Diary dates:

**Week 7**
- Fri 28/8: NC Regional Athletics Carnival for qualifying student. Mr Duroux attending carnival / Miss Curran replacing.

**Week 8**
- Mon 31/8: P&C Meeting 5.30pm in the school Library.
- Tue 1/9: Mrs Tate on Long Service Leave for the rest of the term / Miss Curran replacing.
- Wed 2/9: Mr Duroux @ PPA mtg / Mrs Perren replacing.
- Thu 3/9: Big Scrub Public Speaking at Jiggi PS – 4 selected students.
- Fri 4/9: Fathers’ Day Stall, run by the P&C, $4 per gift - wrapped & tagged. Mr Duroux @ SED’s mtg /

**Week 9**
- Mon 7/9: Touch Gala Day for selected senior boys.
- Thu 10/9: Y6 fundraiser: ‘Footy Fever Day’ $2 come dressed in your favourite team colours and get a footy team ice cream at afternoon tea time.

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, Friday 28/8/15, 3pm.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:** Jemelia for always being a great helper and a good role model for younger students.

**CAPA:** Bella D-G  
**CITIZENSHIP:** Sina  
**ENVIRONMENT:** Dante  
**SPORT:** Melanie

**GOOD FRIEND:** Bradley chosen by: Willow  
**NUDE FOOD:** Cameron

Congratulations to the following students who are awarded a Blue Award after receiving 10 Yellow awards in their class.

**BLUE AWARDS:** Amber L, Avril, Baylie E, Bella D-G, Deana, Kadence, Kaitlin, Lucy, Melanie, Sapphire, Shakeily, Sidney and Tom.

**ACADEMIC**

- **K-1:** Lily for sharing interesting facts about horses.
- **2-3:** Bradley for his accurate measuring of an object’s area using a centimetre grid.
- **Y4:** Angela for her neat drawing of the front, top and side of different volumes.
- **5-6:** Jacob for great improvement in writing.

**GO FOR IT**

- **K-1:** Kaitlin for speaking with improved volume.
- **2-3:** Brayden for his use of speech marks in his narrative writing.
- **Y4:** Holly for her consistent effort in spelling and neat bookwork.
- **5-6:** Tiamikia for trying really hard with her work and concentration.

**THINKING SKILLS**

- **K-1:** Huxley for communicating clearly with younger students.
- **2-3:** Ryan for listening attentively to his peers space presentations.
- **Y4:** Lucy for her correct working in perimeter and area.
- **5-6:** Liam S for creative thinking in class discussions.

**LIBRARY**

- **K-1:** Malakai  
- **2-3:** Wendell  
- **Y4:** Banjo  
- **5-6:** Liam S

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT with Allan Duroux**

**Bunnings BBQ**

There’s no time to rest as the School’s P&C host another fundraiser - The Bunnings BBQ! This event will be held on Saturday 5th September at Bunnings, Lismore. The P&C are asking for volunteers to assist with preparations for the day and on the actual day. Names can be texted through to Betty or Alanna - more details in the P&C section of this Bulletin. The school appreciates you giving up your time to assist at these events. Money raised is used to buys books for the school, beautification projects around the school, canteen upgrades, assistance with excursion costs, year 6 shirts and many other invaluable programs.
Lismore Performing Arts Festival (LPAF)
This week, over several nights and a matinee, students from scene 3 of our school musical and 8 students in the Small Schools Choir, performed at the Lismore Workers Club as part of the Lismore Performing Arts Festival (PAF). I was very proud of our student’s performance which is a real credit to their dedication and commitment. The audience were absolutely enthralled and loved the jokes. The students in the choir sang beautifully and also amazed the audience. Our whole school attended the Matinee performance today and were amazed by a variety of performances from lots of other schools including ours. Congratulations on your behaviour in the audience, it was perfect!

North Coast Regional PSSA Athletics
Best Wishes to Jessica who will represent our school at the North Coast PSSA Track and Field Championships to be held in Lismore tomorrow. She will compete against the best athletes from 210 other schools from Tweed Heads in the north to Taree in the south. Jessica was named Junior Girls Champion of the Northern Rivers Zone championships. This is an amazing achievement. Good Luck, Jessica!

