**Blakebrook Public School Bulletin**

**Term 1 Week 2 ~ Thursday 4 February 2016**

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**Future events**

- Fri 26/2 Clean Up Australia school event
- Fri 4/3 P&C Welcome Disco
- Thu 17/3 St Patrick’s Day Blakebrook Blarney – Public Speaking
- Thu 24/3 School Photos

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Terania District Swimming Carnival is on TOMORROW, Friday 5th February, at Lismore Pool. Students 8yrs & older this year are eligible to participate (those born 2003 – 2008).

Students are to meet the teachers (Mr Duroux, Mrs Stevens & Mrs Perren) at the front of the pool complex at 9.15am.

Don’t forget the **$3 entry fee** to be paid on entry.

For students turning 5, 6 or 7 years old this year it will be school as normal. Students not attending the carnival are expected to be at school - and will be with Mrs Skorjenko.

Students taking prescribed medication MUST bring it and hand it to Mrs Perren on arrival at the pool - this includes asthma puffers. All medications must include an ASCIA Action Plan, Asthma Plan or Care Plan from the treating doctor.

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

**Welcome Back**

Welcome back to another school year. It is good to see all students back looking refreshed and ready for the exciting challenges ahead. I trust you have had a safe and enjoyable holiday despite the rain.

Blakebrook Public School starts the year in a stable position. We have 4 classes for students K-6. Your child has been placed in a class as we finalise student numbers. Some classes are composite based on the numbers of students in each grade. We take the placing of students in classes very seriously ensuring their wellbeing and best interests both academically and socially are addressed.

**Welcome to our new families**

I welcome our new families to Blakebrook PS. I know you will have an enjoyable and rewarding time at our school.

**Kindergarten students**

The Kindergarten students have made a wonderful start to their schooling lives. They always have big smiles on their faces and are keen to jump into any activity. It is a joy to see them integrating into ‘Big’ school with such enthusiasm and gusto.
Parent/Teacher information afternoon
During week 3, Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers to find out about their child’s class for the year. I encourage you to come along and visit the school.

- K-1 Mrs Tate Tuesday 9th February at 3:45pm
- Y2-3 Mrs Skorjenko Wednesday 10th February at 3:45pm
- Y4/5 Mr Duroux Tuesday 9th February at 3:45pm
- Y5/6 Mrs Stevens Thursday 11th February at 3:45pm

No Assembly or Awards
The weekly Friday assembly will not be on this Friday due to the Swimming Carnival. It recommences next week.

2016 Captains Induction
On Friday 12th February (week 3) 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.

New Toilet construction
The construction of our new toilet block has commenced. The old toilet block has been demolished, new septic trenches and septic tanks put in and preparations for the new buildings have begun. The southern side of our playground is closed for first term. Parking is permitted under the trees but please be mindful of construction vehicles etc.

Update details
The school can need to contact parents for various reasons during the course of a school day. It is important that your contact details and emergency contact details are correct. If your address, phone number etc have changed please advise the school in writing and we will adjust our records accordingly.

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 is being held at the Lismore Memorial Pool on Friday 5th February (tomorrow). A permission note with further details has been sent home. The carnival is open to all children who are 8 years and above in 2016. Most of the events are 50m however there are events for students who cannot swim 50 metres. I encourage all students (turning 8 years & older) to come along and compete or cheer for our competing students. Good luck to all swimmers.
For students turning 5, 6 or 7 years old this year it will be school as normal.

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.

Hats and Water bottles
Students are reminded to bring and wear a broad brimmed hat every day. Students should also bring a water bottle each day which can be refilled at school.

Uniforms
Parents are reminded and encouraged to ensure their child/ren is in the correct school uniform each day. It gives the students, staff and community a sense of pride and the students also look quite smart when all together. It lets the wider community know that our school is a great place to go. Our school uniform consists of a yellow polo shirt and navy blue shorts/skorts. A navy hoodie and navy trackpants / trousers are suitable for the cooler weather.
A navy broad-brimmed hat and covered shoes is a must. Shoes can be leather school shoes or runners/trainers/joggers, preferably not slip-on canvas shoes. The printed logo polo shirts and hoodies are available for purchase by ordering from the P&C as are the navy hats and library bags. Uniform order forms are available from the front counter of the office. Please understand that the P&C handles uniforms not the Admin staff.

