

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 8 - Thursday 25 November 2021

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DIARY DATES

Week 8

Friday 26 November

Deadline: Scholastic Book Club LOOP orders

Week 10

Wednesday 8 December

New Date Awards Presentation Ceremony, starts 9:30am
Parents can attend if double vaccinated and must QR check-in on arrival. You will receive a pass once both are confirmed.

Friday 10 December

Cancelled P&C Christmas tree

Week 11

Monday 13 December

Y6 Genie Day

Deadline: 3:30pm for Santa books (drop box in Weather shed)

Tuesday 14 December

Y6 Farwell - Y5 & Y6 only

Wednesday 15 December

Mystery Tour for K-6

Thursday 16 December

Last day of term

Principal News

Staffing

Mrs Skorjenko will be taking sick leave for the remainder of the term. The K-2 class will be supported by Miss Allen, Mrs Tate and Mrs Kelly for the remainder of the year.

Mrs Skorjenko still touches base with her class with a weekly online ZOOM session and occasionally drops in when she is feeling well enough. At this stage she hopes to be at all our end of year events including the presentation assembly, year 6 farewell and maybe even the Mystery Tour!

We welcome back Mrs McInnes to Blakebrook after some extended leave. It is great to have her back in the school and library. Classes will still be taught by Mrs Kelly with Mrs McInnes providing support as well as finalising the library transformation.

Gardening

Our wonderful gardening club Grandparents have decided to 'pull up their last carrots' at Blakebrook. Marion and John have been friendly helpful gardeners across our school for several years. They have developed our award-winning vegetable gardens, reinvigorated our citrus trees and orchard, and revamped the entrance garden to the school with succulents and a historical bicycle. The students have developed their knowledge of growing and propagating plants as well as understanding the importance of soil health, compost, and strategic watering. Many students and staff have taken home armfuls of fresh produce to enjoy with their families. An added bonus for the students was the learning journey of planting, growing, harvesting, cooking, and eating all in the one spot. A true paddock to plate experience. The P&C are very grateful for the many donations towards raffles, Mother's Day stalls and canteen menu items over the years. We offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to Marion and John for their dedication, friendship, and support of our school. We will miss you but hope you will still drop in for a cup of tea every now and again. Thank you and best wishes for the future.

P&C NEWS

Canteen – A reminder that Canteen lunch days are now held on Thursdays with students to bring their orders in on Wednesdays.

P&C Meeting – The last P&C meeting was held on Monday 22 November via ZOOM, due to restrictions. The P&C have generously offered to treat our Y6 students with a day out to the circus, next Wednesday 1 December, with Mrs Perren and Lochie accompanying them. Thank you Blakebrook PS P&C!

Year 7 2022 Transition Days

Our year 6 students commenced their transition to high school with a visit to the Richmond River high school on Tuesday. They had a great day and were able to become more familiar with the school and staff. They sampled different types of lessons and learnt about the school's expectations. Well done for being great ambassadors for our school and thank you to Mrs Perren for coordinating this program.

Year 6 Canberra Refunds – delayed again

Unfortunately, Sonia has not been able to start the refund process as the system is experiencing problems with access. As soon as this issue is rectified the refunds will be processed. Once they're approved then we think it can take up to five business days for funds to appear in bank accounts. Thank you for understanding and apologies for the extended delay – it's frustrating for all involved.

2022 Captain Speeches

Our year 5 students presented their speeches on Tuesday seeking to become an elected School Captain of our school next year. All students did a great job with their presentations. All students and staff will vote for their preferred captains this week. The 2022 Captains will be announced at our Presentation Ceremony later this term. Good luck year 5.

End of Year

At this stage we are hoping to hold our:

- School Presentation Ceremony on Wednesday 8 December 9:30am start
- P&C Xmas Tree BBQ on Friday 10 December – unfortunately is cancelled
- Year 6 Farewell on Tuesday 14 December after school
- Mystery Tour on Wednesday 15 December. Santa to visit. Donations of books for Santa to give to your child are to be brought to school by Monday 13 December, wrapped & labelled (spend limit \$10 per child please)
- Last Day of term is Thursday 16 December.

We have our fingers crossed for these events to progress. At this stage, only double vaccinated parents will be permitted to attend Presentation and year 6 farewell events and will need to follow QR check-in and provide evidence of vaccination status to enter school grounds. Visitors will also need to follow social distancing and hygiene requirements. I will keep you updated as information is received.

Vaccinations for staff and visitors

To ensure a COVID-safe return to school, all NSW public school staff on-site will be required to be fully vaccinated. Any contractors, volunteers or people on site who require a Working with Children Check (including parent helpers and canteen helpers) are also required to have 2 doses of vaccination before returning to our school, from 8 November.

2022 Kindergarten enrolments

We are currently taking enrolments for 2022 Kindergarten. If you have a child, or know of one, that would like to come to Blakebrook PS next year, please email the school for information, an Enrolment Pack and an interview with the Principal. We look forward to meeting with you.

Have a great week - Allan Duroux

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CANTEEN:

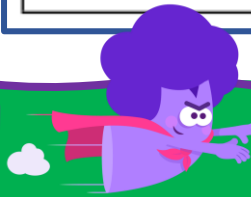
Please note: Canteen will be on Thursday the 2nd December

2nd December

Beef Burgers \$4.00

Canteen Menu

Sandwiches/Toasted		Drinks	
Ham, chicken, Tuna, Salad	\$4.00	Just Juice Popper	\$1.00
Vegemite, cheese	\$2.00	(Apple, apple & blackcurrant, tropical)	
Raisin Toast	\$1.00	Milo	
		Smoothie (banana, mango, mixed berry)	\$1.00
Snacks			\$2.00
Fresh Fruit	50c	Ice Blocks	
Apple slinkies	50c	Quelch Fruit Tubes	
Popcorn	50c	(8 flavours available)	
		Moosie (chocolate/strawberry)	50c
			\$1.50



GARDENING NEWS



This will be our final letter for 2021 and to advise of our decision not to return to gardening duties next year. Our reasons are quite separate, Marion for family reasons, myself for physical reasons (old age).

This was a difficult decision as we have enjoyed the gardening activity as much as the social contact.

As everyone knows the COVID pandemic has caused total disruption to our lives throughout the year. With lockdowns, gardening has been very much a hit and miss activity and not as we would hope to have ended the year.

Our best wishes to all and good health in 2022.

Regards Marion & John

