

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 3 Week 9 – Thursday 15 September 2022

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DIARY DATES

Term 3 Week 9

Friday September 16

Terania Boys Soccer game @ 9:00 Thistles East Lismore

Term 3 Week 10

Tuesday September 20

Soccer Team departs to Sydney

Wednesday September 21

NSW Small Schools Soccer Final in Sydney!

Friday September 23

Last Day of Term – Reconnection day! (flyer attached)

Term 4 Week 1

Monday October 10

All Students return

Term 4 Week 2

Friday October 21

K-2 Summerland Farm Excursion

Term 4 Week 3

Friday October 28

School Disco

Term 4 Week 5

Friday November 11

Whole School 'Mystery Tour'

Principal News

Early Stage 1/Stage 1 excursion

An Early Stage 1/Stage 1 excursion to Summerland farm has been scheduled for the 21st of October (Term 4 Week 2). The excursion provides students with plenty of activities, including a full day of fun in the Adventure Playground + Water Park, Cuddly Animal Encounters and Experiential Learning Workshops. The experiences here will supplement the learning that will be happening back here at school. The cost of this excursion will be covered by the remaining funds from the 5/6 Canberra Excursion donation earlier in the year.

Swimming

It has previously discussed that it is important for our school to run a swim development/ water safety program to help keep our students safe when in and around water. There has been great difficulty in getting these programs up and running given that a number of local swimming pools are not currently operational following the floods of earlier this year. The school has investigated alternatives to help make this program possible. To facilitate the program students will travel via bus to Kyogle Public Pool to participate in the swim program. This has been booked in for Week 6 Term 4 and comes in the form of 1-week intensive program (2 session per day). A permission notes and further details, including cost, will be distributed at the start of next term.

Mystery Tour

The 'Mystery tour' is a much-loved tradition at Blakebrook. This involves the school organising a whole school excursion to a venue and have a range of great activities for students. The exact details of the excursion are not revealed to students/ families to give students great excitement and surprise when the day finally arrives. Essential items and costs will be sent home on a permission note closer to the event. Due to the scheduled Stage 2 excursion the 'Mystery Tour' tour will be slightly earlier than usual this year. It has been booked in for the 11th of November (Term 4 Week 5). This is an exciting tradition that we are all very much looking forward to.

Fathers Day Stall

I would like to extend a huge thankyou to the P&C for the successful Father's Day stall last Friday. The P&C ran a wonderful store that offered students the opportunity to purchase a special gift for their Dad, Granddad or significant role model. I am sure the useful gifts will bring much joy for many years to come.

Stage 2 Excursion

Our Stage 2 class will be going on an excursion to Brisbane and surrounds in Week 9 of Term 4 (7th to 9th December). We will be going with students from years 3-6 from The Channon, Jiggi, Larnook and Coffee Camp Public Schools. This excursion has been subsidised by the school to reduce the cost by \$100 per student. The cost of this excursion will be \$450 per student. Please note families can access their Educational Hardship Funding to cover the costs of this excursion. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to develop social skills and develop friendships across our network of small schools. The activities and events scheduled for the three days are fantastic and I am sure students will have many great experiences.

Notes and information will be sent home with students shortly. Please complete these forms and return them to school as soon as possible. More detailed information including a full itinerary will be sent home early in Term 4.

Should you have any further questions or would like to discuss this excursion further please feel free to contact the school.

Staffing Term 4

At the end of this term Mr Innes will be finishing up as our K-2 teacher. I want sincerely to thank Mr Innes for the outstanding job he has done over the past term to support our students and ensuring great teaching and learning continues in our K-2 classroom. His expertise, passion and commitment has been greatly appreciated by all. Michael will not be leaving us entirely though. He will be moving into a role as a Temporary Teacher as part of the Casual Supplementation Program. This means that, Michael will be working as a casual teacher across Blakebrook, Coffee Camp, Larnook, Barkers Vale, Jiggi and Kyogle Public Schools. Although we will not see Mr Innes on a full-time basis, he will remain a familiar face at our school into the future. I am sure you will join me in congratulating me on his appointment to the role.

In Term 4 we will be welcoming back to Blakebrook Louise Tate from leave. Louise will return as our K-2 teacher, and I know the students and staff are both excited to have her around our school once again. I am sure you will also join me in welcoming her back to the Blakebrook team.

Another friendly and much-loved staff member will be returning in Term 4. Lochlen Perren will be working full-time as a School Learning Support Officer across our school throughout Term 4. Lochy brings a caring nature to the support he provides to students, and we are very much looking forward to having him part of the Blakebrook team once again.

