Dear families, care givers and friends of the Blackbutt State School community, welcome to this edition of the Blackbutt Bulletin,

To all Parents/Carers of Blackbutt State School

ATTENDANCE-EVERY DAY, EVERY HOUR, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS AT BLACKBUTT STATE SCHOOL THANKS TO YOU ALL. We want our children at school everyday and in all classes at Blackbutt State School, parents and carers are helping us by having their children at school every day. It’s week 5 of Term 4 and our overall attendance for the term is 93.5%. We have met and exceeded our attendance target of 93% for this term. Congratulations to our year 3’s and Miss Hanton for being the best school attenders for the last week with a whopping 96.2%. Our prep class were our best attending class for term 3, but it looks like the year 3’s are going to be this term’s best attending class. The attendance percentages for each class for last week are: Preps—94%, Year 1’s—89.2%, Year 2’s—95.7%, Yr 3’s—96.2%, Yr 4’s—94.4%, Yr 5’s—94.6% and Yr 6’s—87.5%. Great to see our Preps, Year 2’s, Year 4’s, and Year 5’s well above 90% attendance. Year 1’s have improved and are very close to 90% attendance. Our year 6’s need some support from parents and carers to ensure their attendance improves.

MRS DEB FRECKLINGTON OUR STATE MEMBER FOR NANANGO VISITED OUR SCHOOL LAST WEEK

Mrs Deb Frecklington our State Member for Nanango visited our school on Wednesday 26 October at 10.00am. She was greeted at the front office by our two school captains, Lauren Beutel and Lawson Green who presented her with a floral arrangement, our reading bookmark and a pen set with a welcome speech. Mrs Frecklington told us that this was “the best welcome she had ever received at any school she visited.” Mrs Frecklington presented the school with a new flag. Mrs Frecklington toured our school, met many members of school staff and spoke with many of our students. She was thrilled to watch a performance of a poem by our year three students. Thanks Miss Hanton for organising this performance. Mrs Frecklington spoke with our year 6 students about her role in Parliament. Mrs Frecklington has agreed to support our school as we work together to refurbish some of the school’s facilities. Mrs Frecklington is also one of the school’s referees in a grant application through the Gaming Commission to fund permanent shade structures over our new school forts (playgrounds).

PLEASE NOTE – THE WORKING BEE SCHEDULED FOR 12 NOVEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

Calendar of Events

November
9th: Breakfast Club Free Dress
: Prep 2017 Interviews
14th: P&C Meeting
14th-18th: Year 6 Camp
17th: Under 8’s Day

December
2nd: Swimming Carnival
6th: Year 6 Graduation
NEW BEFORE SCHOOL PROCEDURES START THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER

We have created new before school procedures so that students and staff know the school expectations and can implement these consistently.

A bell will sound at 8.35am. This is the get ready for class bell.

- When students hear this bell, students will stop playing before school, get a drink, go to the toilet and go to their classrooms to get ready for learning. Staff on duty and other staff will be telling students to stop playing at this first bell;

A second bell will sound at 8.45am.

- This will be when instruction begins in each classroom. By 8.45am, every student should be in class learning.

Before school play areas

Students are allowed to play in the following areas before school.

- Swings near the hall;
- Forts;
- Tennis courts;
- Top oval near the tennis courts-year level roster for this – see next page;
- Sandpit;
- Covered area with handball courts.

Before School Out of bounds areas:

- School hall;
- All other school areas including the big oval.

Students can:

- Play in the sandpit;
- Play on the forts- no class roster for this now;
- Play handball on the handball courts or the tennis courts;
- Kick a ball on the top oval near the tennis courts according to their class roster; and
- Use the swings;

Students should remember to walk on hard surfaces at all times.
Students can’t play
- Red rover;
- Bull rush;
- Handball in other areas of the school besides the tennis courts and the handball courts; and
- Chasey games that involve tackling or throwing objects at each other including sticks.

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The roster for classes for use of the top oval (near the tennis courts) before school is as follows:

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On the top oval, students can kick around a football and play soccer and games involving use of a ball. However, there is to be no tackling other students or hurting other students during this time. Students from other year levels are not allowed to play on the top oval if it isn’t their day to be there.

