



# Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 9 - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017

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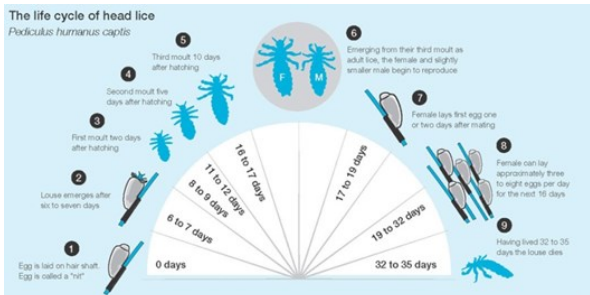
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**Please return ALL school library books NOW!!**  
**ALL borrowed school library books MUST be returned before the end of the year : 15th December**  
Have a good look at home, in bags, in the car, under the bed ....  
It's an auditory requirement that schools account for all stock purchased.



## 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. Everyone co-operating and following through is the only way to break the cycle.



DIARY DATES	
<b>T4 Week 9</b>	Mrs McInnes on Sick Leave / Mrs Kelly
Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	⇒ Peer Support afternoon tea & certificates awarded
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	⇒ Friday Assembly 9.30am — <i>not 3pm</i> ⇒ Awards Presentation @ 5pm for a 5.15pm start ⇒ Xmas Tree Night @ 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start
<b>T4 Week 10</b>	
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	⇒ <i>Deadline for Y6 to return USB stick for Journey download</i>
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	⇒ Genie Day Year 6 fundraiser & mufti day (bring your coins) ⇒ Year 6 Farewell : South Lismore Bowling Club @ 5 for 5.30pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	⇒ Mystery Tour ⇒ No 3pm Assembly today ⇒ Last day of school for students

## Awards Presentation Friday 8/12/17 @ 5pm for a 5.15pm start

BPS Teachers are running this event and everyone attending is expected to be on their best behaviour as we celebrate awardees on their achievements. Children are expected to go home after school on Friday and return @ 5pm for Awards Presentation or @ 6.15pm for Xmas Tree Night.

## Xmas Tree Night Friday 8/12/17 @ 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start

BPS P&C is running this event which means parents & carers are responsible for the supervision of children (*not the teachers*).

A reminder that any events on school grounds are both alcohol and smoking free zones, this includes all parking areas.

Normal out-of-bounds areas apply, including the adventure playground. We want everyone to enjoy a fun but safe evening.



**FINAL WEEKLY AWARDS** will be presented at assembly tomorrow morning, Friday at 9.30am (*not the usual 3pm*).

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD:

**Bella, Dane, Jasmine W, Ozzy, Millie, Rorie, Simon & Tamzyn** for thoughtful, entertaining captain speeches.

**CAPA:** Luke C

**CITIZENSHIP:** Amber B

**ENVIRONMENT:** Baylie

**SPORT:** Lilly R

**GOOD FRIEND:** Sapphire chosen by Chloe and Jessica chosen by Sina

### ACADEMIC

- K-1 **Layla** for being a happy Xmas elf
- 2-3 **Dean** for always giving your best in all KLAs
- 4-5 **Hannah** for problem solving in Numeracy
- Y6 **Ivy, Jason & Felix** for letter writing skills and effort

### GO FOR IT

- K-1 **Connor** for positive problem solving on the ipads
- 2-3 **Lily C** for being a great friend to others and for keeping the neatest tote tray in the 2-3 classroom!
- 4-5 **Georgia** for additional marking of peer's class work
- Y6 **Felix** for excellent film making skills with editing and sound effects

### THINKING SKILLS / MINDFULNESS

- K-1 **Ruben** for great ideas for stopping aliens from stealing underpants!
- 2-3 **Amber L** for sharing great ideas learnt during peer support sessions on friendship
- 4-5 **Millie** for mental calculations of Fractions
- Y6 **Josie** for focused behaviour at RRHC orientation day

### PEER SUPPORT NOMINATIONS

Willow W & Wendell, Simon & Bradley, Eden & Ozzy, Jasmine T & Ryan, Dane & Jaden, Lillian & Connor, Charlie & Isabella

