



Upcoming Events Term 2

Week 9

Fri 27 June Assembly
3.10pm–3.30pm

Week 10

Thurs 3 July Students at Lismore
South PS

Fri 4 July Students at Lismore
South PS

Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Week 1

Mon 21 July School Development
Day (staff only)

Tue 22 July Students
Commence Term 3

First day back at
Blakebrook!!

Welcome breakfast
8.30–9.15am

Thur 24 July Terania District
Athletics Field
Events at Caniaba
(Selected Students)

Week 2

Tue 29 July Small Schools
Netball
Knockout (BPS
Netball Team)

Fri 1 Aug Terania District
Athletics Track
Carnival at
Riverview Park

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Principal Report

Term 2 has flown by! We managed to pack a great deal into each and every day with productive and engaging learning occurring across our school and other wonderful opportunities in STEM, sport, creative and performing arts, gardening and sustainability to highlight just a few. This has all been amongst the planning of returning to our new school. I want to sincerely thank our teachers and support staff for the wonderful job they have done throughout this very busy time.

I know the delay in moving back to our new school came as a disappointment to us all. However, I want to acknowledge the resilient and optimistic way our students have handled this news. The excitement for day 1 Term 3 is building! Although the timeline has shifted slightly much of the planning and arrangements for our transition to our new school will continue per program. Please see attached note for important details regarding our transition. If your child would like to order Canteen on Friday 4 July at Lismore South PS – please see menu included with this Bulletin. Students pay cash on the day – no preordering required.

Student Reports

In the Week 7 bulletin I detailed changes to student academic reports. The new format has been developed by the NSW Department of Education in response to feedback from parents and educators to make reports easier to read and understand. These changes are aimed on ensuring building stronger collaboration between families and the school to support each child's learning.

Parent–teacher interviews remain an important way to discuss your child's progress and achievement in more detail. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's classroom teacher, through the front office, should they wish to discuss reports in further detail.

Reports will be published through School Bytes tomorrow. A hard copy of your child's report can be requested through the front office by emailing your request to blakebrook-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

How to Access Student Reports in the Parent Portal

Here's a simple guide for parents to access their child's reports:

- Open the parent portal by visiting <https://portal.schoolbytes.education/auth/login> and log in to your account.
- Select the "Resources" tab at the top of the page.
- In the Resources section, you'll find a list of student documents, including academic reports.
- Look for your child's report in the "Student Documents" section.
- Click on the report to open it for viewing.
- You can download a copy of the report if needed.

All published reports will appear in the student documents section under the Resources tab, making them easily accessible whenever you need them.

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday break. We look forward to welcoming you all back at our amazing new school on Tuesday 22 July 2025.

Kind regards

Sam Bowkett
Principal

Consent Forms & Payments			
Who	What	Cost	Due Date
Selected students	Terania District Field Events Athletics Carnival at Caniaba	No cost	Sunday 20 July 2025
Utilise your School Bytes Parent Portal to give consent. Contact the Office if you require a paper note.			



BPS Cross Country Star

In Week 7, the Regional Cross Country Carnival took place in Woolgoolga. Chelsea participated in the event, achieving an impressive 16th place amidst a competitive field and challenging course. Congratulations, Chelsea, on your remarkable effort; we are all incredibly proud of you.

Week 9 Awards

Presented tomorrow Friday 27 June at 3.10pm in the COLA

(parents & carers welcome)

Principal Award: Blake – demonstrating maturity and great leadership qualities during peer support sessions.

Library

Junior – Connor – consistent borrowing habits.

Senior – Rubie – showing a settled and mature approach to learning.

PDH/PE –

Junior – Reuben for great focus when developing hand-eye coordination.

Senior – Diablo approaching learning tasks with enthusiasm.

K/1/2 Awards:

Academic – Sean – for learning a growing amount of sight words

Go For it – Lincoln And Connor- for persevering in phonics and reading lessons.

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL): April – for being kind to others

3/4 Awards:

Academic – Taylah consistently demonstrates a fantastic attitude and enthusiasm towards her math learning.

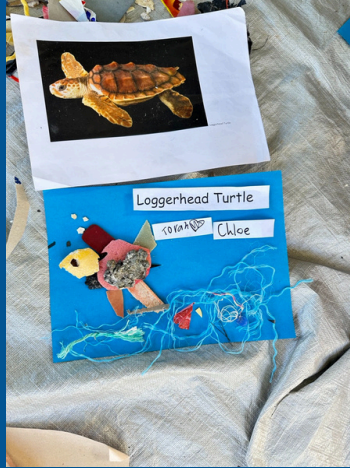
Go for it! – Kobi showed great bravery by stepping up to play for the school soccer team.

Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL) – Kadence has shown wonderful helpfulness and support in class and across the whole school.

5/6 Awards:

Go For It – Jess for noticeable improvement in her soccer skills, particularly in her accurate passing and confident kicking to teammates.

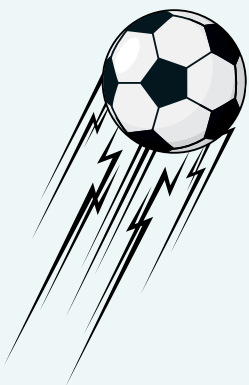
Positive Behaviour Learning (PBL): Maye – for being a positive and helpful student supporting peers in small groups.



Soccer News!!

Last week, our Small School Soccer team participated in the Soccer Gala Day in Bangalow. Although we did not progress further in the competition, the team exhibited remarkable teamwork and dedicated effort. Well done, team!

Yesterday, our Terania boys and girls soccer teams competed in the Terania District Competition, both teams secured victories, advancing to the next round! Congratulations to both teams, and a special thank you to Mr. Cootes for his exceptional coaching that guided them to success!



P&C UPDATE

URGENT Volunteers required for Bunnings Fundraiser **Saturday 28/6/25**. Please Msg the FB page or Amy C directly on 0421 669 877.

Thank you too all the volunteers and families for supporting the canteen for term 2. Looking forward to term 3 with invigorated volunteers in our new site. Menu suggestions for Term 3 now open - please send all your ideas to our FB messenger or chat to one of our wonderful canteen managers Amy D & Narelle when you see them around ❤️

SAVE THE DATE - Terrania Carnival 1/8/25
Blackbrook's turn run the canteen this year! Keep an eye out for volunteering an hour or so & donations of baked goods! This is another great fundraiser for our school.

P&C Sectary role still vacant

Do you have a few hours per term to minute our P&C meeting? Please reach out, our President Amy C has been attempting to do both roes and would love some support!

Updated Information – Transition to New School

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you would be aware we have rescheduled the first day at our new school to Day 1 of Term 3. I thank our school community for their patience and understanding with this delay. Please note that Monday 21 July 2025 is a Staff Development Day. **Students return to school on Tuesday 22 July.**

Many of the previous arrangements will remain the same with an adjusted timeline. Please review the following information carefully.

Move Week (Week 10)

In preparation for our first day in the new school, we will be packing up and moving furniture, resources and teaching materials to use within our new learning spaces. As you can appreciate this is a significant process, so professional removalists will assist with the move. To ensure continued learning at our Goolmangar site, the moving of furniture and resources will occur next week (Week 10).

On Thursday and Friday Week 10, furniture and resources from our classrooms will be packed up and transported to the new school. To ensure student safety and enable learning to continue **students will be learning from Lismore South Public School on Thursday (3 July) and Friday (4 July).**

Transport to and from Lismore South Public School will be via our shuttle bus. On both days, the shuttle bus will depart Blakebrook Public School interchange at 8:30am sharp and then return students to the interchange at 3:35pm. The school day will be 9am-3pm. If you are planning on dropping your child/ren directly to Lismore South PS, please let our front office know by Tuesday 1 July (Week 10).

A range of fun and exciting lessons have been planned for our students to engage with throughout the two days. Mr Michael Innes will work alongside Ms Kate Lord on Thursday and Mr Ian Coutts on Friday to take care of our students.

Our First Day Back - Day 1 Term 3

The first day back, **Tuesday 22 July**, will be an exciting day for our students, families and staff. We want to make it a special day, whilst remembering there will be some nerves. To make it a special morning, alongside our P and C, the school has organised a light breakfast for students and families. This will include fresh fruit, a croissant and juice. Tea and coffee will be on offer for parents and caregivers. Parents and caregivers will then have an opportunity to walk through our school to see the wonderful new facilities. This will be occurring between 8:30am - 9:15am. Please note that this event is for parents and caregivers and current Blakebrook PS students only. Our wider school community will have the opportunity to visit during our official opening and 'Back to Blakebrook' celebrations. Thank you for your understanding.

