



Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 6 ~ Thursday 12 November 2015

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Diary dates:

Week 6 Swimming school week 1 of 2

Thu 12/11 Mrs McInnes away for day / Mrs Kelly

Fri 13/11

Week 7 Swimming school week 2 of 2 **Kinder 2016 Orientations**

Mon 16/11 Wendy away for day / very limited office availability

1st Kinder 2016 Orientation 9.30-11.30am

Tue 17/11 Trinity Catholic College Info Night for parents & students Y7 2016 – for more info see the Trinity website

Wed 18/11 2nd Kinder 2016 Orientation 9.30-11.30am

Deadline for Book Club orders

Thu 19/11 Mrs Tate @ CLN meeting / Miss Curran

Fri 20/11 3rd & final Kinder 2016 Orientation 9.30-3.30pm

Week 8

Mon 23/11

Tue 24/11 *Deadline for Y6 "Squash" note & \$7 to Mrs Perren*

P&C meeting in Library 5.30pm

Wed 25/11 Mr Duroux @ PPA meeting / Miss Curran

Deadline for Y6 "Moving into Teen Years" note & \$32

Thu 26/11 **FINAL DAY FOR ANY PAYMENTS TO OFFICE due to Financial Rollover – payments accepted up until 9.30am**

1st Transition Day for Y7 2016 @The Rivers Secondary College *Kadina, Lismore & Richmond River HS Campuses*

Fri 27/11

Coming events:

Mon 30/11 Office closed for bulk of day due to Financial Rollover processes - phone available from 8.30-9.30am

Tue 1/12 Wendy unavailable all day due to Rollover processes

Xmas Scripture presentation 11.00-11.30am

Thu 3/12 2nd Transition Day for Y7 2016 @ The Rivers Secondary College *Kadina, Lismore & Richmond River HS Campuses*

Year 5 Captain speeches / election

Fri 4/12 Y6 Interrelate course @ Goolmangar PS Day 1 of 2 - transport will be by parents and course cost is \$32

Mon 7/12 Y6 Interrelate course @ Goolmangar PS Day 2 of 2 - transport by parents

Mr Duroux @ Sports Awards day in Coffs Harbour / Miss Curran

Thu 10/12 **MYSTERY TOUR** for all students - cost will be \$10 per child (*Permission Note due to be sent home Thurs 19/11/15*)

Fri 11/12 Awards Presentation 5pm

Xmas Tree 6pm

Mon 14/12 Y6 Farewell - involves Year 5 & Y6 students and parents (no siblings)

Wed 16/12 Students last day of school for the year

Regular P&C days: Tuesdays: 3-3.30pm Uniform shop Thursdays: Lunch orders by 9.30am Fridays: Canteen lunches served (pre-ordered only)

Awards presented at assembly this week, Friday 3pm

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: **Jason** for being a great role model for younger students

CAPA: **Brayden B**

CITIZENSHIP: **Yogi**

ENVIRONMENT: **Django**

SPORT: **Elijah**

GOOD FRIEND: **Ivy P-W** chosen by: Elijah

BLUE AWARDS: **Holly, Angela, Jessica** Congratulations. Students are awarded a Blue Award after receiving 10 Yellow awards in their class.

ACADEMIC

K-1 **Rocco** for improvement in handwriting and reading

2-3 **Jasmine W** for excellent descriptive writing pieces

Y4 **Joss** for a well-researched information report

5-6 **Erika** for excellent work in all areas

GO FOR IT

K-1 **Malakai** for creating an interesting rock buddy

2-3 **Riley** for listening & following instructions from the swimming teacher

Y4 **Sina** for her colourful name art work

5-6 **Lian F** for great work with his Stop Motion film

Awards continued on next page

THINKING SKILLS

- K-1 **Django** for being mindful of his peers
2-3 **Tristan** for clearly demonstrating the concept of trading in addition & subtraction
Y4 **Jaden** for creating a great Peer Support poster during Ethics
5-6 **Isabel** for a fantastic attitude towards learning

LIBRARY

K-1 Ivy R 2-3 Jasmine W Y4 Deana 5-6 Josh

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *with Allan Duroux*

School Swimming Scheme

This program commenced this week and is running for 10 school days for students in years 2, 3 and some year 4 & 5 students. I'm pleased to say that despite a cold and rainy start to the week, the children are participating with enthusiasm. They are improving their swimming abilities and rescue knowledge every day. Please ensure you send the required items each day for your child to participate. Thank you to Mrs Skorjenko and Miss Sheridan for coordinating this invaluable program.