School Soccer Team
The mighty Blakebrook Public School soccer team played Barrington PS in the last round of the Statewide NSW PSSA Small Schools Soccer Competition last Friday in Coffs Harbour. I am very pleased and proud to announce that they won the game 2 goals to nil. The team played extremely well all over the field. Great teamwork and two tremendous goals by Josh ensured the team has qualified for the semi-finals during the last week of this term in Sydney. This is the third year in a row for our school. A truly amazing achievement, perhaps never accomplished before! Well done team.

P&C News
The next general meeting of the P&C will be held next Tuesday 1 September at 5:30pm in the school library. I encourage all families to come along in support of the P&C and the school. The P&C are still looking for volunteers to assist at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 5th September. Please contact Alana or Betty if you can spare a couple of hours to assist. The annual Father’s Day Stall will be held on Friday 4th September. Cost per present is $4.

Peer Support
Our year 6 students and some year 5 students will participate in a two day training course in Peer Support next Monday and Tuesday. They will learn leadership skills, techniques and strategies to help them coordinate a group of peers next term. It is a very worthy program and I thank Mrs Tate and Mrs Skorjenko for co-ordinating this program.

Big Scrub Public Speaking Competition
On Thursday 3rd September, Tom, Isabel, Indi, and Bella D-G will participate in the Big Scrub Public Speaking Competition at Jiggi Public School. If successful they will qualify for the Regional Competition to be held later in the term. Good luck Kids!

LIBRARY NEWS with Mrs McInnes
Book Week
This year’s Book Week theme is ‘Books light up our world’. Children continue to celebrate the wonderful books, on the CBCA book awards list, in class. What a shame last Thursday’s Literary Luncheon picnic was rained out.

The Blarney
The Blakebrook Blarney Public Speaking competition, held last Thursday, was hotly contested. Well done to all students. The following places were awarded:

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The students who came first & second in each stage will continue now to the Big Scrub Public Speaking competition on Thursday 3 September at Jiggi PS. A permission note has gone home to students concerned.

Taiko Japanese Drumming Experience - Wednesday 9th September (T3W9)
Kiyomi, a Taiko instructor from EZ Japanese, will be conducting a drumming workshop at our school on Wednesday 9/9/15 at a cost of $5 per student. Taiko (pronounced tyke-oh) is a special style of Japanese drum. A permission note was sent home today on blue paper. It has also been emailed to the recipient list and uploaded to our website.
NSW Premier's Spelling Bee - Tuesday 15th September (T3W10)
Two students from Stage 2 and two students from Stage 3 have been selected to compete at the NSW Premier's Spelling bee at Wyrallah Road PS on 15/9/15. A permission note has gone home today to the four students involved.

GENERAL NEWS

HEAD LICE / NITS ALERT

The life cycle of head lice
Pediculus humanus capitis

1. Egg is laid on hair shaft. Egg is called a “nit”
2. Louse emerges after six to seven days
3. First moult two days after hatching
4. Second moult five days after hatching
5. Third moult 10 days after hatching
6. Emerging from their third moult as adult lice, the female and slightly smaller male begin to reproduce
7. Female lays first egg one or two days after mating
8. Female can lay approximately three to eight eggs per day for the next 10 days
9. Having lived 32 to 35 days the louse dies
10. 0 days
11. 6 to 7 days
12. 8 to 9 days
13. 16 to 17 days
14. 17 to 19 days
15. 19 to 32 days
16. 32 to 35 days

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.

About head lice
Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.
Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans, however if isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).
People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice
Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to look carefully to find them.
Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off.
Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

Step 1
Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.

Step 2
Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.

Step 3
Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.

Step 4
Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.

Step 5
Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

Treating head lice
Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

* Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
* Using the conditioner and comb method (described under ‘finding head lice’ above) every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully.
The following points may also be helpful:

Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
Cover the person’s eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family unless they also have head lice.
Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.
Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

Any head lice product could cause a reaction and should be used with care by women who are pregnant or breastfeeding, children less than 12 months old and people with allergies, asthma or open wounds on the scalp. If you are unsure, please check with your pharmacist or doctor.