Thankyou
On behalf of Blakebrook Public School I would like to publicly thank Mr Tom Hayes for watching the school over the holidays, picking up all the branches that had fallen during the wind, mowing the grass as well as maintaining the gardens.

Have a great week and an enjoyable term, Allan Duroux
**ADMIN OFFICE NEWS**

**Student Absences**
If your child is absent from school for any period of time, a written explanation is required by law. You can advise the school by phone of the absence that morning, and the SAM (Wendy) or SAO will record the absence on a slip for the teacher. All absence notes are then forwarded to the classroom teacher for the official roll. All families are receiving a page of 5 Student Absence slip (mauve paper). Alternatively you can email the school - a confirmation email will be sent when we have received it.

**Office hours**
Admin Office hours are 8:30am to 3:30pm however there may be instances within this time frame when the Office may be unattended. If you call and there is no reply please try again later. As a general rule phone calls will not be answered before 8.30am or after 3.30pm.

**Notes & Payments**
We ask that all notes (including permission, student absences, Bus book changes etc) and any payments be placed in the Collection Box each morning - senior students take turns coordinating this. Students are encouraged to do this when they get to school. Please ensure any payments are clearly labelled with child’s name, and purpose, in an envelope or plastic zip lock bag.
Please aim to make payments first thing in the morning, before classes commence. The collection box is taken to ‘morning muster assembly’ every day as well.

**'Going Home' Travel Arrangements**
Parents/carers should send a written note in to school to be placed in the collection box at morning muster, or can phone the school before 2.30pm to get a message in the book. Emails are acceptable, however unless you receive a confirmation reply email do not assume that we’ve received the email.

**LIBRARY NEWS - Mrs Dianne McInnes**

**Library Days**
Each class has two hours each week in the Library for updating library skills, learning Mandarin under the LOTE (Languages Other Than English) program and library book borrowing. Students require a bag to borrow books (this can be a specially purchased, homemade bag or simply a plastic shopping bag).

Library days: updated from last week
K-1 Thursday
2-3 Wednesday
4-5 Thursday
5-6 Wednesday

**2-3 CLASS NEWS - Mrs Lois Skorjenko**

**WANTED**: magazines for classroom use – only magazines appropriate to be viewed by primary school students please.

**GENERAL NEWS**

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**
Thank you to everyone who supported the Woolworths Earn and Learn sticker promotion. We have received lots of craft supplies and essential stationery items.

**More Swimming Information from Mrs Stevens**
Students can wear casual clothing to the swimming carnival. Please make sure they bring a hat, towel and goggles if required. If a rash shirt is worn it can be taken off for the race. The canteen is open but it is always a good idea to bring extra food as the children often get hungry at these events. The carnival should be finished by 2pm. Younger children may leave after their final race. The carnival will go ahead rain, hail or shine.
17 December 2015

Mr Allan Duroux  
Principal
Blakemoor Public School  
417 Rosehill Road  
BLAKEBROOK NSW 2480

Dear Sir,

Thank you for choosing Nimbin Bush Theatre for your end of year school outing. It was a pleasure to provide this service for the delightful Blakemoor students, staff and community.

We were very impressed with the impeccable manners and respectful behaviour of your students, making a potentially chaotic process very simple.

Wishing you a restful break and a happy festive season.

Kind regards,

David Hyett  
PROPRIETOR

COMMUNITY NEWS

NIMBIN BUSH THEATRE  
7 BLUE KNob ROAD,  
NIMBIN NSW 2480  
02 6689 0095  
WWW.NIMBINBUSHTHEATRE.COM

Lismore Workers FC  
Soccer Sign on  
Saturdays February 13th, 20th and 27th  
9am - 1pm at the Club House in Brewster St.  
BLAKEBROOK NSW 2480.

Junior Boys and Girls from 5 to 17 years.  
Senior Men and Women in all Divisions.

www.lismoreworkersfc.org.au  
Need more info contact Sharon Lane  
0466388422, 66222731 or lanesharon@hotmail.com

ANZ net set go  
Lismore District Netball invites you to our  
NetSetGo and Junior COME & TRY DAY!

