

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 1 Week 4 – Thursday 16 February 2023

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DIARY DATES

Term 1 Week 4

Thursday February 16	Information Session/Afternoon Tea in the Library 4.00pm
Friday February 17	First Assembly for 2023 - 2.50pm in COLA

Term 1 Week 5

Mon Feb 20 - Fri Feb 24	3-Way Interviews
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Term 1 Week 6

Friday March 3	Welcome Disco
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Principal News

Welcome to Week 4!

Last week several notes were sent home with students. These notes were 'Third Party Provide Consent' Form, General Permission to Publish and Special Religious Education form. It is important that our school is able to update our records with this information as soon as possible. Over the coming weeks teachers will begin to connect with students and families through Classdojo. Please keep an eye out for further information as we begin to use the platform to share learning journeys here at Blakebrook.

3-Way Interviews

Earlier this week an information note and booking form were sent home with each child. I encourage all families to take advantage of this opportunity to further strengthen the connection between home and school. Students are encouraged to be part of the conversation to help increase ownership of their learning journey. If you are not able to make an appointment during Week 5, please feel free to reach out to the front office. We are always happy to support wherever possible.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our students who traveled to Mullumbimby Pools last Friday to compete in the Terania District Swimming Carnival. It was great to see the strong participation by our students, with many students competing in every one of their races. Our students demonstrated wonderful team spirit as they cheered on their peers. Check out some of the photos in this Bulletin!

Congratulations to Ada, Layla & Indie Rose who will be moving onto Zone.

A Reminder about Attendance

This year our teachers and the Learning Support Team will be working closely together to promote strong attendance across Blakebrook Public School. Ensuring students are at school as much as possible has a significant impact on academic and social development for children. NSW Department of Education Policy states: Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease

- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. This can be done through replying to the text message received when the student is absent, emailing the school or a handwritten note. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified. If an unsatisfactory reason is provided, the absence will be recorded as **explained - unjustified**.

Partial Absences

On occasions parents may need to pick their child up early from school or drop their child off late. It is important that appointments are made outside of school hours where possible to minimise the impact of partial absences on learning.

Late arrivals - If you need to sign-in your child late, please accompany your child to front office. Office staff will ask for a reason for the partial absence and then a slip will be taken by the student to the classroom teacher.

Early departures - Should you need to pick up your child early from school please report to the front office. The office staff will ask for the reason for early departure and record this on our system. The classroom will then be contacted to send the student to the front office for pick up.

Extended Leave Applications

Should a reason arise for your child to be absent from school for a period greater than 5 days, e.g. travel, an **application for extended leave** must be lodged with the Principal. Travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket should be attached to the application. Application for Extended Leave forms can be requested through the front office or via email.

Sam Bowkett
Principal

Please welcome...



Toni Steel - Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction

My name is Toni Steel and I am the Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction at Blakebrook Public School for 2023. My role this year is dedicated to supporting high-quality literacy and numeracy teaching practices to improve student learning outcomes across the curriculum. I have worked in the Nimbin Central School Kindergarten to Year 12 community for the last 10 years and am looking forward to working closely with the students, teachers, parents/carers and the wider community of Blakebrook Public School. I will be working every Wednesday so please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions about how our school can best support your young person's learning journey.

Week 4 Awards

Presented on Friday 17 February 2.50pm (parents & carers welcome).

Principal Awards: **Zeppelin** for building confidence when playing with peers during breaktimes

PBL: **Max** for demonstrating focus and determination during learning time

Citizenship: **Layla** for diligently carrying out her duties as sports captain

Good Friend: **Chelsea** for demonstrating kindness and being inclusive during play time

Library: K/1/2 – **Connor** 3/4 - **Evie** 5/6 - **Alicia**

C.A.P.A: K/1/2 – **Indie** 3/4 - **Lily** 5/6 - **Massimo**

Academic:

K/1/2 - **Chaz** for demonstrating excellent listening and comprehension skills

3/4 - **Ada** for consistent and excellent efforts in literacy

5/6 - **Tahlani** for organised neat bookwork and completion of set tasks on time

Go for it:

K/1/2 – **All 2023 Kinders: Colby, Indie, Connor, Zeppelin, Bryce** for making a wonderful start to 'big' school

3/4 - **Calypso** for smashing her first two weeks

5/6 - **Baxter** for having a positive learning attitude with all KLA's

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL):

