Diary dates:

Week 3
Thu 11/2  5-6 Parent/Teacher Info session 3.45pm
Fri 12/2  Captains Induction Assembly 2:45 for a 2:50pm start ~ followed by normal assembly. All parents and carers welcome
         Deadline for Y5 and 6 Canberra Excursion EOI note

Week 4
Mon 15/2
Tue 16/2  First P&C meeting for year 5.30pm in school Library
Wed 17/2
Thu 18/2
Fri 19/2

Week 5
Mon 22/2
Tue 23/2
Wed 24/2
Thu 25/2
Fri 26/2  ‘Clean Up Australia’ school event

Future events
Fri 4/3  P&C Welcome Disco
         Wed 9/3  Deadline for Small Schools’ Choir EOI note & $15
Thu 17/3  St Patrick’s Day Blakebrook Blarney – Public Speaking
          Thu 24/3  School Photos

Awards presented at Friday assembly

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

**CAPA:** **Ayla**

**CITIZENSHIP:** **Amelia**

**ENVIRONMENT:** **Ivy R**

**SPORT:** **Tom**

**GOOD FRIEND:** **Kaitlin** chosen by: Mr Duroux

**ACADEMIC**
K-1  **Daniel** for demonstrating a ‘can do’ attitude
2-3  **Joe** for applying himself to maths and achieving success
4-5  **Angela** for great work in spelling
5-6  **Josee** for her effort in class

**GO FOR IT**
K-1  **All the Kinder students** for making a wonderful start to ‘big school’
2-3  **Tristan** for demonstrating to his peers fundamental movement skills
4-5  **Simon** for concentrating and finishing his work
5-6  **Jade, Noah & Henry** for fitting in so well on your start to Blakebrook PS

**THINKING SKILLS**
K-1  **Rocco** for thinking about his peer’s feelings
2-3  **Wendell** for his honest and insightful reflections on the weekly cooking activities
4-5  **Felix** for creative thinking in Numeracy
5-6  **Beth** for her motivation in writing a lengthy Narrative pre-test

**LIBRARY**  Millie   Charlie H   Ivy P-W   Lucy   Jemelia

Special Library Awards this week to recognise our new Library leaders for 2016, who volunteer every week to keep our Library neat and tidy.

**NEWS from the PRINCIPAL – Mr Allan Duroux**

**Assembly and Awards**
The weekly assembly recommences this Friday starting at 2:50pm. Parents and friends are invited to attend.
2016 Captains Induction
Tomorrow, Friday 12th February, our school will induct the 2016 Blakebrook Public School Captains at our afternoon assembly. Please arrive at 2:45pm for a 2:50pm start. Badges will be presented at this assembly. Captains are Indi and Yogi.

P&C
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th February (Week 4) starting at 5:30pm in the library. I encourage all parents and caregivers to come along to this meeting and have a say in your child’s education and to keep informed about programs running within the school.

Terania District Swimming Carnival
This event was held at the Lismore Memorial Pool last Friday 5th February. I am very proud of our students efforts and excellent behaviour on the day. I thank the students who came along and competed or cheered for our competing students. Congratulations to Rorie on being awarded Junior Girl Champion and Angela being Junior Girl Runner Up. Congratulations to Jessica on being awarded 11year Girl Champion. The following students have qualified to represent our school and Terania District at the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Swimming Championships on Thursday 25 February in Lismore:
- Rorie in the 50m freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly and the junior girl relay.
- Billie in the 50m backstroke and the senior girl relay.
- Jessica in the 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke and the senior girls relay.
- Angela in the 50m Breaststroke and is a reserve for the junior girl relay.
- Willow W in the 50m Freestyle.
Well done kids and Good Luck!

Bus Bay Parking
Parents and visitors are reminded not to park in the bus bay from 8:00 – 9:30am and 3:00 – 4:30pm. We have many buses that use this interchange of a morning and afternoon and for ease of access and safety, we need this area to be kept clear. I appreciate your intended cooperation on this matter.

Smalls Schools Choir – Expression of interest
Each year students in Years 5 and 6 are invited to be part of the combined Small Schools Choir. This involves meeting a few times for rehearsals before the culmination of performing at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival in August. Full details are on the note sent home to all Year 5 & 6 students today. The deadline for EOI note and $15 payment is Wednesday 9/3/16.

No Canteen
Unfortunately, Canteen has been cancelled tomorrow because no parent volunteers have come forward to help run the canteen. The P&C are seeking volunteers to run the canteen each week. The commitment is approximately 3 hours on a Friday morning. If you are able to help out please contact our P&C President Betty McPaul. Details are in the P&C section of the Bulletin. Sadly, the Canteen will stay closed until volunteers become available.

Have a great week and an enjoyable term, Allan Duroux

GENERAL NEWS

School Contributions and Fees
This year we are asking each family to pay the school contribution, the PSSA levy and a spelling workbook fee for each child. The amounts are kept to a minimum and end up equating to just over $1 per week per child. Invoices will be sent home over the next fortnight; of course you can pay prior to receiving the invoice, if you wish.

The following totals apply for the year:
- One child = $47 ($35 school contribution, $6 PSSA levy, $6 workbook)
- Two children = $89
- Three children = $126
- Four children = $163
- Five children = $200

Payments can be made by cash / cheque payable to: Blakebrook Public School / direct deposit into the school’s account. If payable by Direct Deposit please use an easily recognisable reference (such as last name & fees) and email the school with details.
Payments may also be made by instalments, once again let Wendy know if choosing this option.

