



Upcoming Events

Term 4

Week 1

Fri 18 Oct Lismore Show
K-4 Excursion

Week 2

Tues 22 Oct Kinder Info Session
2.45pm

Thurs 24 Oct Public Speaking
Grand Final

Fri 25 Oct P&C Halloween
Disco 5.30-7.30pm

Week 3

Mon 28 Oct P&C Mtg 5.30pm

Tues 29 Oct K- 6 NRL Program

Fri 1 Nov Assembly 3.00pm

Week 4

Mon 4 Nov K-6 NRL Program

Wed 6 Nov Kinder Transition

Principal Report

Welcome back for Term 4!

It has been lovely hearing about the children's holiday adventures. This term is shaping up to be both exciting and busy. Years 3-6 visited Albert Park Public School for the UNE Discovery Tour, and K-4 have their excursion to the Lismore Show tomorrow. We also have a few students heading to the Public Speaking Grand Final in week 2, I wish them the best of luck.

Next Friday, 25th October, we'll have a Halloween Disco hosted by the P&C from 5:30-7:30 pm. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces. Kindergarten Transition will begin in Week 4, and the Swim Program starts in Week 5.

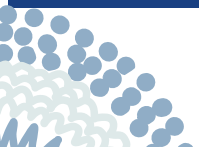
During the first week of the holidays, I met with the site foreman and the heritage team to discuss the progress of the new build. It was great to see the care taken in removing the heritage building with the intent of repurposing key aspects. There will be an official turning of the soil later this term, and I'll share more details soon.

With the weather warming up, please remember to remind children to wear hats and bring water bottles. Assemblies will start in Week 3, at the usual time of 3:00-3:25 pm.

I'm looking forward to another great term at Blakebrook.

Kind regards,

Al Coulter
Relieving Principal



NRL Development Blitz Program

This term as part of our PDHPE program, students in K-6 will be participating in the NRL Primary Schools Development Blitz Program. The program caters for participants of all ability levels and provides an opportunity to learn how to play Rugby League through sessions that optimise safety, skill development & basic game concepts (rules, objectives, tactics etc.)



All activities are non-contact (i.e. no tackling is permitted). Session plans and activities have been developed to address gaps in physical literacy and develop the necessary skills, confidence and motivation to participate in sport.

We will have two game development officers from NRL Northern NSW visiting school on Tuesday Week 3 & Monday of Week 4 to deliver the development blitz program to each class during the morning session.

Years 3-6 UNE Discovery Tour

Yesterday our Years 3-6 students travelled to Albert Park PS to participate in the UNE Discovery Tour. The discovery tour is a science outreach and engagement program delivering curriculum aligned activities in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths). We did a combination of activities surrounding chemistry, physics and biology. Check out the images below to see what we got up to.



Consent Forms & Payments

Who	What	Cost	Due Date
K-4	Lismore Show Excursion T4, Wk 1 Fri 18 Oct	\$4	Consent form and payment due Tuesday 15 Oct 2024
K-6	Intensive Swimming Scheme Term 4, Wk 5	\$25.00	Consent form and payment due Monday 4 Nov 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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2024
PSSA SMALL SCHOOLS
SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONS
BLAKEBROOK PUBLIC
SCHOOL



NSW PSSA SMALL SCHOOL SOCCER STATE CHAMPIONS



Blakebrook Public School made history this year, traveling over 10 hours from Goolmangar to Sydney to compete in the NSWPSA Small Schools knockout Finals. After a series of impressive performances and thrilling matches, our team emerged victorious, claiming the coveted State Championship title.

Our road to the finals was paved with exceptional displays of skill and teamwork. The semi-final match against Willow Tree Public School was a testament to our talent and determination. Toretto's hat-trick, coupled with Blake's brace and goals from Massimo and Baxter, secured a resounding 7-2 victory. Our defence, led by Baxter, Ada, Macklin, Luka, and Darcy, was impenetrable, while goalkeeper Riley made some incredible saves. The midfield trio of Rubie, Diablo, and Massimo worked tirelessly to control the game, while Toretto and Declan were a constant threat on the wings. Lincoln's determination to play through injury was admirable, and Blake's impact off the bench was invaluable.

