



# Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 9 ~ Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 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 9 Swimming Scheme Wk 2

Fri 9/12 Office unavailable – *unstaffed*

*Deadline for Mystery Tour payments & notes* ★

Swimming Scheme. 9.00-11.30am = final day \*\*\* Bring winter pyjamas ... see below

\*\*\* ALL swimmers need to bring winter pyjamas (long sleeves, button up front, long pants) for essential water safety testing \*\*\*

Weekly school assembly at 12.30pm, straight after lunch (*not the usual 3pm time slot*)

Presentation Day Ceremony 5pm followed by P&C Xmas Tree

Week 10

Mon 12/12 Year 6 Genie Day Auction 9.30am

Year 6 Farewell for current Year 6 and Year 5 students

Tue 13/12

Wed 14/12

Thu 15/12 Mystery Tour for K-6 – bus leaves 9.20am. Remember swimmers, towel, hat, lunch, water bottle

Fri 16/12 LAST DAY of year for students !

*Seasons greetings and happy holidays*

2017

Mon 30/1 School resumes for students in Years 1-6 only

Scheduled PLAN assessments for Kinder 2017

Tue 31/1 Scheduled PLAN assessments for Kinder 2017

Wed 1/2 Kinders officially start school

This is the final Bulletin for the year

## School Admin Office: notice

Tomorrow, Friday 9/12, the office will be unattended – phone calls and emails will be unanswered.

Our recommendation is that communication be via written notes.

Send all notes in to class teachers (bus notes included).

## Online Transport Applications – Important Information

All applications for school bus travel are to be submitted online at: [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

There is no need to print off applications any longer as the school will endorse the information online.

A new application is required when:

Applying for school bus travel for the first time

Enrolling in Kindergarten

Requesting an additional entitlement as part of shared parental arrangements

Information need to be updated when:

Address has changed

Changes schools

Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3

Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7 (the high school is to validate)

Some parents seem to be getting confused with the difference between 'updating details' and 'new application'.

Sam Peiti from Waller's Bus Company has kindly offered assistance to help parents with their online applications.

Phone Sam on 6622 6266 for an appointment. She usually works 9am – 4pm Mondays – Thursdays.

**AWARDS** will be presented at assembly tomorrow at the changed time of 12.30pm – straight after lunch

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: **All of Year 6 for surviving a whole year with Mrs Steven's brand of humour – you'll all need counselling!**

CAPA : **Dane**

CITIZENSHIP : **Sina & Avril**

ENVIRONMENT : **Felix**

SPORT : **Kadence**

GOOD FRIEND: **Avril** as chosen by Holly

Nude Foodist: **Brayden**

Bronze Awards for Week 9 : **Amber B**

## ACADEMIC

- K-1 **Ruben** for being a hardworking pirate all week  
2-3 **Ashlee** for demonstrating swimming techniques with confidence to her peers  
4-5 **Simon** for reading and comprehension - Level 30  
5-6 **Liam & Joss** for identifying missing lengths and applying formulas when solving Perimeter and Area

## GO FOR IT

- K-1 **Caleb** for being a kind friend to new students  
2-3 **Willow W** for focussed listening during intensive swimming  
4-5 **Jasmine** for improved swimming skills  
5-6 **Amelia** for using an initial square before creating and colouring a Maths Tessellation

## THINKING SKILLS

- K-1 **Shakeily** for sharing interesting ideas about a pirate's life  
2-3 **Huxley** for his positive attitude during intensive swimming  
4-5 **Jess & Angela** for consistently extending and challenging themselves inside and outside the classroom  
5-6 **Phoenix** for assisting a number of peers to create compass art

## LIBRARY

K-1 **Daniel**

2-3 **Dean**

4-5 **Simon**

5-6 **Bailey**

## LIBRARY NEWS - Mrs McInnes

All library books are now overdue and must be returned to school. Books need to be returned before next Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016. This is especially important for our Year 6 leavers. Books are valuable school resources and must be tracked down. If you think the books have been returned please send a note back to Mrs McInnes, Library teacher.

Alternatively you may email the school: [blakebrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:blakebrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



## RELIEVING PRINCIPAL NEWS

We are all feeling the 'heat' as we gear up to a busy final week. Please assist us by completing all ends of year tasks quickly.

### Year 5 speeches

I was supremely impressed by the quality of the Year 5 captain speeches last Friday. The school population had a hard time deciding who would be in the top job next year due to the commitment and vision displayed by our aspiring future leaders. The staff were very proud of your efforts.

