

Blackville Public School Newsletter

Term 1, Weeks 7 and 8



Principal's message

Welcome to our Week 7 and 8, Term 1 newsletter, where we reflect on the many wonderful things we are achieving at Blackville PS. Students continue to work hard during their classroom learning sessions and are striving to become better friends during their daily social interactions. We are currently working on the theory that 'every action causes a reaction' and these can be good or bad, depending on the original action. It is wonderful to consistently witness our students looking out for one another and taking each other under their wing, regardless of if we are in our own school grounds or visiting other places.

Staff have noticed a reduction in students bringing water bottles and school hats to school each day. Whilst the weather is starting to cool down, we really can't stress enough the need for students to bring with them a water bottle, especially during Wednesdays for taekwondo, sport on Friday and every other day as we start training for cross country. Our school has also adopted a 'No hat, no play' policy and we have already had some children forced to sit out from playing with others because they didn't have a hat. We also strongly suggest bringing a jumper to school. Whilst some days are still quite warm, we have seen a definite drop in temperatures this week and from past experiences, we know the temperature can drop 10 degrees quite quickly during this time of year, especially after rain.

Hoping you all have a wonderful week!

Yours sincerely,

Kylie Burns

Teaching Principal

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NAPLAN

Over the last two weeks, students in Years 3 and 5 have been undertaking NAPLAN Assessments during our morning literacy sessions. Students have each demonstrated patience and persistence throughout these four assessments (reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy) which they should all be very proud of. These online assessments will be marked externally, with reports sent home to parents later in the year. Whilst these assessments are just one test taken on one day, they allow staff to triangulate the data with other assessments and are used to identify where students are currently at and how we can support them as a school to move forward. One of the highlights of NAPLAN is a tradition that students are treated to a hot chocolate and toast every day of their assessment, which students once again enjoyed.



Landcare talk

On Monday 18th March, students were treated to an incredible educational talk on amphibians, reptiles and mammals (amongst other things). Thanks to Mrs Nikki Chirlian, member of the Tamworth Landcare committee, who was successful in gaining a grant to bring ecologist Mr Phil Sparks to our school who also brought nearly 50 of his favourite friends with him! We were able to see and touch a variety of these animals, including frogs, lizards, blind snakes and bats. In an incredibly hands on experience, students were able to learn an invaluable amount of information about these animals, many of which are currently endangered, before being able to pat and get up close and personal with many of them. Thank you to Nicky and Phil for such an amazing opportunity for our students and for the very generous donation you gave to the school for our school library.



Indigenous mural gains momentum

Last year, we discussed with our school community the vision we had to have an Indigenous mural become part of our cultural space and bushtucker garden area. We were incredibly lucky to have a Gamilaroi woman, Jodie, agree to be part of this vision. On Tuesday, Jodie visited our school, asking students and staff about their vision for Blackville and wanting to hear about our individual stories. Jodie spoke about the importance of stories and how Aboriginal art is so much more than a visual image, it describes the stories and connections of those who create it. It was very clear that our mural will not only be aesthetically impressive, but will hold a sentimental connection to the students and staff who will be part of its creation. Thank you Jodie, for not only becoming part of this connection, but for educating us on so much whilst you were here. Keep your eye out on the changes that are going to happen over the next few weeks!



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Harmony Day

Thank you to Mrs Harris and the staff at Walhallow PS who invited us to join in their Harmony Day celebrations on Wednesday 20th March. Students were treated to a wonderful day of multiculturalism and celebrating the wonderfully diverse country we live in by immersing themselves across four rotations. We learned about the Japanese culture by learning the Japanese language and folding origami. We painted self portraits to recognise the cultural diversity amongst our small schools and learned a Scottish dance with Miss Erika from Encore Dance Studio. Students played a Kahoot quiz on the meaning behind Harmony Day and facts on the upcoming Olympic games in France. Students were also treated to a gelati testing opportunity as well as a delicious sausage sandwich for lunch. Thank you so much to Walhallow PS and the staff across the four schools for allowing ourselves to be immersed in culture.