K/1/2 - **Briana** for demonstrating a focused attitude in all learning activities

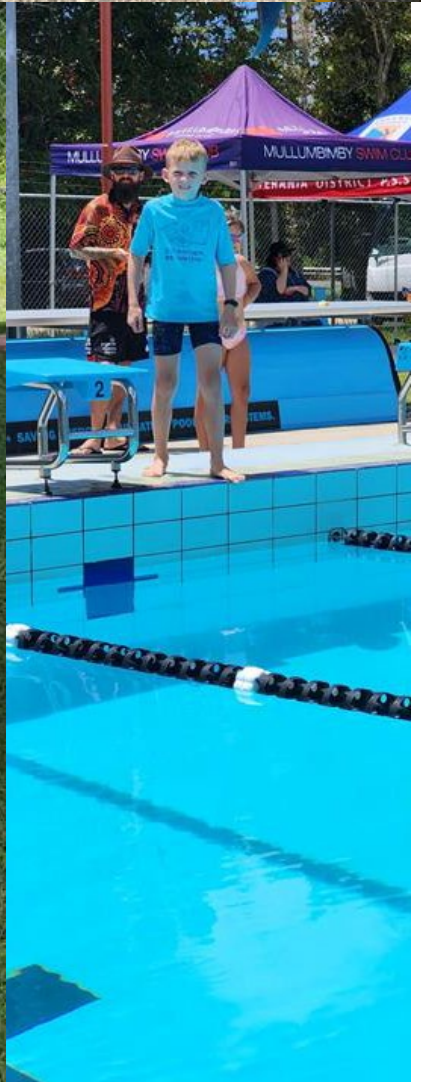
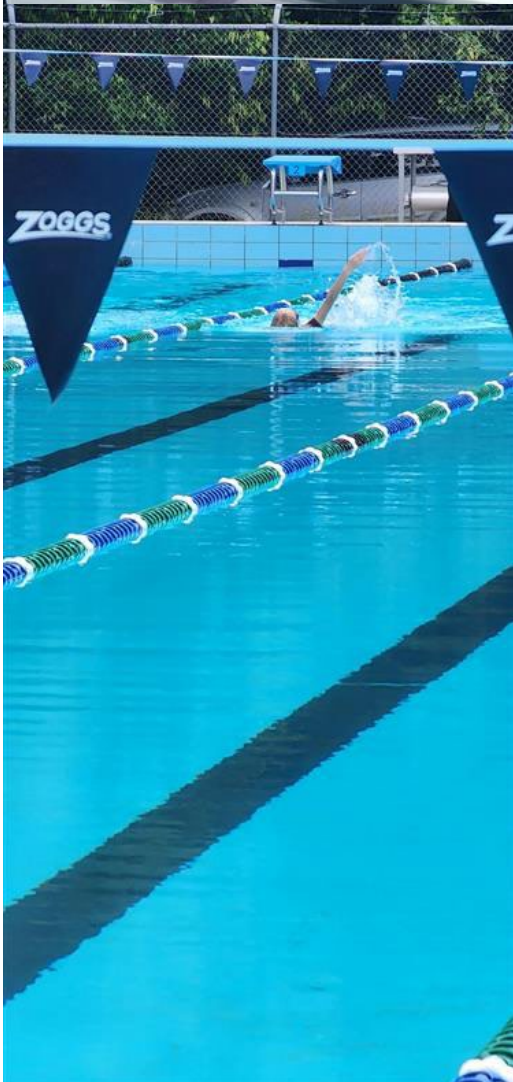
3/4 - **Indie-Rose** for being a safe and respectful learner in our learning space

5/6 - **Alicia** for being a respectful and considerate classmate

Congratulations to our award recipients for Week 4!



Terania Swimming Carnival











Blakebrook Public School P&C Newsletter

Thursday 16th February 2022 – Week 4 Term 1

We would like to say a warm welcome for the year of 2023. Hello to our new and current families to our community.

FLOOD AFFECTED UNIFORMS: We have some mildly flood affected light weight jackets and other uniforms available.

CANTEEN: We will be after canteen helpers, hopefully in the near future. Canteen will on Friday's. Please contact Vicki Higgins.

P&C AGM MEETING: Will be having the meeting on the 13/03/2023. All positions will be available.

DISCO: P&C will be selling drinks and having BBQ, at the Welcome Disco on the 03/03/2023.