

Blakebrook Public School Bulletin

Term 1 Week 11 – Thursday 11 April 2024

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DIARY DATES TERM 1 2024

Week 11

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| <u>Wednesday 10 April</u> | Last day to submit Year 7 EOI for 2025 |
| <u>Friday 12 April</u> | Canteen Closed |
| | Last day of Term 1 |
| | ANZAC Assembly |

TERM 2

Week 1

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| April 30 | Students return to school |
| <u>Friday 3 May</u> | Terania District Cross Country at Caniaba PS |

Principal Report

Welcome to Week 11

We are at the end of a busy Term 1. When I look back at our calendar it is incredible to see how much we have been able to achieve throughout the term. Our students have been engaging in a wide range of teaching and learning programs across all subject areas, this alongside great sporting and extracurricular activities has meant that our school has been an extremely busy place.



Thank you to parents and carers who joined us yesterday for our tour of the Goolmangar site. It was great to provide our parents an insight to the changes that have occurred since we were there in 2022. The grounds and learning spaces are looking fantastic. When we add our teaching and learning resources it will become a great place for our students to learn and grow. The 'big move' will occur during the school holidays when all of our resources and equipment are moved over to the Goolmangar site. As you can understand this is a huge undertaking however it will be exciting to see our classrooms and play spaces take shape. **Students will begin learning from the Goolmangar site on 30 April.** Staff will return 29 April for a staff development day.

The Anzac Day Public Holiday this year falls in the second week of the school holidays. Students are encouraged to participate in the Anzac Day March and service that will be held on April 25 in the Lismore CBD. Students participating in the March are asked to meet Blakebrook PS staff at 8:30am in the Clyde Campbell Carpark. The March will commence at 9am and proceed down Molesworth Street to the Lismore Cenotaph where a service will be held. Students should be in full school uniform and bring along a hat and water bottle.

Our school will be holding an assembly to commemorate Anzac Day tomorrow at 2:50pm in the school COLA. Parents and Caregivers are invited to attend this important assembly.

In recent weeks I have had concerns raised with me regarding cyber safety and respectful behaviour of students online. The school works alongside students and families to promote safe practices and respectful behaviour online. Throughout the year the school delivers cyber safety lessons as part of the PDHPE curriculum to build student knowledge and understanding. I encourage all parents to have a conversation with their child around cyber safety and help promote the messages of being safe and respectful online. Should you have any concerns or would like to speak with me further please don't hesitate to make contact through our front office.

On behalf of all the staff we wish all our school community a safe and enjoyable school holiday. We are looking forward to seeing all our **students return on April 30** for an exciting Term 2.

Shuttle Bus - Transport Arrangements

A shuttle bus will facilitate student transportation from Blakebrook PS interchange to Goolmangar each morning and afternoon.

Please note drop off and pick up times outlined below.

Morning Routine

Students Travelling on buses:

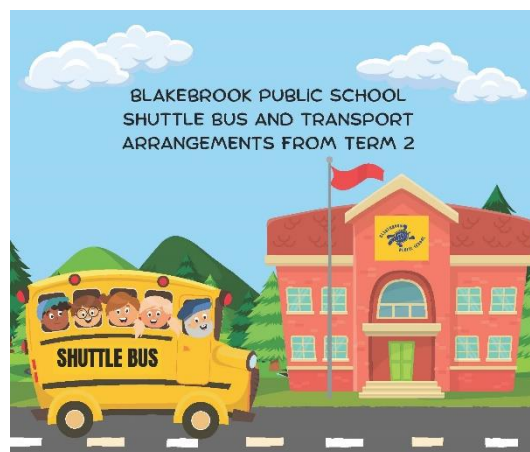
Lochlan Perren will greet students as they disembark their bus at the Blakebrook interchange and safely guide them to the shuttle bus. Students will remain on the bus until all other students have boarded.

Students being dropped at the Blakebrook interchange:

Parents can drop their children at the Blakebrook PS interchange and have their child travel on the shuttle bus to Goolmangar.

