoor area is a challenge, so plans are still being formalised.

* In the event of prolonged wet weather a stand by date will be set for early Term 3.

More information will be included in each Bulletin or if interested you may wish to join the committee at 4pm on Tuesday 12 May, before the P&C meeting.

Regards

Louise Tate
Creative Arts supporting Women in Policing

Police from the Richmond Local Area Command are celebrating 100 years of women in policing. There will be a baton relay in Ballina on Friday, 12 June 2015. In addition to this, we are running a colouring in competition for the local primary school kids. Students interested are to ask their classroom teacher for a colouring sheet. Completed sheets need to be handed into police by Friday, 29 May 2015. There will be a large pink box located at Lismore and Ballina Police Station for the kids to drop off their entries. Their names, school and contact details must be recorded.

For some of the remote schools, we’re sure the local police will be able to assist in dropping off their entries.

The winner of the competition will receive a Sony Play Station 3!

S/Cst Laleynya Ryan, Youth Liaison Officer, Lismore Police Station, 5 Zadoc Street, Lismore 2480 Ph: 6626 0569 Eagle #65569
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Thursday 30th April, 2015 – Week 2 Term 2

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- 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 244318, just suggest your preferences for either Friday morning 9.30-1pm.
- Your continued support of the canteen is appreciated.

Canteen will commence THIS WEEK – 1st May, 2015, we have a volunteer for this week but require volunteers for the dates below please contact Alana with your preference ASAP.

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

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FUNDRAISING

Mothers Day Stall will be held NEXT Thursday 7th 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 5.pm 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!

Betty McPaul on behalf of the P and C Committee Mobile 0415 394354