LIBRARY NEWS - Mrs Dianne McInnes
All students wanting to borrow from the Library must have a Library bag. Many students are coming without a bag. We need to protect our books and keep them safe.

2-3 CLASS NEWS - Mrs Lois Skorjenko
STILL WANTED: magazines for classroom use - only magazines appropriate to be viewed by primary school students please. Thank you to those families who have already supplied - we appreciate it.
Blakebrook Public School P & C Newsletter
Thursday 11th February 2016 – Week 3 Term 1

P&C CALENDAR

**Week 3**
Friday 12th February, 2016  Canteen Cancelled this week  No volunteers

**Week 4**
Tuesday 16th February, 2016  P&C Meeting in Library (ALL welcome)  5.30pm  $5 membership due

P&C Meeting

NEXT Tuesday 16th February, 2016 commencing at 5.30pm in Library Room, Blakebrook Public School.

New and existing members welcome to come along. $5 per family membership is due on the night. Please come along and continue to support your children by helping the P&C and learning what is happening in your school.

New and fresh ideas are always welcome!
P&C Meetings are held Week 4 and Week 8 of the school terms, normally in the Library Room commencing at 5.30pm.

The Annual General Meeting of the Blakebrook Public School P&C will be held Week 8 Tuesday 15th March, 2016.
All positions will become vacant including President, Vice Presidents x 2, Secretary, Treasurer, Canteen Coordinator, Newsletter Co-ordinator and Fundraising Co-ordinator. Please feel free to talk to one of our current committee members if you would like more information on the positions above. We would love to see you there!

FUNDRAISING

Our annual **WELCOME DISCO** has been planned for Friday 4th March, 2016. We welcome all our families to attend and enjoy meeting new and former families of Blakebrook Public School. A BBQ with salads will be available together with our resident DJ pumping out the vibes! Donations of cakes, slices and cookies can be left at the canteen for sale with tea and coffee during the night. Please ensure all ingredients are listed on the items.

CANTEEN

Lunch orders need to come in with your child on Thursday morning and will be collected by year 6 students. It is the parents/guardian’s responsibility to send the order in on a brown lunch bag to make it easier to distribute the toasted sandwiches etc the following day at canteen. The brown bags are not supplied by the P&C or the school sorry. They are available for purchase at your local supermarket. Please write your child’s name, class and lunch order (as per menu below) on the front of the bag. Please place the exact or close to the exact amount of money in the brown paper bag for payment of the order. If your child/children require change it will be placed in the bag and returned with the child’s order at canteen on the Friday. Extras such as moosies, yoghurts, ice creams etc can be also pre-ordered on the brown lunch bag. Please note that it makes things a lot easier if you can provide the correct money (or as close as possible). Sending large notes to school is unsafe.

We do not allow IOU’s and P&C members or volunteers are not to receive text messages requesting late lunch orders to be placed. Please ensure your order is placed on the Thursday morning to allow ordering of lunches to take place Thursday afternoon. If you forget to send your lunch order in on Thursday morning or your child does not hand it in, please provide your child with lunch from home on Friday. P&C volunteers are requested to refer your child directly to the staff member on duty if there are any concerns.

We have also struggled over the last couple of years for volunteers in the canteen. It is our preference to always have two volunteers every Friday. If you would like to help please contact Betty ASAP 0415394354. If you have never done canteen before, she will put you with someone who has been there before. It’s a great way to meet other parents, or bring your own friend or parent in to help you. You would be surprised how excited your child will be if their parents/guardians and grandparents participate in their school and help in the canteen.

Lastly, non-school aged children are not allowed in the canteen for WH&S reasons. If this restricts you, please chat to your child’s teacher. We are a very child friendly school so there would definitely be something else you could help with, whilst being able to bring your younger ones in. Any concerns or enquires please contact myself Betty McPaul on 0415394354.
### Alternative Lunch Menu

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### Uniforms
Those requiring uniforms can place their order in the uniform order box at the office (top shelf of foyer bench) for our uniform ladies Jess Enever via email on forevergreen@hotmail.com or Suzi Somerville on mobile 0468 576905 to organise. Fill in the order form together with payment and leave both in box in office the order will be filled and you will be contacted for collection as soon as it’s ready.

- School Polo Shirts come in sizes 4 - 16 are priced at $27.
- School Hoodies come in sizes 6 - 18 are priced at $35.
- School Hats are $15 we only have large in stock at present.

If anyone has any second hand uniforms in good condition they wish to donate we can also sell these through the uniform section too. There are other items available please see Jess or email fourevergreen@hotmail.com

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Betty McPaul (Newsletter Coordinator for the P and C Committee)  
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Trying to Limit Screen time to Two hours?
Help is at Hand! eSafety for parents - Too much time online

Trying to drag your children away from online games, apps, YouTube videos or social networking? Want to know what is normal and when they are spending too much time online?

Child development experts, including psychologist Dr Helen Street, answer questions about how much time children should spend online.

Search online for “Esafety for parents too much time online” and follow the links or click on:
Blakebrook PS is:

- Listening to instructions
- Letting others play
- Sitting quietly
- Taking turns
- Putting bags in lines