**Diary dates:**

**Week 7**
- Thu 10/3 Mr Duroux in Sydney for NSWPSA event / Mrs Perren
- Fri 11/3 Mr Duroux in Sydney for NSWPSA event / Miss Curran

**Week 8**
- Mon 14/3
- Tue 15/3
- 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 GREEN theme

**Week 9**
- Mon 21/3
- Tue 22/3 P&C AGM and general meeting 5.30pm
- Wed 23/3 Softball trials postponed to Wed 6/4
- Thu 24/3 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
- Fri 25/3 GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday

**Coming events**
- Mon 28/3 Easter Monday public holiday
- Wed 6/4 Terania District SOFTBALL Trials at Blakebrook PS 12-2pm Y4-6 boys & girls
- Fri 8/4 Last day of Term 1
- Wed 30/3 Deadline for minimum $12 fee payment per student
- Mon 27/4 Students return – 1st day Term 2

**AWARDS**

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD:** Charley for always being a responsible helper and role model for younger students

**CAPA:** Jessica

**CITIZENSHIP:** Georgia

**ENVIRONMENT:** Willow A

**SPORT:** Liam

**GOOD FRIEND:** Amber L chosen by Sapphire

**Nude Foodist:** Lucy

**ACADEMIC**

K-1 Django for responding sensibly during 'lock down' practice
2-3 Dean for neat and concise work during Maths
4-5 Brayden for great work with perimeter in Maths
5-6 Tom for his self-motivation in all KLA’s

**GO FOR IT**

K-1 Amber L for always being ready to listen and work
2-3 Austen for his quick and accurate calculations on trading algorithms
4-5 Jasmine W for excellent writing and improved neatness
5-6 Jaden for his complex Ethics poster

**THINKING SKILLS**

K-1 Lachlan for following school rules
2-3 Ashlee for her ability to think and act for her peers in a mindful manner
4-5 Rorie for creative thinking in class discussions
5-6 Blake & Amelia for their improvement in Time

**LIBRARY**

K-1 Shakeily
2-3 Ivy R
4-5 Charlie
5-6 Millie

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

Welcome Disco and FREE BBQ
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A special P&C disco will be held during the evening of Friday 18 March 2016. 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.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)
Our PBL focus this week is on Assemblies. 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.

Terania District Soccer and Softball trials
Students in years 4-6 will have the opportunity to try out for these teams to contest the NSWPSSA state Knockout competitions early next term. Our students will vie for selection with other 'Big Scrub' small schools to pick teams. Students will need the appropriate equipment on these days if they wish to trial. Permission notes are not required as trials will be held at our school.
Soccer trials: Wednesday 16th March 2016 from 12-2:00pm. Nadine Toniello, Jiggi Public School (boys) and Desley Banks, Coffee Camp PS (girls) will be coordinating these teams.
Softball trials: Wednesday 6th April 2016 from 12-2:00pm. Steve Clough, Larnook PS (boys) and Marion Stevens, Blakebrook PS (girls) will be coordinating these teams. Good luck to participating students.

School Photos
These will be held on Thursday 24th March (Week 9). Order forms/envelopes will be sent home next week. Now would be a good time to ensure uniforms are ready to ensure your child looks neat and tidy on photo day.
Please see ‘General News’ section for more information. This year has a changed format from previous years.
Our office staff have nothing to do with the School Photos other than hand out the order envelopes.

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.

Easter Scripture Presentation
Our school will host an Easter Scripture Presentation by our Scripture teachers on Tuesday 22 March at 11 o’clock. It is expected that all students including our Ethics class and Non-Scripture groups attend this presentation. If you do not wish for child to participate please contact the school.

Emergency Lockdown Practice
This week the school held a practice Classroom Lockdown. 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 when the siren sounded.

P&C Meeting
The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Tuesday 22nd March commencing at 5:30pm in the school library. 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

School Photos - Thursday 24th March (T1W9)
This year our school photos are being organised by a company called The School Photographer. They handle ALL photography, payments and enquiries.
There are several things you need to be aware of:-
They have issued one photo envelope for each student, with details already printed. We have a very limited supply of blank envelopes which we will try and distribute to all split families. Photo envelopes will be sent home next Thursday 17/3/16. You cannot get a replacement envelope if you lose yours as they have not supplied us any.
They have also supplied only 12 ‘Siblings Only’ envelopes. Only siblings attending Blakebrook PS can have photos taken together and they MUST use this specific envelope. Some families choose this option rather than an individual photo of each of their children, but it's purely personal choice. If you'd like a 'Siblings Only' envelope please contact the office - first in, first served.
The School Photographer company accepts the following payment methods:

- Cash (enclosed in individual envelope)
- Cash (enclosed in eldest child's envelope)
- Money Order (enclosed in envelope)
- Online payment by Credit Card - you must use the purple code from the envelope of eldest child into the website, then write receipt number on order envelope - $1 processing fee charged
- Over the phone by Credit Card to 0296 749 824 - $5 processing fee will be charged
- Cheques are NOT accepted
- If payment is made online beforehand the envelope must still be presented at school on photo day

Correct money MUST be placed in the order envelope/s as the company has a NO CHANGE GIVEN policy.

