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

ATTENDANCE - EVERY DAY, EVERY HOUR, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS AT BLACKBUTT STATE SCHOOL

FROM MRS GAYLE WILLIAMSON - PRINCIPAL

WE WANT YOU PLEASE!

To all parents and carers, we are encouraging you to volunteer to be part of our P&C, tuckshop and/or breakfast club for 2017. We are having our first 2017 P&C Meeting on Monday 13 February at 4.30pm in the school’s meeting room (next door to the office) and we are encouraging parents/carers to come along and get involved.

Last year we had a small and very hard working group of parents who formed the P&C, ran tuckshop and helped with breakfast club. Many of those parents have chosen to pass the baton on to others this year. My thanks to the hard work and dedication from these people. If we do not get parent/carer volunteers for 2017, we will not be able to run a P&C, tuckshop and/or breakfast club. This year we are asking for parents/carers to help with P&C, tuckshop and breakfast club, but also to nominate for some of the key positions. For the P&C, we elect key members of the P&C such as the President, Secretary and Treasurer at the AGM in March, but we need to have at least five parents/carers at the meetings to form a quorum which consists of a President, at least one vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and any additional officers as decided by the Association. If we cannot form a quorum, and we don’t have any nominations for those positions for 2017, we cannot run a P&C. Whilst I can run the school without a P&C, it is not something that I prefer to do. I would rather work with an active team of parent/carer volunteers to build our school community. I love to chat with parents/carers and welcome feedback from them. Without a P&C this becomes more difficult. Our tuckshop is closed for 2017 until we find a new tuckshop convenor for 2017 and some more parent/carer helpers. The parents who run breakfast club also need more help.

MESSAGE WRITTEN BY MRS JODI DALY AND MRS JODIE HEILIG

Our P&C NEEDS YOU!!!. Our parents/carers need to step up and lend a hand.

FIRSTLY: We desperately need someone to run out Tuckshop. If no one can help us do this there will be no tuckshop for us this year. SECONDLY: Our school needs a P&C Committee. Our P&C do many things for us to make our school that little bit better, such as TUCKSHOP, BREAKFAST CLUB, UNIFORM SHOP, LOTS OF RAFFLES DURING THE YEAR, FUNDRAISING FOR THE YEAR 6 END OF YEAR CAMP AND ALSO OUR END OF YEAR STEVE PARISH BOOKS THAT WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE!! So please to all our parents/carers come to our first P&C meeting on the 13 February at 4.30pm and lend your voice and hopefully a little of your spare time for our school.

STUDENT LEADER INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

Blackbutt State School’s Year 6 students had a busy start to 2017 with the official induction of the new school leaders and presentation of senior badges. Staff, parents, caregivers and students watched as the Year 6 seniors pledged their support for their school. Proudly wearing their new badges, school captains Raymond Marshall and Claire Stretton addressed the audience, pledging to give their all as leaders for 2017. Vice-captains George Adkins and Lillyana Beutel joined the captains in a show of support to provide strong leadership and guidance to younger students at the school.
Promising to be safe, responsible learners and leaders were Kendall house captain Mathew McAuliffe and vice-captain Chanell McGregor-Crase, together with Lawson house captain Imogen Hunt and vice-captain Thomas Abbott. In the new role of peer mentors were Holley Newton, Lilly Heilig and Jarrah Weeks. The school leaders were chosen by staff, parents and students in a popular ballot following a series of Year 6 leadership speeches late last year.

Local Councillor Mr Gavin Jones was special guest at the parade where he presented students with their badges. Principal Mrs Gayle Williamson welcomed the leadership team to their new role as school leaders. “Our new school leaders have all committed to providing strong leadership during 2017 and can look forward to a busy and productive year.” she said. On March 13 the students will attend GRIP, a special leadership day in Kingaroy, where they will hone their skills as future leaders.

