

Blackville Public School Newsletter

Term 4, Weeks 7 and 8



Principal's message

Welcome to our second last newsletter for the term. As we approach the end of the school year, we reflect on the past two weeks with immense pride. Our students have shown exceptional commitment to their learning routines and represented Blackville Public School with excellence during this week's End of Year Presentation Day. Each student spoke confidently, celebrated their peers' achievements with grace and showcased their unique personalities on stage. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the families who joined us to celebrate - it was, as always, a spectacular day of recognition and community spirit.

While December is upon us, the weather continues to keep us guessing - warm, cool, sunny or stormy - and that's before lunchtime! To ensure students are prepared, we recommend they bring a jumper in their bag and a drink bottle, which can be placed in the fridge. As the sunny days increase, please ensure your child has their school hat for outdoor activities.

We also wish to notify families of a rise in COVID-19 cases in our community. With less than two weeks left of school, we kindly ask everyone to remain vigilant - monitor for flu-like symptoms and stay home if unwell. We want every student to finish the year healthy and enjoy a safe and restful Christmas break.

Next week, students will participate in our Intensive Swimming Program in Gunnedah alongside our friends from Walhallow Public School. They will be assessed and grouped by ability, receiving valuable lessons in swimming and stroke correction.

The final week will focus on classroom cleanup. We kindly ask students to bring shopping bags to help transport their books and belongings home on the Monday and Tuesday of Week 10. Reports will also be going home during this final week. Thank you for your continued support as we approach the end of another fantastic year at Blackville Public School.

Yours sincerely,

Kylie Burns

Teaching Principal

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Year 6 Orientation Day at Quirindi High

Quirindi High School welcomed Axel as well as other Year 6 students from around the Liverpool Plains for their Orientation Day on Tuesday 3rd December, marking a key milestone in their transition to high school. Parents were warmly greeted by Principal Mr. Worley, Deputy Principal Ms. Loughrey and Head Teacher Ms. Lees, who shared insights into school culture, policies and opportunities, including the exciting Year 7 excursion to the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Term 1, 2025.



Students met their 2025 Year Advisor, Miss Briton and Head Teacher Wellbeing, Ms. McInnes, before writing 'letters to their future selves,' to be revisited at their Year 12 graduation. Guided by Year 10 buddies, students explored key facilities and enjoyed engaging activities like drawing, PE and games.

Students received uniforms, resources and free book packs funded by the QHS P&C. A huge thank you to the staff, students and families for making the day a huge success.

P and C information

Our final P&C meeting for the year was held in Week 7, with a fantastic turnout from our families. It was a productive yet relaxed evening, with everyone contributing a plate to share as we planned for end-of-term events.

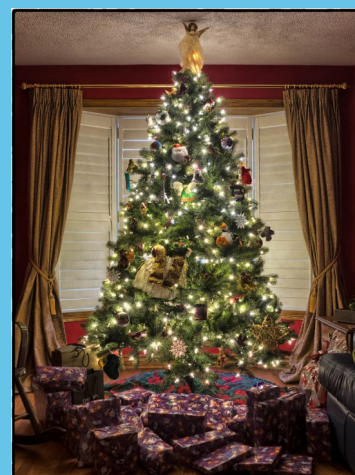
A heartfelt thank you to all our P&C members for their incredible contributions throughout the year. From preparing lunches on Thursdays to organising fundraisers and supporting school activities, your partnership has been invaluable.

Special thanks to Georgina and Phil for their ongoing dedication to our school. Whether coordinating events or maintaining the school grounds by mowing the far paddocks, your efforts make a significant difference and we are truly grateful for all that you do.

Please note, the canteen is now closed for the year as students participate in swimming lessons next week and break for holidays on the Wednesday of Week 10.

Finally, our Christmas raffle is in full swing! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the generous donations and to those who continue to sell tickets to friends and family - let's keep up the great work!

On behalf of the Blackville PS P and C, we wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone back in 2025!



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Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day was held on Wednesday 4th December and was another truly memorable occasion. We are incredibly proud of the way our students led the celebrations and confidently performed in front of friends and families. Their performances of *I Love a Sunburnt Country*, *I Am Australian* and *Heal* were exceptional, leaving a lasting impression on staff and special guests alike. The school received numerous positive comments about the day - a testament to the effort and enthusiasm of everyone involved.

A heartfelt thank you to our P&C President for her thoughtful speech, the Mead family for their generous Year 6 gift of a beautiful birdbath for the school and the entertaining gift of King Axel, which brought smiles and laughter to everyone in attendance. A very special thank you to Mrs Bell for once again giving her time to create lasting memories through the photo books.