### LIBRARY

- K-1 **Alex**
- 2-3 **Tanisha**
- 4-5 **Millie**
- Y6 **Tom**

**Important start dates for Term 1 2018**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan : Pupil Free Day – Staff resume (SDD)Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Jan : Y1-6 Students resume (*not Kinder*)Wed 31<sup>st</sup> Jan OR Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Feb OR Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – [ Kinder students will have their Best Start PLAN assessments on ONE of these three days with Mrs TateMon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb : Kinder students officially start school**Relieving Principal News with Louise Tate****Classes and staffing roles 2018**

With current numbers we will retain our 4 teachers in 2018. Based on this forecast the classes will be:

Kinder: Mrs Tate

Year 1-2: Mrs Skorjenko

Year 3-4: Mrs Stevens

Year 5-6: Mrs Perren (*confirmed for Term 1*)

Miss Curran will take up a temporary teaching position at Wollongbar PS at the start of next year. This is a wonderful opportunity and one Megan has worked extremely hard for. In her place, Miss Chloe Stevens will undertake the LaST, Principal relief and L3 support teacher roles in Term 1. Lochie Perren's SLISO position will see him working between Nimbin CS and Lismore PS in 2018. His efforts in 2017 and positivity have been appreciated. The awesome SAS staff (Wendy, Sandra & Mr Hayes) will soldier on as usual :)

**Captain Speeches 2018**

On Tuesday eight Year 5 candidates stood up proudly and addressed their K-5 cohort for the positions of School Captains in 2018. I was extremely impressed by the honesty and accountability each of these students presented. As we only have a small number of Year 6 next year there will only be 2 captain positions, however all Year 6 students will hold a leadership position within the school. Congratulations Rorie, Millie, Tamzyn, Bella, Jasmine W, Dane, Simon and Ozzy on your efforts and good luck.

**Presentation Afternoon & Xmas Tree celebration: tomorrow 5.00pm for a 5.15pm start.**

Our celebration afternoon will start promptly at 5.15pm tomorrow in the rear playground. After the **medallion ceremony** the announcement of the **school captains for 2018** will occur so all candidates need to be present please.

The P&C end of year Xmas Tree will start immediately following our special assembly.

Don't forget to send any ticket stubs and money in tomorrow morning for the Raiders Jersey Raffle. The student ticket seller prize winner will be announced before the draw.

The intended timetable for the Xmas Tree is as follows:

6.15pm: BBQ food &amp; drinks on sale

**Donations of cakes and slices gratefully accepted at the canteen.**

7.15pm: students demonstrate bush dances followed by community dance

8.00pm: carols in the COLA

8.15pm: Santa arrives

**If not done already, please place wrapped & labelled book gifts in the box provided, sometime tomorrow. The box is located in the little room between K-1 & 2-3 classrooms.**

**Mystery Tour: last day for payment is tomorrow**

Final payments will only be accepted tomorrow as we have to organise payment for the bus. A final note has been sent home with the few students who are yet to pay.

**Year 6 Farewell: Tuesday 12th Dec - South Lismore Bowling Club**

Staff and senior students are all looking forward to next Tuesdays Year 6 Farewell dinner in South Lismore. Please arrive at 5pm and as this is a school event students will be under the supervision of teachers during the event.

**\*\*NO SIBLINGS** are to attend this event. We understand this can be inconvenient but if you cannot arrange for your other children to be minded by someone else then it may mean that one parent has to stay home. Parents are reminded that no alcohol or smoking is permitted in or around our venue. We want everyone to travel home safely afterwards.

**Genie Day: Tuesday 12th Dec**

Hey guys, don't forget to do all those odd jobs around the house over the weekend so you can take part in next Tuesdays Genie Day. \$1 to go into the draw to put a pie in the face of a Year 6 leader (9.30am)



DECEMBER ARTICLE

Handwriting Help

What can teachers do?

- Allow breaks in class when writing.
- Allow more time for assessments/tests, eg. start early and finish with others.
- Provide keyboard opportunities where appropriate.
- Reduce copying from the board activities, provide worksheets/handouts.
- When marking work, remove neatness/spelling from the criteria.
- Teach note taking by providing 'notes with gaps'
- Let the student use print or cursive - whatever is easier.
- Use graph paper for maths so that lining up numbers is easier.
- Minimise writing expectations in assessments, eg. use short answer, sentence.
- Provide group work opportunities - they talk and others can write.
- Offer different options for assessment, eg. powerpoint, speech, etc.

