



Weeks 8-9 Term 1

Blackville PS



Newsletter



Principal's Message

Mrs. Kylie Burns

Welcome to our Term 1, weeks 8-9 newsletter. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the fantastic effort of our Year 5 student in completing his NAPLAN assessments over the last few weeks. Harry displayed great maturity and focus, approaching the assessments with a serious attitude and a strong sense of determination. It was wonderful to see his dedication and how well he interacted with the process.

Additionally, our Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Advisor, Kellie, recently visited our school to conduct an overall systems check. I am pleased to report that we achieved a 100% completion rate, which is a fantastic outcome. A special thank you goes to our SASS staff, who consistently demonstrate expert knowledge in this area. Their commitment ensures that our procedures are followed efficiently and to a very high standard. We are incredibly grateful for the work of Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. Redgrove and Mrs. Bell, who undertake this important work on a regular basis.

We also had the pleasure of hosting a visit from CSUS (Collaborative Support Unique Settings), who took the time to visit our school. They were impressed by the welcoming atmosphere, the lovely staff and the wonderful students who make up our Blackville School community. During their visit, they reviewed our External Validation (EV) results, compared them to a Determining Implementation Gap matrix (DIG) and spoke with our staff to discuss how we can continue to move forward in terms of future directions. It was an excellent opportunity for us to reflect on our strengths and identify areas for continued growth.

I am incredibly proud of our students and the pride they take in representing our school. Their behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, reflects the high standards we uphold at Blackville School. It is a real pleasure to be associated with such a fine group of young people and I look forward to seeing their continued success.

Yours in education,
Kylie Burns,
Teaching Principal



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Parents, please keep an eye on your School Bytes emails for important updates regarding upcoming events that may require payment and/or permission.

Getting closer to the end of Term we still have the Easter Hat making afternoon and the Easter Hat parade. These notes with more information will be available soon.



No Hat No Play

Upcoming Events:

8/4- Easter Hat Making

10/4 Easter Hat Parade

2/5 Cross Country @ SRPS

19/5 Scholastic Book Fair

28/5 Music Viva @ Conservatorium



Weekly Events

Monday -

Tuesday -

Wednesday - Sport

- Scripture (odd weeks)

- Reading with Mrs Wilmott

Thursday - Library and Culture

- Canteen

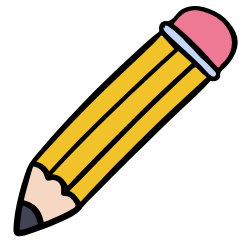
Friday - Cooking, Art & Gardening

Please send in
your EOI's for
Coffs Harbour so
we can start
planning!





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CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Week 7 Award Recipients:-

Andrew - Clean up Australia participant award, attendance award and excellent drawing of a dinosaur

Chad - Excellent work in writing

Jed - Impressive editing skills

Beth - Leadership award



Don't wait until you've reached your goals to be proud of yourself!

Emma McKeon

Awesome Work to Our Week 8 Award Recipients!



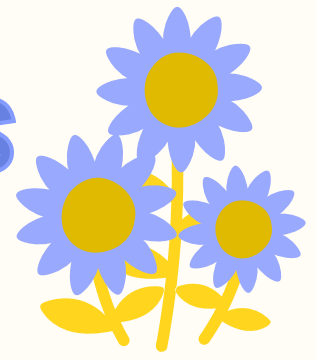
Beth - Leadership award

Beth - Being a kind and considerate friend

Chad - Improvement in his writing

Jed - Great work in maths

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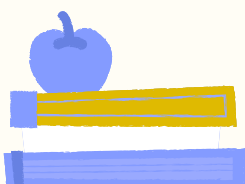
Packing a healthy lunch is essential for providing students with the energy and nutrients they need to stay focused and engaged throughout the day.

Consider including a balance of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and protein to promote better concentration and overall well-being.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Regular attendance is crucial for students to fully benefit from their learning experiences and maintain academic progress. Please be aware that if attendance does not meet satisfactory levels, students may be unable to participate in upcoming excursions. We encourage all families to prioritise attendance to ensure every student has the opportunity to engage in these valuable activities.



