Diary dates:

Week 4
Thu 18/2
Fri 19/2  Mr Duroux & Mrs Skorjenko absent / Mrs Perren & Miss Curran

Week 5
Mon 22/2
Tue 23/2
Wed 24/2  TOT’s Day: Mrs Stevens / Miss Curran
Thu 25/2  PSSA Zone swimming Carnival at Lismore – five qualifying students & Mr Duroux attending
Fri 26/2  ‘Clean Up Australia’ school event

Week 6
Mon 29/2
Tue 1/3  Infantry Day: Mrs Tate & Mrs Skorjenko  / Mrs Perren & Miss Curran
Wed 2/3
Thu 3/3
Fri 4/3  Welcome Disco at school – arrive 5.30pm

Future events
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: Angela for always being a responsible helper and role model for younger students
CAPA: Kadence  CITIZENSHIP: Trent  ENVIRONMENT: Melanie  SPORT: Kody
GOOD FRIEND: Kadence chosen by: Kaitlin

ACADEMIC
K-1  Katlin for writing with improved letter formation
2-3 Willow W for demonstrating sound mathematical skills
4-5 Tamzyn for great work in writing
5-6 Indi for her improvement when using BODMAS in Maths

GO FOR IT
K-1  Olive for demonstrating emergent reading strategies
2-3 Shea for clearly demonstrating, to his peers, a pattern’s descriptive features
4-5 Ivy P-W for concentrating and finishing her work
5-6 Sina for intricately completed art work

THINKING SKILLS
K-1  Emillee for speaking kindly to new students
2-3 Lily for thinking about place value and using it correctly
4-5 Elijah for creative thinking in Numeracy
5-6 Jason for thinking and solving grammar and punctuation activities

LIBRARY
K-1 Daniel  2-3 Huxley  4-5 Bella  5-6 Josee

NEWS from the PRINCIPAL – Mr Allan Duroux

2016 Captains Induction
Congratulations to our new Captains, Indi and Yogi who were inducted at our Friday assembly last week. These two year 6 students are excellent role models in the school and are fulfilling their responsibilities with enthusiasm and professionalism.
Parking
Parents and visitors are reminded that the front of the school is a designated Bus Zone during the hours 8:15-8:45am and 3:45-4:15pm. It is essential that this area is kept clear to allow buses to park and transfer students in a safe manner. Parents and visitors are also requested to NOT park in front of the double gates situated at the Northern and Southern ends of the school grounds. These gates are our emergency entry points and must be clear at all times. Your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Our PBL focus this week is on the Adventure Playground. Each of the Blakebrook BLIMPS has a short behaviour goal to remember when using this area. Students are explicitly taught these goals during the week. Teachers regularly refer to them with students to understand their meaning and for the students to behave in the expected manner.

P&C
The P&C held their general meeting on Tuesday and it was good to see lots of families represented at this meeting. I encourage all parents and caregivers to consider attending meetings to have a say in your child’s education and to keep informed about programs running within the school. At present the P&C are unable to source any new yellow school shirts from suppliers. There is minimal stock available at the school. Parents are encouraged to buy plain yellow shirts from shops in Lismore in the meantime. A suggestion to change the colour and style of the school uniform shirts was raised. At the next meeting of the P&C (Tuesday 15th March 2016) this will be discussed with possibly some samples available for viewing. More details are located in the P&C section of this Bulletin.

Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Swimming
On Thursday 25 February, five of our students will compete at the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Swimming Championships in Lismore. Here they will compete against the best swimmers from 66 other schools from the surrounding area. I wish them all the best and congratulate them on their success so far. Best of luck to Rorie, Billie, Angela, Jessica and Willow.

Clean Up Australia Day Friday 26 February
Our school will contribute to this wonderful environmental program next Friday afternoon. Our students will be allocated an area to clean. Our 6 students will be walking outside of the school fence, under supervision, to assist with the clean-up. Gardening gloves are recommended but not essential.

Welcome Disco and FREE BBQ
A special P&C disco will be held during the evening of Friday 4th March. Arrive from 5:30pm with a FREE BBQ dinner available from 6:00pm. Disco will start at about 6:00 and finish at 8:00pm. I encourage all students and families to come along and support this event. Families will be invited to participate in a quick survey about the P&C and communication processes within the school community.

Have a great week and an enjoyable term, Allan Duroux

GENERAL NEWS

School Contributions and Fees - repeat
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.

K-1 CLASS NEWS - Mrs Louise Tate
Dear Kinder parents
I have sent home the feedback letters from the PLAN assessments on Tuesday. Please check your child’s bag (the Reading Eggs logon details are also enclosed).
Spelling is going home weekly so please check your child's bag for their list. Please follow up daily with your child and their home reader.

