

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 1 Week 7 – Thursday 9 March 2023

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DIARY DATES

Term 1 Week 7

Friday March 10 Parent Survey closes

Term 1 Week 8

Monday March 13 P&C AGM 5.45pm in the Library

Wednesday March 15 Year 6 Leadership Conference Note & Payment due

Term 1 Week 9

Monday March 20 Brisbane Primary Dream & Lead Conference (Year 6)

Principal News

Welcome to Week 7! This week we welcomed back Lochlen Perren (SLSO) from leave. Over the past 2 weeks we have been fortunate to have Vera stepping into the SLSO role in Lochlen's absence. Vera has done a wonderful job supporting our students learning inside of the classroom as well as social development within the playground. Thankyou Vera.

ClassDojo

Over the past few weeks, we have had a wonderful response to the parent invitations sent out by classroom teachers. Many parents have downloaded the ClassDojo App and have started to become familiar with the platform. If you have not connected yet I do encourage you do so as soon as possible. Should you have misplaced login details, or the link please make contact and we will be able to assist. Keep an eye out on ClassDojo over the coming week as classroom teachers will be sending out a welcome message to their class. Students have been working on becoming familiar with the platform and the ways that it can support their learning. It has been an exciting adventure for staff and students alike!

If you have any questions or we can assist in anyway, please reach out.

Parent Survey

I would like to encourage all our families to complete the short Parent survey below. Feedback from our community helps inform our planning and enables us to cater for our students in the best way possible.

Please find below the link to our 2023 Parent Survey. The information you provide will help guide future school planning, you can remain anonymous if you wish.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this short survey, we will share the results with our school community in upcoming Bulletins. Please complete the survey by tomorrow, Friday 10 March 2023.

<https://forms.gle/Rhem73FAggPAzToY9>

Year 6 to 7 Transition to High School

Thank you to those Year 6 Parents who have already jumped on to the [Moving to Highschool](#) page and submitted their child's Expression of Interest form. This is an important step in your

child's transition to Year 7 and ensures that your child will secure a position for next year, EOI's must be completed by 24 March 2023. If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please let us know by completing a Placement Not Required form (through the same link as above). If you are unsure whether your child will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with us once a decision has been made.

Sam Bowkett
Principal

5/6 Working with K-2 on Buddy Reading!



Zone Swimming

On the first of March, we had four students represent Terania district at the zone swimming carnival in Alstonville. All students competed well in their events with Declan placing 4th in the junior boy's relay. "I hope to go back to zone next year" (Declan). Indie-Rose did very well also placing 4th in the junior girls 50m freestyle. "I hope to do even better next year" (Indie-Rose). Ada represented the district well in a difficult race in the 50m back stroke placing 15th. "I had so much fun at the carnival" (Ada). Layla surprised herself finishing 4th in the senior girls 50m butterfly. "It was good to test myself at the next level" (Layla). Well done to all our awesome Blakebrook swimmers!



Mrs Tate - 30 years of Service

This year marks 30 years of service to the NSW Department of Education for Mrs Tate. To reach such a milestone is a tremendous achievement and we are extremely grateful for her expertise and dedication throughout a long and successful career. This week our school captains, Tahlani and Toby interviewed Mrs Tate as she reflected on her time in the classroom. Congratulations Louise on this wonderful achievement and thank you for the positive impact you have had on the many students that have been in your care.

Interview with Mrs Tate in her 30th year of Teaching!

Where did you do your teacher training?

"In Lismore at Southern Cross University, which at the time was called NRCAE Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education".

Where was your first teacher placement?

"Moree West Public School. On a stage 2 class".

What year did you come to Blakebrook?

"1997 – Students wore brown and yellow uniforms!".

What did you teach back then that you no longer teach now?

"Year 3-4!!"

"Gymnastics – Eek!"

"Good old Social Studies!"

What is your favourite memory as a teacher?

"So many memories – the students, teachers and families.

Organising the Blakebrook P.S Century 2007 – so much fun dressing up, meeting students from the past.

Meeting Mrs Skorjenko as a longed haired, hippie having her as my prac student, in her final year. Who would have realised that she would go on to be one of the most remarkable teachers I'd ever meet".



Blakebrook Public School P&C Newsletter

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P&C AGM MEETING: Don't forget about the AGM meeting on the 13/03/2023 at 5.45pm, \$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.

CANTEEN: P&C are very excited to be able to give the students canteen tomorrow – toasted sandwiches

DISCO: Thank you very much for your support at the Disco



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.

EASTER RAFFLE

P&C ARE DOING AN EASTER RAFFLE AND ARE ASKING FAMILIES TO DONATE EASTER EGGS OR OTHER ITEMS FOR THE RAFFLE. (ITEMS MUST BE SEALED AND IN DATE) PLEASE PLACE ITEMS IN THE OFFICE IN DESIGNATED BOX.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH CHILDREN TO SELL, ONCE SOLD PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH CHILDS NAME ON IT, TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED BY THE 31ST MARCH.

RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN 4th APRIL