Our School VALUE for Week 9 – Respect
Our School VALUE for Week 10 – Integrity

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Music with Mrs Bingham

This year, Mrs. Bingham has selected some fantastic classic school songs for the children to learn, so be prepared for a presentation at the end of the year where you can enjoy some wonderful tunes! Students have loved the new addition to our school, which has greatly enhanced our music lessons. A big thank you to Mr. Worley for generously donating his keyboard, which both students and staff are thoroughly enjoying!

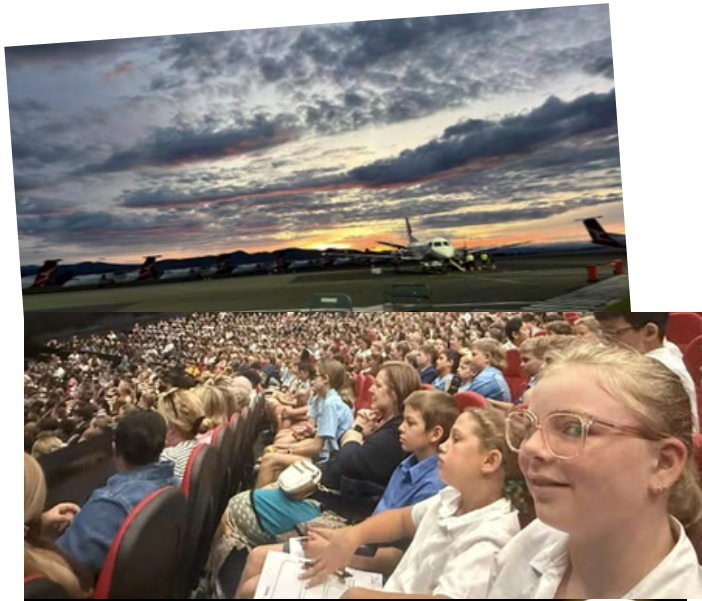
CSUS Meeting

Last week, we had the pleasure of hosting the CSUS team, featuring Melissa Sydenham and David Hobson, who collaborated with our Principal, Kylie Burns, and APC&I, Melissa Bryant. During their visit, they engaged in meaningful discussions about data analysis and its implications for our school's strategies and improvements.

This opportunity for professional exchange was invaluable in enhancing our approach to data-driven decision-making and fostering a culture of continuous growth within our school community. We are excited to be working towards our goals alongside our students, ensuring their success and development.



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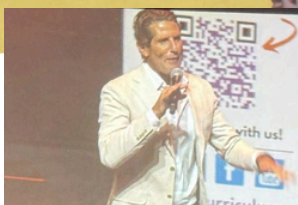
THE NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

WHERE STUDENTS ARE INSPIRED TO LEAD



CATHERINE LAGA'AIA

ACTRESS PLAYING MOANA IN THE
UPCOMING LIVE-ACTION DISNEY
REMAKE



This week our 5/6 learning environment transformed as three of our students, Ava, Danika, and Harry, participated in the National Young Leaders Day in Sydney, alongside approximately 3,000 students from across the state. The event featured inspiring speakers who shared their journeys and insights on leadership.

Catherine Laga'aia, an Australian actress, spoke about her challenges and persistence in achieving her goals, emphasising that "you don't have to be the best, you just have to be a better version of who you were yesterday."

Thomas Duncan Watt, a screenwriter and author, highlighted the importance of learning from failure and leading by example, stating, "every Master was once a disaster," while Emma McKeon, Australia's most successful Olympian, shared ten key ideas that have contributed to her success, including the significance of bravery, consistency, and learning from setbacks. Before our early departure, Anthony 'Harries' Carroll, a well-known lifeguard from Bondi Beach, spoke about the discipline required to be a great leader and the importance of supporting those around you.

Although our flight back to Tamworth cut short our time with Anthony, the students had an amazing day filled with valuable lessons on leadership and personal growth.



