



# BLACKBUTT BULLETIN

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## Calendar of Events

2017

### MAY

- 9th-11th: Naplan Tests for Years 3 and Year 5
- 16th: Murgon Cross Country
- 17th: Underwater World Excursion for Prep/1/2
- 18th: Milkshake in the Park "TRAX" Yr 4-6
- 20th: Blackbutt Show
- 22nd: P&C Meeting—4:30pm

**THRASS PARENT TIP:**  
You can purchase a THRASS chart from the office for \$6.95 to use at home.



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

From the Principal Mrs Gayle Williamson



### READING-SOME POINTS TO THINK ABOUT

- Reading makes our lives better;
- Readers have more choices in their work and personal lives leading to greater success than non-readers;
- Reading exercises our brains;
- Reading improves our vocabulary; and
- Reading takes us to places where we meet interesting characters and participate in engaging stories without leaving the room....

Please encourage your children to read, read, read at every opportunity.

### TRIAL OF NEW INTENSIVE READING INTERVENTION READING CALLED BLACKBUTT STATE SCHOOL READ LIKE A CHAMPION PROGRAM

By week 7 of this term we will be delivering a new intensive intervention reading program for identified students who show they need additional reading support. We've called this program **Read Like a Champion**. The teacher aides will be taken off class duties in the last session from 2.00pm to 3.00pm to conduct 10 to 15 minute one to one regular reading sessions with selected students for about 10 weeks. I will be working with Teacher Aides over the next fortnight to show them how to deliver this program.

We hope to see significant improvement in reading ability for participating students by the end of the trial program.

### MUMS AND BUBS GROUP TRIAL

On Tuesday May 2, we trialled our first Mums and Bubs group in the school hall from 9.00am to 9.45am. There were two keen mums with 0 to 3 year olds who will meet weekly to work through a speech and literacy program called First Five. Mrs Judi Chatwood our Teacher Aide is fully trained to deliver this program. We are going to offer this each Tuesday morning during this term. Please come along. Bring your own plate if you wish to eat and drink and share with others.

### THRASS PARENT TIP

What's a Diphone?



See if your children can tell you.

From The THRASS Institute link: <https://www.thrass.com.au/resources/resource-kit-reproducibles/>

**Our kids matter.**

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.



Australian Primary Schools  
Mental Health Initiative

[kidsmatterprimary.edu.au](http://kidsmatterprimary.edu.au)



**NEW ATTENDANCE PROCESS BEING PUT IN PLACE FROM NOW ON**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

We are changing the attendance process to the following after a concern was expressed from a parent representing other parents that his daughter is hiding injuries/illness because she is so fixated on not missing school. The new process will be:

At the end of each **semester (not term)** we will award **Best or Top Attenders Certificates** for students who have attended 98% to 100%.

**For term 2 this year** – we will award end of semester 1 certificates based on this range – 98% to 100% and inform parents/carers during the term that end of term 100% attendance certificates will be replaced by end of semester Best or Top Attenders certificates;

**From semester 2 2017**, we will make special mention of our best attenders at the end of term parades in terms 1 and 3 and give children a small something (sticker maybe), but present the school certificates for end of semester parades only.



**ATTENDANCE FOR WEEKS 2 & 3 OF TERM 2 HAS DROPPED BELOW OUR TARGET FOR THE FIRST TIME**

C'mon parents and carers, please ensure that you get your children to school every day so that we can return to our improved attendance patterns. In the last fortnight our Term 2 overall attendance has dropped below our 93% target. In week 2 it was 92.3% and in week 3 it was 92%. This is the first fortnight this year where our attendance has dropped below our target of 93%.

In week 2 term 2, our best attending class was the year 3's and Miss Hanton with 95.7%. In Week 3 term 2 our best attending class was Year 5 and Mr Perrett.

The most improved attendance for week 2 term 2 were our year fives and Mr Perrett with 95%. In week 3 term 2 our most improved attendance was our year 4 class and Mr Perrin.

