



Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 9 ~ Thursday 4 December 2014

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Diary dates:

Week 9			
Thu 4/12	Year 6 Fete cancelled		
Fri 5/12	Trinity Orientation Day for Y7 in 2015		
Week 10			
Mon 8/12			
Tue 9/12	Deadline for Y6 Farewell notes & payment		
Wed 10/12			
Thu 11/12	Captains speeches (Current Y5 students)	Deadline for Mystery Tour notes & payment	
	Deadline for ALL library books to be returned to school		
Fri 12/12	Y6 Slave Auction	Presentation afternoon 5pm	Xmas Tree night 6pm
Week 11			
Mon 15/12	Class parties		
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>		
Sun 21/12	Community Christmas Carols at Goolmangar Hall 7.30pm. All welcome – Supper provided		

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

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

CAPA: **Celeste**

CITIZENSHIP: **Liam S**

ENVIRONMENT: **Rorie**

SPORT: **Lily**

GOOD FRIEND: **Brock**

Chosen by: **Ben**

ACADEMIC

- K-1-2 **Simon** for working very hard with Mrs Lord
- Y3 **Joss** for completing well written individual reviews
- 4-5 **Rani** for her continual positive attitude to all KLAs
- Y6 **Hailey** for great effort in numeracy

GO FOR IT

- K-1-2 **Luke H** for completing work neatly and on time
- Y3 **Sharmeeka & Ayla** for their impressive train artwork
- 4-5 **Beth** for her insightful response to comprehension questions
- Y6 **Cameran** for great work with his project

THINKING SKILLS

- K-1-2 **Shea** for sharing his portfolio enthusiastically!!
- Y3 **Sina** for her consideration of peers
- 4-5 **Billie** for sharing her interpretation of the images in 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan
- Y6 **Taylor D** for enthusiasm and effort with her work

LIBRARY

K-1-2 **Joe** Y3 **Dante** 4-5 **Angus** Y6 **Ethan**

Whole School Transition Day

Our entire school had a Transition Day last Friday. This was 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 were 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, was back online on Wednesday. I apologise for any inconvenience especially to all those students missing homework! Unfortunately we are still having intermittent issue with the copier.

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

Thursday 4 December - Mini Fete. Has been cancelled for this week.

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 took place on Tuesday 2 December at 11am. It was presented by our scripture teachers and members of the local church. All students from our school participated eagerly and were well behaved. I offer my sincere thank you and gratitude to our scripture teachers, Mrs Maloney, Mrs Hewett and Mrs Boyle, for their time, efforts and friendship during 2014. It is much appreciated.

2015 School Captains

The year 5 students will present their speeches vying for 2015 School Captains in 2015 next 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. The school has subsidised the cost of this event.

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 on 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 received an information and consent form to complete and return. Notes & payments must be returned by next Tuesday 9/12/14.

Assembly

The weekly assembly continues this week. Week 9 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 17th 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 2nd February 2015 (they will have a PLAN assessment with Mrs Tate on either Thursday 29 January or Friday 30 January 2015).

2015 Kinder 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

It is very important all borrowed library books be returned to school by no later than next Thursday 11 December.



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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 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.

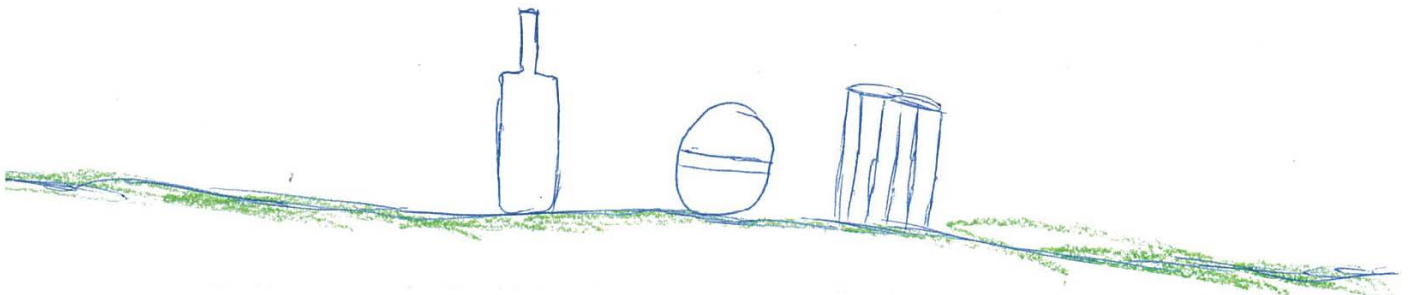
Just a friendly reminder that all P&C enquiries, including canteen & uniforms, are to be directed to the P&C



Samoaan Cricketers:

On Friday the 21st four Samoaan Cricketers came out to our school. Their names were Ben, Shaun, Andrew and Tile fao. we sat in the boiling sun in the Colar and they started to talk about the Rules. Then they sent us out to play Sluck in the mud. Hayden then volunteered to be in so then half way they said it is a new game. we had two games of sluck, then we got stuck in the ~~the~~ hot sun for longer. We got split up in two groups and we had to line up in one line. There was cones to make a square, 2 people stand the rest of the groups runs. Hailey, estella, Taylor, and I went to get a drink

By Niki



Work sample (above) from Niki Y6

'Procedures' from Y3 classroom

Phoenix with Marshmallow Slice

Ivy P-W with Honey Joys

