



Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 7 ~ Thursday 24th November 2016

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Diary dates: please be aware that some event dates have changed from previous weeks due to us trying to accommodate everything!

Week 7		
Thu 24/11	Year 6 Farewell Expression of Interest note due back	Book Club orders deadline 9.30am
Fri 25/11	Final day for any payments to school before Financial Rollover. ★ No further payments accepted in office until 5/12	
Week 8		
	Swimming Scheme Wk 1	
Mon 28/11	Swimming Scheme starts. Bus leaves school @ 12pm and returns @ 2pm	
Tue 29/11	Swimming Scheme 12pm – 3.15pm double sessions today Richmond River High & Nimbin CS Orientation Day for Y7in 2017 "Parents Matter" information forum & morning tea 9-11am at Richmond River High Campus for parents of Y7 in 2017 students	
Wed 30/11	Office CLOSED due to Financial Rollover Swimming Scheme 12pm – 2pm	Stage 1 Enrichment Day @ Larnook PS selected students
Thu 1/12	Office CLOSED due to Financial Rollover Mystery Tour permission notes to be sent home	Swimming Scheme 12pm – 2pm
Fri 2/12	NO Swimming Scheme sessions today (Tuesday had double lessons) Trinity & Woodlawn Orientation Day Y7 in 2017	Captains Speeches 1.00-2.30pm Office unavailable
Week 9		
	Swimming Scheme Wk 2	
Mon 5/12	Swimming Scheme. Bus leaves school 9.30am & returns 11.30am	Office unavailable
Tue 6/12	Swimming Scheme. 9.00-11.30am	Richmond River High & Nimbin CS Orientation Day for Y7 in 2017
Wed 7/12	Swimming Scheme. 9.00-11.30am	Deadline for Y6 Farewell payments ★
Thu 8/12	Swimming Scheme 9.00-11.30am	Xmas Scripture presentation 2.00-2.30pm
Fri 9/12	Swimming Scheme. 9.00-11.30am final day	Awards Presentation 5pm followed by P&C Xmas Tree
Week 10		
Mon 12/12	Y6 Slave Auction 9.30am	Year 6 Farewell for current Year 6 and Year 5 students
Tue 13/12	Deadline for Mystery Tour payments & notes ★	
Wed 14/12		
Thu 15/12	Mystery Tour for K-6	
Fri 16/12	LAST DAY of year for students !	

News from the School Admin Office

From Wednesday 30/11/16 next week until Monday 5/12/16 the Admin Office will be closed &/or unavailable as specific work needs to be carried out without interruption.

On Wednesday 30/11/16 & Thursday 1/12/16 due to the Annual Financial Rollover the office will be closed.

On Friday 2/12/16 & Monday 5/12/16 end of year administrative work means the office will be unavailable.

Our recommendation is that communication be via written notes. The Morning Box will be checked after morning assembly, around 10am. Please see your class teachers for assistance during this time. All notes etc are to be handed to class teachers until the office is fully functional again.

Sickness Alert

There have been numerous cases of sudden onset of vomiting and diarrhoea throughout the school community over the last week. If your child shows any symptoms or is feeling unwell please keep them at home. The school is not equipped with a fully supervised sick bay room so children are best left at home.

Year 6 Farewell

EOI will be tallied tomorrow morning and a final note with costs sent home to those that have responded. Payment can only be made in cash - please forward final note & payment to Mrs Stevens (5-6 class teacher & Y6 Farewell organiser)

Swimming Scheme

Next Monday 28/11/16 intensive swimming scheme starts for 26 students from Years 2-5.

- Students are requested to wear their normal school uniform to school on swim days, including underwear, and usual shoes.
- Change from their school uniform into their swimmers before the bus arrives
- Wear their swimmer/boardies/rash shirt and thongs/scuffs/crocs and take their towel and goggles (if required) to the pool
- Change back into their school uniform & covered shoes once they're back at school

AWARDS will be presented at assembly tomorrow at 3pm

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: **Arran** for assisting younger children with their problems

CAPA : **Shae**

CITIZENSHIP : **Billie**

ENVIRONMENT : **Sam & Lachlan**

SPORT : **Huxley**

GOOD FRIEND: **Ayla** as chosen by Banjo

Nude Foodist: **Holly**

ACADEMIC

K-1 **Sapphire** for demonstrating excellent leadership skills

2-3 **Drew** for joining in and being inclusive while at camp

4-5 **Deana** for a fantastic Captains speech

5-6 **Jaden** for his motivation in completing tasks

GO FOR IT

K-1 **Olive** for being a cooperative team member

2-3 **Sidney and Lilly** for settling in quickly into the 2/3 class

4-5 **Brayden** for great attitude and improved focus in P.E.

