Diary dates:

**Week 3**
- Thu 7/5: Mr Duroux at TP’s meeting all day @ Tuntable Creek PS
- Fri 8/5: Stewart House envelopes MUST be returned by today

**Week 4**
- Mon 11/5: Rural Fire Service visit to school
- Tue 12/5: NAPLAN Language Convention and NAPLAN Writing tests for Years 3 & 5 only
- Wed 13/5: NAPLAN Reading test Years 3 & 5 only
- Thu 14/5: NAPLAN Numeracy test Years 3 & 5 only
- Fri 15/5: Deadline for Book Club orders

**Week 5**
- Mon 18/5: Mr Duroux & Mrs Tate @ Prof. Learning / Miss Curran & Mrs Perren
- Tue 19/5: Mrs Tate & Mrs Skorjenko @ Infantry Day, Caniaba PS / Mrs Perren & Mrs Andersen
- Wed 20/5: Deadline for school photo envelopes
- Thu 21/5: School Photos
- Fri 22/5: Zone Cross Country carnival at Corndale for qualifying students

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

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:** Huxley for always being a great helper and role model for all students
**CAPA:** Isabel  **CITIZENSHIP:** Nat  **ENVIRONMENT:** Jason  **SPORT:** Shakeily  **GOOD FRIEND:** Austen  Chosen by: Hayden J

**BLUE AWARDS:** Congratulations to the following students who are awarded a Blue Award after receiving 10 Yellow awards in their class. These awards are presented at the weekly assembly.

**Week 2:** Jasmine W, Frankie and Billie

**ACADEMIC**

- **K-1:** Shea for writing an interesting review about Miss Muffet
- **2-3:** Hannah for a well written persuasive text “Why my dad is a hero”
- **Y4:** Elijah for his work with fractions, fraction lines and fraction equivalence
- **5-6:** Hayden P for consistent effort and participation in maths

**GO FOR IT**

- **K-1:** Daniel for working with greater independence in literacy
- **2-3:** Jasmine W for engaging her audience with her nursery rhyme rendition
- **Y4:** Charlie for her effort in dancing
- **5-6:** Bailey B for improved effort and results in spelling

**THINKING SKILLS**

- **K-1:** Hayden J for using interesting vocabulary in writing
- **2-3:** Riley for initiating a koala awareness campaign
- **Y4:** Bella D-G & Jason for their remarkable arguments about whether girls are better than boys
- **5-6:** Sam for great thinking in maths

**LIBRARY**

- **K-1:** Melanie  **2-3:** Drew  **Y4:** Sharmeeka  **5-6:** Rani

**NUDE FOOD**

- **Isabel**
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN assessments will take place next week. 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.

Southern Cross University
I welcome two 4th year Practicum students from Southern Cross University who are completing their final pracs before becoming qualified teachers. Blakebrook PS has had many Uni students pass through the school and we enjoy having them here.
K-1 class - Mr Dan Wade
2-3 class - Miss Anna Chamberlain

Terania District Cross Country
This event was held on Friday of week 1 at Caniaba Public School. Well done to all our students who ran and cheered throughout the day. Students in the 8/9 years group and above have qualified to run at the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Cross Country Championships at Corndale on Friday 22nd May. Students need to return the permission note to school this week please with the $5 fee.

Results
Boys 7 years - Willow 1st
Boys 8/9 years - Drew 5th (Reserve for Zone)
Girls 5/6 years - Amber Bryant 2nd
Girls 5/6 years - Shakeil 5th
Girls 8/9 years - Angela 3rd
Girls 10 years - Jessica 1st
Girls 10 years - Lucy 3rd
Girls 10 years - Holly 4th
Girls 10 years - Sina 5th (Reserve for Zone)
Girls 11 years - Tiamikia 3rd

Uniforms
With the cold weather upon us, I encourage all students to wear the school uniform especially jumpers/jackets. These should be navy blue in colour. The P&C sell Blakebrook PS ‘Hoodies’ for $35 which are available to purchase on Tuesdays (usually 3.00 - 3.30pm). Navy blue track pants are the preferred option to cover the legs. I thank you for your intended cooperation with this matter.

