

BLETCHINGTON BUZZ

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WEEK 6 TERM 3 2019

TERM 3 - WHAT'S ON

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Tuesday 27th August – Girls Touch Footy

Thursday 29th August - Fathers' Day Stall @ 10.30am

Thursday 29th August - Stage 1 Activities @ 2.30pm

Thursday 29th August - Choir Eisteddfod Primary @ 9am

Friday 30th August - Choir Eisteddfod Infants 9am

Friday 30th August - K-Yr 6 ASSEMBLY @ 2.25pm

TERM 3 - WEEK 7

Wednesday 4th September - Band Eisteddfod

Friday 6th September – Crazy Hair Day – Gold Coin

TERM 3 - WEEK 8

Wednesday 11th September – School Blast School

Cup Cricket @ Jack Brabham

Oval @ 9am

Friday 13th August - K-Yr 6 ASSEMBLY @ 2.25pm

Saturday 14th August - TRIVIA NIGHT @ 7pm School Hall

BROSPEAK 18 August 2019

Our BROSPEAK mentoring program completion certificate recipients. The program is designed to help the boys be strong in their Aboriginal identity and smart in their approach to achieving their life goals. The program is run by Mr David Bailey and Mr Ron Spencer.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SAS Staff Recognition Week

This week it is School Administration Support Staff Recognition Week where we acknowledge the very important role that non-teaching staff play in schools. This week is about promoting the wonderful work SAS Staff do as well as encouraging the school community to recognise and thank these staff for their work. At Bletchington I'd like to publicly thank and recognise the excellent SASS team we have: Mrs Shelly Gander, Ms Carmel Webb, Ms Kim Savage, Mrs Annabelle Finlayson, Mrs Erin Adams, Mr Ron Spencer, Mrs Kylie Bennett, Mrs Danielle Morris, Mrs Timmy Dhatt, Mrs Sadaf Khalid, Ms Samantha Coppock, Ms Paige Neilson, Mrs Carol Smithers, Ms Emily Martin and Mr Matthew Pugh. We'll be acknowledging these colleagues throughout the week which we will share on Facebook.

Orange Eisteddfod

Congratulations to our dance troupes who performed really well recently at the Orange Eisteddfod with Stage 1 coming 1st, Stage 2 3rd, Stage 3 Highly Commended and the boys group received a Very Highly Commended. Thanks to Miss Kate (Foran) for her passion and enthusiasm in preparing all our dance groups to such a high standard. On Thursday 29th August the primary choir will perform with the Stage 1 choir on Friday 30th August. The band will perform the following week on Wednesday 4th September. Thanks to our dedicated teachers for preparing our students and parents of course for supporting your children through the next few weeks. Good luck to our choir and band groups.

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Strong Start

Strong Start is an initiative to support the transition of children into Kindergarten. We have been running this for a couple of weeks now every Tuesday and Thursday morning between 9:30-10:15 where parents bring their children who will be starting school next year to school for some fun activities in the library. The activities usually revolve around a story and the kids have an opportunity to meet others and become familiar with our school. Families have the opportunity to borrow a book from the library each week. This is our way of welcoming families to the Bletchington PS community. Thank you to Mrs Kate Harris and Ms Lisa Joyce who have been facilitating the learning opportunities for our 2020 kinder students.

Final Weeks

I thought it was about time I formally told the school community that this term will be my last at Bletchington Public School. I will be taking long service leave in Term 4 before retiring in early February. Ms Hughes will be relieving principal during Term 4. The Director, Duncan Auld, will fill the principal position during this term in the hope that the new principal will commence for the start of the 2020 school year. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege to lead the Bletchington Public School community for the last 8 years. I will certainly miss working with our wonderful students, staff and parents. Our focus during this time has always been about the students to ensure that the staff provide the best educational opportunities for your children. I believe we have achieved this by creating a culture where every teacher believes they can improve, not because they are not good enough, but because they can be even better, then there is no limit to what we can achieve for students. Thank you for your continued support for our school, you should be proud of Bletchington, it's an excellent school and it's in good hands.

Mr Craig Booth



DANCE EISTEDDFOD

The *Tell Them From Me* parent survey

This Term, our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey, another part of the *Tell Them From Me* suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents' and carers' perspectives on their child's experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online on smartphones, iPads, tablets, laptops or computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 26 August and 25 October. Although participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, your responses are very much appreciated. To access the survey for our school go to <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/bletch2019>

Kate Currall

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

P&C MEETING	Tuesday 27 August 2019 @ 7pm in Library
LITTLE CAKES	Thurs 29 th August – 1S Thurs 5 th - September – 1M
MORE FOOD PLEASE	Please remember fruit for FRUITBREAK each day
SICK BAY LINEN	Volunteers required
CLOTHING POOL	Any donations are welcome!
SCHOOL STREAM	Don't forget to download for all school information
NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS :	http://www.bletchingt-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/