The Bulletin is sent via email to parent/carer email addresses on file, as well as published on our website. Paper copies are available on request.

**Diary dates:**

### Term 3 Week 10  Mrs Tate on LSL
- Thu 17/9  SS Soccer matches in Sydney
- Fri 18/9  Last day of term

### Term 4 Week 1
- Mon 5/10  LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – all schools closed for day
- Tue 6/10  Staff & students return for first day of Term 4
- Wed 7/10  No Canteen orders
- Thu 8/10  No Canteen
- Fri 9/10  No assembly

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

There are no awards presented in the last or first week of each term.

### Chickenpox Alert
We’ve been advised of a few more cases of Chickenpox in our school community. If you notice spots take your child to a doctor to diagnose.

NSW Health advises Chickenpox is a common viral infection that can reappear later in life as shingles. Vaccination is recommended for all infants and non-immune adults. Please see last week’s Bulletin for a Chickenpox Factsheet.

### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT  with Allan Duroux

**Tell Them From Me Survey** - The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey.

Our school is participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the ‘Tell Them From Me’ suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated. A flyer with login details and password has been sent home previously.

Login in: [www.tellthemfromme.com](http://www.tellthemfromme.com)
School Parent Username = parent17775
School Parent Password = Bla1254

### NSWPSSA Softball Championships
This week two of our students, Josh and Leo, are representing North Coast PSSA at the NSWPSSA State Softball Championships in Manly, Sydney. They are playing against the best players from all over NSW including the Catholic and Independent Schooling Systems. They are vying for State Champions status and selection in the NSW softball team to play in the School Sport Australia Championships later in the year. Good Luck boys!
State Soccer Finals

Our school soccer team is currently in Sydney to contest the semi-finals of the NSWPSA Small Schools Soccer Knockout competition. Blakebrook PS is developing a reputation of being extremely competitive in this competition having won it in 2013 and placing 4th in the State in 2014. It is an amazing achievement for a small school and we wish them all the best this year.

Right: This article appeared in Saturday's Northern Star

No Assembly or Awards

There will be no assembly or awards presented this week.

End of Term

Term 3 concludes tomorrow, Friday 18 September. Term 4 commences for Staff and Students on Tuesday 6 October. There is no School Development Day (Pupil Free Day) to commence next term. Please note that Monday 5th October is a Public Holiday. Parents are reminded of their legal responsibilities in ensuring their child or children are at school for every gazetted school day.

I trust you will all have an enjoyable and safe break.

LIBRARY NEWS with Mrs McInnes

Premier’s Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the students who entered the Premier’s Spelling Bee last Tuesday at Wyrallah Road PS. Angel, Joss, Isabel and Luke S all gave strong performances and they can be very proud of their efforts! Well done.

GENERAL NEWS

School Website Service – Parent Survey Feedback

Dear parents,

We are always looking at ways to enhance the quality of communication between our school and our parents. One of the key communication channels is our school website blakebrook-p.schools.nsw.edu

The department is looking at enhancing the quality of our school website and would really like to get your feedback as a parent about the type of functionality on the website that would help improve the communication between the school and you.

We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete the following online survey.

The survey is located at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WSVSCXG

Thank you for taking the time to give us your feedback and help us make our school website even better.

Free school holiday fun for all ages

Upcycle Your Holidays is on at the Lismore Recycling & Recovery Centre at 313 Wyrallah Road, East Lismore, from 10am to 3pm and children must be supervised by an adult.

Please bring hats, covered shoes and plenty of drinking water.

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Footy Fever Day
Last Thursday’s Footy Fever Year 6 fundraiser was a roaring success. $156.90 was raised for the Year 6 ‘end of year gift’ to the school. Photos supplied by Mrs Skorjenko
FUNDRAISING

Shopping Bus Trip has been booked for Saturday 14th November, 2015. We are commencing collecting names and money beginning of term 4. At this stage costs will be $30 per person and we are looking at heading to Robina Town Centre. Money raised will support our representative students and purchase equipment for the playground.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR SOCCER TEAM TODAY COMPETING IN THE STATE FINALS IN SYDNEY! We are all behind you!

CANTEEN

Thank you to Alison Poulton for offering to do Canteen Co-ordination Term 4. Next Term’s canteen will commence week 2. Roster is below - if you are able to assist please sms Betty on 0415 394354.

