

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 1 Week 9 – Thursday 28 March 2024

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DIARY DATES TERM 1 2024

Week 9

Thursday 28 March

5/6 Canberra Excursion Deposit & Consent due

Friday 29 March

Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 10

Monday 1 April

Easter Monday Public Holiday

Friday 5 April

Awards Assembly 2.50pm

Week 11

Friday 12 April

Last day of Term 1

ANZAC Assembly

TERM 2

Week 1

Friday 3 May

Terania District Cross Country at Caniaba PS

Principal News

Welcome to Week 9. We are quickly approaching the end of term, with each week packed full of learning and excitement across our school. This year the Easter break has fallen within our school term which means that students will have a 4-day break and then return for Weeks 10 and 11. I wish all our families a safe and enjoyable Easter period and look forward to seeing everyone next Tuesday as we jump into the final two weeks of this term.

Rebuild Update

Work has continued on the rebuild project, in particular significant changes have been achieved in relation to our temporary operations at Goolmangar. Please see the attached March Rebuild Update which provides an in-depth update on the rebuild project for your school. Specific information around transport is provided below.

Transport Arrangements

I am pleased to announce our Community the finalised transport arrangements for our temporary transition to Goolmangar.

A shuttle bus will facilitate student transportation from Blakebrook PS interchange to Goolmangar each morning and afternoon.

This achievement is the result of meticulous planning aimed at ensuring a safe and practical solution for our community. Our focus remains on student safety and wellbeing, with additional measures such as re-teaching road and bus safety and providing staff support during transit. to be able to share with our community the following travel arrangements

Students who currently catch a bus to Blakebrook PS will be able to continue to do so and will move from their usual bus to the shuttle bus under the supervision and support of our SLSO Lochlan Perren.

Morning Routine

Lochlan will greet students as they dismount their bus and safely guide them to the shuttle bus. He will then travel on the shuttle bus with the students to Goolmangar.

Parents are able drop their children to the Blakebrook PS interchange and have their students travel on the shuttle bus to Goolmangar. The exact time students will need to be dropped off is yet to be determined.

Lochlan will be at the pickup area to collect these students and guide them to the shuttle bus. If this is your preferred option, we ask that parents make contact with the school before the end of term to let us know.

Please note: Unfortunately, our shuttle bus cannot wait for students running late. Students not at the interchange by the set time will need to be dropped to the Goolmangar site by their parents.

Parents may also wish to drop their children directly to the Goolmangar site.

We ask that parents make contact with the school before the end of term to let us know their preferred option.

Afternoon Routine

Lochlan will travel with students from Goolmangar to the BPS. As each bus arrives at the interchange students will be guided to their bus by Lachlan. He will disembark with the 'walkers' (students being picked up) and safely guide them to the pickup area. To assist in the smooth and safe process we ask that parents wait in the pickup area for their children to be walked down to them.

It is important students and families keep in mind there will be no toilets available for use at the Blakebrook PS Interchange. Students will need to go to the toilet before boarding the bus. A first-aid kit will be carried by the supervising staff member should first-aid be required.

Other key points:

- Bus messages will still be able to be passed onto students via the school office. Please remember this should be done as early in the day as possible to ensure the message is received by the student.
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- Should there be an urgent need to get a message to a student between 3:30pm and 4 pm Lochlan will be contactable via the school mobile phone on 0467 858 926.
- Rainbow Region Kids will be operating before and after school care from the Goolmangar Site from 7am -9am and 3pm -6pm.

As soon as the final details, including pick up and drop off times , are confirmed we will share this with the school community.

Site Visit

We are excited to be able to provide an opportunity for parents to do a tour of the Goolmangar site. This will be a great opportunity for parents to see the changes that have occurred since we last operated there, this includes the buildings that have been added. We will also be providing information about visitor parking, collecting students and visiting the school office. The 'big move' will occur during the school holidays therefore the buildings and grounds won't have our resources and furniture in it; however, it will still be well worth a look.

The tour will begin at 4pm Wednesday 10 April, meeting in the car park at the Goolmangar site.

If you intend on coming along, please RVSP to the front office via email or phone.

Thank you to our families for their patience and understanding whilst this planning has been undertaken. These new arrangements will take some adjusting to; however, I am confident with the continued support of our community we will be able to make it as smooth as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through the front office.

Staff Leave

Megan will be on leave from Week 9 -11 of this term. During this time Anna will be in our front office on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

On Thursday in the office, we will be welcoming back Vera.

Mrs Tate will be taking leave next week as well as Week 11. Throughout Week 10 and 11 Mrs Kelly will be teaching our K-2 class and Mr Inness will be teaching our RFF program as well as providing learning support.

Samuel Bowkett

Principal



Year 7 2025

To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2025, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to

Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7. The EOI process is **now available online** by following [this link](#).

HANDBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to Luka who is our 2024 Handball Champion!

Ada made him work hard for every point, but he eventually pulled ahead to win 25-20. Thank you to all students who participated in the 2024 Handball Championships.



Upcoming Events

Who	What	Cost	Due Date
5/6	Canberra Excursion	\$100 deposit	Thurs 28 March 2024
		\$335 remaining excursion charge	Friday 14 June 2024

Utilise your School Bytes Parent Portal to give consent and make payment. Contact the Office if you require a paper note.



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