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

THE ANNUAL ARCHIE MUIR BURSARY

I am proud to announce that for the first time we will be offering one girl and one boy in year 6 a bursary prize. This will be an annual event from 2016 onwards. The selected students will receive a digital device such as a laptop/computer that they can use for their high school studies.

Mr Archie Muir was a well-known local resident of Blackbutt who ran the local garage for many years. When he passed away, some time ago, at the age of 74, he bequeathed some money to support the adolescents of Blackbutt State School. I was contacted by Mr Barry Sutherland who is the fund manager for the Archie Muir Trust offering to set up this annual bursary for Blackbutt State School.

All year 6 students will be given the opportunity to complete an application form in week 8 to be judged in week 9 and the computers will be presented to the two successful year 6 students at the Year 6 graduation dinner in week 10- Tuesday 6 December.

There is some information about this bursary on the school’s new website.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER- 6.30pm to 9.00pm

Invitations have been sent out to all parents/carers of year 6 students inviting them to attend a graduation dinner at the Blackbutt Golf Club at 6.30pm to 9.00pm. Payments for dinner should be pre-paid and forwarded to the office.

PREP ORIENTATION DAY MONDAY 5 DECEMBER 9.00AM TO 11.30AM

On Monday 5 December, we are hosting a Prep Orientation morning for our new prep students and their families. The morning begins at 9.00am with information about starting in prep for 2017. At 10.00am the prep to be children will be invited to participate in a prep class activity until 10.45am. At 10.45am, the prep to be children will eat with the current 2016 prep students and play with them at first break. After first break at 11.30, the prep to be children will be asked to head home for a much needed rest.

COME ALONG FOR CELEBRATION PARADE AND A CHRISTMAS SING ‘A’ LONG IN THE LAST WEEK OF THIS TERM

Parents and carers are invited to come along to our whole school parade on Monday 5 December from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. This is a special celebratory parade with lots of certificates being given to students. On Thursday 8 December from 2.00pm to 3.00pm, we are going to have a Christmas singalong in the school hall. Every class will perform an item for this singalong and we will be singing our favourite Christmas carols throughout the time. Please come along and join in the Christmas singalong.
**NEXT PARADE ON**
Monday, 14th November – 2.30pm – 3pm
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: BJ Garvin & Ruby Christie
Year 1: Declan Abnett, Sarah McDonnell & Emilee Holmfield
Year 2: Noah Rolph
Year 3: Christian Marks & Tanesha Rider
Year 4: Isaac Rider, Tia Mladenovic, Mysty Lemire
Year 5: Raymond Marshall & Rhiannon Bateman

**Expression of Interest!!!**
Tuck Shop Co-Ordinators for 2017. Sandra and Sarah are finishing their Tuckshop adventure at the end of this year. So we are seeing if anyone would be interested in taking over the role for 2017 and beyond. Tuckshop will end on the 2nd of December 2016.

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**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.

**IS THE COST OF BASIC FOOD ITEMS, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND TOILETRIES GETTING BEYOND YOU?**
- The South Burnett Pantry might be the answer.
- The Pantry is open every Friday from 8.30 – 12.30
- First time customers need to register at the check-in desk and every week people pay a $40 handling fee for the hamper. The hamper includes your choice of fresh fruit and vegetables, milk, bread fresh or frozen, meat/chicken/fish, frozen dairy products, a selection of tinned and packaged foods as well as toiletries, household cleaners and baby items. YOU CHOOSE THE ITEMS YOU WANT.

**PANTRY ADDRESS:** 22 Stolzenberg Road Kingaroy
- Nanango Wesleyan Methodist Church also has a pantry every Thursday morning in the side street Heritage Bank is on.
- Cost of their hamper $20
- If you need emotional support or just someone to chat with I am at Blackbutt School every second Wednesday.
- Wendy Chapman (Chaplain)

**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.

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**UNDER 8’S DAY - THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER**
Children from Blackbutt C&K and Guppies will be joining our Preppies, year 1’s and year 2’s for the morning’s 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
- 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
### THE LAST WEEK OF TERM

Events for the last week of term are as follows:

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<td>Whole school sing-a-long in hall performing Christmas Carols – each</td>
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<td>class performs something. Announce the year 6 award recipients</td>
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<td>CLEAN AND MOVE DAY</td>
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<td>Students help with clean up. Staff move into 2017 teacher rooms.</td>
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**BOOKCLUB NOTICE:** Final bookclub for the year has been given out to all students. Please have orders returned to the school administration by Friday, 25 November. Ensure orders are named and correct money is enclosed if sending in cash.