A very special congratulations to both Ava and Danika, who received their 2025 School Leader badges after delivering their Captain speeches. A special mention to Mrs. Redgrove for choreographing the highly entertaining staff dance, which was a highlight of the day for our students.

Finally, congratulations to all our award recipients—you've made us proud!

The Yvonne Weiner Awards:

Jed - Positive learning disposition
Andrew - Improvement in reading
Paige - Improvement in mathematics
Beth - Effort in the creative arts
Chad - Achievement in mathematics
Ava - Improvement in writing
Danika - Improvement in mathematics
Axel - Achievement in Human Society and its Environment.

Special Awards

Premiers Sporting Challenge Medallion - Axel
CWA Prize for Contribution to School Life - Ava
Quota Club Award for Outstanding Attendance - Jed and Chad
Lions Club Perpetual Trophy for Citizenship - Danika
Upper Namoi Upper Cotton Growers Award for Academic Achievement - Axel
Howards Bus Charter Award for Consistency - Chad
Leadership and Excellence in Culture Award - Paige and Axel
Positive Attitude to Learning - Andrew
Improvement in Reading Award - Andrew and Beth

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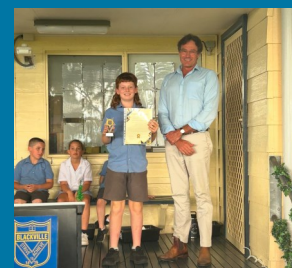
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Merit Awards...

- Week 7** Miss Burns' award: Beth - improvement in focus and timetables
Mrs Bingham's award: Beth - improvement in sportsmanship and skills
Steve's award: Jed - sticking to tasks in reading
Leadership Award: Jed
- Week 8** Miss Burns' award: Andrew - shining at our Presentation Day
Mrs Bingham's award: Axel - outstanding leadership
Steve's award: Paige - Perseverance in reading
Leadership Award: Andrew



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Value of the week...

Week 9 and 10: Consider and put into practice our five school values of; leadership, high expectations, kindness, respect and integrity.

Coming up...

Term 4

December

9th - 13th: Intensive swimming

16th: Year 6 Farewell

18th: Rewards day and last day of Term 4.

January 2025

31st: Staff Development Day

February 2025

3rd-5th: Staff Development Days

6th: Students return for 2025

Weekly Events...

Monday

TFSS - Zones of Regulation

Tuesday

Wednesday

- Scripture (odd weeks)
- Library

Thursdays

- Canteen

Friday

- Sport
- Playgroup (odd weeks)
- Assembly

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Calendar...

Term 4 2024	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9	9 Intensive swimming	10 Intensive swimming	11 Intensive swimming	12 Intensive swimming	13 Intensive swimming
Week 10	16 Year 6 Farewell	17	18 Rewards Day and last day of 2024	19 SDD	20 SDD

Term 1 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	27	28	29	30	31 SDD
Week 2	3 SDD	4 SDD	5 SDD	6 Students return	7 Small Schools Swimming

Secret Santa

Don't forget our Secret Santa will be taking place in Week 10. Ideally, we would love for every gift to be handed to the school by Friday 13th, ready for the gift giving on Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th. Our Secret Santa gifts were chosen at our last P and C meeting and have a maximum price range of \$25.

Please ensure you write the recipients name on the front, so we can ensure it is given to the correct person!



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Community Messages...

January School Holiday Basketball Camps 2025

Presented by
Ethan Lee



Please bring
a drink bottle
and a ball (if
you have
one) to each
camp.



Scan the QR code to register



If you are looking
for something **fun**
and active for the
kids to do in the
School Holidays,
then these camps
are for you !!!

Register Now – Spots Filling Fast

Camp 1: Monday 20th January
Cost: \$50

Ages: 5yrs – 8yrs
Time: 9.30am – 11.00am

Camp 2: Tuesday 22nd January
Cost \$50

Ages: 9yrs – 12yrs
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am

Camp 3: Wednesday 23rd January
Cost: \$50

Ages: 5yrs – 8yrs
Time: 9.30am-11.00am

Camp 4: Thursday 24th January
Cost \$50

Ages: 9yrs – 12yrs
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am



SwimVAC 2025
Enrol your kids for Summer!
Program Dates: 13 January to 24 January 2025

Bookings Open!
drowningprevention.org.au/swimvac



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NEW SOUTH WALES



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