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**Diary dates:**

**Week 4**
- Thu 14/5: NAPLAN Numeracy test Years 3 & 5 only
- Fri 15/5: 

**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 Lord
- Wed 20/5: Deadline for school photo envelopes, Mrs Stevens @ TOTs Day, Eureka PS / Mrs Andersen
- Thu 21/5: School Photos
- Fri 22/5: NR Zone Cross Country carnival at Corndale for qualifying students

**Week 6**
- Mon 25/5: Mr Duroux at NC Sports Council Meeting in Grafton / Miss Curran
- Tue 26/5: 
- Wed 27/5: 
- Thu 28/5: 
- Fri 29/5: Big Scrub Interest Day for all stages - all students

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:** Frankie for always being a great helper and great role model for all students
- **CAPA:** Rani
- **CITIZENSHIP:** Rorie
- **ENVIRONMENT:** Ivy P-W
- **SPORT:** Daniel
- **GOOD FRIEND:** Dean (Chosen by: Austen)

**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 4:** Lucy, Riley, Rorie & Tom

**ACADEMIC**
- K-1: Rocco for making a magical improvement in bookwork this week
- 2-3: Cameron for his excellent narrative writing skills
- Y4: Deana & Felix for their shared group work improvement
- 5-6: Rani for excellent research skills

**GO FOR IT**
- K-1: Sidney for ‘having a go’ and remaining focussed on math tasks
- 2-3: Tristan for quick recall of ‘friends of ten and twenty’
- Y4: Banjo for his effort and improvement with the shot put
- 5-6: Zac for increased confidence in public speaking

**THINKING SKILLS**
- K-1: Sapphire for actively listening to math instructions and demonstrating these new understandings
- 2-3: Tamzyn for her engagement with & recall of what to do in a fire
- Y4: Josie P for identifying answers when researching sea explorers
- 5-6: Yogi for great ideas during our exposition writing

**LIBRARY**
- K-1: Emillie
- 2-3: Cameron
- Y4: Holly
- 5-6: Millie

**NUDE FOOD**
- Ivy R
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN assessments occurred this week for the year 3 and 5 students. They all tried very hard and did their best which is all I could have hoped for. Results will be sent to the school and parents later in the year.

Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Cross Country
The Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Cross Country Championships will be held at Corndale on Friday 22nd May (week 5). Students need to return the permission note to school this week please. I wish the following students all the best when competing at these championships: Angela, Jessica, Lucy, Holly, Tiamikia and Josh.

Soccer Knockout – GOOD NEWS
After last week’s disappointing news, I can now confirm that Blakebrook PS is IN the NSWPSSA Small Schools Knockout and will play their first game against Eltham PS on Friday 5th June. We will now get busy selecting a team! This is a fantastic opportunity for our students.

School Photos
The annual school photos will be taken next 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 previously and are now due to be returned by next Wednesday 20/5/15.

P&C meeting
Our first P&C meeting of the term was held on Tuesday. Mrs Skorjenko led parents through a presentation regarding Peer Support. This is a program we will be running in the school next term involving student leadership, support and other valuable traits. The P&C also discussed the inaugural Blakebrook Bonfire Night on Friday 12 June. They will be seeking many helpers to assist at various stalls and activities. It will be a huge event and a valuable fundraiser for our school P&C. I encourage you all to help out on the afternoon/evening as the old proverb states "Many hands make light work".

Interest Days
On Friday 29th May our school will participate in a Big Scrub Small Schools Interest Day. Our Kinder, Year 1 and 2 students will travel by bus to Coffee Camp Public School, our Year 5 and 6 students will remain at Blakebrook Public School and our Year 3 and 4 students will travel by bus to Caniaba Public School. Students will rotate through various activities with students from five other small schools. It is a great opportunity to make new friends, see new schools and experience different teachers. More information will be sent home closer to the event.

Canberra Excursion
In 2016, our 5/6 students will have the opportunity to participate in an excursion to Canberra for a week with students and staff from other local small schools. This is a biannual event with our school last participating in 2014 where the students had a terrific time including a memorable visit to the snow! This is an early notice to encourage you to think about your child’s participation in this terrific excursion and perhaps start saving a few dollars in preparation. An approximate cost would be between $500 and $600 depending on fundraising activities. No need to send in anything yet – just start thinking about it.

Have a great week
Allan Duroux

Bus Book & Afternoon Student Travel Arrangements – Important update
Blakebrook PS is one of the rare schools that offer a Bus Book to help with afternoon student travel arrangements. This service is provided above & beyond the expected duties of the Admin staff however it is now starting to impact on the Admin staff workload. Parents & carers need to be organised and make sure their children know of the travel arrangements each day. Most children are entitled to free travel by bus between home and school. If your child requires alternate bus transport (eg sport training in town) then it’s the responsibility of parents & carers to contact the bus company and make these alternate arrangements. Generally a fee is charged for 'alternate travel'. Once again you will need to contact the bus company for costings. Their contact numbers are:

*Waller's Bus Co 0266 226 266
*Keerrong (Quinn's) 0428 282 137
*Koonorigan (Bruno) 0428 215 729
*Rock Valley (Bruce's) 0266 216 559

All changes to travel arrangements MUST be in writing. Send a note in explaining the change, making sure the note is both signed & dated and the arrangement clearly stated.
We understand emergencies occur and do try to make allowances for these.
IF you HAVE to make a phone call please realise the new cut off time is 1.00pm.
Emails may be sent but wait for a confirmation email before assuming the arrangement has been recorded.
Thank you for your expected compliance in this matter
Bonfire Night on Friday 12 June (Week 8) updates from Louise Tate

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. The following costs apply:

$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.