**NAPLAN IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

Our Naplan Improvement Program has ensured that our staff and students are very prepared to try to their best with their NAPLAN tests. I have been excited to see how students have looked on this as just another school activity and stress has been kept to a minimum. Well done Team Blackbutt.

**TERM 2 PARADE PERFORMANCES AND DISPLAY OF STUDENT WORK ROSTER**

Week	Parade Performance	Display of Student work outside the office
5	Year 5	Year 4
6	-	Year 5
7	Prep/Year 1	Prep/Year 1
8	Year 3	Year 3
9	Year 4	Year 2
10	-	Year 6



**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%**



# Positive Behaviour Milestones

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

## 100 Buzz Buttons Reached

Prep/Year 1: Kyan Leyland, Layla Wallace

### Weekly Focus

Each week our school has a weekly focus centred around students being safe, being responsible and being active learners. The weekly focus is decided upon from data collected regarding student behaviours. The KidsMatter team meets fortnightly to discuss student well being and behaviours. Data is regularly collated to generate the weekly focus. Teachers discuss the weekly focus with students and role play the actions required to follow the focus. When students are observed by staff following a behaviour, their name is recorded and they receive a positive postcard to acknowledge their observed behaviour. This week's focus is: Be a Learner - Grit and Stamina; with particular attention to resilience, be the best learner you can be, ignore distractions, focus on the task at hand, be organised, follow instructions, attend school everyday.

### Reader's Cup

Reader's Cup team members have been reading, reading, reading. Team members from year 5 and year 6, gather regularly to discuss the books they have been reading and answer questions regarding each book. The regional competition is only a month away, so parents please support these students by encouraging them with their reading.

### Pride Wall - Moments to Share

Moments of pride continue to be shared on the Pride Wall. Thank you to everyone who has contributed such positive messages about our wonderful school. Here are some additions from the last week:

- I am proud of the school celebrating student achievements. - Parent
- I am proud of how well our kids sit so quietly and listen on parade. - Parent
- I am proud of well behaved students that attend Breakfast Club. - Parent
- I am proud the school leaders and their attitude and eagerness to participate in Peer Skills. - Staff
- I am proud of trying to do my work. Tyson, Year P/1

Miss Natasha Miller - Acting Deputy Principal

### PEER SKILLS

Last term Mrs Vicki Matthews our PBL Coach worked intensively with our student leaders to complete the training for them to become peers that other students could approach at break times to help with conflict and making and keeping friends.

At whole school parade on 8 May, the year 6 students were presented with their certificates and badges showing that they have completed the training for this program.



## Kids Matter at Blackbutt State School

Information included in last weeks newsletter for families and carers about “**Thinking and Learning**”. 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.



**NEXT PARADE ON**

**Monday, 15 May, 2017 2.30pm—3 pm**

**Parents, Guardians and Caregivers**

**welcome.**

**Students of the week:**

**Prep:** Elena Chmirow  
Ethan Nemere

**Prep/1:** Ashleigh Hawkswood  
Sarah Nichols  
Kyesha Graham  
Alissa Simons  
Layla Wallace  
Harley Barry  
Emily Hedges

**Year 2:** Aylah Butchart

**Year 3:** All of Year 3

**Year 4:** Jackson Alsop  
Jemma Price

**Year 5:** Alysha Goetze  
Summa Collins

**Year 6:** Lilly Heilig  
Tara Watson

**HPE:** Ebony Marshall



*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 sign and return the permission form asap.*

**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.*

*"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other, wings" ( Henry Beecher)*

*There is nothing like the joy of watching children grow, experiencing the development of their personalities and wondering who they will become. But as long as we have children entrusted to our care, we cannot forget that the demands they make on us must be answered in the present. Whatever children need in the way of guidance, security, and love, they need now. Because soon enough it will be time for them to fly on their own, and then there will be no holding them back.*

**Last week** *we started off Bella Girls for the Yr 6 girls, which will end with a special luncheon for the Yr 6 girls and boys. I am hoping to start up special lunch time activities, mainly around craft activities.*



**A message from Blackbutt State School P&C**

**Your new executive committee is looking forward to representing you in 2017:**

- Jodi Daly – President
- Kate Berry – Treasurer
- Adrian Ford – Vice President
- Jodie Heilig – Secretary

**What's Happening**

**Pancake Day** – Forms are due back on 22 May. Extra forms are available in the tuckshop. All funds raised from Pancake Day go towards Breakfast Club and Year 6 Camp.

