

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 1 Week 6 – Thursday 2 March 2023

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DIARY DATES

Term 1 Week 6

Friday March 3

P&C Welcome Disco & BBQ 5.30pm

Term 1 Week 8

Monday March 13

P&C AGM 5.45pm in the Library

Principal News

Welcome to Week 6. This week marks the one-year anniversary of the devastating North Coast floods that affected our community and impacted our school in an unimaginable way. It was one of the worst flood events in NSW history, with many communities experiencing unprecedented flooding and destruction. The impact was felt and continues to be felt by students, families and all those connected to our wonderful school. Throughout the past 12 months there have been many challenges, successes and milestones that we have experienced together as a school. I want to sincerely thank each and everyone one of our school community members for their courage, resilience and determination to each support others through some of the toughest times. Schools are at the centre of the community and students are at the centre of our work. So I want to acknowledge our students who have consistently demonstrated themselves as incredible young people capable of so much.

Together we continue to heal and recover. It has been a long journey to reach the point that we are at now, however there is still a long way to go. Please know that as a school we continue to work hard in the recovery process as students, staff, families and the community work to move into a strong and bright future. I encourage everyone to continue to reach out for support when needed and know Blakebrook Public School is only a phone call away.

For me, the picture below captures the warmth and energy that makes Blakebrook Public School a truly special place. I hope our many achievements throughout the past 12 months have brought much joy to the lives of our students. Whilst knowing there are still challenges that lay ahead, we look forward to creating a bright future for Blakebrook Public School as we continue on our recovery journey.



Cyber Safety

As mentioned in the bulletin last week, this week the school will be delivering a cyber safety lesson to student in Stage 2 & 3. This will be a great opportunity for students to develop an increased awareness of the risks while online and strategies they can use to keep themselves safe online. To further support this program, on March 23 we will be having a visit from our local NSW Police School Liaison Officer. During this session students will be provided information around Cyber bullying, respectful language online as well as general cyber safety.

Should Parents/Caregivers wish to increase their knowledge and understanding around cyber safety for children I encourage them to attend the information session provided by the NSW P&C federation. Please see below for further details.

If you have any questions please feel free to make contact with myself through the front office.



eSafety 101: how eSafety can help you

Thursday, 23 March 2023, 7:00-7:35 pm AEDT

The P&C Federation is pleased to be partnering with the eSafety Commission to host this webinar for our parents and carers.

The webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people in primary and secondary school.

It will cover:

- What we mean by "eSafety"
- What you can report to the eSafety Commission
- helpful advice and resources for parents and carers

Speaker

- **Greg Gebhart**, Senior Trainer, eSafety Commissioner

This webinar will be facilitated by P&C Federation NSW.

Registration

This webinar is presented via the eSafety Commissioner's platform. It will not be recorded for viewing later. However, there are a range of resources and links to other webinars for parents on the eSafety website.

Please note that when you click on the webinar registration link you will be taken to the website of the eSafety Commissioner. The information you provide e-Safety at registration will only be used for the purpose of communicating to you about the webinar.

<https://www.pandc.org.au/esafety101/>

We encourage you to promote the webinar to other parents and carers, and through your local school communities.

P&C Federation Team

Uniforms

Over the past few weeks, we have been having some mixed weather. Some days have been quite warm, whilst other have been much cooler. As the weather begins to cool some students have begun to wear jumpers. Please remember that students should be wearing school jumpers/jackets. Jackets and jumpers can be purchased through the P&C uniform shop or you may like to see if there is a suitable jacket in the 'clothing pool' stored in the front office. These 'flood affected' (cleaned) jackets can be picked up by families at no cost. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Hot water in drink bottles

To help ensure student safety, parents & carers are asked not to send students with a thermos of hot water to add to noddles or the like at lunch time. It poses a risk to the student and those around them when it is being added to food. If students would like to bring hot food in a thermos, please ensure it is premade at home. Thanks for your assistance with this matter.

Reminder: P&C Disco will be held in the school COLA from 5:30pm tomorrow. The theme is 'colour'. All welcome to attend.

