Term 1 Week 6 ~ Thursday 3 March 2016

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Diary dates:

Week 6
Thu 3/3  Mrs Skorjenko away / Miss Curran

Week 7
Mon 7/3
Tue 8/3
Wed 9/3  Deadline for Small Schools’ Choir EOI note & $15
Thu 10/3  Mr Duroux in Sydney for NSWPPSA event / Mrs Perren
Fri 11/3  Mr Duroux in Sydney for NSWPPSA event / Miss Curran

Week 8
Mon 14/3
Tue 15/3  NO P&C AGM & general meeting - POSTPONED till Tue 22/3
Wed 16/3  Terania District SOCCER Trials at Blakebrook PS 12-2pm for Year 4-6 boys & girls
Thu 17/3  St Patrick’s Day Blakebrook Blarney – Public Speaking
Fri 18/3  Welcome Disco (new date) - GREEN theme

Coming events

Tue 22/3  P&C AGM & general meeting
Wed 23/3  Kinder 2016 photos in the Northern Star published
Wed 23/3  Terania District SOFTBALL Trials at Blakebrook PS 12-2pm Y4-6 boys & girls
Thu 24/3  School Photos
Thu 24/3  SS Choir practice 1pm at Blakebrook PS with Leonie Cox
Wed 30/3  Deadline for minimum $12 fee payment per student

Awards presented at Friday assembly

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD: Shea for always being a responsible helper and role model for younger students
CAPA: Amber L  CITIZENSHIP: Bella  ENVIRONMENT: Lucy  SPORT: Bradley
GOOD FRIEND: Sapphire chosen by Melanie

ACADEMIC
K-1 Ruben for co-operating with his peers in literacy and math
2-3 Georgia for always being ready for all activities, in particular going first with oral presentation ‘kids CAN make a difference’
4-5 Jessica for great work in writing
5-6 Lucy for her mature behaviour

GO FOR IT
K-1 Taj for improvement with sight words
2-3 Sidney for his oral presentation on ‘what my family means to me’
4-5 Kody for settling into his new class
5-6 Tiamikia for great artwork

THINKING SKILLS
K-1 Willow A for making terrific connections during discussions
2-3 Huxley for providing helpful suggestions to his peers on their presentation
4-5 Charley for creative thinking in writing
5-6 Liam for his effort in class and improved handwriting

LIBRARY
K-1 Kaitlin  2-3 Georgia  4-5 Deana  5-6 Beth

NEWS from the PRINCIPAL – Mr Allan Duroux

Welcome Disco and FREE BBQ - POSTPONED
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The special P&C disco scheduled for the evening of Friday 4th March has been postponed due to the inclement weather and the lack of shelter with the building works currently underway at the school. This event will now be held on Friday 18 March 2016. My apologies for any inconvenience.

Chewing Gum and Lollies
Under no circumstances are chewing gum and lollies to be brought to school. Please ensure children adhere to this request.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Our PBL focus this week is on the Lunch area. 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.

Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Swimming
Last Thursday, five of our students are competed at the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Swimming Championships in Lismore. They competed against the best swimmers from 66 other schools from the surrounding area. I congratulate Rorie, Billie, Angela, Jessica and Willow on their tremendous efforts at the carnival.

Blakebrook Blarney
Our annual Blakebrook Blarney Public Speaking Competition will be held on Thursday 17 March (week 8). Students will be preparing a speech at school or at home to present to the whole school. Winners on the day will represent our school at the Big Scrub Public Speaking competition to be held later in the term.

Emergency Evacuation
Last Friday the school held a practice playground emergency evacuation. It is a requirement that all schools practice evacuation and lock down procedures regularly in case of a real emergency occurring in the school. Our students were very responsible and made the right choices in relocating to the emergency meeting point in the northern end of our playground.

P&C Meeting
The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will now be held on Tuesday 22 March commencing at 5:30pm in the school library. (Previously advertised as 15 March). I encourage all families to attend the meeting to have a say in P&C activities and hear about how the school is run. I look forward to seeing you at this important meeting.

Have a great week and an enjoyable term, Allan Duroux

GENERAL NEWS

Attention current Year 6 students

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL): focus this week

- Blakebrook PS is:
  - Make healthy choices
  - Consider others
  - Be green and clean
  - Be kind and respectful
  - Sit and enjoy your lunch

RICHMOND RIVER HIGH CAMPUS

INVITES YOU TO OUR
Year 6 – 7 2017 Open Night Expo
Thursday 10th March 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Lake St, North Lismore
- BBQ at 5.30pm by the campus SRC for a 6:00pm start
- Meet the staff
- Tours of the campus
- Information on curriculum
www.richmondri-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Phone enquiries: 02 6621 3456
Kinder 2016 photos in local paper
The Northern Star is once again compiling its annual kindergarten lift out supplement to be published Wednesday, March 23, 2016. The supplement will be entitled ‘My First Year’ and it will feature kindergarten class photographs from the public, private and independent schools across the Northern Rivers region.

2-3 CLASS NEWS from Mrs Lois Skorjenko
Thank you to those students who presented their practice public speaking topics in their news time last week 😊
This week’s topics are: Every family has a story
Or
What Australia Day means to me
Once again, thank you in advance, for helping your child with their preparation. They will speak for 2-3 minutes, and can use palm cards if they wish. I will be looking for eye contact with their audience, and vocal projection.
The Blakebrook Blarney is on Thursday 17 March – just 2 weeks away!

Blakebrook Public School P & C Newsletter
Thursday 3RD March 2016 – Week 6 Term 1

P&C CALENDAR - PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF DATES

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FUNDRAISING
Our annual WELCOME DISCO is on Friday 18th 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

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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 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 enquiries 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

NEXT meeting of the BPS P&C IS NOW WEEK 9 Tuesday 22ND March, 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. 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 normally held Week 4 and Week 8 of the school terms, 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 22ND 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 22ND March with the possibility of moving to an alternative style and combination of gold and navy.

Come along on the 22ND March and have your input into your children’s school uniform

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

Lismore Swans junior Australian Football Club

Boys and Girls WANTED for the 2016 Season for the following grades:
Auskick, U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U17, and U9 & U13 Girls

Training on Wednesday Afternoons at Mortimer Oval, Lismore, 4.00-5.30pm

Footy Game Days on Sundays with Home & Away Games for most grades