5-6 **Tom** for his knowledge of Australian states, territories, capitals, waterways and structures

THINKING SKILLS

K-1 **Zoe** for making Mrs Tate's bad day so much better

2-3 **Bradley** for being a considerate group participant while at camp

4-5 **Jake** for thoughtful, insightful speech writing

5-6 **Yogi** for his positive manner in and with the class

LIBRARY

K-1 **Shakeily**

2-3 **Sidney**

4-5 **Tamzyn**

5-6 **Henry**

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL NEWS

Captain Speeches 2/12/16

Next week students in Year 5 who aspire to be School Captains in 2017 will present their speeches to the school on Friday 2nd December (T4W8). Each candidate has organised a speech and a poster to convince current K-4 students about their leadership capabilities. We have a large number of students stepping up to the challenge which has been a wonderful thing to see. I wish them all well in their endeavours and look forward to listening to their speeches.

Genie Day 12/12/16

Year 6 will hold a final fundraising activity on Monday 12/12 of Week 10. Each year the Year 6 students are auctioned off to the students and teachers within the school. In the past this has been referred to as the 'Slave Auction'. It has come to our attention over the past few years that many people within the school community are uncomfortable with the title of this event and the negative connotations associated with it. We recognise and respect these feelings but don't want to dismiss the great work Year 6 is trying to do in helping us achieve our fundraising target for the new school flagpole. Therefore we have updated our thinking and will now refer to the day as "Genie Day - where all your wishes could come true..." This means Year 6 will still be auctioned to interested groups of students and will do their best to assist them in any way they choose for a day.

If you wish to discuss this matter with me please contact me.

Swimming Scheme

Intensive swimming scheme starts for nominated children in Years 2-5 next Monday. Please ensure all personal items including swimmers, towel, goggles etc are labelled with your child's name and BPS. This can assist greatly with lost clothing etc. If a child leaves an item at the pool parents are required to phone the pool: Lismore Memorial Baths 6621 6166.

Please see top of this page for detailed information.

Semester 2 School Reports

Reports will be sent home to each family in the next 2 weeks. Teachers will be arranging timetables for three way interviews following that. If you are interested in discussing your child's progress in second semester please return the schedule quickly to guarantee your first time preference.

A non-return of the note will be taken as 'no concerns applicable' and your child's portfolio will be sent home in Week 10.

Teams Day results

The school was awash with colour last Friday as the majority of students took the opportunity to come out of school uniform for a day. There even were a few very vocal Blakebrook PS team supporters who donated a gold coin to the Year 6 fundraising event.

A big thank you to Mrs Perren for organising the event, including the donuts and cream eating challenge and to our mystery rider Serena for taking part, covered in shaving cream and water.

Results:

The race - 1st: Bailey on Thunderbolt, 2nd: Angus on Dingleberry and 3rd was Tiamikia on Miss Know It All.

Scream Off: 1st: Sharmeeke 2nd: Jaden

Best dressed fanatical fan:

K/1/2: Emilee (Overall winner) Runners Up : Olive and Rhys

3/4: Willow W Runners Up : Ryan and Dane

5/6: Dee Runners Up : Ivy, Josie and Angel

Family: Georgia and Jake

P&C fundraising events

The P&C have a few big fundraisers left on their calendar for 2016 so if you can spare some time please support them at the upcoming Bunnings BBQ &/or at the end of year school Xmas Tree night.

We are already collecting items for the monster Xmas raffle so please place your non perishable, in-date items in the green gardening barrow, found at the bottom of the office steps from next Monday. If every family donates two items then we will be able to have a basket for our school function and one to donate to a worthy community project.

I can't believe we only have 3 weeks to go!!!!

Keep smiling, Louise Tate

LIBRARY NEWS - Mrs McInnes

We are calling in all loans by students next week. I will be reminding your child about books they need to return. Please follow up with this for us and if books have been lost we need to know. Books are valuable school resources and must be tracked down.

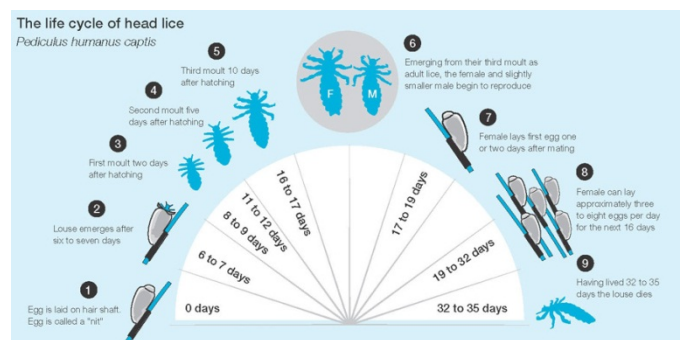
GENERAL NEWS

Mystery Tour

The Mystery Tour is going ahead on Thursday 15th December and the cost will be \$12. Please **do not** send in any money until the note gets sent home at the end of Week 8.

