



Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 9 ~ Thursday 3 December 2015

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Diary dates:

Week 9	Collection boxes for Santa gift and Hamper items located in K-1 classroom
Thu 3/12	2 nd Transition Day for Y7 2016 @ The Rivers Secondary College <i>Kadina, Lismore & Richmond River HS Campuses</i> Year 5 Captain speeches 9.30am <i>Deadline for Mystery Tour note & \$10</i>
Fri 4/12	Y6 Interrelate course @ Goolmangar PS Day 1 of 2 - transport by parents
Week 10	Collection boxes for Santa gift and Hamper items located in K-1 classroom
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
Tue 8/12	
Wed 9/12	Last call for Santa gift and Hamper items
Thu 10/12	MYSTERY TOUR for all students - remember to pack lunch, recess, water bottle, swimmers, towel, hat
Fri 11/12	Awards Presentation 5pm XMAS TREE 6pm
Week 11	Last week of term
Mon 14/12	Year 6 Farewell 4.30-5.30pm @ Ten Pin Bowling then 5.45-7.30pm @ school
Tue 15/12	
Wed 16/12	LAST SCHOOL DAY FOR STUDENTS
Thu 17/12	SDD -School Development Day - Staff only
Fri 18/12	SDD -School Development Day - Staff only

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

CAPA: **Lucy** PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: **Rani** for being a fantastic role model
 CITIZENSHIP: **Riley** ENVIRONMENT: **Rocco** SPORT: **Trent**
 GOOD FRIEND: **Jemelia** chosen by: Sharmeeka

BLUE AWARDS: Ashlee, Emilee, Jasmine W, Malakai, Phoenix, Rocco, Tanisha, Taj

Students are awarded a Blue Award after receiving 10 Yellow awards in their class.

Bronze Awards: Frankie, Tom

Congratulations to these people who are awarded a Bronze Award after receiving 3 Blue Awards. These awards are presented at the weekly assembly.

ACADEMIC

- K-1 **Melanie** for reading with improved fluency
- 2-3 **Bella P** for beautiful work in all KLA's
- Y4 **Phoenix & Tom** for their written Review
- 5-6 **Trent** for great work in numeracy

GO FOR IT

- K-1 **Kadence** for demonstrating a positive attitude in class
- 2-3 **Riley** for making a short film on Friendship
- Y4 **Bella D-G** for her continuous efforts to correctly complete her Tessellation
- 5-6 **Josee** for improved attendance

THINKING SKILLS

- K-1 **Austen** for his problem solving strategies
- 2-3 **Nat** for sharing his personal opinion of both a book and movie (review)
- Y4 **Jason** for his well published Procedure
- 5-6 **Jacob** for a good attitude towards learning

LIBRARY K-1 Baylie E 2-3 Bradley Y4 Jaden 5-6 Jack

Library News with Mrs McInnes
Borrowing: has finished for the year. Please ensure you look for library books at home and send ALL back by Friday 11/12

2016 School Captains

The year 5 students will present their speeches for School Captains in 2016 on Thursday 3 December at 9:30am. The successful candidates will be announced at our Presentation Afternoon. Good luck to our Year 5 students.

A Friendly Reminder

Students should be at school between the hours of 9:15 and 3:30pm each school day. We currently have multiple families consistently arriving late and/or leaving early. I understand that things happen on the odd occasion but request that you have your child at school during the required hours. If you are late or wish to take your child early, you **MUST** sign in or out at the front office. A genuine explanation is required or it will be marked as an unexplained absence on your student's record. I appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Presentation Afternoon / Xmas Tree Celebration

The annual Presentation Afternoon will be held on Friday 11th 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 singing some Christmas Carols. There's talk that Santa himself will visit if the children sing well enough. Families are invited to wrap a book for Santa to hand out on the night. These gifts should be clearly marked with children's names and left in the collection box, located in the K-1 classroom, prior to the event. Gifts for siblings not at our school are welcome to be left as well for Santa.

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 Thursday 10th December. Students were 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 deadline for notes & payments is today.