Fine Motor Skill Activities for Younger Students

Class activities:

- Jigsaw puzzles
- Sorting and threading small items
- Games with slots/holes
- Weaving paper/ribbon strips
- Using stickers, scissors, glue, etc
- Eating food with toothpicks
- Tying laces, doing buttons/zips up
- Pass the parcel - opening practice
- Cut paper strip people/snowflakes
- Join the dot games
- Use a dropper with food colouring

Fine Motor Skills Activities for Older Students

Class activities:

- Scrunch paper into a tight ball
- Origami
- Roll play-doh/blu-tack into small balls using thumb, index and middle finger
- Eating with chopsticks
- Art using their hands, eg clay, sculpting
- Play an instrument, eg. recorder, guitar
- Model building
- Jewellery making

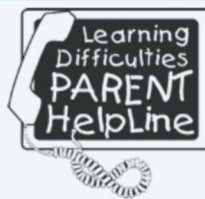
Excerpt from LDC Newsletter: References: "Accommodations & Modifications for Students with Handwriting Problems &/or Dysgraphia" by S Jones [www.resourcecorner.net](http://www.resourcecorner.net), "Seven Ways to Help with Handwriting" by P Gisler & M Eberts <http://school.familyeducation.com>, "Dysgraphia: More Than Just Bad Handwriting" by Voice of America [www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org), "Handwriting Help at Home" by K Wagner [www.additudemag.com](http://www.additudemag.com), "Tips to Improve Handwriting in Older Kids" & "Fine Motor Skill Activities for Older Kids" by T Le Roux [www.at-mom-learning-activities.com](http://www.at-mom-learning-activities.com)

**Have you read this article...** Coles rolls out autism-friendly 'Quiet Hour' shopping experiences at New Town store: <http://www.news.com.au/national/tasmania/coles-rolls-out-autismfriendly-quiet-hour-shopping-experience-at-new-town-store/news-story/feb720d23b91a11eb9a608b59fb31d75>

**Have you seen this book...** **Outsmarting Worry: An Older Kid's Guide to Managing Anxiety**, by D Huebner. Available from [www.booktopia.com.au](http://www.booktopia.com.au) \$21.25 This book teaches 9-13 year olds and the adults who care about them a specific set of skills that makes it easier to face - and overcome - worries and fears.

**Have you googled this website...** <http://siblingsaustralia.org.au/> Please see the new Siblings Australia website with information for siblings, parents and professionals.

The information herein is provided on the understanding that the Learning Difficulties Coalition Helpline is NOT providing professional advice and services. The information herein provided is NOT to be used as a substitute for professional, medical, or clinical advice.



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Please contact the LDC office if you would like Helpline brochures/posters for your school.

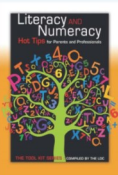
MEMBERSHIP COSTS

1 year School M'ship \$55  
3 year School M'ship \$150

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- A Quarterly Newsletter
- Fortnightly Member Updates relating to LD
- Discount on LDC resources
- Discount on entry to LDC seminars

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHT



LITERACY & NUMERACY TOOLKIT

This booklet covers areas such as reading, maths, classroom support, comprehension

and more. It contains strategies for parents, teachers and health professionals.

\$12 for LDC members  
\$17 for non members  
+ P/H (see website)

See [www.ldc.org.au](http://www.ldc.org.au) for details

You are invited to  
**The Blakebrook Public School**  
**P&C Xmas Tree**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Starting at 6.15pm**  
**school community BBQ**  
**dancing on the grass with family and friends.**  
**Farewell to departing families.**  
**carol singing in the COLA**  
**Santa Visit**



Book gifts to be handed out by Santa may be dropped into school the week before or brought in on the night and handed to BPS staff. Please ensure they are wrapped and clearly labelled with child's name. Family gifts may be tied together. Photos may be taken with Santa.  
Family and friends welcome. **Limit of \$10 spend for books**  
Contact: Louise Tate 0400241994 (text) or email: [louise.tate@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:louise.tate@det.nsw.edu.au)  
If attending please contact above with intended numbers to assist with catering.




