



Weeks 1-3 Term 1

# Blackville PS



Newsletter



## Principal's Message

*Mrs. Kylie Burns*

We are thrilled to welcome back our families, students and staff for what promises to be another fantastic year at Blackville Public School. We trust you all had a restful and joyful Christmas and New Year, filled with time to recharge alongside loved ones. A very special welcome to our new family, Stu, Trish, Harry, Poppy and Annabelle! We're so excited to have you join our school community and look forward to sharing in the wonderful journey of learning and growth together.

As we begin the year, it's important to be mindful of our natural surroundings. We encourage our students to stay vigilant regarding snake sightings, especially as warmer weather continues. Please ensure that children are aware of safety protocols when outdoors.

We already have some amazing learning and life skills opportunities placed on the calendar for 2025 and we are truly looking forward to a year filled with exciting learning experiences, creativity and many special memories.

Our dedicated and friendly staff are always here to support you. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school during regular hours at 0267474024 or leave a message after hours, and we'll be happy to assist. A full list of staff, their roles and work days can be found further along in the newsletter.

This year, attendance continues to be a key priority across New South Wales. We encourage all families to ensure that students attend school regularly, except when they are unwell or have a valid reason for absence. Students whose attendance falls below 85% may be contacted by our Home School Liaison Officer to discuss and address any concerns. School uniform is also an important focus for us this year. We ask that all students wear the proper school uniform (including a wide brimmed, school hat) on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday each week. Starting Week 5, sport will be held on a Wednesday. If your child is unable to wear the uniform for any reason, please notify the school in advance.

Here's to a fantastic 2025!



# BPS News & Notes



## 2025 Staff

We are proud to have a dedicated and passionate team of educators and staff who are committed to making this school year exceptional. Each member brings their unique skills, energy and love for teaching to our community. We're excited to introduce you the faces behind the magic that happens in our classroom, office and beyond!

Teaching Principal - Kylie Burns (Mon-Fri)

Ass. Principal Curriculum & Instruction -Melissa Bryant (Alt. Mon & Thursdays)

Classroom Teacher K-2 - Kylie Turner (Mon/Tues)

Classroom Teacher & Casual - Rocchina Bingham (Fri)

Aboriginal Education Officer - Matika Pengilley (Thurs)

Student Learning & Support Officer - Matika Pengilley (Tues/Wed)

Business Manager - Rebecca Mackenzie (Tues)

School Administration Manager - Kathy Redgrove (Mon/Tues/Wed & 2nd Thurs)

School Administration Officer - Christine Bell (Thurs & Fri)

General Assistant - Bruce Mackenzie (Tues)

Chaplain - Steve Wallace (Currently on leave Mon & Fri)

## Upcoming Events:

28/2- Clean Up Aust. Day

17/18/19/20 March - Yr 5 Naplan

25/3 - Yr 5/6 Halogen

8/4- Easter Hat Making

11/4 Easter Hat Parade



## Weekly Events

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday - Scripture (odd weeks)

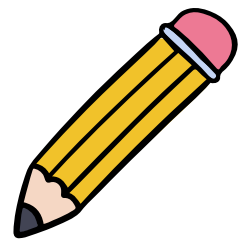
Thursday - Library and Culture

Friday - Cooking, Art & Gardening





# BPS News & Notes



## WELCOME TO HARRY & POPPY

We are delighted to extend a heartfelt welcome to the newest members of our school community - Harry & Poppy. As a small rural school, we cherish the connections we build and the sense of togetherness that makes us unique. We're excited to get to know your family better and here to support you every step of the way. We look forward to sharing many wonderful memories together.



**Wishing all our 2025 students an amazing year filled with new experiences and achievements!**





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## Our School VALUE for Week 3 – Leadership

### 2025 Leaders

At Blackville Public School, our student leaders play a vital role in fostering a positive, inclusive and thriving school community. They serve as role models, ambassadors and voices for their peers, helping guide our school toward success both academically and socially. We are proud to introduce our incredible school leaders for 2025, Ava & Danika who will inspire and support their fellow students with enthusiasm and dedication.



### BPS Contact Info

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and keep up with all the news on Facebook.

## Our School VALUE for Week 4 – High Expectations

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## Supportive Quirindi CWA

We are thrilled to congratulate our 2024 Leader Axel for receiving the prestigious 'Maunder Family - Transition to High School' grant at this year's Quirindi CWA Australia Day Awards. Axel was honoured to accept this award, which will provide valuable support as he embarks on his high school journey. A big thank you to the Quirindi CWA for their continued dedication to supporting our students and their educational pathways. Well done Axel!