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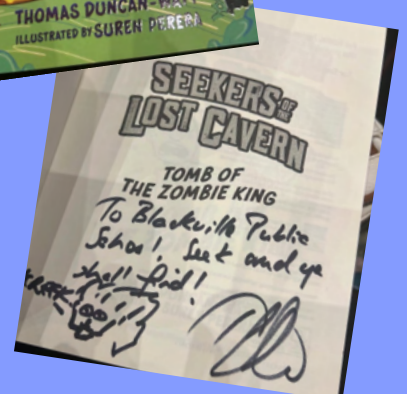
Harmony Day



We celebrated Harmony Day alongside our friends from Walhallow, Spring Ridge, and Premer, participating in activities that promoted harmony, inclusivity, and the idea that "everyone belongs." It was heartwarming to see a sea of orange in the playground as students forged new friendships during break times. We extend our gratitude to the staff from all participating schools for their engaging lessons on dance, origami, arts and crafts, and geography through a fun Kahoot game. A special thank you goes to the staff at Walhallow PS for organising such a fantastic day and providing a delicious multicultural lunch featuring nachos, spaghetti bolognese, and fried rice.

Book Buzz in our Library

At the Halogen Leadership Conference, we had the wonderful opportunity to purchase a book by Thomas Duncan-Watt, who graciously signed it for us. We're excited to announce that this book is now available for borrowing from our library. Harry has already read it and highly recommends it as a great read!



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Steve in the NT



Recently, our students had the exciting opportunity to connect with our Chaplain, Steve, who is currently in the Northern Territory, making a positive impact in the local community. Through a video conference, Steve caught up with the kids, sharing stories and experiences from his time away.

The students were thrilled to see him again and his engaging presence brought smiles and laughter to the session. They expressed their eagerness to welcome Steve back to school next term, highlighting the strong bond he has built with them.

Year 6 Taster Day

The Year 6 Taster Day at QHS was a resounding success, filled with fun and valuable learning experiences! Students explored five subjects, starting with Mr. Turner's lively music lessons where they drummed to popular songs and strummed ukuleles. They then enjoyed hands-on agricultural lessons with Mr. Harries, driving a tractor and learning sheep and cattle handling skills. In Mr. Merrick's Metal Tech workshop, students created unique keepsakes through metal etching. Mr. Owen led an exciting archaeological dig, allowing students to uncover historical artefacts, while Mr. Maczi guided them in a creative photography treasure hunt around the school. After a day of engaging activities, everyone enjoyed delicious sausage sandwiches, thanks to our hardworking BBQ crew.

A heartfelt thank you to all the teachers, helpers, and organisers who made this day memorable for our Year 6 guests from local primary schools. We look forward to seeing their talents continue to flourish!





BPS P & C News



Thank you Trish

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to Trish for stepping into the role of P&C Secretary. Your willingness to take on this important position is truly appreciated and we are thrilled to have you on board. Your dedication and support will play a vital role in enhancing our school community. Thank you for your commitment and for making a difference!



Only two weeks until our Easter Raffle will be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade!

If you would like to purchase more tickets, please see Georgina. Thank you to those who have sent in their donations of prizes. We are also still accepting donations for raffle prizes, so if you have something to contribute, we would greatly appreciate it!



REMINDER



Next Meeting – 15th May, 2025.

CANTEEN is now on THURSDAYS
Thank you to the volunteers who help each week to provide our students & staff with this treat.
Roster to be sent out next term.

Term 2 fundraising

We're seeking donations for our Mother's Day raffle to create a special celebration—your support will help make this event memorable!



Community Messages

QFC 2025 JUNIOR REGISTRATION

Sub Juniors (5-7 Years)	\$70
Juniors (8-11 Years)	\$85
Intermediates (12-14 Years)	\$100

\$10 Off if you register by 16th March.
Don't forget to use your Active Kids Voucher.

Comp Starts: Saturday
4th May



PLAYERS NEEDED

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

- ✓ Under 6's
- ✓ Under 9's
- ✓ Under 11's



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SMALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

FRIDAY 2ND MAY 2025
AT SPRING RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
9.30AM - 10.30AM

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

TENNIS CLINIC

\$60



14th AND 15th
2:00pm till 4:00pm

AGES:

4-14 YEARS

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MILNER PARADE

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