A Permission Note has gone home to all families today (neon orange paper) with a deadline of 5/6/15.

Calling all Cooks

The Bonfire Night is creeping up on us all. Now is the time to find their favourite recipes for the cake stall. All donations of cakes, biscuits, slice and muffins would be greatly appreciated.

If anyone is able to make sweets, toffees or toffee apples, these items are always a great treat for children on the night.

GENERAL NEWS

2-3 class news from Mrs Skorjenko

I am still waiting for all students to bring in their A4 display ‘portfolio’ folder for reporting interview work samples.

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

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS May 2015

Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers. How can you participate in the review?

You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers

The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially.

BLAKEBROOK COMMUNITY HAMPER DRIVE

Suggested Non Perishable Items for Welfare Hampers

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BLAKEBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Orientation for 2016 Kindergarten

Term 4

Week 7 - Monday 16th November 2015 - 9.30-11:30am
Week 7 - Wednesday 18th November 2015 - 9.30-11:30am
Week 7 - Friday 20th November 2015 - 9.30-3:30pm

*Parent information session and morning tea - Monday 16th November 2015 at 11:00-11:30am

Enrolment Enquiries
Phone: 02 6629 3263
Email: blakebrook-pschool@det.nsw.edu.au
Principal: Mr Allan Dansere

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Would you like to be in the Lantern Parade?

Lismore Lantern Festival is coming up again on June 20th! Markets, music, street theatre, the Lantern Parade and the Fiery Finale. Watching the Parade is great, but being in it is a whole different kind of fun. Festival organisers are always keen to involve schools. If we can get together a group of students to decorate and carry small lanterns, and parents to walk with them, Blakebrook will be given the turtle lantern to carry!

It’s a lovely chance to participate in a fun community event and raise the profile of our school. Lantern organisers can supply pre-made lanterns and pre-cut coloured shapes to decorate them, for $12 each, and all parade participants receive free access to the grassed sitting area in Oakes Oval to watch the fiery finale.

If you would like more information, or to order lantern(s), please call Ruth Harlow 0420938093.

For more about this year’s Lantern Festival visit their website www.lanternparade.com

LIVE LIFE WELL - Great reasons to be active

✔ boosts confidence
✔ improves fitness
✔ makes bones and muscles stronger
✔ improves posture
✔ helps maintain a healthy weight
✔ lowers the risk of heart disease
✔ reduces stress
✔ improves sleep
✔ reduces the risk of cancer
✔ improves self confidence
✔ teaches you new skills
✔ develops better motor skills
✔ makes a person happier with their body

Sensory Movie Day
NEW START TIME OF 11AM!

“Sensory Movie Day” was created for Families with Special Needs.
Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim.
F irst door are monitored for those escape artists.
This movie experience is a positive and non-judgmental experience.
Free membership cards are required to purchase tickets, which can be handed out on the day of the screening. Children 2 years and under are free and companion I.D. cards are accepted. “Regarding Movies changes are possible due to unforeseen circumstances.”
Tickets $8 each at Lismore Birth Carroll & Coyle & Small Drink & Popcorn Combo for $5.
Contact Wendy at wendy@bigpond.com or 0418 283 669
www.facebook.com/sensorymoviedaylismore

Sunday 24th May
SHAWN THE SHEEP

Lismore's 25th Annual Gemfest

2 Full Days  Saturday 10th May, 9am–5pm
Sunday 17th May, 9am–6pm
Venue: Lismore Showground
Entry: $5 per adult, $1 per child (under 5 yrs free)
Featuring: Gold, Sapphires, Jewellery, Opals

SUMMERTIME ODDITIES

Northern Star Echo
**FUNDRAISING**

**Bonfire Night** – **Friday 12th June, 2015** at the Blakebrook Public School – BBQ commences from 5pm.

Donations of cakes, slices & biscuits would be appreciated please bring on the day direct to the canteen.

The P&C are asking for expressions of interest in assisting on either the two BBQ’s, preparation of foods in the canteen area, popcorn stall, cake, slice & biscuit stall next to the coffee van, jumping castle and Skirmish. If you are interested in any of these please SMS Betty on 0415 394354 we require a lot of volunteers to make the night a success. Thank you in anticipation of your help.

**UNIFORMS**

A new stock of uniforms is arriving soon. Polo shirts $27, Hoodies $37, Hat $15 and Library Bag $10

Suzi Somerville is available every Tuesday afternoon between 3.00pm and 3.30pm for those wishing to view the uniforms for sizing and to place orders directly. If you miss seeing Suzi on Tuesday’s there is a uniform order form available at the office to be completed with full payment and placed in an envelope with your name and uniform order clearly marked on the envelope and placed in the uniform box to be processed.

If you have any questions regarding uniforms please speak with either Suzi on 0468 576905 or Jess 0414 821249

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**CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU**

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**Alternative Lunch Menu**

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**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