**Uniform Shop** – There will be a price rise on jumpers due to a new supplier. Jumpers will now be \$25 as of 15 May. All other stock will have the same pricing. Also we have a special on discontinued stock – shorts and skorts \$5 each.

**Tuckshop** – Due to supplier issues, there will be no LOL's available for tuckshop this week. We hope to have them back next week. We are looking for tuckshop volunteers, please contact Penny on 0456 677 972 to join the roster.

**How do I contact the P&C?**

- By Email - blackbuttpc@gmail.com
- At a meeting - next meeting 22nd May 2017 @ 4:30pm
- Leave a note at the school office (please leave your contact details)



Invitation to our

## Annual Googa Creek Bush Picnic

10am Sunday 28th May 2017

At the Googa Creek School cricket pitch along the Googa  
Creek Road

Enjoy fun and entertainment

\$10 includes lunch with sweets, a cold drink, tea & coffee

BYO chairs and musical instruments

All welcome!

RSVP Jackie Ross 0438785009 by 15<sup>th</sup> May or email  
royemersonmuseum@gmail.com



## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

(Proceeds aid CANCER COUNCIL)

Cooyar Community Cuppa Group will host an  
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea in

**COOYAR HALL**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

9.30am - 12.00pm

Entry - \$5.00 per person (includes Lucky Door ticket)

**MORNING TEA**

**FASHION PARADE - MILLERS (KINGAROO)**

**CENT SALE RAFFLE STALLS**

STALL HOLDERS invited - \$5.00 per table / site  
Bookings or more information Contact

Lorraine - 46926128 / email: [clindy@skymesh.com.au](mailto:clindy@skymesh.com.au)



**Blackbutt Tennis Club Inc.**  
 PO Box 177, Blackbutt 4306  
 Phone 07 4163-0413



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**AGM**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7pm**

All positions vacant

**Blackbutt Tennis Club House  
 59 Hart Street  
 Blackbutt**

New members very welcome.

The Blackbutt Christian Churches and The Blackbutt Singers  
**Cordially Invites You to Attend**  
 QLD Cancer Council's 2017 Registered Fund Raiser

*Australia's Biggest Morning Tea*  
*Nostalgia 70's Devonshire Tea*

**DATE: Friday, 26 May TIME: 10:00 a.m. 'til Noon**  
**VENUE: Blackbutt Showground Pavilion**

*There is limited seating so  
 Prepaid Tickets are Essential!*

**\$10.00 includes:**  
 Devonshire Tea, Coffee  
 and Entertainment  
*Tickets can be purchased from the  
 Visitor Information Centre  
 Hart Street, Blackbutt*

**(Ticket deadline: 23 May)**

**PROCEEDS ARE GOING TO  
 the QLD CANCER**

**bring extra money  
 to be in it to win it.**  
**Multi-Raffles**  
**Try your luck at the  
 MONEY BOARDS!**

**What's Happening?**

**Who were your favourite  
 70's ROCK STARS?**  
*Dress as your favourite ABBA or Rock Star.*  
 The most outrageous costume will Win a Prize!



Entertainment  
 provided by  
**BLACKBUTT SINGERS**

**Bring Along A Small Decorated  
 Cake or 6 Cakes for Judging.**  
 Prize Winning Cakes will be  
 Auctioned on the Day and  
 All Cakes will be up for Sale.



Relax in a lovely covered setting, and  
 enjoy a delicious morning tea in the  
 company of friends and family. The  
 Devonshire Tea will be served by the  
 Anglican, Catholic, Uniting & Wesley  
 Church Auxiliaries.

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