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

Next P&C meeting Tuesday 27th October, 2015 – Week 4, Term 4

Summer Sports

Rous Softball Club are looking to have a junior softball team for the upcoming season! If you are interested in playing softball for a very family orientated club please Contact Cheryl on 0434 126695

Betty McPaul on behalf of the P and C Committee

Mobile 0415 394354
COMMUNITY NEWS

Holiday Science Fun
Water Lab Wednesday - September 23rd and 30th
School Holiday water science experiments, investigations and games.
Find old favourites and new water challenges. Search for hidden water deep underground; sip water with a mega straw; make water play tricks on your eyes and brain and solve a giant jigsaw mystery!
Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds.
Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre - 2101 Dunoon Road, Dorroughby 10am to 3pm, last entry 2pm. No bookings needed.
Details: www.watersciencelab.com.au

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

Nimbin Holiday Club Spring Program
A Holiday Club will be operating at the Nimbin Community School (81 Cullen St, Nimbin) - on excursion days please meet us in the Nimbin Central School car park at 9am. Days run between 9am and 3pm, for children aged 5 - 12. Please read the dates and venues below carefully and book to avoid disappointment. To book phone Nニック on 66891692 (between 10 am and 4 pm) or text Kylie on 0487576281. Please note that the basic fee is $12 per day and more on excursion days. Parents must sign consent forms for any excursions. Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing, covered shoes, brings a hat, and has adequate food and drinks for the day.
Wednesday 23rd September $12
Nimbin Community School and Park
Art/Craft, DVDs, Games, Music and more
We will be painting today so please wear old clothes.
Recycled box art and kite making

Thursday 24th September $12
Nimbin Community School and Park
Cultural Centre visit and Circus @ the skatepark

Friday 25th September $25
Excursion – Roller skating, Nesbitt Park and BMX track
We are going roller skating then we are going to have a play at Nesbitt park and check out the new BMX track.
(Bikes and helmets will be provided. It may get muddy)
Please bring food, water, a change of clothes and socks!
Tuesday 29th September $25
Excursion – Circus workshop and Kyogle pool
We are going to Kyogle showgrounds to have some high-flying circus fun with Genevieve and then after lunch at the park, we will cool off at the pool.
Please wear comfortable clothes, and bring food, water, swimmers and a towel!

Wednesday 30th September $12
Nimbin Community School and Park
Art/Craft, DVDs, Games and more.
Mobile library craft activity – Making a drum!
Music and dance party

School Holidays in the Lismore Area

Monday 21 September
Lismore Library
Kinder circus (5–7 years)
10:30am - 11:30am

Play Dough Challenge
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Tuesday 22 September
Lismore Library
Learn Sand Brackets
10:30am - 11:30am
(Brackets)

Kinder Circus (5–7 years)
10:30am - 11:30am

Make a Puffin erector set
2:30pm - 2:50pm

Wednesday 23 September
Lismore Library
Learn Sand Brackets
10:30am - 11:30am
(Brackets)

Kinder Circus (5–7 years)
10:30am - 11:30am

Kinder circus (6–11 years)
10:30am - 11:30am

Make a Puffin erector set
2:30pm - 2:50pm

Thursday 24 September
Nimbin Library
Storytime
(October 2 & 5 year olds)
10:30am - 11:30am

Last week's Puffin Books
3:30pm - 3:50pm

Friday 25 September
CLOSED from 12noon

Monday 28 September
Lismore Library
Kinder circus (5–7 years)
10:30am - 11:30am

Play Dough Challenge
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Tuesday 29 September
Lismore Library
Fort Park Cast
10:30am - 11:30am

Google Earth Library
Gameplay
10:30am - 11:15am

Make your own story book
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday 30 September
Lismore Library
Storytime
(Fort days 6–9 years old)
10:30am - 11:30am

Barran Park Playgroup & Creche
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Mobile library (Christie)
Make your own book
11:30am - 12:30pm

Thursday 1 October
Lismore Library
Storytime
(October 2 & 5 year olds)
10:30am - 11:15am

Google Earth Library
Gameplay
10:30am - 11:30am

Barran Park Playgroup & Creche
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Mobile library (Christie)
Make your own book
11:30am - 12:30pm

Friday 2 October
Charles Sturt Library
Dale Workshop
One school and three male canoeists
10:30am - 10:50am

Gumnut & Lollies
Kinder circus
(Brackets 5–7 years)
10:30am - 11:30am

Make your own story book
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Monday 16 October
Lismore Library
Kinder circus (5–7 years)
10:30am - 11:30am

