

# Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 1 Week 9 – Thursday 23 March 2023

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## DIARY DATES

### Term 1 Week 9

Friday 24 March Harmony Day Y6 Fundraiser – Students wear odd socks

### Term 1 Week 10

Monday 27 March North Coast Debating Workshop (selected 5/6 students)

Tuesday 28 March Interrelate Years 5 & 6

PSSA Open Boys & Girls Soccer Selection Trials 2.30pm  
Stage 2 & 3 Students

### Term 1 Week 11

Monday 3 April Easter Hat Making (Parents, Carers, Grandparents welcome) 2.30-3.30pm

Last day to hand in P&C Easter Raffle tickets

Tuesday 4 April Easter Hat Parade (Parents, Carers, Grandparents welcome) 2.30pm

P&C Easter Raffle drawn

## Principal News

Welcome to Week 9! The end of term is nearing, and the calendar continues to be jam-packed. We are looking forward to upcoming events that enable students, parents and staff to connect and share in the power of learning. Please stay tuned!

### Beginning Teachers Support

The Department of Education provides Beginning Teachers Support Funding to schools to support the beginning teacher's induction and professional development, as guided by the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. As part of the beginning teacher support program within the DoE, additional release is provided to enable teachers to connect with mentors to further develop and enhance their teaching and learning experiences for their students. Mr Cootes will be working alongside Mrs Tate on a weekly basis. To enable this, I will be teaching the 3/4 class between 12:30-2:30 each Thursday and Mrs Kelly will be teaching the K-2 class between 12:30-1:30pm, before moving into her regular RFF program. I am very much looking forward to working with the 3/4 students each Thursday! It is always so uplifting and enjoyable being inside the classroom.

### Music Lessons

In previous years we have been lucky enough to offer 30 minute 1-1 music lessons on a range of instruments. This program is run by the Lismore Conservatorium of Music during school hours, at our school. For this to occur we need to have at least 6 students enrolled through the Lismore Conservatorium of Music. We would love to offer this program at our school again. If you are considering this program for your child, please make contact with the Lismore Conservatorium

of Music to begin the enrolment process. Once contact is made with the Conservatorium, please contact the school to inform us of your interest in the program, and we will begin planning for the lessons. We are hoping to begin offering this program at the beginning of Term 2.

## **NAPLAN**

I must commend Year 3 and 5 students for their focus and diligence they have shown over the past fortnight as they have completed NAPLAN tests. The information gained from NAPLAN is used alongside a range of internal assessment to guide and inform future teaching. Thank you must also be extended to our staff for their organisation and adaptability during this time.

## **Parent Survey**

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who responded to the Parent survey recently distributed throughout our school community. The insights provided by parents are invaluable as we work to provide the best possible experience for our students and school community. Although this survey has now closed, I encourage all parents and caregivers to work closely with the school as we strengthen partnerships to support our students. Parents and community members are always welcome to make contact to discuss their child's needs or ways that we can further improve Blakebrook Public School.

The 3 questions were:

- How often is your child happy to come to school?
- Do the staff of Blakebrook PS know your child's learning needs and put in place effective strategies to meet these needs?
- If you could choose one area for Blakebrook Public School to improve, what would it be?

Reponses to the survey returned the following findings:

90% of children are happy to attend school either 'most of the time' or 'all of the time'.

90% of parents reported that 'the staff of Blakebrook PS know their child's learning needs and put in place effective strategies to meet these needs'.

Common suggested areas for improvement

- Enhanced communication to assist families with planning and organisation when participating in school events.
- Enhanced promotion of the school amongst the wider community.
- Further development and implementation of student wellbeing initiatives.
- Further development of Aboriginal Education across the school.

