

# Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 3 – Thursday 27 October 2022

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## DIARY DATES

### Term 4 Week 3

Friday October 28

Golf Program – Session 2

P&C Halloween Disco! 5:30pm 8:00pm @ school

### Term 4 Week 4

Tuesday November 1

Year 6 Obstacle Cup

Wednesday November 2

Kindy 2023 Transition Day 2 – 9:30am – 12:00pm

Thursday November 3

Book Fair and Parade – See flyer attached

Friday November 4

Golf Program – Session 3

Awards Assembly

### Term 4 Week 5

Friday November 11

Whole School ‘Mystery Tour’

### Term 4 Week 6

Monday November 14 to

Friday November 18

Intensive Swimming Scheme Program – whole school

## Principal News

### Last day of Term 4 for students is Friday 16 December 2022

As we near the end of the year, I want to thank you for your ongoing support and notify you of a date change for the last day of Term 4 classes.

Students will now finish school on Friday 16 December 2022.

This is due to an additional School Development Day announced for staff across NSW public schools.

School Development Days allow our staff to participate in professional learning that was put on hold due to COVID-19 staffing pressures and plan ahead for 2023 to ensure we meet the needs of our students.

With this change, we ask that you arrange alternative care for your child on Monday 19 December.

You can find local vacation care services for your child via the Before and After Care School Finder. <https://finder.service.nsw.gov.au/>

While there will be no classes on Monday 19 December, if you cannot arrange alternative care for your child, we will provide minimal supervision at school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me on through the school office.

### Stage 2 Brisbane Excursion

Our stage 2 excursion to Brisbane is fast approaching, with students and staff becoming increasingly excited for what should be a wonderful trip. In recent weeks a note was sent home to gather information on dietary requirements. If this note has not been returned, please do so ASAP. Please remember to make regular payments, the full amount of the excursion must be paid by November 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Intensive Swimming Program

A note was sent home last week regarding our Intensive Swimming Program that will happen throughout week 6 at Kyogle pool. This will be a great experience for our students to developing critical skills. Please return this note to the front office by November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Year 7 Orientation Days – The Rivers Secondary College

### Lismore High Campus

Arrival: Suggested time is 9:15am - College Road.

Meeting point: The School Hall

On the day: Students should wear full primary school uniform, covered shoes/sport shoes and have a hat. **On 22 November** Parents/Carers are invited to attend the first session to meet the campus Principal and year advisor. A light snack will be provided at recess and a BBQ will be provided at lunch. Please advise the school (Lismore High) of any dietary requirements on 6621 5185. Remember to bring a hat, water bottle, and pen/pencil case. **On 29 November** students will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch as well as any other snacks. Don't forget your water bottle and a hat.

Departure: School ends at 3:15pm. Students being picked up by parents should be collected from College Road. Students travelling by bus will be escorted down and supervised at Dalley Street bus bay.

### Richmond River High Campus

Arrival: Suggested time is 9:20am -Military Road

Meeting point: The MPH (LHC site) Please park in the SCU car park and access the campus via the single gate on Military Rd

On the day: Students should wear full primary school uniform, covered shoes/sports shoes and have a hat. **On 22 November** Parents/Carers are welcome to accompany their child to the MPH for the welcome, staying to 10am. Parents will then leave and are invited to return for a school open afternoon at 3:15pm where they can visit our classrooms and meet teachers). A light snack will be provided at recess and a BBQ will be provided at lunch. These will include gluten-free and vegetarian options. Remember to bring a hat, water bottle, and pen/pencil case. **On 29 November** students will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch. Remember to bring a water bottle, and pen/pencil case.

Departure: School ends at 3:15pm. Students being picked up by parents should be collected from Military Road. Students travelling by bus will be escorted down and supervised at Dalley Street bus bay.

## Attendance

Regular attendance is important to promoting student wellbeing and strong learning outcomes. Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. This can be done through replying to the text message received when the student is absent, emailing the school or a handwritten note. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified.

### Partial Absences

On occasions parents may need to pick their child up early from school or drop their child off late. It is important that appointments are made outside of school hours where possible to minimise the impact of partial absences on learning. Our school has recently made changes to our signing/signing out procedures as part of our new attendance system.

**Late arrivals** - If you need to sign-in your child late, please accompany your child to front office. Office staff will ask for a reason for the partial absence and then a slip will be taken by the student to the classroom teacher.

**Early departures** - Should you need to pick up your child early from school please report to the front office. The office staff will ask for the reason for early departure and record this on our system. The classroom will then be contacted to send the student to the front office for pick up.

## Year 6 Obstacle Cup

Next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 10 Year 6 students and a Mystery Rider will be racing for this year's 2022 BPS Cup.

