

# Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 4 - **Thursday 5 November 2020**

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## DIARY DATES

### Term 4 Week 5

Thursday 12 November

Friday 13 November

NAIDOC Week

Book Fair (no parents on site) final day

NAIDOC Week activity – dress in red, black, yellow

### Term 4 Week 6

Tuesday 17 November

Wednesday 18 November

*Deadline:* Y6 Transition activity to pool note & \$4.50

Kinder 2021 Orientation - half day 9.30am – 11.30am

NRL (Week 4 of 8)

Thursday 19 November

Friday 20 November

*Deadline:* Y6 Orientation Day at RRHC note

Kinder 2021 Orientation – whole day 9.30am – 3.30pm

*Deadline:* Complete BASC survey (Before & After School Care)

### Term 4 Week 7

Tuesday 24 November

RRHC Y7 2021 transition day 1

### Term 4 Week 8

Tuesday 1 December

RRHC Y7 2021 transition day 2

Y5 Captain speeches

## PRINCIPAL NEWS

### AFTER SCHOOL CARE SURVEY

***After a long wait there is an opportunity for Blakebrook Public School to have an After School Care program run at our school. We need as many parents as possible to complete the survey (see link below) indicating they would use the program even if it is only once per week. The higher the demand for the service, the more likely we will have a program commence.***

As part of the NSW Government's \$120 million Before and After School Care (BASC) commitment, parents at all NSW schools were recently invited to complete a Have Your Say survey. The survey asked parents to tell us how they are using Out of School Hours Care, how much it costs them, whether they plan to keep using it, and what difficulties they experience in accessing it. The survey results have helped us to better understand the needs of families and what's important to them.

We are asking all parents to complete a quick follow-up survey by **Friday 20 November 2020** (T4W6).

You can access the survey at <https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>

This information will help us to target the rollout of more before Out of School Hours Care services in the right areas

If your child does not require Out of School Hours care, we ask that you please still complete the first section of this survey as it gives us important information about the level of demand at Blakebrook Public School.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your school at 6629 3263 or the BASC Program team by phone on 1300 244 145 or email at: [BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:BASCReform@det.nsw.edu.au)

An email and Schoolstream alert were sent out last Monday with this information.

Thank you for completing this survey.

### Xmas Tree and Awards Presentation - update

Sadly, our annual Xmas Tree night has had to be cancelled due to NSWDOE COVID19 restrictions. Unfortunately there won't be a Xmas Hamper raffle this year either. The \$10 Santa book will still go ahead, but in a slightly different format. More info next week.

The annual awards presentation will be held on Thursday 10 December however, at this stage, no parents are allowed on-site. We understand everyone's disappointment but we have to adhere to Departmental protocols. We will keep you updated with any changes as they come to hand

### **Public Speaking**

Last week, we had Hayden, Emillee, Chloe and Lilah represent our school at Jiggi PS for the Big Scrub Community of Schools Public Speaking Competition. They all presented their speeches with confidence and did a terrific job. It was very difficult for the adjudicators to decide the overall winners. A special mention to Chloe who was awarded Runner up in the stage 2 category. A fabulous achievement. We congratulate all our public speakers and thank Mrs Perren for supervising and providing transport.

### **NAIDOC Week**

We will be completing some learning around Aboriginal culture and will have an activity day tomorrow. Students are encouraged to wear red, black and yellow on Friday.

### **2021 Kinder Transition and Whole School Transition Day**

Our new Kindergarten students for 2021 begin their transition to 'Big School' with a half day transition next Wednesday 18 November and a full day on Friday 20 November. We know they will enjoy coming to our school and participating in some fun activities.

The whole school will transition to a new classroom and teacher on Friday 20 November. These are not guaranteed to be the 2021 classes but is a chance to sample another classroom. It promises to be a lot of fun.

### **Year 7 2021 Transition Days**

Our year 6 students will commence their transition to high school with visits to the local high school.

Richmond River HS – Tuesday 24 November and Tuesday 1 December

Woodlawn – Friday 4 December (TBC)

Students will receive additional info regarding this program. Students are encouraged to attend the high school on these days in the manner they will travel in 2021 (by bus, walk, be dropped off etc) Students are to meet Mrs Stevens at the RRHC MPU at the front of the school.

### **Remembrance Assembly**

Our year 6 students led our special assembly for Remembrance Day. It was a moving ceremony where the students were guided through some information to learn more about Remembrance Day and to honour those who have served our country. Thank you Mrs Stevens and year 6 students.

