

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 6 - **Thursday 19 November 2020**

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DIARY DATES

Term 4 Week 6

Thursday 19 November

Deadline: Y6 Orientation Day at RRHC note

Friday 20 November

Kinder 2021 Orientation – whole day 9.30am – 3pm

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

Term 4 Week 7

Tuesday 24 November

RRHC Y7 2021 transition day 1

Wednesday 25 November

NRL (Week 6 of 8)

Term 4 Week 8

Tuesday 1 December

RRHC Y7 2021 transition day 2

Y5 Captain speeches

Term 4 Week 9

Thursday 10 December

Presentation Awards & Y6 Cake (Y6 parents only)

Term 4 Week 10

Monday 14 December

Y6 Genie Day

Tuesday 15 December

Y6 Farewell – Surfing for Year 6 students only

Wednesday 16 December

Whole School Mystery tour

Last day for students

PRINCIPAL NEWS

NAIDOC Week

To celebrate NAIDOC week, last week, we completed some learning around Aboriginal culture which culminated in an exciting activity day last Friday. The students looked fantastic in their red, black and yellow clothes as they participated in hip hop dancing, traditional games, craft, studying the history of Sydney Cove and the Opera House area and cooking Johnny Cakes. It was a fantastic day and a great way to end NAIDOC Week.



2021 Kinder Transition

Our new Kindergarten students for next year began their transition to 'Big School' with a half day transition on Wednesday and will have a full day tomorrow. They had a fantastic introduction to 'Big School' and we know they will enjoy coming to our school and participating in some fun activities again.

Whole School Transition Day The whole school will transition to a new classroom and teacher this Friday. The year 6 class will rotate between Miss Allen, Mrs Perren and Mrs Tate for lessons as they experience 'A Day in the Life of a Year 7 Student'. The 4-5 class will have Mrs Stevens, the

2-3 class will have Miss Macris and myself, Year 1 will have Mrs Skorjenko and the Kinder students will stay with Mrs Tate and Miss Allen to work with the new 2021 Kinder students. The day promises to be a lot of fun.

Please note: These are not guaranteed to be the 2021 classes but is a chance to sample another classroom and teacher.

End of Year Arrangements

Unfortunately, due to the COVID pandemic, a number of our regular end of year programs will either not run or will run in a modified format. This is due to the restrictions placed on schools by the NSW Government and the NSW Department of Health.

The annual Xmas Tree celebration and BBQ has been cancelled. The Presentation Awards afternoon will be conducted at school in school time. Sadly, no parents or guests other than Year 6 parents will be able to attend. We will be combining the Year 6 farewell and graduation into this ceremony and that's why Year 6 parents only will be invited to attend to watch. We hope to film the ceremony and have it on our website for parents to view after the event (not livestreamed). We do need to be extremely mindful of putting images of students on the internet and ask that any footage or photos are NOT shared on social media.

Year 6 will also have a mini excursion to Lennox Head for a ½ day surfing lesson as well as fish and chips in the park as part of their farewell. We wanted to do something a bit special for them as they have missed out on quite a few things this year due to the COVID restrictions.

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

St John's College Woodlawn – Friday 4 December

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

P&C Meeting

The last P&C meeting for the year is on Monday 30 November @ 5:45pm in the library. We are hoping to see many parents come along to celebrate the end of a very interesting year and to commence some planning for 2021. We would love to hear your ideas. We are now authorised to hold the P&C meeting on school grounds.

REMINDER - BASC Survey

Have Your Say survey for the Before and After School Care (BASC) program.

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 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.

This survey provides important information about Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) demand across NSW. We use these insights to help design solutions that can best meet the needs of families and we are currently exploring ways to achieve this in schools like yours where no onsite service is available.

In order to better understand the care needs in our school community and the impact of COVID-19 on the demand for places in 2021, we have a short 5 question follow-up survey for parents which will provide us with the data we need to inform and prioritise solutions.

Parents who are deemed to need care based on these questions will be offered the opportunity to complete a 10 question demand survey to fast track the paperwork required to establish OSHC at our school.