Practice Naplan Tests This Week for Year 3 and 5 Children: This week, we have been administering the 2016 NAPLAN tests as a practice for children in years 3 and 5 who will be expected to complete the 2017 NAPLAN tests in week 4 term 2. The timetable for the practice tests is outlined below:

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The purpose for doing a practice test is to observe our children in a test situation and to gather class data to inform teaching and learning. We wish to give every year 3 and year 5 child the opportunity to participate in the NAPLAN tests in term 2. After the practice tests in week 3, school staff may contact parents/carers to discuss any concerns they have with some children taking the test. School staff will ask for your permission to adjust the administration of the actual NAPLAN test in term two by adding extra time, or offering adult support, or may seek your permission to withdraw the child from one or all of the NAPLAN tests. If school staff contact you, they will ask you to sign a permission form. Any parents/carers who may have concerns about their child participating in the practice tests in week 3, please talk with your child’s teacher before week 3. In May of every year, students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 take part in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN was first introduced in 2008 and has become a routine part of the school calendar in Australia.

ATTENDANCE
Our 2017 Target is 93%.
For week 2 Term 1 we exceeded this target and our attendance across all year levels was 94.8%. Thanks to all parents and carers for ensuring your child/ren get into a regular attendance routine for 2017.
Attendance percentages for last week were as follows:
Prep 96.6%  Prep/Year 1  88%  Year 2  92.7%  Year 3  98.1%  Year 4  97.5%  Year 5  93%  Year 6  95.6%

OUR SCHOOL PRIORITY FOR 2017
This year we will be focusing on improving the teaching and learning of writing inclusive of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

To assist with achievement of this priority, we are implementing a whole school Prep to Year 6 sounds to letters methodology called THRASS. Some parents attended the THRASS workshop presented by Mrs Frances Duffy from the THRASS Institute on Tuesday 17 January 2017. These parents were very keen for this methodology to be used to help students spell and write. Parents/carers can purchase their own THRASS chart for use at home from the school’s office for $6.95. Just see the office staff to arrange this purchase.
**NEXT PARADE ON**
Monday, 13 February – 2.30pm - 3pm

**CELEBRATION PARADE**
Parents & caregivers are cordially invited to attend parade to support their child as they receive their well earned reward certificates!

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**
- PREP: Adisyn Martin, Charlie Johnston
- PREP/YEAR 1: Stephanie Barrow, Noah Stafford
- YEAR 2: Emilee Holmfield
- YEAR 3: Indigo Leyland, Max Gee
- YEAR 4: Alexia Abnett, Benjamin Adkins
- YEAR 5: Ashlyn Daly, Seth Bonnett
- YEAR 6: Holley Newton, Jarrah Weeks
- HPE: Isaac Rider

**Chaplain’s Corner**

**PROCESS TO ACCESS SUPPORT OF SCHOOL CHAPLAIN MRS WENDY CHAPMAN:** The process for Mrs Chapman to support our students is: Mrs Chapman can visit with your child for one initial discussion before being required to seek parent/carer permission. Mrs Chapman will send out a permission form for parents and carers to complete and return asking for parent permission to support your child with more pastoral care sessions. If you think your child could benefit from additional support sessions with Mrs Chapman, please contact the office staff, principal or our Chaplain to organise.

**REQUEST FOR PRIVATE DONATIONS FOR SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY**
Any parents or carers who wish to donate to support the school’s Chaplaincy Program. This could be a one off amount, or we can organise for regular amounts to be donated. Please contact the office staff, principal or our Chaplain to organise.

**Dear Parents:** The Chaplaincy service has received donations of sheets, blankets, doonas, pillows and towels for families in out schools. If you are in need of any of the above please contact the Chaplain Wendy Chapman at the School Office. Also do not forget the pantry at Kingaroy on Fridays $40 for a huge Family Hamper. Have a great week.

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**TUCKSHOP HELP NEEDED**
We are looking for a TUCKSHOP CONVENOR!! Unfortunately if we do not have a convenor we will not be able to have TUCKSHOP.
When we have a convenor in place we will also be asking for volunteers to help our convenor each week!!
If you are able to help, please let the school admin know.

**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**
Breakfast Club is Tuesday and Thursday from 8.15am every week.
Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who help out week after week.

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**Kids Matter at Blackbutt State School**
Information included in this week’s newsletter for families and carers is about “Building Better Family Relationships”. Each fortnight fact sheets appear in the newsletter and they are a great source of information and a very easy read. I encourage all parents and carers to take the time to reflect on the messages included to assist us all in nurturing the development of children.
STUDENTS ARRIVING EARLY TO SCHOOL
If you find that you need to have your child/ren at school early – pre 8am, the school policy asks that parents/carers contact the office and let office staff know that this is going to happen. If we know beforehand, we can put in place some interim supervision arrangements. Parents and carers should be aware that there are no staff on rostered supervision prior to 8.15am most days at school.