### Presentation Day Ceremony: Friday 9/12, 5.00pm

Everyone is welcome to come along and celebrate the fine achievements of selected students in tomorrow's school Presentation Day Ceremony. This year it will be held in the COLA and according to previous years it can be rather warm so wear something cool and bring some water.

The ceremony will be run by our 2016 school captains, Indi and Yogi in what will be one of their final tasks as leaders.

An exciting announcement about next year's incoming captains and vice captains will be made at the end of the presentations.

### Xmas Tree

Following the assembly the P&C Xmas Tree event will commence. A BBQ dinner will be available for purchase along with drinks and homemade sweets. A plant stall will also be operating with all money raised going towards P&C projects around the school.

A special thanks to Josh England who started the building of the school BBQ despite the hot and sticky weather on the weekend.

### Mystery Tour

Final payments and yellow permission notes are due tomorrow for next week's Mystery Tour. Numbers for the bus have to be finalised so please send in any outstanding money otherwise we will assume your child is not attending. It is guaranteed to be an interesting day and I've already packed my bear knockout spray and seasick pills.

The tour should be over by 2.45pm so any parents wishing to pick up their children a little early are welcome to do so.

### **Year 6 Genie day: Mon 12/12, auction at 9.30am**

Don't forget kids to do all those odd jobs and raise some funds for Mondays Genie auction. All of Year 6 will be up for grabs!! I haven't washed my feet for a week ready for that foot massage AND the Mazda is looking mighty grubby!! Genies will do their Master's bidding from 10am-3pm on Monday and then revert back into mortal Year 6s in time to go home. So grab some friends and start planning!!

### **Swimming: last day tomorrow**

By all accounts the swimmers have been very well behaved during Intensive Swimming over the past fortnight. Well done guys! A big thankyou to Miss Curran and Lochie for suffering the cool, refreshing water each day - Oh how they've suffered! Weekly assembly: This will be our last weekly awards assembly for 2016. We have made a time alteration so it doesn't interfere with Presentation Day Ceremony organisation, the weekly assembly will be at 12.30pm following lunch.

Keep smiling, Louise

## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **Last Goodbyes ....**

#### Year 6

It's that time of year when we bid our Year 6 students farewell - some families too :(

We wish Alby, Amelia, Angus, Bailey, Beth, Billie, Blake, Henry, Indi, Jemelia, Josee, Liam, Sam, Tiamikia, Trent & Yogi all the best at high school and beyond !

Eight have been with us at Blakebrook PS since Kinder - that's seven years ... awesome!

We say goodbye to the Bethune, (Paterson)-Buckley, Elliott, Enever, Essery, (Fuller)-Restall, McCartney, Muller, Mustard, (Abbott)-Nicholls and White families and thank you for your support of Blakebrook over the years.

#### Other

Kadence is moving with her family, Daniel, Summa and baby sister Rylee, away from the area to a new house and new life. We wish them well and will miss seeing them around.

### **Cyber Bullying - Police Talk**

On Wednesday students from 4/5/6 listened to a presentation by Senior Constable Presgrove about the consequences and dangers of cyber bullying. It was surprising to staff, to see how many senior students who have social media accounts like Instagram. Senior Constable Presgrove reminded students that the legal age for social media accounts was 13 years old, and that any account set up where a child was not 13 was in fact 'liable', because false information was submitted to set up the account. We encourage parents/carers to always monitor and discuss issues with their children with their personal computer/device time. Students and staff thanked the Police Community Liaison Officer for his time.

### **Year 6 Farewell - Mrs Stevens**

The Year 6 Farewell will be held next week Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December officially commencing at 5.30pm at Lismore Memorial Swimming Pool. However, if you wish to go straight from school, that is ok as long as there is parent/carer supervision. Pay entry to the pool on arrival. Students/swimmers : \$4.30 and Adults \$2.80 (spectators). At 7.30pm the official part of the evening commences at the Presbyterian Church Hall. Don't forget swimmers for the pool and a change of dry clothing for the Church Hall. Looking forward to a fun evening!

### **Mystery Tour 2016**

The mystery tour will be held next Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December leaving school at 9.30am and returning approximately 2.30pm. Cost is \$12 per child. Permission notes and **cash** payment is due back by tomorrow, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. **All notes need to be returned, indicating whether your child is going or not. No late payments will be accepted.**



Your wish  
is my  
command...

Who  
will be  
your  
Year 6  
genie?



