

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 3 Week 6 – Thursday 25 August 2022

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DIARY DATES

Term 3 Week 6

Friday August 26

Zone Athletics at Byron Bay for qualifying students
Awards Assembly @ 2:45 – *parents and carers welcome*

Term 3 Week 7

Tuesday August 30

Thursday September 1

Friday September 2

Blakebrook Small Schools Soccer Game @ Maclean
Terania District Boys Soccer Team Game @ Yamba
Deadline: Book Club LOOP orders only
Father's Day Stall - *gifts \$5*

Term 3 Week 9

Thursday September 15

School Photos

Term 3 Week 10

Friday September 23

Last Day of Term

Principal News

We are quickly moving through the term with lots of wonderful experiences happening across our school. As winter draws to a close the days are beginning to get a little longer and the temperature is starting to rise in the middle part of the day. It is a beautiful time of the year and Rob is doing a great job of keeping our grounds in excellent shape.

Many of you would remember in Week 2 of this term our school received a range of donations from Scone High School and other primary schools from that area. It was wonderful to have Lindy and Deb from Scone deliver these goods to our school which included handmade library bags. I know our students are making great use of these as they borrow books from our school library. At the time the school community was invited along to pick up donated items that were needed by their family. We still have a range of these items here at school that we can offer to our families. These include toys, toiletries, stationary, books and clothing. In addition to these there are a small number of gift cards to the value of \$20 and \$25 that can be distributed to our families. If you would like to take up the offer of these donations, please contact the school office to arrange pick up. Please also feel free to let other community members know that these items are available to support them.

2023 Kindergarten Orientation

On Tuesday evening we held our 2023 Kindergarten Information Session. It was a wonderful opportunity for the next generation of Blakebrook students to come along explore what 'big school' is like. The session also included essential information about the transition process and how as a school we will be support our students to make a great start to their primary education. If you were not able to make the session and require further information, please feel free to contact the front office.

Please see below for the key dates for the Kindergarten Transition

Session 1 - 19th of October 9:30am - 12 noon

Session 2 - 2nd of November 9:30am - 12 noon

Session 3 - 16th of November 9:30am - 1pm

Session 4 - 30th of November 9:15am - 3:30pm

Detailed information about this program will be communicated closer to the date.

Sport

Blakebrook continues to excel on the sporting front! It has been extremely busy over the past few weeks with our students representing our school across a number of sports. Tomorrow our 11 students who qualified for Zone athletics will compete at Byron Bay. We wish them all the best for the day.

Next Tuesday our PSSA Blakebrook soccer team will travel to Maclean to compete against the winner of Broadwater PS and Raleigh PS. This is set to be a tough match with the competition getting increasingly strong as we progress through the rounds. Please ensure all notes have been returned and travel arrangements are made as soon as possible.

Byron Writers Festival Primary School Day

Yesterday our Stage 2 class had the privilege to go to the Byron Writers Festival Primary School's Day held at SCU. The students were able to listen to two acclaimed authors Isobelle Carmody and Cory Tutt. The students found their presentations extremely interesting, and the authors explained how they were inspired to write their books.

Student comments about author Isobelle Carmody

"I love her inspiration she gets from her toys, and I like how she took care of her siblings by making up stories and games for them." - Chloe

"I like the genre of fantasy she writes and the inspirations she gets from her 2 toy bears which she picked up in an op shop." - Massimo

"I like how she uses toys to inspire her." - Ayla

"I like Isobelle Carmody because she takes reality and turns it into fantasy." - Alicia

Student comments about author Cory Tutt

"I like how he knew a lot about animals and science." - Baxter

"I like how he incorporates his aboriginal traditions with science." - Lachlan

"I like his personalities and his creativity." - Indie-Rose.

P&C Father's Day Stall

Next Friday our P&C will be holding a Father's Day stall. All gifts are \$5, further details to come.

Supporting your child with Literacy and Numeracy

A strong connection between learning at school and home strengthens learning, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy. There are many ways families can support their child learning at home in quick and effective ways. Over the next few editions of our bulletin we will provide useful information to families may be able to use to help their child's learning.

Speaking and listening

Speaking and listening skills build the foundation for your child's learning at school. These skills help a child to be able to talk with others, create friendships and actively participate in all activities at school. If you speak a language other than English at home, it is important you continue to support your child to use their home language.

Useful strategies:

- Talk with your child about a range of topics, for example things that happen each day.
- Share stories from your culture, your own stories and your children's stories.
- Describe or talk about things as they are happening. For example, "We are going to walk to school today and go past the park."
- Listen to your child and encourage them to take turns. Show how to listen and interact in a conversation.
- When starting a conversation or when talking with your child ask questions that require more than a yes or no reply. For example, "What did you do at school today?"
- Use questions that start with how or why. For example, "How many birds do you see in the park?"
- When asking questions give your child time to answer.
- Make conversations fun. Make up funny or nonsense rhymes, talk and sing with your child.

Library News

A large range of books have been donated to our school over recent months. These are great resources for students to engage with rich texts where they are taken on a journey to another world, grow their imagination or expand their knowledge on a topic of interest. Over the past few days students have selected books they are able to keep at home. We hope children enjoy reading these at home as they develop their reading skills.

Book Week is usually celebrated across NSW Public Schools in early Term 3. Due to our current circumstances this will be delayed until later in the year. Further details will be forthcoming closer to the event.

Week 6 Awards

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

PRINCIPAL AWARDS:

Riley F for displaying a positive attitude to all aspects of his schooling

PBL: **Alicia** for consistently displaying a respectful nature towards others

Tanisha for demonstrating kindness and consideration when interacting with peers and staff alike

Citizenship: **Caleb** for demonstrating exemplary leadership skills and modelling our PBL values of Safe, Respect and Learn to peers

Good Friend: **Diablo** for being inclusive of others when playing and learning

LIBRARY AWARDS: K-2 **Taylah** 3-4 **Lily** 5-6 **Tanisha**

ACADEMIC

K-1-2

Evie for consistent application and engagement in English

3-4

Mikayla for an increased focus towards learning and adding more descriptive words in writing

5-6

Caleb & Beau for applying focus to complete all KLA tasks

GO FOR IT

K-1-2

Chaz for consistently engaging in all aspects of learning

3-4

Blake for showing a more positive attitude towards math and never giving up in completing his times tables

5-6

Cooper for demonstrating wonderful artistic skills in drawing

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR LEARNING (PBL)

K-1-2

Leeland for having an improved attitude and maturity in class and the playground

3-4

Darcy for demonstrating positive and respectful behaviour during the Byron Bay Writers Festival Questionnaire

5-6

Toby for always having a respectful attitude inside and outside the classroom

Fun in the Sandpit



Starry Starry Night by 5/6



Byron Bay Writers Festival