If you are dropping your child along with an older sibling **before 8:25am** your student will be collected by Lachlan Perren from the Pickup/ drop off zone and will be guided to the shuttle bus. We ask that you promptly leave the parking area to free up parking spaces for others.

If you are only dropping Blakebrook PS students, we ask that students are dropped off **between 8:25am and 8:30am**. Your child/ren will be collected by Lachlan Perren from the Pickup/ drop off zone and guided to the shuttle bus.



The Shuttle bus will depart Blakebrook Interchange at 8:30am sharp.

Please note: Unfortunately, our shuttle bus cannot wait for students running late. Students not at the interchange by 8:30am will need to be dropped to the Goolmangar site by their parents.

Parents can also drop their children directly to the Goolmangar site.

Afternoon Routine

Lochlan Perren will travel with students from Goolmangar to the Blakebrook interchange. The shuttle bus will arrive at the Blakebrook interchange at **approx. 3:40 pm each afternoon.** Lochlan will disembark with the 'walkers' (students being picked up) and safely guide them to the pickup area. To assist in making this a smooth and safe process we ask that parents wait in the pickup area for their children to be walked down to them. As each bus arrives at the interchange students will be guided to their bus by Lachlan.

Other key points:

- It is important students and families keep in mind there will be no toilets available for use at the Blakebrook PS Interchange. Students will need to go to the toilet before boarding the bus. A first-aid kit will be carried by the supervising staff member should first-aid be required.
- Bus messages will still be passed onto students via the school office. Please remember this should be done as early in the day as possible to ensure the message is received by the student.
- Should there be an urgent need to get a message to a student between 3:30pm and 4 pm Lochlan Perren will be contactable via the school mobile phone on 0467 858 926.
- Rainbow Region Kids will be operating before and after school care from the Goolmangar Site from 7am -9am and 3pm -6pm.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school through the front office.

Terania District Cross Country Term 2 2023

The first Friday of Term 2, 3 May, will be our annual Terania District Cross Country Carnival. This is a fantastic event that our whole school participates in, held at Caniaba Public School. Parents and families are welcome to attend the event to spectate. Our Staff will be setting up and preparing for the Carnival the morning of the event, we ask that you please transport your child/ren to Caniaba Public School where we will meet as a school at 9.45am to mark the roll and prepare for the day. See the program over the page for a timeline of the day.

Who: Blakebrook Public School Students K-6

Where: Caniaba Public School.

Parents & Carers will need to provide private transport to and from the event.

When: Friday 3 May 2024 (Term 2 Week 1) 9.45am – 1.00pm

Equipment: Sunscreen, hat, packed lunch and water bottle.

[Please return the permission note via Scho Wednesday 1 May 2024, Term 2 Week 1.](#)

PROGRAM:

10.00am Visitors and competitors arrive at Caniaba Public School

10.15am Walk track

***10.35am** 7 years boys/girls 1000m

10.50am 11 years boys/girls 3000m

***11.05am** 5/6 years boys/girls 800m

11.20am 12/13 years boys/girls 3000m

11.35am 10 years boys/girls 2000m

12.00pm 8/9 years boys/girls 2000m

12.30pm Presentations

12.45pm Clean up school areas.

1.00pm Visitors Depart

*These two events are non-competitive. Placegetters will be recognised but are not eligible to participate in the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

Footwear is compulsory and water bottles can be carried on the track.

The first four placegetters will be eligible to compete at the Northern Rivers Zone PSSA Cross Country Championships at Corndale Public School on Friday 31 May.

CATERING – A canteen will be operational all day providing morning tea and lunch, more information will be provided closer to the event.

[Caniaba Public School is located at 387 Caniaba Road, Caniaba.](#)

Year 7 2025

EOI Submissions are now closed if you missed it please contact the office as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events

| Who | What | Cost | Due Date |
|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Whole School | Terania District Cross Country | Nil | Note due Wednesday 1 May 2024 |
| 5/6 | Canberra Excursion | \$100 deposit-Overdue | Thurs 28 March 2024 |
| | | \$335 remaining excursion charge | Friday 14 June 2024 |

Utilise your School Bytes Parent Portal to give consent and make payment. Contact the Office if you require a paper note.



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