Sam Bowkett
Principal

K-2 Andy Warhol inspired Pop Art



Over the past two weeks K-2 have been studying the talented artist, Andy Warhol. We have been inspired to create our own hand Pop Art which is currently in the office gallery. Some fun facts about Andy Warhol are; he chose to wear wigs and had quite a collection, he ate tomato soup every day for lunch, he was a dog lover and he produced three television shows. Sadly, Andy Warhol has passed on, but K-2 are very grateful for having shared his love of colour and shape in class.

Mrs Tate



K-2 Pop Art
Inspired by Andy
Warhol
Feb 2023

Week 6 Awards

Presented on Friday 3 March 2.50pm (parents & carers welcome to attend).

Principal Awards: Colby – showing responsibility when completing tasks at school.

PBL: Luka – Consistently displaying our PBL Value of be safe.

Citizenship: Blake – taking responsibility during playtimes.

Good Friend: Chaz – Showing care and consideration towards others.

Library: K/1/2 – Briana 3/4 – Riley 5/6 - Baxter

C.A.P.A: K/1/2 – Taylah 3/4 - Ada 5/6 - Luka

Academic:

K/1/2 - **Diablo** for explaining his thought processes clearly and logically in math

3/4 - **Jess** for being highly motivated and striving for her best in all her work

5/6 - **Makayla** for improvement in multiplication times tables when simplifying fractions

Go for it:

K/1/2 – **Amiah** for demonstrating a growth mindset in writing

3/4 - **Chloe** for incredible resilience and persistence despite her dominant hand injury

5/6 – **Darcy** for perseverance in Numeracy when applying additive strategies

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL):

K/1/2 - **Taylah** for being a respectful, hardworking student

3/4 - **Declan** for being a caring and considerate friend and classmate

5/6 - **Ayla** for being a positive, creative and respectful learner



Mikayla from Year 5 has been attending 'Be a Chef' classes at Alstonville on Tuesday afternoons. It is a 6 week course to learn about food prepping and cooking delicious recipes. There are 6 students in the class, with ages ranging from 11yrs to 15 yrs. So far, Mikayla has made Sushi and baked Savoury Cheese Scolls and Passionfruit and Coconut Muffins. Mikayla loves her cooking lessons and cannot wait to go each week to see what she will be cooking next.

Updating Student & Family Details/Contact Information

It is that time of year when we review all student and family contact details. If you have had a change of address, phone number, email or any other contact information please let our Office Staff know by completing the 'Update Student Details' form (see below). You can complete a paper copy in the Office or simply send us an email with any changes that you may have.

Megan Marchant

Relieving School Administrative Manager

Student Details Update Form

Student Name:

Parent/Carer Name:

Please only fill out the fields below that you wish to update. If the information does not require updating, please leave the field empty.

Address:

Please provide the Office with proof of address change. Eg, Licence, Utility Acc, Lease or Contract of Sale.

Parent/Carer Email:

Parent/Carer Mobile Number:

Parent/Carer Work Contact Number:

Emergency Contact 1 Name:

Emergency Contact 1 Number:

Emergency Contact 2 Name:

Emergency Contact 2 Number:

Parent/Carer Signature _____

Date _____

Blakebrook Public School P&C Newsletter

Thursday 2 March 2023 – Week 6 Term 1

P&C AGM MEETING: Reminder: AGM meeting on the 13/03/2023, \$5.00 fee to vote. All positions will be available. Come join and have some fun. Be part of the team and have a say for our school community.

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



The P&C Uniform Shop can now accept Back to School NSW Vouchers. To utilise your child's back to school vouchers please make a note of this on your Uniform Order Form and the P&C will be in touch about how we can process the voucher.

Don't forget, we have some lightweight jackets that were mildly flood affected but have been washed and are in good condition, free to BPS families.

BLAKEBROOK RAINBOW WELCOME BBQ

MARCH 3RD 5.30PM

SAUSAGE SANDWICHES \$2.50

STEAK SANDWICH \$4.50

VEGGIE BURGER \$4.50

CAN OF DRINK \$2.50

POPPER \$1.50

WATER \$2.50

TEA/COFFEE \$2.00

CAKES/SLICES \$1.00