Genie Day  
Mon 12th  
December

*Santa Claus is coming!*  
**Blakebrook PSC**  
**Xmas Tree**

**Friday 9th**  
**December**

**6.00pm**  
**BBQ dinner**  
**& carols**



**\*\*Please supply a**  
**wrapped book (no toys please) to the**  
**value of \$10 can be left in K/1 room - 1**  
**per child, please label clearly and bind**  
**family books together -**  
**Santa will present books**

**Reminder:** Xmas Hamper items now being collected in  
the garden trolley outside the office. 2 items per family  
please by Wed 7/12

**HELP BREAK A WORLD RECORD  
HERE!**

**THE BIG  
HEART  
PROJECT**

Help Connie Johnson break the world record for  
**Longest Line of Coins**  
in the name of cancer vanquishment!

Support Love Your Sister in their quest to lay more than  
4 million five cent coins, end to end in the shape of a heart  
this coming Valentine's Day.

Why? To fund cancer research of course!

**Offload your shrapnel HERE!**

**CRITICAL INFO!**

The current record stands at 75.4kms and is held by a town in Austria.

One metre of five cent coins equals \$2.90

To break the record we need 3.951 million five cent coins, enough to fill 16 x 44 Gallon drums!



**Nimbin Holiday Club  
Summer Program**



Dear friends,

We are operating from the Nimbin Community School, in the Community Centre and on excursion days please meet us in the Nimbin Central School car park at 9am.  
Day runs between 9am and 3pm. The program runs for children aged 5 - 12. Please read the dates and venues below carefully and book to avoid disappointment. To book phone NNIC on 66891692 (between 10 am and 4 pm) or you can text or call Kylie on 0487576281. Please note that the basic fee is \$12 per day and more on excursion days. Parents must sign consent forms for any excursions.  
Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothing, covered shoes, brings a hat, swimmers and a towel. Please bring adequate food and drinks.

Date	Program	Cost
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Excursion - Lismore Tenpin Bowling and pool</b> Come tenpin bowling, then we will have lunch at the park, then cool off with a swim at the pool. <b>Please bring lunch, water, hat, swimmers, and a towel.</b>	\$25
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool</b> Art/Craft, DVDs, Games, Music and more <b>Sun catchers</b>	\$12
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Excursion - Movies and pool</b> Come and watch Sing (G) and then cool off at the pool. <b>Please bring food, water, hat, swimmers, and a towel.</b>	\$25
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool</b> Art/Craft, DVDs, Games, Music and more	\$12
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Nimbin Community School, Park and Pool</b> Art/Craft, DVDs, Games, Music and more <b>Library craft activity - Finger puppets</b>	\$12
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Excursion - Lismore Skating and Lismore Pool</b> We are going roller skating and then to Lismore pool for a swim <b>Please bring swimmers, towel, lunch and water</b>	\$25

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## Blakebrook Public School P & C Newsletter

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 – Week 9 Term 4

### FUNDRAISING

**BUNNINGS BBQ** thank you to all the volunteers who helped with a very successful fundraising BBQ.

### CHRISTMAS TREE NIGHT

BPS Christmas Tree Night will be tomorrow night Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 commencing 6pm with BBQ dinner and carols. Thank you for your donations of non perishable groceries for our huge monster grocery raffle.

Don't forget....."Wrapped Book" (no toys please) to the value of \$10 can be left in K/1 room 1 per child labelled clearly and bind family books together please. A job for the man in red on the night.

Anyone wishing to donate homemade cooking for the cake stall would be greatly appreciated. Coffee van will be there.

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

### CANTEEN

#### Alternative Lunch Menu

<b>Sandwiches /Toasted/Rolls/Lavish</b>		<b>Drinks</b>	
Ham, Chicken, Tuna & Salad	\$3.50	Just Juice Popper (apple or	
Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Cheese	\$2.00	Apple & Blackcurrant)	\$1.00
Raisin Toast	\$1.00	Warm Milo Milk	\$1.00
		Banana Smoothies	\$1.50
<b>Snacks</b>		<b>Ice Blocks</b>	
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

<b>Week 9</b>	<b>Fri 9th Dec</b>	<i>Toasted sandwiches (any comb. \$3.50 or cheese only \$2)</i>	<b>\$3.50/\$2.00</b>
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Heather O'Donnell</b>	
<b>Week 10</b>	<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<i>Sausage Sizzle</i>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Karen Maher</b>	

Thank you to all the volunteers either through fundraising or canteen over 2016. The P&C really appreciate the support of our families.

We will be looking for volunteers for next year for the canteen, please feel free to SMS Betty if you would like to assist in any way.

Enjoy your last week of school prior to the school holidays.

Next meeting of the P&C will be week 4 term 1.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