Southern Cross University

After 6 weeks we bid farewell to our two wonderful Southern Cross University Prac Students. Miss Sheridan and Miss Leu have been working tirelessly in the K-1 and 2-3 classrooms learning the craft of teaching. They have been involved in all facets of our Blakebrook School and have certainly been a welcome addition to our school. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Miss Sheridan and Miss Leu for their efforts and wish them all the best for their future careers. Well done!

2016 Kinder Orientation

The Kinder Orientation program commences next week. Our new students will experience 'BIG' school as they prepare to transition to Blakebrook Public School. The program is running differently from previous years. All three days will be held in the one week.

Monday 16 November - 9:30-11:30am with a parent information session at 11am.

Wednesday 18 November - 9:30-11:30am

Friday 20 November - 9:30-3:30pm (whole day)

Please pass this information to any parents who may be deciding on which school to send their child to next year. Enquiries can be made by contacting the office to arrange an interview.

Remembrance Day Assembly

On Wednesday our school held a Remembrance Day Assembly. This special event was led by our Year 6 students and was our chance to remember the soldiers who fought for our country, the soldiers who gave their lives for our country and the families who were left behind. Thank you to Year 6 and Mrs Perren for coordinating this special assembly.



P&C Meeting

The next general meeting for the P&C will be held on Tuesday 24th November starting at 5:30pm in the library. The meeting will be discussing the Presentation afternoon and Xmas tree celebrations for the end of the school year. I strongly encourage you to come along to have an input into our school.

Bus Zone Parking

Each school morning and afternoon the front of our school becomes a mini-Bus Transit Centre with numerous buses arriving to drop off and collect students from numerous schools. Parents and visitors are reminded **not** to park in the Bus Zone at the front of the school during the following times: Morning 8:15-8:45am. Afternoon 3:45 - 4:15pm.

High School Orientation visits for Year 7 in 2016

The Rivers Secondary College including the three campuses; Richmond River HS, Lismore HS and Kadina HS will hold two orientation days for our year 6 students transitioning to High School in 2016. These dates are Thursday 26th November and Thursday 3rd December 2015. 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.

PEER SUPPORT at BLAKEBROOK PS - Week 6 update

During Peer Support this week the children will be looking at how to play in a friendly way in order to maintain friends and build positive relationships. Through various activities children will discover the importance of taking turns and having consistent rules throughout a game.

This week help your child practise these skills by encouraging them to play games with siblings, family or friends.

GENERAL NEWS

Year 6 program "Moving into the Teen Years"

On Friday 4th December (Week 9) and Monday 7th December (Week 10) all Year 6 students are expected to attend "Moving into the Teen Years". This is a valuable program run by Interrelate, and is being held at Goolmangar PS. Parents are responsible for transporting their children - you may decide to carpool amongst the other Year 6 parents. The cost of the four session program is \$32 per student and the deadline for payment and notes is Wednesday 25th November. This program happens each year for Year 6 students. Each Year 6 student has received a paper copy (green paper) of the Permission Note today, and as usual it has been emailed to our recipient list and uploaded to our school website.



Blakebrook Public School
Orientation for 2016 Kindergarten
Term 4

Week 7 - Monday 16th November 2015 ~ 9:30-11:30am
Week 7 - Wednesday 18th November 2015 ~ 9:30-11:30am
Week 7 - Friday 20th November 2015 ~ 9:30-3:30pm

*Parent information session and morning tea ~
Monday 16th November 2015 at 11:00-11:30am

Play, Learn and Grow... Together!

Enrolment enquiries
Phone: 02 6629 3263
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THE RIVERS SECONDARY COLLEGE
The heart of secondary education for Lismore

Year 6-7 Transition 2015

The Rivers Secondary Colleges would like to invite parents and children starting Year 7 in 2016 to our Orientation Program. Our orientation days will occur on Thursday, 26 November and Thursday, 3 December.

