

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 4 Week 7 – Friday 25 November 2022

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DIARY DATES

Term 4 Week 7

Friday November 25

Golf Session 4 – @ Lismore Golf Club – Stage 2 & 3 only

Term 4 Week 8

Tuesday November 29

Year 5 School Captain Speeches for 2023 – 9:30am

Wednesday November 30

'The Rivers' Year 7 2023 Orientation Day 2 – (Flyer attached)

Thursday December 1

Kindy 2023 Transition Day 4 (Last session) – 9:30am – 3:30pm

K-2 Australian animal project presentations!

Parents and friends welcome – 12:45pm – 2:15pm

Term 4 Week 9

Wednesday December 7

Stage 2 Brisbane Excursion!

to Friday December 9

Term 4 Week 10

Tuesday December 13

Year 6 Farewell at East Lismore Bowling Club – 5:30pm

Wednesday December 14

School Presentation + P&C Tree from 5pm – Details to come

Friday December 16

Students last day – PBL Theme Day! - Details to come

Term 4 Week 11

Monday December 19

School Development Day

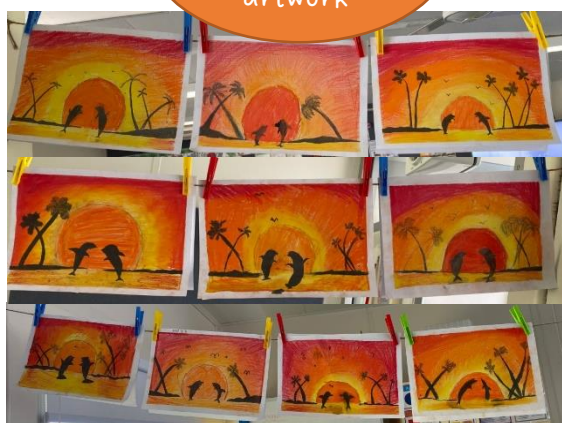
Tuesday December 20

School Development Day

Principal News

As I move around our school, talking to students, working alongside teachers and chatting with parents I feel immense pride in the work that happens across Blakebrook Public School. The smiles that are so often present on student's faces and the 'lightbulb' moments that happen frequently across our school are evidence of the hard work put in by so many people. The term is proving to be extremely busy and moving at an incredible pace. I want to thank you all, especially our staff, who are all so very dedicated, for their continued efforts to support our students.

3/4 Class sunset on the horizon artwork



K/1/2 Class Caricatures!

2023 Leadership Program

As we move towards the end of the year our teachers and students have begun preparations to transition from our current student leadership team to our 2023 leadership team. At our school we have a range of leadership opportunities that empower students to actively contribute to the running of the school and provide voice and advocacy for their peers. There are immense benefits that come from carrying out leadership roles and I am always so hearted to see our year 6 students develop in their confidence and leadership capacity throughout the year.

Next year we will have following student leadership positions across our school:

- School Captains
- Environmental Leaders
- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Leaders
- Sports Leaders



In recent weeks our current Year 5 students have engaged in a leadership program to reflect on what leadership means to them and how they would like to contribute to Blakebrook PS through leadership roles in 2023.

As part of the leadership program all our Year 5 students will be presenting a speech to the school next Tuesday at 9:30am in the school COLA. Following this, students from Kindergarten to Year 5 and staff will vote for their preferred candidate. Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend to watch the speeches being delivered.

Year 5 students will also nominate for the positions of Environment Leader, PBL Leader and Sports Leader. Students will submit a written response and be interviewed about the reasons they would like to take on the role.

The 2023 School Captains, Environmental Leaders, and PBL Leaders, and Sports Leaders will be announced at our formal assembly on December 14th and inducted into their positions at a formal ceremony in early Term 1 2023.

End of Year Formal Assembly/P&C Christmas Tree

This year our End of Year Formal Assembly/P&C Christmas Tree will be held on December 14th from 5pm. The first part of the evening will be our formal assembly, where we will be celebrating the fantastic efforts of our students and whole school community throughout 2022. A range of awards will be presented to selected students to acknowledge outstanding achievements across sporting, academic and cultural endeavours. I would like to encourage all students, parents, caregivers and community members to come along to this event and enjoy this special occasion.

Following our formal assembly, the P&C will host their 2022 Christmas tree. An information flyer with details will be sent home shortly with students. Parents are asked to organise a wrapped book, to the value of \$15 (with child's name on it) for Santa to hand to children on the night. Books should be bundled together when there is more than one child in the family. Books should be dropped off to the school by 4pm Monday December 12th.

I understand that this event has been running for many years and has created wonderful memories for our school community in the past. I am looking forward to my first 'Blakebrook Christmas Tree' and sharing this special occasion with our school community.



Step Up Day / Kindergarten Orientation Session 4

Next Wednesday will be a particularly busy day at Blakebrook Public School. This day will provide an opportunity all our students to get a taste of what next year may look like for them at BPS and even what high school may be like for our year 6 students moving onto secondary education. Our teachers have been busily planning a range of wonderful activities across our school that I am sure will be highly engaging and enriching for the students.

Please find the below outline for the day.

2023 Kindergarten students

Next Wednesday, November 30th will be the final day in our Kindergarten Orientation program. On this day our 2023 Kindergarten students will be joining us for a full day of learning at Blakebrook. Students will be joined by this year's Kindergarten and Year 1 students for a 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' during their lunch break.

Please also note that parents of 2023 Kindergarten students are invited to an information session. This session will be held in the library at 9:30am and will cover several topics that are relevant to 'life at Blakebrook' including 'healthy lunch boxes', P&C/uniforms, curriculum, road safety and communication.

Stage 2 and 3 Classes

Current Year 2 and Year 3 students will spend the day learning within the Stage 2 classroom. Throughout the day, 2023 Stage 2 students will be involved in a wide range of activities to build peer relationships, skills in collaboration and increase independence within the learning. 2023 Stage 3 students will be focusing on a text study 'The Mad Magpie'. Students will be involved in a range of activities focused on developing high-order thinking, deep conversations around learning and effective collaboration within learning.

2023 Year 7 Students

On this day our current Year 6 students will be engaging in a range of activities that focus on familiarising students with general structures and changes in curriculum delivery that they may face in secondary education. Students will be moving between learning spaces throughout the day in much the same way they will at high school. Activities will include food technology, design and technology, construction and physical education.

Kind regards
Samuel Bowkett
Principal



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 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.

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An important part of the transition process is students becoming familiar with their travel arrangements when starting high school. We encourage all students to travel to our orientation days in the same way they will travel to their campus next year. If travelling by bus, you can check your bus route and pick up/drop off points by visiting: <https://www.buslinesgroup.com.au/northern-rivers>, phoning your local bus company or by contacting the campus which your child will attend.

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Intensive Swimming Program at Kyogle Pool!

All the students had a great week!

