

# Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 2 Week 9 - **Thursday 23 June 2022**

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## DIARY DATES

### Term 2 Week 9

Friday June 24

Award Presentation

Pie Day

Reports sent home

### Term 2 Week 10

Friday July 1

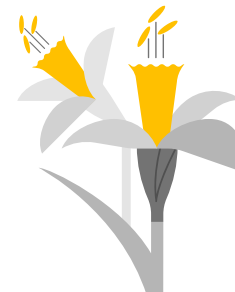
Y 5 & 6 Canberra Excursion

Last Day of Term

### Term 3 Week 1

Tuesday July 19

All Students return



## Principal News

Although the mornings have been a little chilly, the past week has been beautiful weather for students be out in the sun playing, learning and growing. I have been on morning duty this week and have enjoyed watching students getting active in the sun before starting their day of learning. Soccer has swept across our school, with determination printed across players faces. I am sure students will carry this love of sport into adulthood.

## Reports

Reports will be sent home with students tomorrow. These reports provide parent/caregivers a summary of their child's progress throughout the semester. As previously mentioned, having faced Covid-19 and the natural disaster of flooding, learning this semester has been like no other. So please keep this in mind when reading the report and remember it is in context of each student's individual social, emotional and academic needs. Small modifications to Semester 1 reports have been made in line with the 'Covid-19 Interim Policy standards – Semester 1 2022 COVID-19'. This policy has been developed to acknowledge the impact of Covid-19 on teaching and learning throughout Semester 1. We hope that you find these reports informative and please feel free to make contact with the school should you wish to discuss your child's report.

## Temporary School Update

Progress continues to be made on the Blakebrook site and we are getting closer to being able to return our school. The hardwiring has been completed of the temporary buildings however we are still waiting on the Telstra line to be connected. This will provide the connection we need to run our phones and internet services. We are hoping that this occurs as

soon as possible. The majority of the 'make safe' works have been completed, with only a few minor tasks yet to occur around the school grounds. Rob has been working hard to re-establish our gardens and ensure that our school is once again a warm and inviting environment for our students and school community. This work will not hold up our return to Blakebrook however will make the return a little more enjoyable.

## **Rebuild Information Session**

It was great to see our Blakebrook staff and parents at the information session about rebuilding our school in week 6. This was held in the Lismore Public School library by School Infrastructure NSW, which is the infrastructure arm of the Department of Education.

### **The following are a few of the key points discussed:**

- The NSW Government has reiterated that it will be rebuilding Blakebrook Public School – and the result will be a much more modern, better designed school than we enjoyed before.
- Flood assessments have been done and they show that the newer buildings– the library (Block A), canteen (Block C) and newer classroom (Block I) – have been damaged quite badly and can't be salvaged.
- Replacing these buildings offers the opportunity to provide four, new, flexible classrooms– the same number before the flood. The spaces will be light, airy and more functional.
- Some buildings and structures at the school are heritage-listed – including blocks E and F, which were used as classrooms. SINSW has contracted a heritage consultant to understand exactly what that may mean for the design of the rebuild.
- However, the early thinking is that older buildings which have heritage value and need to be retained and could be used for non-teaching spaces like administration.
- SINSW have committed to raising the level of old and new buildings and/or move them to higher ground at the back of the school, which will make them more flood proof and may also allow the playground to work a little better for everyone. Those decisions will be part of the design and master planning process.
- In terms of timeline, we have been given a timeframe of between 18 and 24 months. The heritage listings over the buildings means that a development application will be needed for the project. School

Infrastructure NSW have stated they will work with Lismore Council to make sure the application process as streamlined as possible.

Again, thank you to everyone who could come along. There were some great questions and observations that SINSW noted – including questions and concerns around protecting Blakebrook’s heritage, classroom design, sustainability, bus movements, parking and the future use of our playground.

SINSW will continue to keep everyone at Blakebrook PS updated about how the project is going. There will also be more opportunities for feedback and input from both staff and parents, which the school will let you know about well in advance. If you do have more questions, you can send them to [schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au).

Thankyou Lismore Public School for hosting the event. If you couldn’t make it, you can find the information put together by School Infrastructure NSW here:  
[https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/infrastructure/reports/flood-recovery-update/june/Blakebrook\\_PS\\_Information\\_Pack\\_digital.pdf](https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/infrastructure/reports/flood-recovery-update/june/Blakebrook_PS_Information_Pack_digital.pdf)

## **Canberra Excursion**

It is now not far away now! Our students are getting very excited about the wonderful trip ahead. Mrs. Perren and Mr. Bowkett are also looking forward to the trip! On Tuesday this week students travelled to Coffee Camp PS to participate in a ‘Meet and Greet’ session with other students and staff who will be attending the excursion. Students were able to view photos from previous trips, ask questions and build friendships. Being away from home for a week can be a daunting idea however the personal growth and experiences that students gain from the trip is immeasurable. Final reminder notes will come home today as well as a form regarding Covid -19 guidelines. Please keep an eye out for these. A huge thankyou must be extended to help make this trip possible for our students. If you have questions or we can support in anyway possible please make contact with the front office.

## **Assembly**

Our next assembly will be tomorrow at 2:45pm in the Goolmangar PS COLA. This will be a great opportunity for our school to come together and celebrate the achievements of our wonderful students. Parents and Caregivers are welcome to come along and join us.

Sam

**Week 9 Awards** Presented on Friday 2:45pm @ Goolmangar COLA (parents and carers welcome)

**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**

**Alicia** for displaying a respectful and friendly manner towards staff and peers

**Layla** for showing initiative and maturity when taking care of property

**Declan** (year 3) for an outstanding effort at Regional Cross Country

**LIBRARY AWARDS:** K-2 **Chelsea** 3-4 **Blake** 5-6 **Layla**



**ACADEMIC**

K-2 **Evie** for using expression when reading to engage the listener

**Jessie** for outstanding skills when completing addition problems

3-4 **Indie O** for contributing ideas and thoughts into class discussions around our class novel

5-6 **Caleb** for focus and independence in completing Maths Mentals

**GO FOR IT**

K-2 **Leeland** for displaying attention to detail during handwriting tasks

**Rubie** for displaying a growth mindset towards her learning

3-4 **Blake** for demonstrating a more focused attitude towards learning

5-6 **Chloe M** for being a consistent, diligent learner in all KLA's

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING (PBL)**

K-2 **Piper** for demonstrating a determined approach to all aspects of her learning

**Briana** for displaying a determination during fitness activities

3-4 **Darcy** for helping ensure all sporting equipment is put away

5-6 **Layla** for demonstrating a friendly and respectful manner during a school visit