This program aims to assist your child in having a smooth transition from primary school to The Rivers Secondary College by meeting teachers and students at the relevant campus site. They will experience campus routines, become familiar with the location of places of importance around the campus as well as build relationships with teachers and friendships with other children. Please see the information below regarding specific information for each campus.

LISMORE HIGH CAMPUS

Arrival: Suggested arrival time is 9:00am as school begins at 9:10am.
As travel is part of the transition process we encourage all students to travel to orientation days in the same way they will travel to school next year. If travelling by bus you can check your bus route and pick up/drop off points by visiting: <https://www.buinesgroup.com.au/northern-rivers>, phoning your local bus company or the campus for which your child will attend.

Meeting Point: All students should meet in the school hall.

Requirements: Students should wear full primary school uniform, covered shoes and have a hat. Students may choose to bring their recess and lunch or use the school canteen. Don't forget a drink bottle, pencil case or pens/pencils. Please refer to the itinerary received from your child's campus regarding when to bring sports shoes.

Departure: School ends at 3:15. Students being picked up by parents should be collected from College Road.

KADINA HIGH CAMPUS

Arrival: Suggested arrival time is 9:00am as school begins at 9:10am.
As travel is part of the transition process we encourage all students to travel to orientation days in the same way they will travel to school next year. If travelling by bus you can check your bus route and pick up/drop off points by visiting: <https://www.buinesgroup.com.au/northern-rivers>, phoning your local bus company or the campus for which your child will attend.

Meeting Point: All students should meet in the MPC.

Requirements: Students should wear full primary school uniform, covered shoes and have a hat. Students may choose to bring their recess and lunch or use the canteen. Don't forget a drink bottle, pencil case or pens/pencils. Please refer to the itinerary received from your child's campus regarding when to bring sports shoes.

Departure: School ends at 3:15. Students being picked up by parents should be collected from car park within campus grounds.

RICHMOND RIVER HIGH CAMPUS

Arrival: Suggested arrival time is 9:00am as school begins at 9:10am.
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Meeting Point: All students should meet in the MPU on arrival.

Requirements: Students should wear full primary school uniform, covered shoes and have a hat. Students may choose to bring their recess and lunch or use the school canteen. Don't forget a drink bottle, pencil case or pens/pencils. Please refer to the itinerary received from your child's campus regarding when to bring sports shoes.

Departure: School ends at 3:15. Students being picked up by parents should be collected from Alexander Parade.

Michael Clarke Year 7 Advisor 2016 Kadina High Campus Ph: 66243133	Sally Ford Year 7 Advisor 2016 Richmond River High Campus Ph: 6621 3456	Aisling Hall Year 7 Advisor 2016 Lismore High Campus Ph: 6621 5165
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Library News with Mrs McInnes

Borrowing: This is the last week of borrowing for the year. Please ensure you look for books at home and send all back next week.

Book Club: Brochures have been distributed this week. The deadline for ordering is next Wednesday 18/11/15.

DVD For Sale - reminder



The DVD of our school production Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies is now ready for sale at a cost of \$2.

Mrs Skorjenko has worked long and hard to make this available and stresses that the DVD would be best viewed on a computer, due to the sound inconsistencies. At this stage we have only 2 DVD's remaining however additional copies can be made on request. Deadline for copies is this **FRIDAY 13TH** November. Look out for ghoulish school!!

2-3 Class News with Lois Skorjenko

- All students are to bring in an A4 display folder for the 2nd Semester Portfolio. You can easily buy from Big W, Kmart, OfficeWorks etc. You may purchase from school at a cost of \$2 each, however we have limited stock.
- A reminder that the Intensive Swimming Scheme continues next week (Week 7) so make sure you continue to the pack swimming gear each day.