Next week's cooking will be scones so please inform me of any allergies to scone ingredients (flour, milk, butter, cheese).

Below: work sample from Willow W on Charlotte's Web:

**Draw a map of Zuckerman's Farm.**
**P&C CALENDAR**

**FUNDRAISING**

Our annual **WELCOME DISCO** is on Friday 4th March, 2016. We welcome all our families to attend and enjoy meeting new and existing 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.

**BUS TRIP** – Put it in your diaries and save for Saturday 5th November, 2016, cut off date will be 21st October, 2016. Possibly heading to Pacific Fair this year or if anyone has any suggestions for Gold Coast area please contact me.

**CANTEEN**

A **HUGE thank you to Alison Poulton** who has been a great help to our P&C in co-ordinating the canteen! Nothing was ever a problem to her. Unfortunately due to work commitments Ali has had to resign as Canteen Co-ordinator. Thank you Ali from all the P&C we really did appreciate your help! All the best in your new role!

**CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU**

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Lunch orders need to come in with your child on Thursday morning and will be collected by year 6 students. Deadline is 9.30am. 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 under any circumstance** 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, before 9.30am, 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 me, Betty ASAP 0415394354. If you have never done canteen before, you will be put on 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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Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers this term – Heather Jessup, Nicole Davey, Sandra White, Karen Symonds and Rachel Essery. Thank you for your support the P&C and children really appreciate your help ladies!

P&C Meeting

So lovely to see new faces at our P&C meeting this week and a HUGE thank you Sophie Tate for your presentation of the trip to Vietnam. It was lovely to see you all having a great time and the children appreciating your gifts.

NEXT meeting of the BPS P&C will be our AGM Week 8 Tuesday 15th March, 2016 commencing at 5.30pm in Library Room, Blakebrook Public School.

New and existing members are welcome to come along. $5 per family membership is due. 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.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Blakebrook Public School P&C all positions will become vacant including President, Vice Presidents x 2, Secretary, Treasurer, Canteen Co-ordinator, 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!

Uniforms

Uniforms are very high on the agenda for the general meeting being held after the AGM on the 15th March, 2016. Over the past 4 months our uniform co-ordinators Jess Enever and Suzie Somerville have been unable to obtain the same quality and colour of our current gold and navy uniforms. We will be discussing this in depth at the meeting on the 15th March with the possibility of moving to an alternative style and combination of gold and navy. Come along on the 15th March and have your input into your children’s school uniform.

Betty McPaul (Newsletter Coordinator for the P and C Committee)  
macwag@bigpond.net.au
Myth: Healthy lunchboxes are more expensive
At left are two lunchboxes - the top one has the healthier options. We compared the cost of these two & the results are in... The healthier lunchbox is $0.73 cheaper per day. That means if you have two children you could save nearly $3800 over their schooling life by packing healthy options!

Looking for healthy lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes and ideas? Subscribe to Let's Look at Lunches, a fortnightly e-newsletter developed by Northern NSW LHD with the aim to take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox. Send you first name, email address and post code by:
Text to 0429 033 517
Email lookatlunches@gmail.com
Follow us on Instagram @lookatlunches

Did You Know?
In NSW, most children (90%) do not eat the recommended amount of vegetables.
Some ideas to try:
An important first step if you want your child to eat their vegies is to make sure they see YOU enjoying your vegies on a regular basis at home. Children are quick to pick up if you don’t like something or are avoiding eating some-thing, and may often imitate your eating habits!
Offer vegies in a positive, casual way and believe your child will enjoy them. They may not of course, but it’s best to start out by thinking positively!
Children’s food preferences can change very quickly. Keep offering small amounts of disliked vegies, as the more familiar it is, it may lead to them accepting it. Serve bigger quantities of their favourite vegies
Cook vegies just until tender or crisp by steaming, microwaving or stir-frying them. Don’t overcook them so they’re soggy.
Over-cooking can make vegies’ taste, texture and smell unpleasant, and makes them lose their goodness.
Raw vegies like capsicum strips, peas in the pod, cucumber, bean sprouts and tomato wedges are often the most popular with younger children as they make great finger foods.

Lismore Girl Guides
Would you like to get involved in your community and help girls develop skills for life?
Lismore Guide District is looking for women 18 years & over interested in leadership.
You will be supported in becoming a Leader of Guides: training, mentoring, resources and friendship. Challenge yourself as you enable girls and young women grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

Call Jacki on 0427728269 or email: jackiscutt@bigpond.com
Or to find out more about Guides visit our website: www.girlguides-nswact.org.au
Blakebrook PS is:

- Follow instructions
- Share equipment
- Be aware of others
- Wait your turn
- Use equipment correctly