

# Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 10 - Thursday 9 December 2021

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## DIARY DATES

### Week 10

Friday 10 December **Cancelled** P&C Christmas tree  
*Deadline: P&C Christmas raffle (if you need more tickets contact Vicki P&C President)*

### 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 starting 5:30pm  
 P & C Christmas raffle drawn

Wednesday 15 December Mystery Tour for K-6 children will need to bring swimmers and beach towel

Thursday 16 December Last day of term

**School Holidays**

Tuesday 1 February First day of Term 1 - Y 1-6

Wednesday 2 February First day of Term 1 - Kindergarten

## Principal News

### P&C NEWS

Canteen – A reminder that Canteen lunch days are now held on Thursdays with students to bring their orders in on Wednesdays. Today was the final lunch order day for 2021.

Raffle - Families are asked to support the P&C raffle fundraiser by donating a non-perishable item that is not out of date. These items will form a hamper prize amongst other prizes including some plants kindly donated by our Gardening Club. Items can be left at the office. Tickets have been sent home for families to sell if they wish. All tickets (sold/unsold) with any money collected should be returned to school by the due date. Your support of our wonderful P&C is appreciated.

### Presentation Day Awards

Our school held its award ceremony on Wednesday this week. This was a bit different to previous years due to ongoing restrictions. It is always difficult to single out students for awards as all of our students have made significant growth in learning as well as socially. Well done to all of our students.

A special congratulations to our awardees:

Learning awards: Diablo, Arlo, Chloe W, Darcy, Makayla, Riley SD and Sienna

Academic awards: Lily S, Massimo, and Zoe

Sport awards: Max, Layla and Jake

Environment awards: Lachy, Carley and Cooper

Citizenship awards: Rubie, Ayla and Sapphire

CAPA awards: Blake, Tahlani and Emillee

Library awards: Declan, Mikayla and Lillian

Premiers Sporting Challenge medallion: Melanie

Blakebrook 'Shining Star' awards: Chelsea and Olive

Book Prize from Federal member of Parliament-Kevin Hogan: Makayla

## **2022 School Captains**

It is with great pleasure, that I announce Willow and Rhys as our school captains for 2022. These two students have been elected by their peers and staff members to be our leaders and follow in the tradition of excellent captains dating back over 120 years at Blakebrook PS. I know they will do a great job and I wish them all the best. Congratulations Willow and Rhys.

## **Semester 2 Student Reports**

Student reports have been sent home this week. They are an overview of your child's learning in what has been another disrupted year due to COVID and staffing changes particularly in the 3-4 classroom. If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher to discuss.

## **Staffing**

As the year comes to a close we will sadly be saying farewell to some staff members.

Mrs Skorjenko will be retiring in February. She gained permanent teacher status in 2010 but has been working at the School since 1999. She has been a terrific teacher and mentor for thousands of students. She is a fun loving yet dedicated teacher who always gets the best out of the students in her care.

Mrs McInnes will be retiring at the end of this year. She started here in 1985 and gained permanency in 1992. She has been a fabulous librarian and teacher of Mandarin in our school. Our library is a modern place to learn which has been nurtured by Mrs McInnes. The opportunity for our students to learn another language was unique and a real credit to Mrs McInnes' passion in LoTE.

Wendy will be taking extended leave for Terms 1-3 in 2022 pending retirement. Wendy has been the face of our office since 2009 and a P&C representative prior to working here from 1996 with all four of her children attending BPS from K to Y6. Wendy is a diligent office manager who juggles many demanding requirements yet keeps her sense of humour and is always looking after the wellbeing of students, staff and the wider community.

Lochie will be moving to another school next year. Lochie was a student here before working as a School Learning Support Officer from 2016. Lochie is loved by the students and has helped many kids with their learning or wellbeing.

Sandra has also separated from the Department and has finished her commitments at Blakebrook. Sandra helped in the office and assisted in keeping our school on track as well as helping students, staff and parents.

