

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 3 Week 1 - Thursday 21 July 2022

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DIARY DATES

Term 3 Week 1

Friday July 22 Special Assembly @ 2:45pm

Term 3 Week 2

Wednesday July 27 Blakebrook soccer team game day
Friday July 29 Boys Terania District soccer team game day

Term 3 Week 3

Thursday August 4 Education Week Open Day – *details to come*
Friday August 5 Blakebrook Athletics Carnival

Term 3 Week 4

Tuesday August 9 Terania District Athletics Carnival - field events @ BPS
Friday August 12 Terania District Athletics Carnival – track events @ Nimbin Central School

Principal News

Welcome back to Term 3! It has been an exciting return to learning with students moving into their new classrooms back on the Blakebrook site yesterday. The children had smiles from ear to ear as they explored new classrooms, personalised leaning spaces and used a range of new resources. A highlight of play time for many of them was the large soccer game that quickly commenced. It was wonderful to see the students enjoying being back in their familiar surroundings albeit with some changes. It was also pleasing to see our staff enjoying working within the new environment. Whilst remembering our rich history, we start a new chapter for our school. A new chapter where I am sure the students continue the traditions and customs that make Blakebrook PS such a wonderful place to learn.

As a transition back to Blakebrook site there are a number of routines and procedures that will change to meet our school's needs back here. I hope the following information is helpful to families as we get used to operating from Blakebrook. As always please feel free to contact the front office if you have any further questions.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Goolmangar PS community for the friendship they have extended to our school over the past few months. We thank Goolmangar Public School for their kindness and compassion they have shown our students. It has been an extremely challenging time where we have had to share limited resources, space and time. Though the wonderful qualities that make up the people of Blakebrook and Goolmangar has been on display. I am sure that the friendships that have been created in recent times will carry forward long into the future. With this shared experience Goolmangar and Blakebrook will now have an even stronger bond as we move into the new and exciting times.

The extraordinary resilience, perseverance, and determination that all our students have shown over what has been a very difficult period of time has been outstanding. Our students have built friendships, learnt together, and grown together through the most extraordinary of times. All of this has made the teachers very proud of them!

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

In week 10 of last term our year 5 and 6 students attended their Canberra/Snow excursion. It was a wonderful trip with students taking in the sights of Canberra whilst building their knowledge of how democracy works in Australia. Over the next few editions of the Weekly Bulletin our students will

provide their insights into the excursion. Recalling the interesting and fun aspects of the trip through their eyes. I hope you enjoy these over the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

Bell times

The bells times that Blakebrook PS operate under differ from Goolmangar PS.

Our school hours are:

8:45am - 9:15am Before school play

9:15am - 11:30am Session 1

11:30am - 12:30pm Lunch Break

12:30pm - 2:30pm Session 2

2:30pm - 2:50pm Afternoon Tea

2:50pm - 3:30pm Session 3

Please note: If students arrive at school before 8:45am, they are to sit in the COLA area and wait for the teacher on duty.

Late Arrivals and Early Departures

Our school hours are from 9:15am – 3:30pm. We understand on occasions you may need to drop your child off late to school or pick them up early to attend appointments and the like. If possible, it is preferred that appointments are made outside of school hours to limit the impact on student learning. Should you need to drop your child off late please accompany the student to the office where our office staff will be able to complete the sign in process. Similarly, if students need to leave early parents and caregivers need to collect an early departure slip from the front office and hand it to the classroom teacher. Please do not go directly to the classroom. This is a matter of student safety. Your assistance in this area is greatly appreciated.

Communication Channels

We are excited that we now have our office fully functioning in the administration building. The office staff are enjoying using resources and equipment, which has made many tasks much more efficient.

Schools are busy places, and it is important that we get information out to our families in a timely and effective manner. The school utilises a weekly bulletin, notes sent home with students and email as the main ways of getting important information home.

As a school we understand that you may need to get a message to your child throughout the day. These may include pick/drop off arrangements etc. The most efficient way of us getting this information to students is through the front office. If you have a message for a student, please contact the front office via email or phone. This way we can ensure that all messages are communicated to students.