Play Spaces

As I shared previously the rebuild team has advised turf will be ready for foot traffic in the early part of next term. We will monitor the establishment of turf and have our students out there as soon as possible. In the meantime, the school will be planning a range of activities in the under-croft area to keep students active and ensure they can play during their breaks. The play equipment will also be able to be used. I know our students will be extremely keen to get out onto the soccer field when the turf is ready!

Parking

As you would have seen as part of the rebuild the parking and bus bays at the front of the school have been formalised to help improve safety. Although we are already using the parking spaces, it will take some adjustment once we have visitors and staff also parking at the front of the school.

I ask that everyone please be vigilant and adhere to the signage. A number of parks have been designated 'Kiss and Ride'. To assist with smooth flow of traffic, please only park in these spots for a short period of time while you either pick up or drop off.

The safety of our students is the highest priority. I will closely monitor the pickup and drop off areas in the first few weeks as our school community adjusts to the new arrangements.

Official Opening & 'Back to Blakebrook'

We are hoping to confirm the rescheduled date for the official opening shortly. As soon as it comes to hand, I will advise our school community. This special event will mark the start of a new and exciting chapter for our school community. We hope to have as many people as possible attend from across the Blakebrook community.

The school is also planning a special week of festivities in Week 3 of next term. 'Back to Blakebrook' will be a great opportunity for our school community to come together to celebrate the start of a new chapter for our school, whilst acknowledging our school's rich history.

Thank you

I once again wish to sincerely thank the entire school community for their support, patience and dedication during the rebuild journey so far. Despite the delay in reopening, I am confident that the transition to our new school will be a success and mark the start of an exciting chapter for our school community.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further please feel free to reach out.

Many thanks
Sam Bowkett
Principal

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Lismore South Public School Canteen Menu

Hot Food		Toasted Sandwiches	
Pizza	\$4.00	Ham	\$3.50
Meat Pie	\$4.50	Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
Sausage Roll	\$4.00	Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.70ea	Ham & Tomato	\$4.00
Falafel Balls	\$0.50ea	Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$4.50
Nachos	\$5.00		
Tomato / BBQ sauce	\$0.20ea		
Burgers, Sandwiches, Roll & Wraps			
Basic \$4.50 lettuce and sauce/mayo			
Works \$5.50 Lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber, sauce/mayo			
Burgers		Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps	
Chicken Burger – Grilled chicken breast		Salad & Falafel, Hommus/Mayo	
Sweet Chilli Chicken Burger – Coated sweet chilli chicken strips		Salad & Ham	
Beef Burger – Grilled beef patty		Salad & Chicken	
Falafel Burger – Falafel		Salad & Sweet Chilli Chicken	
Container		Sandwiches, Rolls & Wraps	
Salad & Avocado/Cheese	\$5.00	Vegemite/Honey/Jam	\$2.00
Salad & Falafel	\$5.50	Salad	\$4.00
Salad & Ham	\$5.50	Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Salad & Chicken	\$6.00	Ham & Tomato	\$3.50
Salad & Sweet Chilli Chicken	\$6.00	Ham & Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
		Chicken & Avocado	\$4.50
		Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Rice Paper Rolls x2		Snacks	
Salad	\$6.00	Fruit	\$0.50
Salad & Falafel	\$6.00	Cheese & Crackers n/a	\$2.00
Salad & Ham	\$6.00	Muffin/Cupcake/Biscuit/Pikelets	\$1.00
Salad & Chicken	\$6.00	Chips - Red Rock: Plain	\$1.50
Salad & Sweet Chilli Chicken	\$6.00	Chips – Grain Waves	\$1.50
Chicken & Avocado	\$6.00	Pop Corn (freshly popped)	\$1.00
Drinks		Frozen Snacks	
Poppers	\$2.00	Frozen Twisted yoghurt	\$2.50
Water	\$1.00	Mony/TNT	\$1.50
Pop Top Milk n/a	\$2.50	Quelch fruit ice pole	\$0.80
CJ Fizz	\$3.00	Frozen fruit juice cup	\$1.00
The school canteen uses this menu on FRIDAY			

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**THE NEXT
GENERATION:
STRENGTH,
VISION &
LEGACY**
6-13 JULY 2025

LISMORE NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS

The NAIDOC day celebration is a free, family-fun community event honouring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history.

When:
Wednesday, 9 July 2025
10am – 2pm


Where:
Crozier Field, Lismore
Sporting Precinct

Artists performing: Mitch King & Blakboi

- Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
- Cultural performances
- Community stalls and food vendors
- Children's activities (face painting and cultural activities)

All Elders and entire community welcome



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