**9 in 10 women diagnosed with breast cancer do not have a family history.**

[breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://breastscreen.nsw.gov.au) Call **13 20 50** to book your free mammogram

"It is important to know that most women diagnosed with breast cancer do not have a family history of breast cancer. Regular mammograms can detect breast cancer in its early stages and early detection is the key to successful treatment." A FREE mammogram every two years could save your life.

BreastScreen provides free mammograms for women aged over 40 years and all women aged 50 to 74 are particularly encouraged to attend for 2 yearly mammograms.

**Appointments are free and take only 20 minutes.**

**No referral is required.**

**BreastScreen has a clinic at 29 Uralba Street Lismore.**

Our mobile BreastScreen Unit is currently in Ballina (river end of Moon St. until mid-January 2018).

**Phone 13 20 50 to book a free appointment.** See also

[www.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au](http://www.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au)

Would you like to help your child more?

As mentioned above in the December 2017 issue LDC there are some great parent resources available :

⇒ Book: "Outsmarting Worry: An Older Kid's Guide to Managing Anxiety" by D Huebner. Available from [www.booktopia.com.au](http://www.booktopia.com.au) for \$21.95

⇒ New Website: <http://siblingsaustralia.org.au/>

⇒ LDC Parent helpline: 02 9806 9960

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## Blakebrook Public School P&C Newsletter

Thursday 7th December 2017 – Week 9 Term 4

### CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU TERM 4 2017

<b>Week 9</b>	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Taco Wraps ( <i>taco mince, lettuce, carrot, tomato &amp; cheese</i> )	\$4.00
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Alison Redford</b>	
<b>Week 10</b>	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December	LAST DAY OF TERM	
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>NO CANTEEN</b>	

Canteen will commence week 2, term 1 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018. If anyone is available to volunteer for canteen the first few weeks back please sms Rachael on 0401841207 as soon as you can. Thank you

### CANTEEN ROSTER & MENU TERM 1 2018

<b>Week 1</b>	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	NO CANTEEN	
<b>Week 2</b>	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Toasted sandwiches ( <i>any comb. \$3.50 or cheese only \$2</i> )	\$3.50/\$2.00
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Vacant (2 people required please)</b>	
<b>Week 3</b>	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Pizza Muffins ( <i>ham, pineapple, tomato &amp; cheese or any comb</i> )	\$3.50
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Vacant (2 people required please)</b>	
<b>Week 4</b>	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Spaghetti Bolognese	\$3.50
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Amie Gray</b>	
<b>Week 5</b>	Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Homemade Hamburger/Vegeburger	\$3.50
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Vacant (2 people required please)</b>	
<b>Week 6</b>	Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Pie Day Meat Pies \$4.00 Sausage Rolls \$3.00	\$4.00/ 3.00
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Vacant (2 people required please)</b>	
<b>Week 7</b>	Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Toasted sandwiches ( <i>any comb. \$3.50 or cheese only \$2</i> )	\$3.50/\$2.00
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Vacant (2 people required please)</b>	
<b>Week 8</b>	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Taco Wraps ( <i>taco mince, lettuce, carrot, tomato &amp; cheese</i> )	\$3.50
<b>Work (9.30am - 1pm)</b>		<b>Vacant (2 people required please)</b>	

### OUR ANNUAL XMAS TREE NIGHT

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 @ 6.15 for 6.30pm start.** The P&C is running the BBQ – *see menu*. Come along and join the festive fun! Donations of cakes, slices and biscuits can be left at the canteen on the Friday please. Helpers to serve on the night will be greatly appreciated.

Our major raffle for the year – please return ALL tickets & money to class teachers tomorrow

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Signed Canberra Raiders Jersey, kindly donated by the Drew & Binder families.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Christmas hamper (kind donations of non-perishable food from our BPS families can be left in a box on the K-1 & 2-3 classroom building)

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Money together with tickets sold must be placed in an envelope with your family name on the envelope and placed in the P&C tin at the front office area or given to your class teacher prior to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 please. Extra tickets will be sold on the night!

**LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!**



### **BPS P&C Xmas Tree BBQ Dinner Menu**

Sausage Sandwich	:	<b>\$2.50</b>
Steak Burger (with coleslaw)	:	<b>\$4.50</b>
Veggie Burger (with coleslaw)	:	<b>\$4.50</b>
Can of drink / water	:	<b>\$2.00</b>
Tea/Coffee with Cake	:	<b>\$2.00</b>