We extend an open invitation to parents and children to join us, and find out more about netball and all the fun that can be had playing one of the world’s most popular sports in an inclusive, safe and friendly environment.

Saturday 13th February 2016  
Marie Mackney Netball Courts, Ballina Road, Lismore.

9am - 9.45am - Children aged 6 - 7 years in 2016 – NET is an introductory platform program designed to build the fundamental skills that young netballers need to succeed!

10am - 10.45am - Children aged 8 - 10 years in 2016 – SET is modified games with modified rules that commences the understanding of netball on the court and builds upon foundation skills developed in NET.

11am - 12.15pm - Children aged 10 – 12 in 2016 – GO & New players to our junior competitions will participate in drills and skills sessions incorporating foot work, ball work & basis positional play and rules.

For further information please contact Leslie Kirk,  
secretary.lsmnetball@hotmail.com

We look forward to welcoming you to Lismore Netball!

Primary Ethics Classes

Since early 2011, NSW public school children have had a legal right to attend classes in philosophical ethics at their school if their parents give permission for them to do so.

Primary Ethics can provide trained and vetted volunteers to organise and teach the classes.

Classes are available to all children from Kindergarten to Year 6 who don’t attend the available Steiner/Queensland special Religious Education classes in their school. However, Primary Ethics can only provide these classes if it has trained volunteers from either the school community or the wider community.

What are ethics classes?

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical principles and values, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. Our curriculum comprises a wide range of age-appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about these ethical issues together and engage in the give-and-take of rational argument. This process provides students with an understanding of other people’s points of view whilst also helping them explore and reflect upon the moral aspects of their own lives.

Our ethics classes’ topics, starting with questions of morality, involving children in the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine topics such as telling the truth, eating and drinking, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and receiving help from those who are better off. Students learn to express their thoughts and ideas in a respectful and responsible manner.

Challenges children face and their moral judgements do not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills are valued by society and accompany individuals into adulthood.

Starting ethics classes at your school

If there are no ethics classes currently available at your child’s school, you should:

• let your principal know that you would like your child to participate in ethics classes;

• go to the Primary Ethics website  
www.primaryethics.com.au to find out more about our curriculum, information for parents and volunteering; and

• email Primary Ethics at  
primaryethics@boc.com.au to let us know the name of your child’s school and the year level.

We will contact you and your principal to get things started at your school.

No classes for your child’s year?

If there are no ethics classes at your school but more for your child’s year, please contact your principal and the Primary Ethics Coordinator to let them know about your interest in ethics classes for 2016.

We will need to find a volunteer to start a class, so volunteer yourself or ask if someone they are interested. See  

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Primary Ethics

JULY 2016
Northern Star Hockey Club
Our next Club meeting will be held on Wednesday the 3rd of February at the Rous Hotel Lismore commencing at 7pm. This meeting is a special meeting to discuss the following.

The Agenda for the meeting:
- Analyzing the FNCHI MOU. The MOU is an agreement regarding the Ballina Turf. This agreement has an impact of the overall running of Far North Coast Hockey.
- The future of the shed at Humbley Oval.

Please attend this meeting if you would like your ideas, suggestions and opinions on these above matters to be heard.

Regards,
Melinda Slade
NSHC Secretary
E: northernstarclub@gmail.com

W: www.northernstarhc.com.au
Welcome back everyone hope you all enjoyed your break and are looking forward to a happy, safe and joyful 2016...........Good luck everyone in the swimming carnival tomorrow! Remember try your best!

**P&C CALENDAR**

**Week 3**
- Friday 12th February, 2016: Canteen commences for 2016
- Volunteers needed pls

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

**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 under 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 0415 394354. 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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### CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU
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**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 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**

Those requiring uniforms can place their order in the uniform order box at the office for our uniform ladies Jess Enever via email on foreverygreen@hotmail.com or Suzi Somerville on mobile 0468 576905 to organise. Fill in the order form together with payment and leave both in the Uniform Order box, located first shelf of front bench in office, and 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 foreverygreen@hotmail.com
Blakebrook PS is:
- Listening to instructions
- Letting others play
- Sitting quietly
- Taking turns
- Putting bags in lines