The Jockeys and their trusty steeds will be parading in the COLA area at 2:50pm on Tuesday afternoon.

The Jockeys must pass thru the Nutrition Station before entering the Obstacle Course.

Who will win The Cup?!

Students, Parents and carers are invited to come along and cheer on the Jockeys as they race for victory. See you at the track!

Head Steward - Mrs Perren

Jockeys & Trusty Steeds

1. Yorke - riding Kanye East
2. Caleb - riding Gerald
3. Riley - riding Cheese
4. Willow - riding Bucket Joe
5. Olive - riding Bullseye
6. Tanisha - riding Tanisha 2.0
7. Rhys - riding Da Adult
8. Lillian - riding Thing 1
9. Cooper - riding G.I. Joe
10. Zoe - riding Thing 2
11. Mystery Rider - riding Cosmic Hooves



Book Week 2022



Inviting our school community to help us celebrate Book Week 2022

This year's theme is "Dreaming with eyes open"

Looking forward to the week ahead.

Kind regards  
Sam Bowkett  
Principal

### Book Character Parade - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

10.30 - 11.00am Book Character Parade

11.00 - 11.30am Special Book week Assembly

11.30 - 12.30pm Community Picnic (bring your picnic rug and food and enjoy the school grounds)



### Book Fair Viewing & Purchasing Times

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Students will visit the Book Fair throughout the day to create a wish list	Book fair open for purchasing 3.30 - 4.15pm	Book fair open for purchasing 3.30 - 4.00pm	Book fair open for purchasing 8.30 - 9.30am 11.45 - 12.30pm 3.30 - 4.00pm	Book fair open for purchasing 8.30 - 9.30am 

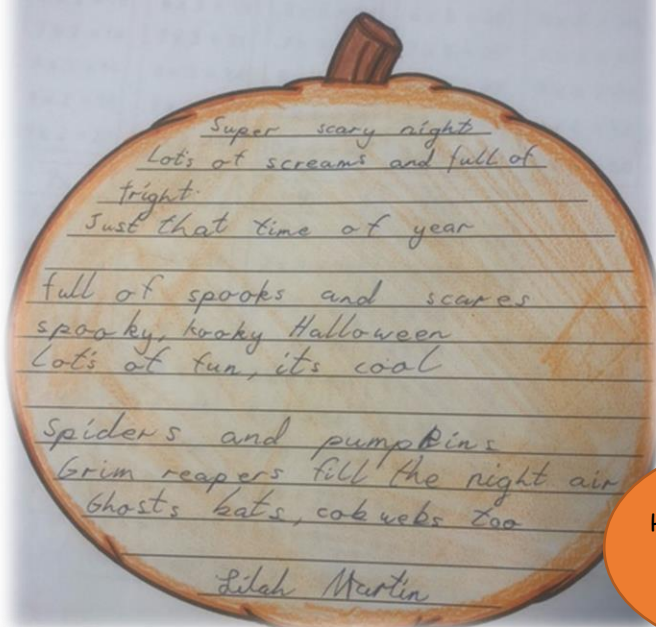
**All purchases must be made via credit card - no cash payments**

Week 4 Assembly will be moved a day forward to collaborate with the special book week assembly.



Halloween Poem by  
Lilah in Year 5

### My Halloween Shape Poem





K/1/2 had the best day at Summerland Farm!



After a long bus drive, we arrived to an animal wonderland. It was beautiful and interesting. A donkey tried to bite Mrs Kelly's shoe! My friends and I loved the playground, slippery dip and roundabout. We all had a good try at gardening and learning about succulents and there were amazing and kind guide people. My friends and I got to hold our cute and cheese loving class pet Pom Pom on the way back to school. It was also green and clean there and I loved it! I wanted to hold Moana the guinea pig, but Chelsea did. The rabbit and many more animals ate the hay we fed them. The goat tried to eat my hair and clothing. We played stuck in the mud and hide'n'seek. On the way we did lots of singing and dancing. We sang out hearts out on the way to school assemble which I enjoyed.

By Evie



When we arrived, I was kind of nervous but excited at the same time. The first thing we saw were CHICKENS and then we went to the playground, we played hide and seek for ages! It was extremely fun. We went and made succulents plant gardens, mine was amazing! We went to the farm, and we saw baby rabbits they were so cute, and we saw a big rabbit, goats, guinea pig and best of all Chelsea, Evie and I held one. I held the one called Jasmine, Chelsea held Moana and Evie held Elsa. We went back to the playground we had lunch and then we played 'The Floors are Lava' then we played 'Stuck in the Mud'. I was in for the first round. After that we went to the shop to go to the toilet then we went on the bus and went to school. It was still afternoon play and I went on the grass until home time

By Jess