I am also pleased to notify everyone that Jade will be continuing to relieve in the role of School Administrative Manager for Term 4. Jade provides efficient, friendly, and caring service at our front office and we are glad to have her continue in the role.

I will continue in the role of Relieving Principal of Blakebrook PS until the end of week 2 next term. At this point it is anticipated that the recruitment process for the permanent Principal position will have been completed. I will be continuing to ensure stability for the school and support students, staff and community.

School Disco

Discos are much loved events in any primary school's calendar. Great friendships and memories are created by many and it is a great opportunity to raise funds to support our school. Unfortunately, we were not able to hold our usual school disco earlier in the year. I am pleased to announce that we will now be hosting our school disco on Friday the 28th of October (Week 3). Further details and information will be shared closer to the event.

PSSA Small Schools Soccer Final

Final preparations are now underway for our trip to PSSA Small School Soccer Finals Day next week. The players are full of excitement as the big day draws closer, with the trip set to be the biggest event in some of these young players careers. A parent information session regarding the trip was held yesterday and was well attended. A special thankyou must be extended to Nimbin Central School who has kindly provided Blakebrook PS the use of their bus to help us get down to Sydney. Thank you also to the parents and caregivers who have supported our team. We look forward to sharing results from the matches. Irrespective of the result on the day our team should be extremely proud of themselves for making it so far into the competition.

Reconnection Day

Next Friday our school will be hosting a reconnection day to mark the completion of the first full term back here on the Blakebrook site. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together to re connect with our school grounds and enjoy a few activities with our students and staff.

The day will include:

11:45 – 12:45 – School working bee to establish vegetable gardens and plants

12:45 – 1:45 BBQ lunch provided. come and enjoy a picnic lunch in our school grounds

1:45 - 2:45 – Tabloid sporting events including Staff VS year 6 Kick Tennis match

2:45 – 3:30 – Special assembly including PBL Raffle

It would be wonderful to have as many parents come in and share in these events.

Parent teacher interviews

Our school will be holding parent teacher interviews week 2 next Term (17th – 21st of Oct.) This will be a great opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss each student's learning goals for term 4. Further information including a booking form will be sent home with students on the first day back in term 4.

It is also worth noting that as a school we encourage a strong connection between home and school, so if you would like to make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress at any time throughout the school year, please make contact with front office.

Mr Bowkett

Terania Boys Soccer Team



5/6 Pom Pom Planets



3/4 Alien Faces



Gymnastics



Footy Fever Friday



Blakebrook Public School P&C Newsletter

Thursday 15th September 2022 – Week 9 Term 3

We still have some flood affected uniforms available at the front office. Few sizes remain for some items, these are still free of charge.

Once new uniforms have arrived the normal uniform ordering and payment system will be back in place.



BPS P&C UNIFORM ORDERS

		Size	Quantity:	Total:
Polo Shirt	\$22	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16		
Hoodie \$30 or Sports Jacket	\$35	4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14		
Hat with Logo	\$10			
Library Bag	\$5			
Student Pack (includes 2x Shirts, 1x Hoodie or Jacket, Hat & Library Bag)	\$90			
Grand Total:				\$

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Direct Deposit Receipt No: _____ Reference: _____

Cash or Cheque: Payable to "Blakebrook Public School P&C" (**Please provide correct cash amount**)

Or Direct Deposit: Account Name: Blakebrook Public School P&C Association

Bank: Westpac BSB: 032-539 Account Number: 170296

Place completed order form with payment in an envelope marked "School Uniforms" in the black P&C tin under the bench, in the school administration office. Admin office staff **DO NOT** handle uniform sales or enquiries.

When uniform orders are completed it will be given to your child/ren or left at office for collection. **Any questions please email: bpspca@gmail.com**

Blakebrook Public School Reconnection Day!

Come and join our school on the last day of this Term (Friday 24th September) to mark finishing the first Term back on the Blakebrook site!

Students can wear casual clothes on the day!

11:45am – 12:45pm



Gardening working bee! Establishing our new vegetable gardens and plants!



Bring along gardening gloves and small gardening tools.

12:45pm – 1:45pm



BBQ lunch! Provided by the school. Come and enjoy a picnic lunch on our school grounds.

1:45pm – 2:45pm



Tabloid sporting events including Staff vs Year 6 kick tennis match.

2:45pm – 3:30pm



Special assembly including PBL raffle