**Head lice eggs**
Head lice eggs are small (the size of a pinhead) and oval. A live egg will ‘pop’ when squashed between fingernails.
Dead eggs have crumpled sides and hatched eggs look like tiny boiled eggs with their tops cut off.

**Head lice combs**
Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective, however, any head lice comb can be used.

**Regulations**
According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be readmitted to school or children’s service centres after treatment has commenced.
The department recommends a child with head lice can be treated one evening and return to school or children’s service centres the next day, even if there are still some eggs present. There is no need to miss school or childcare because of head lice.

**Preventing head lice**
Check your child’s head regularly with comb and conditioner. There is no research to prove that chemical or herbal therapies can prevent head lice.

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**Kinder 2016 enrolments**
For anyone wanting to enrol their child in Kinder 2016 please contact the school ASAP.
Term 3 is the term for parent interviews with our Principal.
We would like to know of all enrolments by the end of this Term (18/9/15).
BUNNING’S BBQ – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

Blakebrook Public School P&C will be conducting the Bunning’s BBQ Saturday 5th September, 2015. ANYONE who is available to volunteer for the day please let Betty 0415 394354 or Alana 0427 244318 know.

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FATHERS DAY STALL

Will be held Friday 4th September, 2015. Cost will be $4 per gift wrapped ready for giving. Sorry no IOU’s.

SHOPPING TRIP

Our annual shopping trip will be coming up in November, 2015 as a tentative date we are looking at the 14th. Any suggestions of where people would like to go please email me at macwag@bigpond.net.au

CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU TERM 3 2015

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POSITIONS VACANT

It is with regret that at the beginning of term 4 we are looking for a new Canteen Co-ordinator! Our lovely Alana has found permanent employment and will not be able to continue in the role. Thank you Alana for all your support and efforts in the canteen during 2015 you have been truly amazing and we sincerely appreciated having you in the role.

Any enquiries regarding canteen for please contact Alana 0427 244318 or Betty 0415 394354

P&C QUERIES - please contact Betty to assist on 0415 394354 not Wendy in the office thank you!

Next meeting week 8 – 1st September, 2015 at 5.30pm BPS Library Room

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

**BALLINA JUNIOR TOUCH 2015-16 Season Sign-on**
Online registration - NOW until 25th September 2015.
Information available on the Ballina Touch Association Face Book page and Juniors website or contact ballinatouch1@gmail.com

**6th Annual Nimbin Family Fun Day and 5km Fun Run SUNDAY 30TH AUG**
ENJOY A FUN FILLED DAY OF ORGANISED ACTIVITIES, RACES AND GAMES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, PRIZES,
ESPRESSO BAR, CAKES, SALAD AND BARBECUE.
VENUE A&I SHOW GROUND, CECIL STREET, NIMBIN, SUNDAY 30TH AUG. SIGN ON -11AM RACE 11.30AM, Adult $20,
Child $15 and Team of 5 runners $15 per competitor.
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES COMMENCE AT 12.30 pm.
Full details Nimbin Fun Run Facebook
CHILDREN CAN PURCHASE A $5 WRIST BAND AND ENTER AS MANY EVENTS AS THEY LIKE. SOME ACTIVITIES WILL BE
COMPETITIVE (FANTASTIC PRIZES) AND SOME WILL BE NON COMPETITIVE, IN ORDER TO SUIT ALL CHILDREN.

RACES
100 MTRS 4 YRS., 5/6 YRS. 8.9 YRS, 10.11 YEARS
200 MTRS 6/7 YRS., 8/9 YRS., 10/11 YRS. 50 MTS TINY TOTS 3 YRS. AND UNDER PARENTS ASSISTED

GAMES
GIANTS, ELVES, WIZARDS-GROUP EVENT BLINDFOLD SQUIRT- GROUP EVENT
RED ROVER CROSS OVER-GROUP EVENT PEG IN BUCKET RELAY- TEAM EVENT
TUG O WAR EGG THROWING COMP- TEAM EVENT
CLOTHES PEG TAG- INDIVIDUAL EVENT DODGE BALL- INDIVIDUAL EVENT

All proceeds go towards maintenance and equipment purchase for the Physical Activities Centre
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