Sam Bowkett

Principal

## **Getting to Know Our Kinders... Part 2!**

**Name:** Zeppelin

**Age:** 5

**Favourite Subject:** Sport

**Some Of My Friends Are:** Chaz and Briana

**When I Grow Up I Want To Be A:** Police Officer



**Name:** Connor

**Age:** 5

**Favourite Subject:** Sport

**Some Of My Friends Are:** Chaz and Colby

**When I Grow Up I Want To Be A:** Veterinarian



**Name:** Colby

**Age:** 4

**Favourite Subject:** Art

**Some Of My Friends Are:** Bryce and Indie

**When I Grow Up I Want To Be A:** School Principal



### Year 6 Cupcake Fundraiser!





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# HARMONY WEEK



FRIDAY – 24<sup>TH</sup> March

ODD SOCKS DAY

BLAKEBROOK PS – YEAR 6 FUNDRAISER

GOLD COIN DONATION

COME DRESSED IN ODD SOCKS!!

BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW DIFFERENT WE ARE –

EVERYONE BELONGS.



EVERYONE BELONGS  
[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)

## Easter Hat Parade!

On Monday Week 11 (3<sup>rd</sup> of April) Parents, Grandparents and Carers are invited to join students in making easter hats for the Blakebrook Easter Hat Parade! Families are encouraged to provide easter themed hat materials, including recycled items e.g. cereal boxes, eggs cartons etc. The school will provide glue, tape etc.

The hat making will begin in the afternoon session, approximately 2:30 – 3:30.

The Easter Hat Parade will be on Tuesday week 11 (4<sup>th</sup> of April) at 2:30 along with the exciting P&C Easter Raffle!

### **Enviro Corner**

Hey everyone, I'm back this week.

As I mentioned last week, there will be a colouring competition from this Tuesday, to Friday Week 10.

Prizes will be handed out when we do the snappy draw in Week 11. There will be a prize for 1 winner from each year. Eg, a prize for a Kindy, a Year 1 and so on and so forth.

Bunnings have also donated new seeds for our gardens! So a big thanks to them for that.

That's it this week so I'll see you next week.

Lilah Martin Year 6 environment leader. 😊😊😊

### **Brisbane Youth Leadership Conference**

This week our Year 6 students attended the Brisbane Youth Leadership Conference.

Dream and Lead was a one-day, highly engaging event designed to support primary school students in discovering their leadership potential, whilst providing them with strong foundations to succeed.

"It was very interesting, and I learnt a lot" (Beau)

"The CEO person was my favourite speaker" (Tahlani)

"I loved standing on the stage and singing, it was so much fun!" (Chloe)

"I loved the drive of Amy Tobin even though she has cerebral palsy. She was so inspiring!" (Lilah)

Our Year 6 also wanted to thank Mr Bowkett and Mrs Kelly for organising transport to and from the conference! 😊



# BLAKEBROOK P&C NEWS

On Monday March 13th the Blakebrook P&C AGM was held with the election of new officer bearers **President - Cassandra Smith, Vice Presidents - Erica Gully and Renee Snow, Secretary - Lara Quinn and the Re-elected Treasurer - Christine Greenwood.** Thank you to all who attended including our sub-committee members and general members. We would like to extend a special thank you to our previous president Vicki Higgins for all of your hard work as well as to all previous committee members **THANK YOU.**







Our Easter Raffle is getting closer, we are still keen for more donations so we can make the raffle prizes extra egg-citing! Donations can be items other than chocolate, a small toy, stickers, or other easter items are all appreciated. (Please ensure any food based items are sealed). Thanks to all who have already donated, lets keep them coming in. Please ensure all tickets and donation are returned to the front office by Monday morning 03/04/23.

**HELP NEEDED! - If you are available to help wrap the raffle prizes on Monday 03/04/23 at 1:30pm, please contact Cassandra on 0456 624 378 Thank you.**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

# PLEASE BRING

-  Food
-  Drink
-  Sunscreen
-  Towel  
(For Water Balloon Catching)

-  Location: Hepburn Park, Lismore
-  Dates: 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> April  Time: 9am - 12pm
-  Price: \$59  Age: 5-12
-  Includes Participant Pack
-  Contact: [melissa.norup@cricketnsw.com.au](mailto:melissa.norup@cricketnsw.com.au)

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EASTER EGG HUNT



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