UNDER 8S DAY- THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER
Children from Blackbutt C&K and Guppys will be joining our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 classes for a morning of fun to celebrate Under 8’s Day on Thursday 17 November- 9.00am to 10.30am.
Children will move freely around the school hall and outer hall to engage in the activities on offer.
Parents/carers, students and siblings are invited to attend and participate in the fun.

Date and Time
- Date: Thursday 17 November 2016
- Time: 9am – 10.30am
- Clean up: 10.30am – 10.45am

Activities include:
- Photo booth– props, camera
- Weaving craft – coloured paper strips, templates, sticky tape
- Biscuit decorating -arrowroot biscuits, icing sugar, lollies, sprinkles
- Sandpit play– sandpit toys
- Playdough station– playdough, cutters, rolling pins
- Pasta necklace station– coloured pasta, string
- Shaving cream– shaving cream, food colouring, 10 tidy trays, bucket of water for washing hands
- Obstacle course
- Police – organise police car
- Board games – board games

Upon arrival
Please enter the hall and sit in your class group. A staff member will say a quick welcome to parents and carers, then children will be allowed to begin the activities with their accompanying adult.

Upon closure
A manual bell will be rung to signal that the day is drawing to an end. Kindergarten children, their parents/carers and teachers may gather together and return to their centres.
Blackbutt State School students will model positive behaviour, sit in the hall with their class groups and assist with the pack up.
10.45am – first break eating time – Day is finished

TERM 4 BEFORE SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS AND STUDENT SUPERVISION CHANGES SOMETHING NEW:
Every Thursday morning in term 4, there will be a whole of staff briefing from 8.00am to 8.15am. Please be aware that there will be no before school supervision at this time and parents/carers are asked to make other supervisory arrangements for their children if required.

EMAILING REPORT CARDS AT THE END OF THIS SEMESTER
At the end of this semester we will be emailing report cards to all parents who have an email address. Please visit the office or phone the school to let us know your current email address. The class teachers will be asking you for this over the coming term.
Please ensure that you have given the office staff your current email address.
Please add OneSchool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure report card emails aren’t sent to the Junk folder.
Emailed report cards will only have the Principal’s signature on them. You will notice on the emailed report cards that the teacher’s signature field is blank. There is no facility to upload the teacher’s signature into One School at this time.
It is recommended that head lice condition easily with conditioner and combing because you have caught the condition early and there will be fewer lice present.

When you are doing everything that is recommended and nothing seems to work. Some possible reasons for this may include:

- The chemical product hasn’t been applied to all hairs, from the roots to the tips.
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- Poor application of the product.
- The chemical product hasn’t been in contact with the head lice for the right amount of time.
- There is a new outbreak of head lice.

It is recommended that EVERYONE in the family is checked ONCE A WEEK. By checking every week you will be able to manage a new head lice condition easily with conditioner and combing because you have caught the condition early and there will be fewer lice present. I can’t afford to keep buying head lice treatments. Is there a cheaper solution? Conditioner and combing using a head lice comb is the most effective way of finding head lice and is cheaper than chemical treatments. It is also an effective way of treating head lice, particularly mild conditions. The conditioner stuns the lice for some minutes so they can be easily removed. It also avoids the use of head lice chemicals, which are insecticides. Conditioner and combing is easy for older children to learn to do it for themselves. Using conditioner and combing every two days between chemical treatments removes young lice as they hatch from the eggs.

**READING:** When reading, once every child has established that each word is separate to another word by pointing to each word, and they can tell you what each word says, they have what teachers call 1:1. When children have established this when reading, it’s time to take the pointing to each word away. Children who continue to point to each word when reading are slowly their reading down. I suggest that if your child has established 1:1, ask them to “Let your eyes do the pointing” and point to the beginning of each line. Good reading sounds like talking.

**OUR READING BOOKMARK:** This term every child in the school will be using a specially created reading bookmark in class during reading time to help with their reading. A copy of this bookmark appeared in our last newsletter. Parents and carers are able to purchase one of these specially printed bookmarks to keep at home for 70c per bookmark. These can be purchased at the office.

