



# Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

## Term 4 Week 10 ~ Thursday 11 December 2014

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### Diary dates:

2014 Term 4	
Week 10	
Thu 11/12	Captains speeches (Current Y5 students) <i>Deadline for ALL library books to be returned to school</i>
Fri 12/12	9.30am Y6 Slave Auction
	<i>Deadline for Mystery Tour notes &amp; payment</i> <i>Y6 Farewell notes &amp; payments now OVERDUE</i> Presentation afternoon 5pm      Xmas Tree night 6pm
Week 11	
Mon 15/12	Class parties
Tue 16/12	Year 6 Farewell (Y5 & 6 students & parents only) start time 5pm @ South Lismore Bowling Club
Wed 17/12	Mystery Tour K-6 Bus leave school @ 9.30am & returns to school by 2.30pm (students may be collected from 2.30pm) 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>
Sun 21/12	Community Christmas Carols at Goolmangar Hall 7.30pm. All welcome – Supper provided
2015 Term 1	
Week 1	
Mon 26/1	Australia Day public holiday
Tue 27/1	School Development Day – STAFF ONLY
Wed 28/1	Y1-6 students return to school
Thu 29/1	Kinder PLAN Assessments with Mrs Tate
Fri 30/1	Kinder PLAN Assessments with Mrs Tate
Week 2	
Mon 2/2	Kinder's first official day at school

### Awards presented at today's assembly, 2.45pm

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

CAPA: **Tamzyn**

CITIZENSHIP: **Huxley**

ENVIRONMENT: **Kadence**

SPORT: **Lian F**

GOOD FRIEND: **Connor**

Chosen by: Brock

### ACADEMIC

K-1-2 **Brayden** for working to expectation

Y3 **Gracie** for creating a well written procedure

4-5 **Jack** for his positive attitude towards literacy and numeracy

Y6 **Nikiesha** for improved effort with her work

### GO FOR IT

K-1-2 **Dean** for excellent carol singing

Y3 **Elijah** for his improvement in literacy and numeracy

4-5 **Bailey B** for his assistance with technology

Y6 **Luke D** for great work with his projects

### THINKING SKILLS

K-1-2 **Baylie** for caring about others

Y3 **Angela** for her quick thinking in maths

4-5 **Blake** for his responses to what Christmas really means

Y6 **Daniel** for enthusiasm and effort with numeracy

### LIBRARY

K-1-2 **Ryan**

Y3

**Joss**

4-5

**Indi**

Y6

**Noah**

### **What a great Year!**

It has been an extremely busy year for Blakebrook Public School. I would like to say thank you to all our community for their support of our wonderful school. I would like to publically thank the school staff; Louise Tate, Lois Skorjenko, Di McInnes, Marion Stevens, Julie Perren, Kate Lord, Megan Curran, Wendy Vanke, Linda Hampstead, Tom Hayes and Garry Stevens for their hard work and dedication to our school. They make Blakebrook PS a truly unique and fun place to work and for children to learn.

A sincere thank you to Sharon Dransfield for her hard work and dedication over quite a few years with her involvement with the P&C. Thanks to the P&C committee for their hard work and friendship this year. Special thanks to Betty McPaul for the Canteen coordination and fundraising activities. It is sincerely appreciated. Farewell and good luck to the following families from BPS - Celeste Anderson-Hill, Ethan Austen, Adam Cairns, Brooklyn Clarke-Helm, Luke and Taylor Dransfield, Noah Luthi, Connor O'Gorman and Brock Youngberry.

I look forward to seeing you all again in 2015. Have an enjoyable, relaxing and safe holiday.

### **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. Raised almost \$100

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.

### **2015 School Captains**

The year 5 students presented their speeches vying for 2015 School Captains in 2015 today 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 tomorrow, 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. *Deadline for payment and permission note is tomorrow, Friday 12/12/14.*

### **Year 6 Farewell**

After 7 years of Primary school, it is time to farewell our Year 6 students. They are having a function at the South Lismore Bowling Club next Tuesday the 16 December. This involves a game of bare foot bowls followed by dinner, presentation, speeches and dancing. Students and parents in years 5 and 6 are invited to attend. Sorry siblings are not invited. Students should have returned the consent form by now.

### **Assembly**

The weekly assembly will be held today (THURSDAY) this week and will be the last assembly for 2014. Week 10 awards will be presented. Parents and guests are encouraged and welcome to come along.

### **End of Term and 2015 return dates**

The last day for students for 2014 is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. If you are leaving prior to this date, please inform the school with a note detailing the reasons.

Students return on Thursday 29 January 2015 with our Kinder students commencing on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.

### **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

### Return ALL library books

Any outstanding overdue library books will need to be returned by tomorrow, Friday 12/12/14, otherwise an invoice for the replacement cost will be issued.

## GENERAL NEWS

Year 3 Procedures: Gracie made Jelly Cups



## IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child's hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult's hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.
- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.
- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

**The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.**

**Talk with your child daily about road safety.**

**Remind other adults and carers about this too.**

You can find out more at [Transport for NSW](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/pedestriansafety.html).

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Have a safe holiday break!



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS at Goolmangar Hall on Nimbin Road

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm

Music by Angela Quinn All welcome – Supper provided



*All the staff at Blakebrook Public School wish all our families and community a happy & safe festive season*



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# CHRISTMAS TREE NIGHT

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Please ensure your book to the value of \$10 is gift wrapped with your child's name and given to the office prior to the night. 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 please.

### THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING P&C PRESIDENT

On behalf of the P&C Committee, teachers and students of Blakebrook Public School, I would like to thank Sharon Dransfield on her commitment and support to the P&C over many years. Sharon has always been actively involved at Blakebrook and now with Luke and Taylor moving to Trinity next year this will be Sharon's last year with P&C at Blakebrook. We would sincerely like to wish the Dransfield Family all the very best for the future.

### CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU TERM 4 2014

<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Sausage Sizzle</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Claire O'Gorman</b>	

#### ALTERNATIVE LUNCH MENU

<b>Sandwiches /Toasted/Rolls</b>		<b>Drinks</b>	
Ham, Chicken, Tuna & Salad	\$3.50	Cup milk or juice	50c
Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Cheese	\$2.00	Warm Milo Milk	\$1.00
Raison Toast	\$1.00	Banana Smoothies	\$1.00
<b>Salad Plate</b>	\$3.00		
<b>Snacks</b>		<b>Ice Blocks</b>	
Fresh fruit	50c	Fruit tubes	50c
Apple Slinkies	50c	Moosies	\$1.50
Popcorn	50c	Frozen yogurts	\$1.50
		Vanilla Ice cream tubs	\$1.50

Please note.....Due to OH&S requirements children are not permitted in the canteen.  
 Your continued support of the canteen is appreciated.

### CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS FOR 2015

2<sup>nd</sup> week in term 1 February, 2015 canteen will commence again. If you have any spare time to assist in volunteering please either sms Betty McPaul 0415 394354 or email bettym@norco.com.au.

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