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## Small Schools Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, 11th February, our students teamed up with students from Spring Ridge, Walhallow and Premer Public Schools for our annual Small Schools Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to all of our students who participated, gave their best effort and competed in a range of exciting races.

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you!





# BPS P & C News



## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE BPS P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

We invite all parents and caregivers to join us for our upcoming P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM). This is a great opportunity to get involved in our school community, learn about the year ahead, and support our students' educational experience. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute their ideas!

20th February, 2025 @ 3pm in main classroom.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Join Our P&C Team!

At the commencement of the AGM, the 2024 positions will be declared vacant and we will be aiming to appoint the below positions:-

**President** - The President leads the P&C, coordinates meetings and represents the association's interests in the school community.

**Vice President** - The Vice President supports the President, steps in when needed and helps with organizing events and activities.

**Secretary** - The Secretary manages communication, keeps records of meetings and ensures all administrative tasks are up to date.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer oversees the budget, manages funds and provides regular financial updates to the P&C.

Whether you're a seasoned volunteer or new to the role, we encourage all interested parents and caregivers to get involved. Your passion and ideas can have a lasting impact on our school's growth and development!

If you're interested or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Together, we can make this year one to remember!

# Be Present, Be Prepared

## Why Attendance Matters



Regular attendance is crucial for student success and engagement in the learning process. Consistent participation in classes not only helps students grasp the material more effectively but also fosters a sense of belonging and community within the school. When students attend school regularly, they are more likely to achieve better academic outcomes, develop strong relationships with peers and teachers and cultivate essential life skills. Encouraging a strong attendance culture ensures that every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential.



# Community Messages



## 2025 FARRER OPEN DAY


AUSTRALIA'S ONLY SELECTIVE BOYS AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL  
8:30AM - 2:00PM MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY, 2025

**REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL.** Visit [www.farrer.nsw.edu.au](http://www.farrer.nsw.edu.au) to register before 12th February. Wear smart casual and a hat. Light refreshments and lunch will be served.

Are you considering Farrer for your son? Our Farrer Open Day is a great opportunity to explore our exceptional facilities rarely seen in a public high school for both boarding and day boys in Years 7 – 12 and their families. Come and learn more about Farrer's broad curriculum, academic and employment pathways, exceptional, sporting and learning facilities.

We're proud of our reputation for developing responsible, respectful young men who thrive at school and in their careers beyond. Visit our website to register for our 2025 Open Day. Numbers are strictly limited!

FARRER MEMORIAL AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL, 585 CALALA LANE, TAMWORTH 2340 NSW



NSW Department of Education

## Aurora College – applications now open

Online selective high school and opportunity classes for students in rural and remote locations

**Aurora College**

The department's [Aurora College](#) provides online selective high school and opportunity classes for rural and remote students.

Students attend their local 'host' NSW public high school or primary school and join Aurora College's online classes for maths and science. In high school, this also includes their English classes.

Learn more and apply at:  
[Selective high schools](#)  
[Opportunity classes](#)

Apply now if your child is in:


- Year 4 for entry into online opportunity classes in 2026

Or

- Year 6 for entry into online selective high school classes in 2026.

Visit: [education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc](http://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc)

Hurry, applications close on 21 February 2025.

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## Tamworth Hockey

Presents

CALL US ON 0412 593 739

### Primary & High School Comp

**FREE!!**

Comp runs Mondays  
Primary School Comp: 5-6pm  
High School Comp: 6-7pm  
4 WEEKS start date Mon 17th March

SCHOOLS CAN REGISTER FULL TEAMS OR LISTS OF PLAYERS OR INDIVIDUALS CAN REGISTER THEMSELVES IF YOUR SCHOOL IS NOT PARTICIPATING

**frogs:** Fun and Development

send your registration to Julie at [play@tamworthhockey.com.au](mailto:play@tamworthhockey.com.au)



## WERRIS CREEK MINOR LEAGUE

### COME & TRY DAY

- SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
- 9AM - 10.30AM
- BOYS & GIRLS 5 - 16 YRS
- DAVID TAYLOR OVAL
- WEAR HAT & SNEAKERS
- BRING WATER






# Community Messages


Meeting Notice: Liverpool Plans AECG

Dear Members, Parents, and Community,

We warmly invite you to our upcoming Liverpool Plans AECG meeting, where we will come together to strengthen our commitment to our children's education and cultural growth.

 Date: 26th of February 2025

 Time: 4:15pm

 Location: Nungaroo Lands Council Building

As we step into 2025, we look forward to seeing what we can achieve together for our students and community. Education is the key to opportunity and by working together, we can create a future where our children thrive.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” – Nelson Mandela

Let's continue to support and inspire our young ones to walk strong in both worlds. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and sharing ideas for the year ahead.