Mr Hayes will also be retiring after 30 years of service as our groundsman. He literally knows every blade of grass in the school.

We will miss these staff but wish them all the best for the next steps in their life journeys. They will always be a part of Blakebrook and welcome to visit at any time. Thank you and best wishes.

At this stage all our remaining staff (Mrs Tate, Miss Allen, Mrs Perren, Mrs Kelly, Vera, Sonia and Rob) will be back in 2022 to ensure Blakebrook remains a great place to learn and grow. Recruitment for the Principal's position and School Administrative Manager (SAM) roles will occur in the new year. Please give them your support once they are appointed and help them settle into our wonderful school.

### **End of Year**

At this stage we are hoping to hold our:

- Year 6 Farewell on Tuesday 14 December after school
- Mystery Tour on Wednesday 15 December. **REMINDER: Santa to visit. Donations of books for Santa to give to your child are to be brought to school by Monday 13 December.**
- 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 the year 6 farewell event 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.

### **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

Mr Duroux On behalf of the Staff we would like to wish him Goodbye and Goodluck as he takes on his new Principal role at Teven/Tintenbar PS. He has been here since Term 4 2012 and has been integral in making BPS the wonderful school it is today. His fairness, welcoming nature and leadership skills have made him a pleasure to work with. We will miss him but congratulate him on his successes.

Wendy & Vera







Academic Awards



Citizenship Awards



Environment Awards



Sporting Awards



Library Awards



Learning Awards



Blakebrook Shining Star Awards



Capa Awards





## 3-4 End of Year Party



As a reward for outstanding behaviour, the 3-4 class will celebrate their class party with me on Tuesday the 14th of December. This will be done in a covid safe way. I would like to thank the 3-4 students for such a wonderful five weeks.

Mrs Lord

## Year 6 Thank Blakebrook P&C & GENIE DAY Fundraiser

Last Wednesday our seven Y6 students were treated to a special day out - funded by our generous and supportive P&C. Lochie and Mrs Perren drove the students to Lismore Bowl where Sienna showed her sporting skills by winning both games of ten pin bowling. The students then were each given \$10 vouchers to buy lunch at Lismore Maccas. Year 6 students had a fantastic fun time. Many thanks to P&C President -Vicki Higgins for organising the day.

On Monday - (13/12/21) these 7 Yr 6 students will be participating in a Genie Day Fundraiser. The students will be granting wishes to the highest bidder on the day. Students can bring a maximum amount of \$5 per student. Students can join groups of five with students from their own class to bid for a Year 6 Genie. Can't wait to see them do their special Genie Work.  
Mrs Perrren



# YOUR PARK YOUR SAY!

We need your feedback on the proposed **Lismore Parklands Youth Space** Design for Funding application.

Let us know what you think needs to be in the space!

How can I get involved?

A pre-design survey will be live from **Tuesday, 7 December** to **Wednesday, 22 December 2021**.

This will help form an idea of what needs to be included in the concept design for funding applications.

Follow what's happening and fill in the survey at:  
[www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/  
lismore-skatepark-and-youth-precinct](http://www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au/lismore-skatepark-and-youth-precinct)



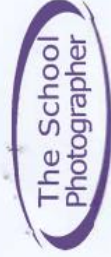
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Thursday, 2 December 2021

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### REORDER PHOTOS

Please find below, a list of all the sports/special photographs available.

These can be viewed and ordered online at [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au) using the Online Order Code below:

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The photo prices are:

**\$18.00** each, 2 for **\$34.00**, 3 for **\$46.00**, 4 for **\$58.00** or 5 for **\$70.00**

Any additional photographs are **\$10.00** each. This discount is only available per family order.