Play Dough Challenge
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Tuesday 17 October
Lismore Library
Kinder circus (5–7 years)
10:30am - 11:30am

Informational Skills
9:30am - 10:30am

Make your own story book
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Wednesday 18 October
Lismore Library
Storytime
(Fort days 6–9 years old)
10:30am - 11:30am

Barran Park Playgroup & Creche
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Mobile library (Christie)
Make your own book
11:30am - 12:30pm

Thursday 19 October
Lismore Library
Storytime
(October 2 & 5 year olds)
10:30am - 11:15am

Google Earth Library
Gameplay
10:30am - 11:30am

Barran Park Playgroup & Creche
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Mobile library (Christie)
Make your own book
11:30am - 12:30pm

Friday 20 October
Charles Sturt Library
Dale Workshop
One school and three male canoeists
10:30am - 10:50am

Gumnut & Lollies
Kinder circus
(Brackets 5–7 years)
10:30am - 11:30am

Make your own story book
2:30pm - 3:30pm

Bookings: 02 6621 2464

Richmond Tweed Regional Library
Contact. Discover. Explore.
Term 4 at Family Support Network
143 Laurel Avenue Lismore NSW 2480
(parking available at rear in Shepherd Lane)
Phone: 6621 2489 Fax: 6621 5208
Email: admin@fsn.org.au Website: www.fsn.org.au
ABN 41 275 778 565. Funded by FaCS.

South Lismore Family Centre
41 Wilson Street
Playgroups with Karen
Wednesdays and Fridays during school term, 10am to 12pm.
For parents and carers and their children under school age. Free of charge, a healthy morning tea is provided.
Phone 6621 2489 to find out more information or email admin@fsn.org.au or just drop in.

Lismore - 143 Laurel Avenue
Open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.
On Wednesdays we are open 9am to 1.30pm.
All our programs are free of charge.

Nimbin Family Centre
81 Cullen Street
Playgroups with Rachel
Tuesdays and Fridays during school term, 10am to 1.30pm at Nimbin Family Centre, 81 Cullen Street. For parents and carers and their children under school age. Free of charge, a healthy morning tea is provided.
Phone 6689 0423 or just drop in.

Stepping Stones Triple P with Gudrun
Seminars at 143 Laurel Avenue Lismore,
on Tuesdays 13, 20, 27 October, 10am to 12.
Stepping Stones Triple P is for parents and carers of a child aged 2 to 12 who has been diagnosed with developmental delay or a developmental disability. Seminar Topics:
Positive Parenting for Children with a Disability,
Helping Your Child Reach Their Potential,
Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour.
To book one or more seminars phone 02 9114 4060, or you can book online at http://www.triplep-steppingstones.net/

Start Together Program
Who: Parents/carers of children aged 0-3 in the Lismore, Richmond and Kyogle LGAs, and parents in the last few months of pregnancy.
What: Helps children achieve their developmental milestones by providing parents and carers with inexpensive educational experiences for their children. Start Together shows you what to expect as your child grows and develops, and helps you set realistic limits for your child's behaviour.
Where: 143 Laurel Avenue or at your place.
How: Ph 6621 2489 to arrange free support.

Parenting groups
Bookings essential for all parenting groups.
Please phone 6621 2489 to book a place.
Child care: If you require child care, please phone The Gingerbread House on 6622 1130 to make your own arrangements.

Engaging Adolescents with Marie
A group for parents and carers of teenagers.
On Thursdays 8, 15, 22 October 10am to 1pm,
at 143 Laurel Avenue Lismore.
This program will enable you to understand the developmental stage of teens including their needs and wants. We will discuss how to cooperatively set boundaries while enhancing your relationship and supporting young people to manage their emotions.

Child, Youth & Family Support Program
Who: For families with children 0-17 years old in the Lismore Local Government Area.
What: This program offers confidential and individualised support through sharing ideas and skills, strengthening family relationships, and improving the safety and well being of your children.
Where: 143 Laurel Avenue or at your place.
How: Ph 6621 2489 to arrange support.

123 Magic with Gudrun
A group for parents and carers of children aged 2 to 12. On Tuesdays 3, 10 and 17 November.
Three sessions at 143 Laurel Avenue Lismore, from 10am to 12.30pm.
123 Magic & Emotion Coaching is a parenting course, designed to provide parents and carers with skills to deal with difficult behaviour.
The program also introduces parents to the emotional development of their children and provides strategies to strengthen relationships and make parenting as enjoyable as possible.