BOOKCLUB: Our First Bookclub Issue for the year has been sent home today, please have a browse through as there are some GREAT BOOKS at GREAT PRICES for all ages.

OUR SCHOOL REVIEW: There will be a full school review held from 13-Mar-17 to 15-Mar-17-week 8 Term 1 2017. The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews are conducted by the department’s School Improvement Unit. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review are made available to parents and the community on the school’s website. As part of the review, the review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback remains confidential. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office or email the review team at SIUMB@dete.qld.gov.au.

STUDENT SUPERVISION AT STAFF BRIEFING TIME ON THURSDAY MORNINGS 8.00am to 8.15am
Every Thursday morning at school, we have a staff briefing meeting from 8.00am to 8.15am. This is the only time the whole staff comes together and it is important that we continue to hold these meetings to ensure we have clarity with our sharp and narrow improvement agenda and to build our work team. Last week, one parent expressed her concern about the lack of supervision on Thursday mornings from 8.00am to 8.15am and noted that there were other parents with the same concern. We have now rostered on a staff member at this time. Starting next Thursday, there will be a staff member on duty at staff briefing time from 8.00am.

THRASS PARENT TIP
Phoneme!. Ask your child/ren what a phoneme is. They should be able to tell you this is a sound. Each week, I’ll put in a THRASS parent tip.
Our Belief:
Every Child Matters Every Day and
All Students Can succeed

Our School Mantra:
Every decision we make and every ac-
tion we take will be for the benefit of the
child as a whole; socially, emotionally
and academically

Our 3 School Rules:
Be safe, Be Responsible, Be a Learner

Every Day Counts at Blackbutt State
School.

Your child needs to be at school
every day
that they possibly can.
2017 Term 1 target is to be above
93%
Cid Burke Occupational Health and Safety Study Support Scholarship
Stanwell Corporation Limited

This scholarship is provided in memory of Cid Burke, a valued and dedicated employee of Twinning Power Station for more than 20 years. Cid Burke was passionate about Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and community service, and this scholarship aims to promote the education in the South Burnett region.

Reflecting on Cid Burke's passions, this scholarship has an emphasis on helping people who demonstrate commitment to their community and to gaining formal qualifications in OHS.

The scholarship is to assist with course and associated study and living costs at a recognised tertiary institution. It also allows the recipient to receive assistance and guidance from an industry mentor and to take up vacation employment with Stanwell when the opportunity arises.

Scholarship Information:
Annual $10,000 Scholarship (paid biannually)
- Scholarship is for the academic year following the year in which it was awarded and the subsequent years for up to four years
- Scholarship is confined to relevant studies in OHS

Eligibility Guidelines:
- Sound academic record and enrolment (or a commitment to enrol) in a full certificate, diploma or degree course at a relevant tertiary institution
- Demonstrated commitment to their local community through voluntary contribution, and
- South Burnett region residency.

How to Apply:
All applicants must provide a cover letter outlining their suitability for this scholarship through their interest in OHS, community service involvement and how the opportunity will support their career goals.
Applications must also include a current CV and any other supporting documentation they feel required.

Apply online at www.stanwell.com and any queries can be sent to careers@stanwell.com

Applications close 5.00pm, Friday 10 February 2017

www.playnrl.com

STAGS OPEN DAY

Nanango Football field
25th Feb 2017
2pm – 4pm

ALL
AGES
WELCOME

LEAGUE TAG
FOR THE KIDS

GET EXCITED FOR
RUGBY LEAGUE
2017

Special discount for
UC & IN players

NANANGO SOCCER CLUB
Sign On Day
ALL WELCOME!
Saturday 11th February
Burnett Street Soccer Fields
9.30am - 12.30pm

Returning and new players self-register online to save time. EASY
Visit: www.myfootballclub.com.au

Junior girls and boys aged from turning 5 yrs in 2017 through to 16 yrs.
(No Fees Kids 0-3 yrs - Sports $10. kids aged from turning 3 yrs at 5 yrs to 5 yrs to follow later in the news)
Club is registered with Get Started funding program to assist eligible children with fees
Opening for round 2 of Get Started Voucher - 20th January

For further info on fees and general enquiries: nanangosoccer@gmail.com

NANANGO AND DISTRICT NETBALL
2017 Season

SIGN ON: Friday 17th February
3.30pm to 5.30pm
At the netball courts on Brooklands Road