Head lice alert

Once again these little critters are doing the rounds of our community. Please ensure you check and treat each child if necessary. There are a multitude of products available (shampoos) and remember that a once off treatment isn't enough. Combing the nits (louse eggs) out of the hair with a very fine toothed comb is recommended daily for 14 days. A 2nd treatment shampoo is recommended 7 days after the first treatment. Please ensure you follow through as everyone co-operating is the only way we can break the head lice cycle.



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Dear Parents/Carers,

PARENTS MATTER FORUM

What: Parent Information forum and morning tea

When: Tuesday 29th November - 9:10am-11:00am

Where: RRHC staff common room (upstairs from the office)

Who's speaking: Principal and Senior Executive, P&C members, School Counsellor, study skills staff members.

All parents and families welcome, morning tea drinks and nibbles provided.
Book packs available for purchase from the canteen.

REMINDER – STUDENT ORIENTATION/PEER SUPPORT & SUBJECT TASTER DAYS

When: Tuesday 29th November and Tuesday 6th December

Where: Meet in the MPU 9.00 a.m. both mornings

What to Bring: Pencil case, closed in shoes, recess and water

The canteen will be available for recess and lunch both days
A sausage sizzle will also run for free at lunch both days.

I look forward to seeing you and your child at our Orientation Days. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our front office on 6621 3456.

All the best,

Elise Dessmann
Year 7 Year Advisor 2017
Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Diane Williamson
Deputy Principal Year 7 2017

Mary-Jane Pell
Principal

Teams Day Week 6





COMMUNITY NEWS

You are invited to the
**ROCK VALLEY COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BBQ &
TWILIGHT MARKET**

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2016

Rock Valley Hall commencing at 5pm

MARKET STALLS will have Christmas gift items and locally produced items.

BBQ will cater for special dietary requirements.

Cost will be \$15 for a BBQ meal (concessions available)

Santa will bring lollies for the children

There will be a lucky wheel with good prizes

Come & join in the Christmas spirit



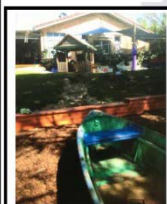
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to
2016!

**HAPPY 40th
BIRTHDAY**
Lismore Parish Preschool

PLEASE JOIN US ON
THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER
3.15 PM TILL 5 PM

FOR OUR CELEBRATION OF
FORTY YEARS OF PLAY
AND LEARNING!!!!!!

THERE WILL BE A TRIP
DOWN MEMORY LANE AND
TREATS AND ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL, SO BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY ☺





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Thursday 24th November 2016 – Week 7 Term 4

FUNDRAISING

Next Fundraiser for BPS this NEXT WEEK the **BUNNINGS BBQ**

Saturday 3rd December, 2016 only 1 weekend away. If you can help from 8am to 4pm during that day please let me know what times you would be available. I need at least 10 people to cover the times during the day. Please SMS Bet 0415 394354 with the times that are suitable to you.

PLEASE HELP AT THIS POINT I HAVE ONLY FOUR VOLUNTEERS.

If we don't get 10 we will have to cancel.

Times	Names	ALL DAY
8am to 11am	Kristine Hill	Kim Menzel/Anderson
11am to 2pm	Karen Symonds	
1pm to 4pm	Rachel Bortoleo	

CHRISTMAS TREE NIGHT

BPS Christmas Tree Night is Friday 9th December, 2016.

Donations of non-perishable groceries for our huge monster grocery raffle can be placed in the green gardening barrow, located at the base of the school office stairs, from now until the 6th December, 2016.

Please no dented cans or out of date food. Donations must be of good use to the winner!

We're hoping for donations of homemade cooking for the 'tea, coffee and cake stall' at the Xmas Tree night. We greatly appreciate any support you can offer.

Thank you to our sponsors Dalley Street Butchery, Farmer Charlies, Southside Bakery for their generous support of the Blakebrook Public P&C.

CANTEEN

Alternative Lunch Menu

Sandwiches /Toasted/Rolls/Lavish		Drinks	
Ham, Chicken, Tuna & Salad	\$3.50	Just Juice Popper (apple or Apple & Blackcurrant)	\$1.00
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 Yogurt sticks	\$1.20

CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU

TERM 4 2016

Week	Date	Menu	Price
Week 7	Fri 25 th Nov	Pie Day Meat Pies \$4.00/Mini \$2.00 Sausage Rolls \$3.00	\$4.00/ 2.00 \$3.00
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Alana Sheridan	
Week 8	Fri 2nd Dec	Tacos	\$3.50
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Karen Symonds	
Week 9	Fri 9th Dec	Toasted sandwiches (any comb. \$3.50 or cheese only \$2)	\$3.50/\$2.00
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Heather O'Donnell	
Week 10	Fri 16 th Dec	Sausage Sizzle	\$2.00
Work (9.30am - 1pm)		Karen Maher	

