



Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 8 ~ Thursday 27 November 2014

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Diary dates:

Week 8 Intensive Swimming Scheme for Y2 & 3			
Mon 24/11	AASC K-3 Modern Dance 3.30-4.45pm		
Tue 25/11	Y6 \$2.50 Transition Day money due	P&C meeting 5.30pm	
Wed 26/11	RRHS Orientation Day #1 for Y7 in 2015		
Thu 27/11	2015 Kinder Orientation 9.30-11.30am #3	AASC K-3 Karate 3.30-4.45pm	
Fri 28/11	Whole school transition including whole day Orientation for 2015 Kinders Y6 participating in special transition day at school – cost \$2.50 per student to Mrs Lord Office closed due to Wendy busy with the Financial Rollover		
Week 9			
Mon 1/12	AASC K-3 Modern Dance 3.30-4.45pm – <u>last session</u> Office closed due to Wendy busy with the Financial Rollover & new financial year processes		
Tue 2/12	Xmas Scripture 11am		
Wed 3/12	RRHS Orientation Day #2 for Y7 in 2015		
Thu 4/12	AASC K-3 Karate 3.30-4.45pm – <u>last session</u>	Year 6 Fete 2pm – 3.30pm	
Fri 5/12	Trinity Orientation Day for Y7 in 2015		
Week 10			
Mon 8/12			
Tue 9/12			
Wed 10/12			
Thu 11/12	Captains speeches (Current Y5 students)		
Fri 12/12	Y6 Slave Auction	Presentation afternoon 5pm	Xmas Tree night 6pm
Week 11			
Mon 15/12			
Tue 16/12	Year 6 Farewell cost \$22 per person		
Wed 17/12	Mystery Tour \$10 per student	Last day of term for all students	
Thu 18/12	SDD (School Development Day) <i>staff only</i>		
Fri 19/12	SDD (School Development Day) <i>staff only</i>		

Awards will be presented at Friday's assembly, tomorrow at 3pm

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: **Hailey** for always being a great helper and great role model

CAPA: **Luke**

CITIZENSHIP: **Ivy**

ENVIRONMENT: **Hannah**

SPORT: **Amber**

GOOD FRIEND: **Ben**

Chosen by: Dom

ACADEMIC

K-1-2 **Nat** for challenging himself at swimming

Y3 **Jasmine** for helping the class during art and for completing a sick peer's artwork

4-5 **Lian F** for his positive attitude towards literacy tasks

Y6 **Estella** for great effort in numeracy

GO FOR IT

K-1-2 **Bella** for improvement in swimming

Y3 **Molly** for listening and improving during swimming

4-5 **Zac** for listening attentively to others during class discussions

Y6 **Celeste** for great work with her project

THINKING SKILLS

- K-1-2 **Wendell** for remembering important facts during discussions
Y3 **Felix** for learning how to complete the Review text type
4-5 **Josh** for his preparation to be a school leader next year
Y6 **Noah** improved enthusiasm and effort with his work

LIBRARY

K-1-2 **Lily** Y3 **Sina** 4-5 **Beth** Y6 **Brooklyn**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Intensive Swimming Lessons - weeks 7&8

The Intensive Swimming Scheme for our school concludes this week. This program has allowed all children in Years 2 & 3 to learn to swim and develop water safety skills and water safety techniques that will help all students when near, around or in the water. I have heard many favourable comments about our students' enthusiasm and great behaviour. Well done kids. Thank you to Mrs Stevens and the parent volunteers for coordinating this invaluable program.

2015 Kinder Orientation

The Kinder Orientation continued today. Our eager students enjoyed another taste of 'BIG' school. They had a very entertaining morning with Mrs Tate and even experienced the Library and were taught some Mandarin (Chinese) with Mrs McInnes. The next orientation session will be a whole day tomorrow the Friday 28th November. Well done kids, I look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Whole School Transition Day

Our entire school will have a Transition Day tomorrow. This is an opportunity for students to experience what it may be like in 2015 with the possibility of a new teacher and classroom. The student class movements are not a guarantee of 2015 placements as there is quite a bit of planning to be undertaken prior to next year.

Photocopier Gremlins

Our school photocopier, which serves as a copier, scanner, email, fax machine and usually a good friend, is currently experiencing difficulties. Repairs are imminent with new parts due to arrive soon. I apologise for any inconvenience especially to all those students missing this week's homework!

Year 6 Fundraising activities

Each year the year 6 students raise funds to present the school with a gift to mark their Graduation from Primary School. They have several activities coming up including:

Thursday 27 November - Car wash. Staff and visitors may have their car washed for a fee of \$10.

Thursday 4 December - Mini Fete. \$2 entry fee enables students to participate in a range of activities organised by the Year 6 students. There will also be 'slushies' on sale for \$1 each.

Friday 12 December - Slave Auction. Students can pool money together with friends to 'bid' for either an individual Year 6 student or a group of Year 6 students.

All funds raised will contribute to the purchase of three banners. A school tear drop banner to be used at sporting events to show where our school is based. Two sports houses, Terania and Rosehill, tear drop banners to be used for our sporting events at school.

Xmas Scripture Presentation

The annual Xmas Scripture Presentation will take place on Tuesday 2 December at 11am. It is presented by our scripture teachers and members of the local churches. All students from our school are expected to attend.