We invite you to join us for another season of fun, fitness, making new friends and learning new skills

CARNIVALS
SAUSAGE SIZZLES
FUNDRAISERS
TRIVIA NIGHT

Midgets: Girls & Boys turning 5-6 years
Juniors: Girls & Boys turning 9-11 years
Cadets: Girls turning 12-16 years
Seniors: Ladies 16-100 (interest for Mixed welcome)

EXTRA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
21st February - SOCIAL SENIOR NETBALL COMPETITION 5.30pm every Tuesday for 6 weeks
24th February - COME AND TRY DAY (sausage sizzle) 4.30pm for Midgets & Juniors 5.30pm for Cadets

If you are unable to make sign on day, please call or text Jody Hatch on 0478 350 365 or email nanangonetball@hotmail.com

You could play for free (if eligible)
The next round of Get Started vouchers opens on 25th January. Eligible applicants are Queensland children aged 5 - 17 who either hold, or their parent/guardian holds, a valid Queensland healthcare card OR can be identified by a referral agent.
Get in quick...vouchers run out fast.
Protecting your children against Melanoma

What is Melanoma?
Melanoma is a cancer that develops in the skin's pigment cells (melanocytes) and in 95% of cases it is caused by exposure from the sun (ultra violet radiation).
Melanoma is the most serious form of skin cancer. The disease takes the lives of more people in Australia aged between 20 and 34 than any other single cancer.

One Australian dies from Melanoma every six hours

Who does Melanoma affect?
Melanoma does not discriminate, it can appear at any stage of life, however it is one of the most prominent cancer's affecting young people. Many researchers believe that the majority of damage to the cells on our skin occurs from excessive sun exposure as children. Certain risk factors increase a person's chances of being diagnosed with melanoma, including:
- Ultra Violet Radiation exposure (from the sun or tanning beds)
- Family history of Melanoma
- Fair skin, freckling, light hair (ved or blonde) and blue or green eyes
- Large number of moles >50

How do you prevent Melanoma?
- Limit UV exposure when the UV Index is greater than 3
- Seek shade where possible or create your own shade with an umbrella or portable shelter
- Cover skin first with clothing, hat and sunglasses, then apply sunscreen to any exposed area
- As a family, discuss why sun protection is important and outline how to protect your skin
- Create a new family rule around sun protection. Be a role model to your children and protect your skin

For more information, contact the Melanoma Awareness Foundation:
Email: contact@melanomaawareness.org.au
Website: www.melanomaawareness.org.au

Follow us on Facebook for informative posts on melanoma, Search 'Melanoma Awareness Foundation'

8th March 2017
International Women's Day
Be Bold For Change

The QCWA Blackbutt/Yarraman Branch
Are holding a
International Women’s Day Breakfast
To be Held at
The Yarraman Hall Brown St
Doors open 6.45 am Breakfast from 7am
Guest Speaker Mrs. H. Lovelace OAM
Students $10
Adults $15
Tickets available at
Blackbutt Art Gallery
Heritage House Yarraman
Prize for best Dressed in
{Styles from Past Years}

For more information Ring
Trish 0408 624 116
Building better family relationships

Caring and commitment are the basis of strong family relationships. This means making the wellbeing of family members a first priority and offering support when needed. Some families seem to pull together easily, while for others it takes greater effort. To build strong family relationships, start by identifying the strengths you do have and appreciating them. Paying attention to the things that work well and building on them will help to strengthen your relationships. The following suggestions may be useful reminders.

There are lots of ways to show you care even in busy families

Tune in
One way to show you care is by listening to what other family members have to say with interest and enthusiasm. Other ideas include doing things for one another, helping without complaining, celebrating birthdays and achievements, and taking the time to understand how other family members are feeling. Hugs are another favourite.

Have fun together
Spend time doing things you enjoy. Doing simple things that allow you to relax and play together is very important for building positive feelings and connections amongst family members. Playing games or sports, going to the park, having picnics, visiting friends or just relaxing together are examples of family activities that help to build relationships.

Family rituals
Family rituals can help to build a sense of connection and belonging. These may include family celebrations that happen once a year, as well as everyday activities like bedtime stories, morning cuddles or cooking a special meal together once a week. Having family rituals and routines that you enjoy together helps to create strong family bonds.