**REQUEST TO REGISTER YOUR NAME AS A PARENT VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT READING ROTATIONS**

If you would like to volunteer to support your child’s class or another child’s class in reading on a weekly basis until the end of this term, Prep to Year 4 classes have their reading rotations in the mornings from 8.45am to 10.45am. Years 5 & 6 classes have some of their reading rotations from 11.30 to 12.15pm. We are asking for reading support volunteers to give 45 minutes of their time once or twice a week every week of term 4. Your help to improve our children’s reading ability would be gratefully appreciated.

**SOME FAQ’S QUESTIONS ABOUT HEADLICE:**

- There has been an outbreak of head lice in one year level in the school. Can you please check you child/ren’s hair and treat if they have head lice. Some information below might be helpful. Quite often during head lice outbreaks, teachers will be approached by dedicated parents who are frustrated that their child continually gets head lice even though they are being treated. The following information about head lice management may provide further advice for teachers when responding to commonly asked questions from parents: Can you remove a child with head lice from class? NO. Schools cannot remove children from class who have head lice. Treating head lice is a health issue and parents are responsible for the health of their children. Schools rely on parents to inform the school of the condition so that the whole school community, including teacher, can detect and treat head lice when the condition arises. I keep treating my child/ren’s hair, but the head lice keep returning. Why isn’t the treatment working? It is very frustrating when you are doing everything that is recommended and nothing seems to work. Some possible reasons for this may include:
  - Only one treatment has been applied with no follow up treatment. Even if the lice are killed or removed, the eggs will continue to hatch after the first treatment.
  - The head lice are resistant to chemical treatments.
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**SENIOR GUITAR CLUB TIME CHANGES**

Our current members of the school’s senior guitar club will meet Mr Wild on Wednesday mornings from 8.00am to 8.35am instead of meeting on Thursday mornings. The Junior Guitar Club will meet at the same time at first break on Thursdays.
Blackbutt State School Parents & Citizens Association

The next meeting of the Blackbutt State School Parents and Citizens Association is scheduled to be held on Monday, 14th November.

ALL WELCOME!

Tuckshop

Ensure you use the latest order forms and put orders in at the tuckshop Thursday mornings.

Volunteers wanted! If you are able to help, please let the school admin know or contact Sarah or Sandra.

Please have your orders in Thursday to the tuckshop.

Our wonderful Tuckshop ladies are looking for someone new to take over tuckshop next year. If you are interested please contact Sarah or Sandra in the tuckshop on Fridays.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open on Monday afternoons from 3:00 to 3:20pm and Friday mornings from 8:15 to 8:45pm.

The school is chasing any second-hand shirts, so if students are finished (outgrown etc) with the current style, please consider donating their shirts for the second hand uniform scheme. Please deliver to the school administration.

Breakfast Club

Our wonderful Breakfast Club operates every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8am – 8:45am.

We ask for your support with donations.

FREE DRESS WILL BE HELD NEXT WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER—GOLD COIN DONATION.

This money goes towards the Breakfast Club Program.

NOTICE TO ALL PREP PARENTS

Do you want to make parenting easier? Do you want to build stronger relationships with your children? If you are nodding, this program is for you. Our Guidance Officer Mrs Narelle Sanford and our Positive Behaviour Coach Ms Vicki Matthew are co-presenting. Through special training, they are able to offer the 1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Parent Coaching Program. This program is free to participants. This program is highly sought after. Places will be limited. The program, written by psychologist Michael Hawton, gives parents strategies to make parenting easier and improve parental/guardian/carer relationships with your children. The aim of the program is to help children to be more resilient and to make better choices. By the end of this course you will know how to: Help your kids not to overreact; Build your kids’ emotional maturity and resilience for greater social and academic success; Improve your parenting confidence and strengthen family bonds. The program is structured at one session per week for three weeks. Wednesday is the only day both presenters are at Blackbutt State School together. The dates are: Wednesday 9, 16 and 23 November 2016.

Please sign-up now by returning the tear off section at the bottom of this letter to the office or your child’s teacher. You don’t want to miss out. All Wednesday sessions will be held at Blackbutt State School. The time to be advised.

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Matthew       Narelle Sanford.

Positive Behaviour Coach                       Guidance Officer.

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Parent’s Name ________________  Best Phone ________________

Child’s Name ________________

o I wish to participate in the 3 sessions of the program (9, 16 and 23 November). I would prefer o one-to-one with a coach. Please contact me to make a time.

o I would prefer the program to be run as a small group.