2015 School Captains

The year 5 students will present their speeches vying for 2015 School Captains in 2015 on Thursday 11 December at 9:30am. The successful candidates will be announced at our Presentation Afternoon. Good luck to our Year 5 students.

Presentation Afternoon / Xmas Tree Celebration

The annual Presentation Afternoon will be held on Friday 12 December starting at 5pm sharp. From 6pm (after the Awards Ceremony) the P&C will be selling food items (eg BBQ steak, sausages & drinks).

After dinner the students will be performing some dances and singing Christmas Carols. There's talk that Santa himself will visit if the children sing well enough. All families are encouraged to come along for an enjoyable evening. The event should finish at 8pm. I extend a warm welcome to all our families and friends to come along and celebrate the conclusion of another successful and enjoyable year at Blakebrook Public School.

PLEASE NOTE: as this is a Department of Education event no alcohol or smoking is permitted.

Mystery Tour

Our highly anticipated Mystery Tour will be on the last day of term, Wednesday 17 December. Students are asked to contribute \$10 to participate in this fun filled event. Details are highly confidential, but rest assured students will be safe and have an enjoyable time.

Richmond River High School visits for Year 7 in 2015

Richmond River HS will hold two orientation days for our year 6 students transitioning to High School in 2015. These dates are Wednesday 26th November and Wednesday 3rd November 2014. These are full days and families must organise how students will travel to and from the High School on both days. These promise to be action packed days and will provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the school, staff and general routines.

Trinity Catholic College

Trinity held an information evening on Tuesday 18th November for year 7 in 2015. The orientation day for Trinity will be held on Friday 5th December 2014.

Assembly

The weekly assembly continues this week. Week 8 awards will be presented. Parents and guests are encouraged and welcome to come along.

2015 Kindy Enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for 2015 Kindergarten. If you know of a family with a child ready for 'Big' school, encourage them to contact the school for an appointment to discuss enrolment or to have a look at our wonderful school.

Have a great week - Allan Duroux

LIBRARY NEWS with Dianne McInnes

Overdue library books

Please check with your children to see if they have any overdue library books at home and ensure they are returned promptly to school. **It is very important all borrowed library books must be returned to school before the end of the school year.**

GENERAL NEWS

Vomiting

There is a vomiting bug going around the community so if your child feels sick please keep them at home. Also a reminder: students should not come to school within 24 hours of vomiting.

Y6 involvement in the Transition Day @ BPS

On Friday 28 November year 6 will be participating in an in-school Y6 - HS transition day.

Y6 students are required to bring **\$2.50** to cover the cost. If you haven't already done so, please bring in your \$2.50 on Friday so everyone is able to participate in the activities.

Photo courtesy of Sam Church, taken earlier this year of the House Carnival



MINI PIZZA'S

Makes 1 portion



INGREDIENTS

BASE – use half an English muffin or a pocket bread or ½ bread roll

Tomato paste

Grated reduced-fat cheese

And choose from: diced capsicum, button mushrooms, tomato slices, onion rings, pineapple, ham

METHOD

- Spread base with tomato paste, top with as many toppings as desired
- Sprinkle with oregano and cheese
- Place under grill until cheese melts.

QUICK FRUIT LOAF

Makes 30 thin slices



INGREDIENTS

1 cup raisins
1 cup sugar
1 egg

1 cup currants
1 cup water
2 cups SR flour

METHOD

- Put raisins, currants, sugar and water in a saucepan and bring to the boil. Simmer for 7 minutes. Remove from heat and cool
- When cool add flour and egg. Mix well and pour into loaf tin
- Bake at 180C for 1 hour. Allow to cool and sit overnight before slicing. Wrap lightly buttered slices and freeze ready for lunchbox.

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P and C Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS TREE NIGHT

Friday 12th December, 2014 6.00pm start (Presentations 5.00pm)

BBQ will be running, donations of cakes, biscuits and slices would be appreciated and can be dropped off on the night please.

Santa will be giving us a surprise visit and giving gifts to each child (see below)

Don't forget a children's book to the value of \$10.00, wrapped in Christmas wrap and name on gift. Don't forget to include any other siblings that are coming on the night (younger or older), wrap separately but band all family books in one group.

HAMPERS:

Each year we collect hamper items from each family for two hampers. One to give away to a local charity, to assist those not as fortunate as us over Christmas, and the other for the major prize on our Christmas Tree night. Could each family please send in an item for the hampers. If it is out of your pantry, please ensure it is an item with an acceptable use by date and something you would like to receive.

CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU TERM 4 2014

Week 8	Fri 28th Nov	Pies & Sausage Rolls	\$3.50/3.00
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Jamie(Phoenix)	
Week 9	Fri 5th Dec	Salad Rolls	\$3.50
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Lorna (Deanna)	
Week 10	Fri 12th Dec	Sausage Sizzle	\$2.00
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Claire (Connor & Gracie)	

ALTERNATIVE LUNCH MENU

Snacks		Ice Blocks	
Fresh fruit	50c	Fruit tubes	
Popcorn	50c	Moosies	50c
Drinks		Frozen yogurts	\$1.50
Cup milk or juice	50c	Vanilla Ice cream tubs	\$1.50
Warm Milo Milk	\$1.00		\$1.50
Banana Smoothies	\$1.00		

Please note.....Due to OH&S requirements children are not permitted in the canteen.

Just a friendly reminder that all P&C enquiries, including canteen & uniforms, are to be directed to the P&C



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