The grand final against Spring Hill Public School was a gruelling battle. Despite the fatigue from the previous match, our players dug deep and displayed incredible resilience. The final score of 6-3 was a testament to their unwavering spirit and commitment. Every player contributed to this historic achievement, and we are immensely proud of their accomplishment. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the families who travelled to Sydney to support our team. Your enthusiasm and positive energy were a major factor in our success. Your respectful behaviour was also noted and appreciated.

A huge thank you to Mr Coulter and Megan for their tireless efforts in organising the trip and ensuring everything ran smoothly. Their dedication and support were invaluable. The Blakebrook Public School soccer team is a truly special group of athletes. Their talent, teamwork, and dedication are inspiring. As the Year 6's in the team move on to new challenges, they leave behind a wonderful legacy that will inspire future generations of Blakebrook soccer players. Though they are departing, they will always be remembered as part of a team that achieved greatness.



CONGRATULATIONS CHAMPIONS!

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P&C NEWS

Canteen will start on Friday of Week 3 this term.

Our first P&C meeting for Term 4 will be held on Monday 28th October (Week 3) 5.30pm.



**BLAKEBROOK
HALLOWEEN
DISCO**

**FRIDAY 25TH
OCTOBER
5.30 -7.30**

**BLAKEBROOK PS @ OUR
GOOLMANGAR SITE**

**FANCY DRESS - PRIZES FOR BEST
DRESSED
P&C SAUSAGE SIZZLE &
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABE FOR
PRUCHASE**

Blakebrook Public School

Project update | October 2024



Investing in our schools

The NSW Government is committed to rebuilding flood affected schools in the Northern Rivers region, ensuring we build back better with flood resilient schools for local students and local communities.

Project overview

As part of this commitment a project is underway to rebuild Blakebrook Public School after it was extensively damaged by flooding in 2022.

The project will deliver an elevated single level building supported by a flood resilient steel structure. All core facilities will be on the first floor, connected by undercover walkways. The ground floor consists of amenities and an undercroft play space for students, as well as new landscaping that is connected to Country.



New library



4 permanent classroom and multipurpose learning spaces



New canteen



New administration area

Progress summary

- The NSW Government has used its enhanced planning powers to approve the rebuilding of Blakebrook Public School under the NSW Reconstruction Authority Act 2022. [Read the Government's media release.](#)
- Demolition of the flood affected school buildings continued during the school holidays and is almost complete. In accordance with our DA conditions (DA 5.2023.337.1), the demolition was

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supervised by our heritage specialist and guided by our Salvage and Reuse Management Plan. All salvaged items and materials, along with movable heritage pieces, will be catalogued, restored (where required) and stored. Items such as sash windows and floorboards will be salvaged and reused or stored by the department after inspection by our hygienist. Any remaining materials will be recycled.

- Off-site manufacturing of the school modules and steel gantry is complete.



Removing the Great War Honour Roll



Completed Blakebrook PS module

Next steps

Now that planning approvals are in place we are working to rebuild Blakebrook Public School as quickly as possible. Based on the rebuilding of Empire Vale and Wardell Public Schools, we expect construction to take 6-7 months, weather permitting.

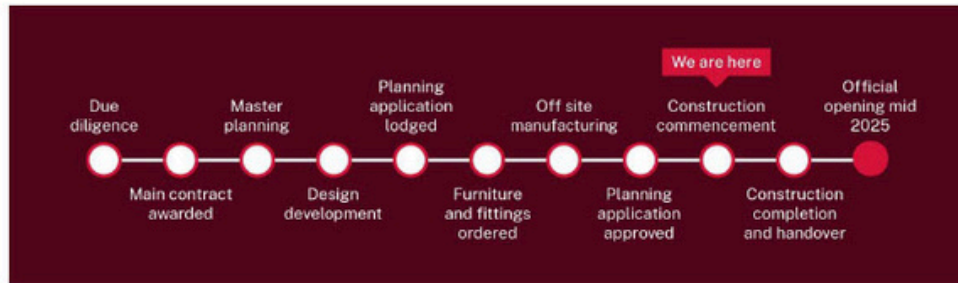
This includes:

- demolition
- completion of stormwater, ground works and inground piling;
- delivery and installation of the steel gantry and school buildings;
- school fit out;
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and services connection;
- landscaping.

We are expecting to complete the new flood resilient Blakebrook Public School during Term 2 2025, weather and site conditions permitting. We will keep the school and community updated about the completion dates as construction progresses.