The best time on a Wednesday for me is ________________.
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**BOOK WEEK IS HERE!!**
**“AUSTRALIA STORY COUNTRY”**
Throughout Term 3 students have worked diligently on Book Week activities for the Annual Book Week Competition.

This year’s theme is ‘Australia Story Country’ - a relevant topic to all!!
From next week the students’ work will be on display in the library, and students will get to vote for their favourite piece from each grade during their library lessons.
Who will the winners be?? All will be revealed in an upcoming Parade.
Please take the time to come and check out the displays over the coming weeks—we’d love to see you in the library!!

THE SCHOOL STAFF ARE ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY AS WELL-KNOWN AUSTRALIAN BOOK CHARACTERS—DO YOU KNOW WHO THEY ARE??

THIS IS A COMPETITION!!
COMPETITION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ADMIN OR LIBRARY FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT.
WHO CAN GET THE MOST CORRECT??
THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN AN UPCOMING PARADE!!

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Positive Behaviour Milestones
A special congratulations go to the following students who have reached the following Buzz Button Milestones.

**50 Buzz Buttons Reached**
Year 1: Georgia Marks, Nikita Saunders
Year 4: Cameron Betts, Nathan Martin, Cameron Mills, Lane Packer, Cameron Redlich, Libby Forrester,
Year 6: Josiah Brooymans, Jacob Forrester, Lawson Green, Jett Hoffmann, Luca Lazzaroni, Hayden Martin, Roan Perkins-McAuley, Jarra Stuhmcke, Paegan Lemiere

**100 Buzz Buttons Reached**
Year 4: Logan Christie, Toby Neilen, Brock Reiser, Alysha Goetze, Tia Mladenovic

**150 Buzz Buttons Reached**
Year 4: Ashlyn Daly

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Every Day Counts at Blackbutt State School.

Your child needs to be at school every day that they possibly can.
2016 Term 4 target is to be above 93%
You are Invited

Under 8s Day!

Time: 9am – 10.30am

Where: Blackbutt SS Hall

Who: Blackbutt SS students (Prep - Year 2), Parents/Carers and siblings

Join us on Thursday 17th November 2016 as our Prep to Year 2 students enjoy some special activities designed to embrace the joys of early childhood.

This is always a special occasion for our students and we encourage you to come along and be part of the fun.

NDIS READINESS WORKSHOP

Date: 3rd November 2016
Location: Yamama Hall
Burrows St
Yarwun QLD 4741
Time: 10am – 1pm

Registration now on a first come first served basis

NDIS GET READY

Country Fair
South Burnett
Saturday, November 26 2016

Charity Auction on the Day!

Entry FREE!
2017 MINING SCHOLARSHIP

This could be the key to your future!

Downer Mining and Stanwell have established the Mirandal Mine Technical Mining Study Support Scholarship. This is a great opportunity to develop professionally, and gain financial assistance and support whilst studying to become a Mining, Geotechnical, Mineral Processing, Mechanical or Civil Engineer at a relevant tertiary institution.

We develop our people into future leaders. We recognise talent which is why we offer this amazing scholarship program.

ABOUT YOU

- A strong academic record
- A strong voluntary community service ethic
- A commitment to study Mining, Geotechnical, Mineral Processing or Mechanical Engineer
- Enrolment in a relevant Degree course at a tertiary institution
- South Burnett Region residency
- Alignment with Downer's values
- Motivation and drive to succeed.

IN RETURN WE OFFER

- Work in a business where there's room to grow and a team that will support your journey
- Access to a range of mentors and technical experts within Downer Mining
- Paid vacation work which will contribute towards field experience course requirements
- Rotation through various specialties to increase exposure to the business
- Scholarship payments of $5,000 at the end of each semester of successful study, maintaining a GPA of 5 (at the discretion of Stanwell and Downer Mining)
- A diverse and supportive team where individuals are encouraged to grow.

To apply, go to our website www.downercongress.com and quote reference number 335719.

For further information please contact Chrys McDuffie on 07 4160 7266.

You will be required to submit your full Year 12 academic transcript along with your resume and a covering letter telling us why you should be a 2017 Scholar.

Applications close Friday, 16th December 2016.