The photos will be available to view and purchase **ONLINE ONLY**

Name of Group	Name of Group
School Leaders	Year 6 Fun

## KINDERGARTEN ART PACK



Laurel Wallis ... 0417 600008  
[schoolclub.laurel@gmail.com](mailto:schoolclub.laurel@gmail.com) ... [www.schoolclub.com.au](http://www.schoolclub.com.au)

### \$100 Service NSW Creative Kids Vouchers

#### **Eligibility**

If you're a parent, carer or guardian, the student will be eligible if they are:

- a NSW resident
- aged between 4.5 and 18 years
- enrolled in school (from Kindergarten to Year 12, including those who are home-schooled or enrolled in secondary school education at TAFE NSW)
- a current Medicare card holder

You can apply for a voucher for each eligible student.

You can use the voucher with approved Creative Kids providers.

#### **What you need**

- a MyServiceNSW account
- one proof of identity document for the parent, carer or guardian
- your child's Medicare card details.

Download your voucher from the Service NSW Website as follows:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

#### **To use your Service NSW Creative Kids Voucher with School Club**

Choose the **Kindergarten Art Pack \$100** on the School Club website.

Additional items over \$100 can be purchased at your own expense by bank transfer or credit card payment over the phone.

Multiple Vouchers can be used under the one order

#### **To Order**

- Go to [www.schoolclub.com.au](http://www.schoolclub.com.au)
- Left-hand side of screen under "Categories", click on "School Art Packs"
- Scroll down to "Kindergarten Art Pack" and add to your cart
- At the top right-hand corner of screen, you will see Cart symbol - click "Checkout"
- Click on the green "Checkout" under order total
- Select "Guest Checkout"
- Click on "Continue"
- Enter personal details - including the centre's name to be filled in the School / Company section
  - In the "Comments" box, please enter:
    - Your Service NSW Creative Kids voucher number
    - Your child's full name
    - Your child's date of birth
  - **NOTE: The voucher number needs to be shown in order that we may process your order**
- Click "Continue"
- NB: If you are wanting your pack to be delivered contact-free to your home, a freight cost of \$16.50 including GST will be charged
- Please select "Bank Transfer" under payment method
- Click "Continue"
- Click "Confirm Order"

*Please note that if your order is being delivered to your home directly, the freight cost of \$16.50 can be paid by bank transfer or credit card over the phone.*

You will receive an email from School Club showing Order ID. Please use the order ID as reference when you need to pay extra items. Extra items can be paid via bank transfer or credit card over the phone.



# 2022 NSW School Calendar

## TERM 1

Friday 28 January 2022:	<b>Pupil Free Day</b> – Staff resume (SDD)
Monday 31 January 2022:	<b>Pupil Free Day</b> – Staff resume (SDD)
Monday 1 February 2022:	Y1-6 Students resume ( <i>not Kinder</i> )
Tuesday 2 February 2022:	Kinder students officially start school
Friday 15 April 2022:	Good Friday public holiday
Monday 18 April 2022:	Easter Monday public holiday
Friday 8 April 2022:	Students last day of Term 1

*Autumn holidays – Friday 8 to Friday 22 April 2022*

Monday 25 April 2022 : ANZAC Day public holiday

## TERM 2

Tuesday 26 April 2022:	<b>Pupil Free Day</b> – Staff resume (SDD)
Wednesday 27 April 2022:	Students resume
Monday 13 June 2022:	Queen's Birthday public holiday
Friday 1 July 2022:	Students last day of Term 2

*Winter holidays – Monday 4 July to Friday 15 July 2022*

## TERM 3

Monday 18 July 2022:	<b>Pupil Free Day</b> – Staff resume
Tuesday 19 July 2022:	K-6 Students resume
Friday 23 September 2022:	Students last day of Term 3

*Spring holidays - Monday 26 September to Friday 7 October 2022*

Monday 3 October 2022: Labour Day public holiday

## TERM 4

Monday 10 October 2022:	Staff AND students resume (no Pupil Free Day)
Tuesday 20 December 2022:	Students last day of Term 4
Wednesday 21 December 2022:	Pupil Free Day – Staff only (SDD)

*Summer holidays – Students: Wednesday 21 December 2022 / Staff: Thursday 22 December 2022 à Thursday 26 January 2023 (tbc)*