### **Bikes, mobile phones and other electronic devices**

All students are strongly reminded that any bikes, scooters, mobile phones or electronic devices are to be checked in to the office upon arrival and collected at bus assembly in the afternoon. Under NO circumstance are these items to be used throughout the day. We understand that students may need these before and after school or on buses but they are NOT to be used during school hours. If you wish to contact your child throughout the school day, please contact the office and a message will be delivered to them.

### **Bus behaviour**

Students are reminded that behaviour on buses and at bus stops is expected to be the same as at school. We do receive information from bus companies, businesses and general public about the poor behaviour of students, from time to time. The school is able to discipline students for poor behaviour shown in such circumstances. I ask that you talk to your child about behaviour choices and hopefully we can minimise any negative behaviours. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

Have a great week - Allan Duroux

**Awards - No assembly.** Awards will be presented at school

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: **Chloe M** for being an excellent ambassador for our school at the Public Speaking competition

CITIZENSHIP: **Hayden, Emillee, Lilah**    CAPA: **Blake**                      PBL: **Chloe M**

ENVIRONMENT: **Zoe, Declan, Leeland**    SPORT: **Ruben**    GOOD FRIEND: **Alex** *chosen by Beau*

NUDE FOODIST: **Alex, Ada**

### **ACADEMIC**

2-3            **Charlotte** for a beautifully written poem for Remembrance Day

4-5            **Yorke** for writing a terrific persuasive piece of text

6              **Austen** for Remembrance Day rehearsal and presentation

### **GO FOR IT**

K-1            **Lily** for showing great leadership skills in NRL

2-3            **Alicia** for a 100% effort in applying NRL skills

4-5            **Daniel** for improved engagement in learning and willingness to have a go

### **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING (PBL)**

K-1            **Ada** for demonstrating respect towards learning, peers and teachers

2-3            **Baxter** for demonstrating respect during the Remembrance Day ceremony

4-5            **Cooper** for showing resilience and getting on with the day

6              **Baylie** for learning to correctly pronounce WWII terminology

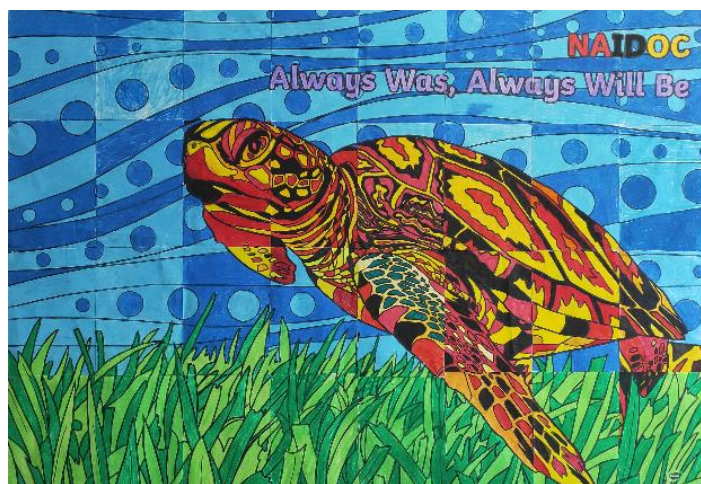
**Big Scrub Public Speaking** - Last Friday, four Blakebrook PS Students travelled with Mrs Perren to Jiggi PS to compete in the Big Scrub Public Speaking Competition for students in Stage 2 and 3.

Hayden and Emillee were representing Stage 3 and both had the same speech topic of - Differences make the World a more interesting place. Chloe and Lilah were our Stage 2 representatives, Chloe's speech topic was - Boredom is good for kids and Lilah's speech was topic was - Wealth doesn't always mean money. All students spoke extremely well, all had great eye contact, voice expression and projection. Chloe was awarded with the Runner's up Medal for Stage 2. It was a great experience and opportunity for the students to see the quality and standard of other participating students. It was wonderful to see our students interact with other students during the breaks and see their happy faces playing in the playground. Well done to the 'Awesome Foursome' and making Blakebrook PS proud of you all.



BPS Public Speaking representatives





NAIDOC Week art work

Emillee had a very successful weekend at Grafton's Western Riding competition winning 7 first, 1 second, 1 third and a Champion ribbon. Well done Emillee!



**Thank you to John and Marion**  
 The students of Blakebrook gave a certificate to John and Marion in appreciation for their wonderful efforts this year in keeping the vegie gardens looking wonderful and supplying us all with beautiful fresh vegetables.



We say goodbye this week to our practicum student Mr West, who has been with us for the last 5 weeks. Lucky for us he will back in term 1 next year for his second practicum.



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Thursday 12th November 2020 – Week 5 Term 4

**CANTEEN:**

20<sup>th</sup> November

Toasted sandwiches \$3.50

Ham/cheese/tomato combos