Ride to School Day

You may have observed an influx of bike riders in Blackville this week, however don't panic, it was just our BPS students raising awareness of physical activity as part of National Ride Safely to School Day! Students rode to school on Friday 22nd March, learning about the importance of road safety, looking after our bikes and especially our heads! Thank you to those parents who supervised their children as they rode to school in the morning and to Mrs Bell who supervised the students riding to and from O'Neile Street!

Please ensure you continue discussing road safety with your children and allowing them to ride their bikes. It is a wonderful way of learning so much and keeps them physically active!



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Merit Awards...

Week 7 - Miss Burns' award - Not given

Mrs Bingham's award - Beth: Merit Award

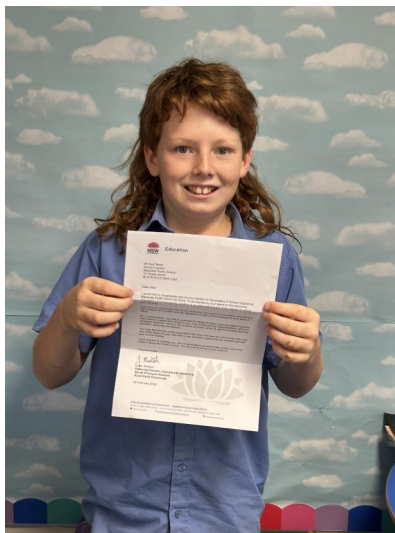
- Axel: Merit Award

Leadership award - Jed Well Done

Week 8 - Miss Burns' award - Chad: helping others, especially during NAPLAN and Harmony Day

Mrs Bingham's award - Danika —Working hard in Maths

Leadership Award - Following instructions on Ride to School Day



Leadership Award

Congratulations to Axel who received a letter from the Director, Educational Leadership, Mr Julian Mostert congratulating Axel on his role of school leader at Blackville PS in 2024. We know Axel will be an incredible leader as he has already demonstrating this through his actions this term.

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Value of the week...

Week 9: Be positive to others

Week 10: Show respect to others

Coming up...

Term 2

March

25th: Easter Hat making

28th: Easter Hat parade

29th: Good Friday

April

1st: Easter Monday

12th: Cross Country @ Spring Ridge

12th: Last Day of Term 1

29th: Staff Development Day

30th: Students return for Term 2

Weekly Events...

Monday

Tuesday

- Canteen

Wednesday

- Library

- Taekwondo

Thursdays

- Canteen

Friday

- Sport

- Scripture (odd weeks)

- Playgroup (even weeks)

- Assembly

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Calendar...

Term 1 2024	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 9	25 Easter hat making	26	27	28 Easter hat parade	29 Good Friday
Week 10	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5 Playgroup
Week 11	8	9	10	11	12 Cross Country @ SRPS

Term 2 2024	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	29 SDD	30	1	2	3 Mitch Tambo
Week 2	6	7	8	9	10 Trivia Night
Week 3	13	14 Grip Leadership	15	16	17

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Community Messages...



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Blackville Playgroup 2024
at Blackville School
Friday 10 am – 12 noon

Playgroup Dates 2024	
Term 1	Feb 9 th , 23 rd Mar 8 th , 22 nd Apr 5 th
Term 2	May 3 rd , 17 th , 31 st Jun 14 th , 28 th
Term 3	Jul 26 th Aug 9 th , 23 rd Sept 6 th , 20 th
Term 4	Oct 18 th Nov 1 st , 15 th , 29 th Dec 13 th



Please come and join us

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Ooranga Family Mobile Resource Unit
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PLAYERS NEEDED


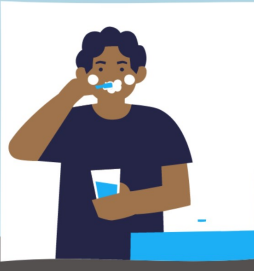
Werris Creek Minor League is looking for players to add to the following teams.

- ✓ Under 6's
- ✓ Under 8's
- ✓ Under 12's


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“Don’t forget to brush your teeth, gums & tongue, after breakfast & before bed



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