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Heritage Interpretation Strategy

As part development consent to remove the existing school buildings, Lismore City Council approved our Heritage Interpretation Strategy, for Blakebrook Public School.

Important school items, including murals and signage are being kept safely to relocate at the rebuilt school. The Great War Honour Roll has been removed under the supervision of heritage consultants and will be cleaned and refurbished by specialists before being installed safely back at Blakebrook Public School. Some salvaged materials will also be re-used onsite as part of the Heritage Interpretation Strategy.

Workshops were held with the school during Term 3 to inform the next stage in the strategy, which is now being finalised by our heritage consultants. We will work with the school and interested parents during Term 4 to develop materials recommended in the plan.

Parking reminder

To minimise disruption and traffic congestion at the Blakebrook site at pick up and drop off times:

- A new undercover student waiting area will be ready during Week 1 Term 4 (see map below).
- Contractor parking is now in place within the construction zone (see map below).
- The parent kiss and drop zone is clearly defined (see map below).
- Site deliveries and major work will be co-ordinated to avoid the morning and afternoon bus times as much as practicable.

While we are working to minimise construction impacts during school pick-ups and drop offs, some congestion may be unavoidable as we rebuild the school. Parents who are meeting the school bus are asked to pick up their children as quickly and efficiently as possible. Children can also be dropped off or picked up directly from Goolmangar.

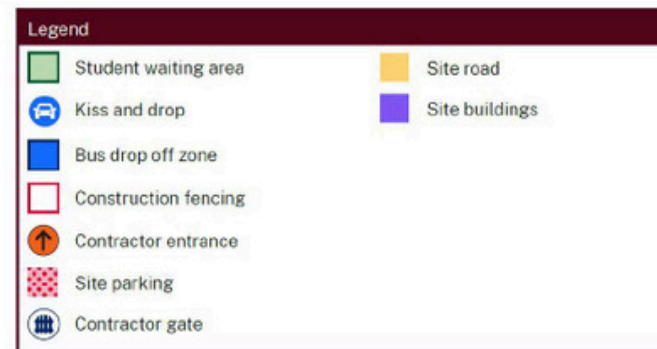
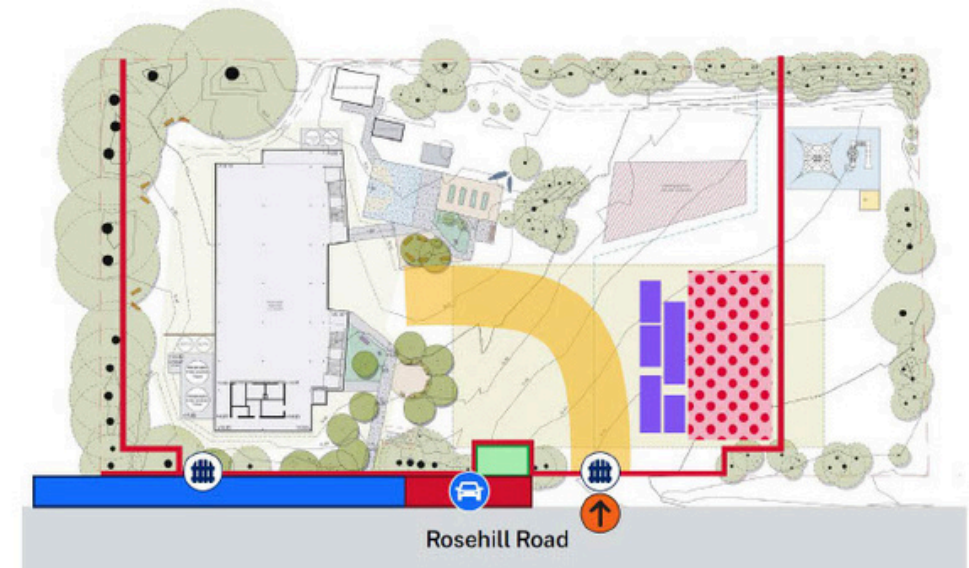
Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Working Hours

We will keep the community and neighbours updated during the construction of the new Blakebrook Public School facilities. Standard working hours are 8am to 6pm on weekdays and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

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Site map



More information



You can find more information about the project by scanning the QR code.

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact School Infrastructure NSW during business hours on the contact details below.

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