Soccer Knockout
A bit of disappointing news. Sadly our school missed the deadline for nominating for the Small Schools Soccer Knockout Competition last term during my absence. I have spoken to the 5-6 class about this and share their disappointment and frustration. I am going to try and organise some games against other local schools so that we can still play as a Blakebrook PS team. My sincere apologies for this inconvenience. I have made an application to be put into the draw and am awaiting to hear back from NSW PSSA.

School Photos
The annual school photos will be taken on Thursday 21 May (week 5). Please ensure your child is present and dressed in full school uniform for their photos. Order envelopes have been sent home today. Please ensure you have your envelope in by 9am on photography day - alternatively you may send the photo envelope in before photo day and the office will hand to photographers on the day. Please ensure you place correct payment in the envelope as the school does not handle any photo payments nor swap money for change. Any enquires Classic Color Studios 6687-6911

Mother’s Day
Our annual Mother’s Day stall was held today. Children were able to purchase a gift for their mum, grandmother etc. Gifts have been wrapped. This event was 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) at 5.30pm. I encourage all families to come along and have a say in the school.

Have a great week - Allan Duroux
2-3 class news from Mrs Skorjenko
I am still waiting for all students to bring in their A4 display ‘portfolio’ folder for your child’s reporting interview work samples.

Stewart House envelopes - deadline is tomorrow, Friday 8 May 2015
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
Every envelope returned to school goes into the draw to win a $4,000 family holiday.

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
We have received three ‘Intention to apply’ forms from our Year 4 students. Please ensure you apply online before Friday 15 May 2015.

Head Lice / Nit Alert
Head lice are again in the school
Please ensure you check and treat your child/ren. A once off treatment isn’t enough. Saturate the hair with conditioner. Comb the nits (lice eggs) out of the hair with a very fine toothed comb is recommended daily for 14 days. A 2nd treatment is recommended 7 days after the first treatment. Please ensure you follow through as everyone co-operating is the only way we can break the head lice cycle.

Bonfire Night on Friday 12 June (Week 8) updates from Louise Tate
A portable cool room is being sought for the Bonfire Night. If you can assist please contact the school.

The Bonfire Night afternoon tea and activities that Blakebrook students may participate inside the school grounds from 3.30 - 5.00pm a cost to attend this after school care. 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:
$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 an envelope with the family name and number of children attending and Bonfire Arvo activities written on it.
A slip will be sent home to families next week.
COMMUNITY NEWS

TRE Classes in Lismore!!

Tension & Trauma Releasing Exercises set in motion a natural tremor that helps the body to let go of Stress, Tension & Trauma.

Classes
Tuesday 1-2pm & Wednesday 5-6pm
Cost: $15 per class

Where: Strand Arcade, Molesworth Street (upstairs)
Mats and water provided. Wear comfy and warm clothes.

Liam S with Harry Kewell at the Asia Pacific Football Institute (APFI) yesterday during a Harry Kewell Academy event in East Lismore.
Blakebrook Public School P & C Newsletter
Thursday 7th May, 2015 – Week 3 Term 2

BONFIRE MEETING
4pm Tuesday 12th May, 2015 in the BPS Library Room. All Welcome

P&C MEETING
5.30pm Tuesday 12th May, 2015 in the BPS Library Room. All Welcome

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- We are still looking for volunteers during this term if you have any time to spare we would appreciate it.
- 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.

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

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FUNDRAISING

Mothers Day Stall will be held TODAY Thursday 7th May, 2015, 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.

Bonfire Night – Friday 12th June, 2015 at the Blakebrook Public School – 3.30pm to 5pm activities. Donations of cakes, slices & biscuits would be appreciated please bring on the day direct to the canteen.

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