Year 6 Farewell

This prestigious event will be held on Monday 14th December. Year 6 have decided to go Ten Pin Bowling from 4:30 to 5:30pm then return to school to have pizza for dinner, watch their commemorative DVD and cut their farewell cake. Year 5 and 6 students and parents are invited to attend however bowling has only been booked for the students. Parents are to make their own arrangements if they wish to have a bowl. A separate information note was sent to 5-6 students on Monday of this week (it has also been uploaded to our school website: blakebrook-p.schools.nsw.edu.au).

Assembly

The weekly assembly continues this week. Week 9 awards will be presented. Parents and guests are encouraged and welcome to come along. Next week will be our final assembly for 2015 (Friday 11th December).

End of Term and 2016 return dates

The last day for students for 2015 is Wednesday 16th December. If you are leaving prior to this date, please inform the school with a note detailing the reasons.

Students return on Thursday 28th January 2016 with our Kindy students commencing on Tuesday 2nd February 2016.

PEER SUPPORT at BLAKEBROOK PS - Week 9 update

In this week's final session of the Peer Support module *Keeping Friends* the children will be participating in a board game, reinforcing all of the concepts and skills that have been learned over the past 7 weeks. They will be reminded of the qualities of a good friend and the skills needed to maintain friendships and make new friends. Each Peer Support group will have the opportunity to celebrate what they have learned and the new friendships and connections they have made.

GENERAL NEWS

Collection Boxes are in the K-1 for:

- Santa book presents
- Hamper items

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CANTEEN

CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU TERM 4 2015

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	

Alternative Lunch Menu

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

Any enquiries with canteen please contact Ali 0420 946407

FUNDRAISING

Shopping Bus Trip – IS THIS Saturday 5th December, 2015.

PLEASE NOTE ONE OF THE PICK UP POINTS HAVE CHANGED!

We ONLY have 3 spare seats on the bus. Feel free if you want to come at late notice to be at one of the pick up points we will have room for you on the bus!

There are only two pick up points Blakebrook Public School 7.30am and Lismore Shopping Square, Humbly Oval side 7.50am returning to the Square approx 5.30pm and Blakebrook 5.45pm. The costs will be \$30 per person and we are looking at heading to Robina Town Centre. 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.

Masters BBQ is on THIS SUNDAY 6th December, 2015.

Volunteers still needed for the day please contact Betty 0415 394354 with your availability! Any help would be appreciated thank you.

8am to 10am	Sharon & Karl Mullan, Betty McPaul	
10am to 12.30noon	Louise & Sophie Tate, Lois Skorjenko	<i>(awesome support thank you ladies!)</i>
12.30noon to 3pm		

Christmas Tree Night is on Friday 11th December, 2015.

The man in red will be there to hand out gifts to the children. Books to the value of \$10 can be purchased for your child. Please wrap and place your child's name on it and drop into the collection box located in the K-1 classroom in the days leading up to the event. We are now collecting non perishable items for our Christmas hamper; please ensure products are in good condition and well within their expiry date. These items can be left in a collection box located in the K-1 classroom from now until Wednesday 9th December, 2015. We collect enough for two hampers: one for the raffle and the second to be donated to the Red Dove Centre. Thank you for your support.

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

Young Carers Project - Are you a student with a significant caring role?

This project supports students 18 years and under who have a significant caring role to complete their secondary education.

What is a Young carer?

A Young Carer is someone who provides significant support for a parent, partner, child, relative or friend who has chronic illness, disability, mental illness, alcohol or other substance dependence or who is frail aged.

What can we do?

Support is based upon the individual needs of the young person but may include some of the following examples:

- Respite – a short break from your caring responsibilities to spend time on school work or other school activities.
- Tuition support
- Material resources such as school books or uniforms
- Support to attend school activities
- Referral to appropriate services.

What will happen if I call your service?

Young Carers or their advocates will complete a Young Carer eligibility assessment that will inform us of the scope of your caring role and help us understand the challenges that may be present.

We will then discuss what supports would best assist your situation and who may be available to help. We can then provide assistance to bring these supports into place and help you stay at school. You can contact us whenever you need.

This is a free confidential service. Contact Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre Far North Coast **1800 052 222**

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.