Classroom teachers are not able to receive messages related to individual students throughout the day and make sure that the information gets to the person who needs it.

If a student is away, it is important that the school is provided with an explanation. This allows us to ensure our records are accurate, for example recording an absence as sick/illness when a student is away for that reason. Parents can do this through the school stream app, phoning the school office during school hours or emailing the school. Thank you for assistance in this area.

Homework

As our students settle back into learning routines homework will start to come home once again. This is a great opportunity for a strong connection between learning at school and the home. Across our three classes homework will consist of 'weekly spelling' and 'home reading'. Classroom teachers will provide specific details about how homework will operate in their classroom. In addition to the weekly spelling and home reading, parents can request specific tasks that are able to send home to support their child learning needs. Through this we can meet the specific literacy and numeracy needs of each student. Once such example could be consolidation of place value understanding.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion



Enjoying Hot Milo and toast





First Week back at Blakebrook





Week 1 Awards Presented on Friday 2:45pm (parents and carers welcome)

PRINCIPAL AWARDS: **Makayla** for showing a positive mindset and 'diving' into every opportunity during our Canberra Trip
Jess for consistently striving to achieve her best in all aspects of learning

PBL: **Declan**(Y3) for consistently demonstrating our PBL expectations of Learn, Respect and Safe

Yorke for demonstrating exceptional knowledge and understanding throughout our Canberra trip

Citizenship: **Willow & Rhys** for demonstrating outstanding leadership skills when leading school assemblies

Good Friend: **Emmy** for being a kind and considerate friend in the playground

LIBRARY AWARDS: K-2 **Chaz** 3-4 **Darcy** 5-6 **Olive**

ACADEMIC

K-1-2 **Taylah** for consistently working hard during literacy
3-4 **Alicia** for creating a unique Queen Baton for the Commonwealth games
5-6 **Yorke** for demonstrating amazing recall of facts and knowledge of Canberra history and Geography

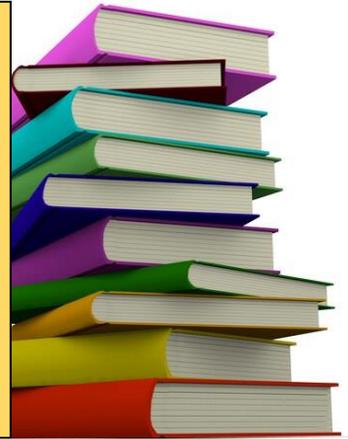
GO FOR IT

K-1-2 **Chaz** for showing persistence and engagement with learning
3-4 **Chloe W** for showing enthusiasm in all classroom discussions
5-6 **Makayla** for having one of the best, positive attitudes on our Canberra excursion

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING (PBL)

K-1-2 **Rubie** for having a wonderful attitude towards learning
3-4 **Baxter** for showing an attentive a respectful behaviour towards all teachers and peers
5-6 **Willow and Rhys** for wonderful leadership qualities in transitioning our school from Goolmangar back to Blakebrook

Reading together is a great way to build their confidence and start wonderful conversations about characters, plot lines and content. All of this benefits the child's overall literacy development. Below are a few helpful hints when reading with your child



Read with your child every day

- **Make reading fun** and enjoyable. Children learn about reading by watching, copying and interacting with others.
- **Let your child choose and re-read books** they are interested in.
- **Talk about the book** before you start reading. Talk about the title and what could happen in the story.
- **Discuss the pictures** and how they add to the story.
- Whilst reading **ask your child questions** about the story such as, "What do you think might happen next?" "Why do you think that?"
- After reading **talk about the story**. Ask questions such as, "Which part of the story did you like best?" or "What was exciting, funny or sad in the story?"
- **Take turns at reading** favourite stories with brothers, sisters or friends.
- **Choose a variety of reading materials** such as newspapers, magazines, posters, street signs, recipes and shopping lists.