We ask parents to complete the survey by Friday 27 November 2020. Parents can access the survey at:

<https://surveys.education.nsw.gov.au/s3/OSHCParentSurvey>

Have a great week - Allan Duroux

Awards - No assembly. Awards will be presented at school

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: **Ben** for a friendly nature and being a terrific helper around the school

CITIZENSHIP: **Massimo** CAPA: PBL: **Melanie**

ENVIRONMENT: **Declan** SPORT: **Riley F**

GOOD FRIEND: **Mr Duroux** *chosen by Alex*

NUDE FOODIST: **Lily S, Joe**

ACADEMIC

K-1 **Chloe W** for demonstrating listening and understanding skills in the process of "how to make tuna"

2-3 **Layla** for applying phonic knowledge to decode unknown words

4-5 **Zoe** for creative and imaginative yet informative poetry

GO FOR IT

K-1 **Chelsea** for showing great footwork and dodging in NRL

2-3 **Mikayla** for a positive attitude towards all learning tasks

4-5 **Willow** for focused effort in learning and completing all tasks

6 **Hayden** for quick thinking in a speed computer task against the rest of the class

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING (PBL)

K-1 **Blake** for being a great leader in welcoming the new Kindergarten students into the K-1 classroom

2-3 **Ayla** for following playground PBL expectations

4-5 **Lillian** for becoming more confident when sharing learning with others

6 **Lily** for her attention when creating art



Great Reading Award – Declan, Layla, Caleb, Lily

Notifying the school of student absences and bus messages



Not only can you receive the Bulletin, notes and reminders from the school via the free Schoolstream app, but did you know that you can notify the school via the Schoolstream app about student absences, bus messages and returning Permission Notes?

Whilst you can phone or send in a note we'd prefer a Schoolstream notification or email for student absences, first thing in the morning.

From Mrs McInnes in the Library

The end of the year is fast approaching and there are a lot of overdue library books that need to be returned. Please check at home and return any overdue Blakebrook library books. ALL books are to be returned by end of week 8.



Heads up regarding a Santa Gift

A clearly labelled prewrapped book present (supplied by families) valued up to \$10 each, will be handed out by Santa on the last day of school. A drop box will be available in the week leading up to this day so please hold onto your gift until further notice.

This is forewarning so that you can be on the lookout for the perfect book to buy.

The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box .

Does packing lunch boxes feel like a chore? We are here to help you kick start the year easily, packing healthy lunch boxes your kids will enjoy.

Healthy lunch boxes don't have to be boring.



We are very excited to bring you our new look [healthy lunch box website](#) that has been improved with new features and functions based on feedback provided by you! You can now search for gluten free and vegetarian recipes, as well as **easy to freeze** and **quick and easy** recipes because as parents, we know how important it is to pack lunches quickly.

You can sign up to the [Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter](#) for ideas, updates and recipes delivered to your inbox throughout the year.

[Check out the new website now!](#)

healthylunchbox.com.au



Blakebrook Public School P&C Newsletter

Thursday 19th November 2020 – Week 6 Term 4

CANTEEN: 27th November Chicken Wings with fried rice \$4.00



BPS P&C UNIFORM ORDERS

	Size	Quantity:	Total:
Polo Shirt \$22	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16		
Hoodie \$30 or Sports Jacket \$35	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14		
Hat with Logo \$10			
Library Bag \$5			
Student Pack (includes 2x Shirts, 1x Hoodie or Jacket, Hat & Library Bag) \$90			
Grand Total:			\$

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Direct Deposit Receipt No: _____ Reference: _____

Cash or Cheque: Payable to "Blakebrook Public School P&C" (**Please provide correct cash amount**)

Or Direct Deposit: Account Name: Blakebrook Public School P&C Association

Bank: Westpac BSB: 032-539 Account Number: 170296

Place completed order form with payment in an envelope marked "School Uniforms" in the black P&C tin under the bench, in the school administration office. Admin office staff **DO NOT** handle uniform sales or enquiries. When uniform orders are completed it will be given to your child/ren or left at office for collection. **Any questions please email: bpspca@gmail.com**