If you have any enquiries at all about school photos please contact the company by phone on 0296 749 824 or by email to enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au

Children are to wear their Blakebrook PS polo shirt with navy shorts/skort on photo day. Envelopes can be handed in before the day, if you wish, but MUST be here on photo day - Thursday 24th March (T1W9).

Example of individual photo envelope and pricing
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 it’s personal choice topic 😊
Thank you for helping your child with their preparation. It’s been interesting to see the improvement this week, compared to last. They 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 next Thursday 17th March and four selected students from our class will compete.

LPAF Small Schools Choir - information
- We have seven students participating in the SS Choir: Holly, Angela, Josie P, Ayla, Avril, Sina and Beth, and they help form an integral part of the Lismore Performing Arts Festival (LPAF).
- The SS Choir will perform at the Matinee Concert and two Evening Concerts during the Festival to be held at the Lismore Worker’s Club from Monday August 22nd till Thursday August 25th
- Songs will be introduced at a Cluster Rehearsal on Thursday March 24th at 1pm, here at Blakebrook PS.
- At the rehearsal, children will also be given their own CD of the songs and booklet of the words. Teachers receive a CD with the full musical versions of the songs. Teachers will be responsible for practising the songs each week in their own schools.
- There will be a Combined Rehearsal at Lismore PS on Wednesday July 27th from 12:30pm-1:30pm
- There will also be a Venue Rehearsal at Lismore Workers Club in Festival Week on Monday August 22nd at 12pm for the entire Small Schools Choir.
- The $15 cost per student to participate covers the cost of the Teaching CD, Scores, the Repertoire Books and a SSC T-Shirt to wear on the stage during performances.
- Students will need to be accompanied by either a teacher or parent helper at the Cluster and Combined rehearsals and at each of the performances in which they participate.

FUTURE EVENTS
Terania District Cross Country @ Caniaba PS on Friday 6th May for all K-6 students (private transport)
Terania District Athletics High Jump & Shot Put @ Blakebrook PS Thursday 21st July at
Terania District Athletics Carnival - Riverview Park, South Lismore on Friday 29th July for K-6 (private transport)
Rainy Days

Hi, I'm Billie Mullan, a year 6 student here at Blakebrook. I am the school reporter and I wish to bring you exciting and enjoyable stories every week.

Pitter, Patter: Pitter, Patter. The rain falling hard on my tin roof while the birds are all snug in their nests and baby animals cuddling up to their mothers. The sky is grey and cloudy and my dressing gown is not keeping the cold out.

March, April and May the autumn months, windy, rainy scarcely sunny but still warm. Can you just imagine in some countries summer is hot, autumn is warm and wind, the last deciduous trees leaves falling to the ground! Winter is cold and the fields are covered in a snow blanket and spring, a gentle breeze with the sun smiling on the ground below.

Gum boots on a rainy day!

It was worth getting through the last 3 seasons! Here at Blakebrook Public School we have some talented young students that would rather play sport then eat!

These boys and girls have sadly had to stay indoors while the rain has its own fun on the school playground washing their fun away. The harder the rain gets the less time we have on the grass... its torture.

But none the less the students and Blakebrook Public School can survive anything... Even a little bit of rain!!!!

A Rainy Day Poem for you to enjoy

The Rain

Pitter-patter, raindrops, Falling from the sky; Here is my umbrella To keep me safe and dry! When the rain is over, And the sun begins to glow, Little flowers start to bud, And grow and grow and grow!

- Anon.

Shining Star of the Week

The Shining Star of the Week Award is awarded to Shaeley. Shaeley is a kind and responsible student that is always willing to help. She is a fantastic kid and no matter who you are or how old you are she will look after you!!
Blakebrook Public School P & C Newsletter
Thursday 10th March 2016 – Week 7 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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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 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 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) macwag@bigpond.net.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

![COOLMANGAR FAMILY FUN DAY](image)

**You are invited**

**COOLMANGAR FAMILY FUN DAY**

Sunday 20 March 11:00 AM
Goolmangar Hall

Free sausage sizzle, drinks and slices available

Chocolate Wheel Jumping Castle Children’s Activities

**The Listies**

**MAKE YOU LOL**

19 March, 11AM Norpa Lismore Hall
Tickets from 022

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