Blakebrook Public School P & C Newsletter

Thursday 12th November 2015 – Week 6 Term 4

CANTEEN

CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU		TERM 4 2015	
Week 6	Fri 13th Nov	<i>Homemade Hamburger/Vegeburger</i>	\$3.50
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Lynn Brown/Ali Poulton	
Week 7	Fri 20th Nov	<i>Taco wraps (Mince/Taco Seasoning, lettuce, carrot, tomato & cheese)</i>	\$3.50
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Karen Symonds	
Week 8	Fri 27th Nov	<i>Pie Day Meat Pies \$4.00 Sausage Rolls \$3.00</i>	\$4.00/ 3.00
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Rachael Essery	
Week 9	Fri 4th Dec	<i>Toasted sandwiches (any comb. \$3.50 or cheese only \$2)</i>	\$3.50/\$2.00
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Nicole Davey	
Week 10	Fri 11th Dec	<i>Sausage Sizzle (one bread & one sausage)</i>	\$2.00
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Sharon Weir/Nichole Murray	

Any enquiries with canteen please contact Ali 0420 946407

FUNDRAISING

Greyhound Night thank you to all who attended the Greyhound Night last Tuesday night at Colemans Point Lismore. After the storm past we all enjoyed the cooler evening at the track. Thank you to our sponsors Dalley Street Butchery, Farmer Charlies, MicMac Pruning Services, Fernleigh Springwater, Fertspred, Norco Rural, Cheap Towing, Goolmangar General Store, Josh's Handyman Services and McGregor Gouley. Congratulations to our raffle winners – meat tray Duroux Family, fruit tray Collins Family and meal voucher at Taste @ 8 Justin from the bar at GBOTA. Thank you all who brought tickets and supported the Blakebrook Public School P&C.

DATE CHANGE IN BUS TRIP

Shopping Bus Trip is NOW Saturday 5th December, 2015. The costs will be \$30 per person and we are looking at heading to Robina Town Centre. There are only two pick up points: Blakebrook Public School 7.30am and St Carthages Cathedral, Leycester Street, Lismore 7.45am returning to the Cathedral approx 5.30pm and Blakebrook 5.45pm. Remember to bring boxes or bags for your shopping so it doesn't slide around under the bus.

Money raised will support our representative students and purchase equipment for the playground.

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Number of Seats required: _____ Pick up point: _____

Masters BBQ is on Sunday 6th December, 2015. Volunteers needed for the day please contact Betty with your availability!

P&C QUERIES - please contact Betty to assist on 0415 394354 not Wendy in the office thank you!

Next P&C meeting Tuesday 24th November, 2015 – Week 8, Term 4



Remembrance Day Assembly at Blakebrook PS

Proudly run by Year 6 - under the guidance of Mrs Perren



Still desperately seeking a local rental property

Preference for a rental close to Jiggi Road area, but will consider anywhere in the local area of Pinchin Road, Blakebrook, Boorie Creek, Goolmangar, Jiggi, Keerrong, Leycester, Rock Valley, etc.

Working mum, non-smoker, one child, clean & tidy, good references

Phone Bobbie on 0421 786 216

Bus Safety – Parent Information

Travelling safely on a bus does not end when you step off the bus. Care must also be taken before and after riding the bus, which is when most casualties occur. Talking with your child about safe behaviour in traffic areas on a regular basis can build their confidence and help them to feel secure. One of the best ways to keep your child safe is to practise how to cross the road safely especially before boarding and after leaving the bus.

Please make sure your child understands the safety procedure below:

1. WAIT on the footpath until the bus has been driven away and then choose the safest place to cross.
2. WATCH until there is no traffic or the traffic has stopped.
3. WALK across the road, turning your head both ways to look and listen for traffic.

Other ways you can assist your child to become a safer bus traveller include:

- Arrange for an adult to accompany your child to and from the bus stop.
- Wait for your child on the same side of the road as the stopping bus.
- Never call for your child to cross the road to meet you.
- Discuss what to do should your child miss the bus or catch the wrong one.

Important tips for your child on the bus:

- Always wait until the bus has completely stopped before walking towards the bus
- Always sit quietly on the bus as noise can distract the driver
- Always wait until the bus has left before crossing the road.



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LISMORE LANTERN PARADE 2015

on behalf of
the LightnUp Crew,
volunteers and participants
and the people of Lismore
and their guests...

thank you!

> Blakebrook Public School

for your
generous support