**SCHOOL LIBRARY NOTICE:** Library classes finish next week, with no more books being loaned out. Please take the time to locate school library books and return over the final weeks of school. Thanks, Mrs Gormley (Library aide)

**FUNDRAISING NOTICE:** Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon: Thankyou to all the donations for the luncheon they were gratefully received. I would like to thank my team for the help on the day, and a big thank you to Leisa, Mick and a special thank you to Katie Perrin. We are also missing a Large Red Container with lid from the tuckshop please check, and return to the tuckshop, thank you.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WILL BE STARTING SOON,** CHRISTMAS DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED

Regards Jenniel

**SOME 2017 EVENTS**

**OUR SCHOOL PRIORITY FOR 2017**

Next year we will be focusing in improving the teaching and learning of writing inclusive of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

**MEET AND GREET SESSION-20 JANUARY 2017**

Next year on Friday 20 January 2017, parents and carers will be invited to meet their new teachers from 11.00am to 12.00pm and put away their children's school books et al prior to school starting on the following Monday 23 January 2017. Please mark this date into your calendar and come along next year to meet the new teacher/s for your child/ren.

**THRASS PARENT/CARER WORKSHOP TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2017**

Next year, we will be offering a THRASS workshop for parents and carers on Tuesday 17 January 2017 from 4.30pm to 6.00pm. This workshop will be presented by presenters from the THRASS Institute who will be working with all school staff during Tuesday 17 January and Wednesday 18 January. THRASS will be re-invigorated at Blackbut State School to ensure we are using a consistent sounds to letters program from Prep
OUR LEARNING FOCUS FOR TERM 4 IS READING
Last week, class teachers and specialist teachers met together with me to conduct case conferences for every student in the school. These conferences were held to look at the learning progress in reading and identify some targeted support that may be required to ensure every student improves. We documented the support and learning goals in a personalised support plan for every child. During these case conference meetings, we looked closely at the attendance percentage of every student.
If students are attending below 85%, we support those students by working together to improve their attendance at school as a priority. These students receive normal classroom adjustments and interventions until their attendance at school improves. If the attendance percentage is 85% and above, we offer more intensive classroom intervention and adjustments to improve the learning. The message is very clear. If children attend school regularly, they can develop consistent learning routines. Our school data shows that when children attend school consistently, every day, they do achieve better results academically. If children have poor, irregular attendance at school, they find it difficult to develop consistency around learning routines and are often involved in classroom work that is trying to ‘make-up’ the work that they have missed at school. This approach makes it difficult for these children to achieve to their learning potential. As a parent/carer, you have agreed that you will ensure your child/ren attends school every day. This is one of the conditions of the enrolment. If your child/ren is/are attending less than 85% of the time at school, please help us to help your child/ren and get them to school every day.

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.

STUDENTS ARRIVING EARLY TO SCHOOL
If you find that you need to have your child/ren at school early – pre 8.00am, 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.

ATTENDANCE-EVERY DAY, EVERY HOUR, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS AT BLACKBUTT STATE SCHOOL
It’s week 7 of Term 4 and our overall attendance for the term is 92.1%.

Congratulations to our year 4’s and Mr Perrin for being the best school attenders for the last week with 93.9%.
The attendance percentages for each class for last week are:

- Preps: 91.5%
- Year 1: 89.9%
- Year 2: 93.3%
- Yr 3s: 93.2%
- Yr 4s: 93.9%
- Yr 5’s: 93.8%
- and Yr 6’s: 89.6%

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 onedishool.application@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure report card emails aren’t sent to the Junk folder.

Kids Matter at Blackbutt State School
Information included in the last weeks newsletter was for families and carers about ‘Helping children to choose wisely’. 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.
Our Belief:
Every Child Matters Every Day and
All Students Can succeed

Our School Mantra:
Every decision we make and every action 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

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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**
Prep: Sakura Nyari
Year 1: Chloe Dixon
Year 2: Lynleigh Beutel, Ebony Marshall, Isabella Sakowski
Year 5: Jarrod Rennie, Georgia Van Wieringen

**100 Buzz Buttons Reached**
Year 1: Nikita Saunders
Year 3: Benjamin Adkins, Jackson Alsop, Joshua Ford, Slater Green, Christian Marks, Alexa Abnett, Kaiya Brooymans, Leia Heit, Naomi Jobson-Mc Gregor, Tiare Pain, Aaliyah Reiser
Year 4: Matthew Badesso, Aidan Barrow, Nathan Martin, Isaac Rider, Zeth Ruhl, Summa Collins, Libby Forrester,
Year 5: Lillyana Beutel, Imogen Hunt

**150 Buzz Buttons Reached**
Year 4: Toby Neilen, Brock Reiser, Zoe Gee, Alysha Goetze, Amelya Mathews, Mackenzie Sakowski

**200 Buzz Buttons Reached**
Year 4: Ashlyn Daly, Skylar Gilroy

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You are Invited

**Under 8’s Day!**

Time: 9am – 10.30am
Where: Blackbutt SS Hall
Who: Blackbutt SS students (Prep - Year 2), Parents/Careers 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.

Blackbuttt State School

Enrol Now For 2017

Supportive nurturing environment
High expectations
Quality teachers and teacher aides
Differentiated learning opportunities
Supporting excellent student outcomes

Children must be born between 1 July 2011 & 30 June 2012
FURTHER INFORMATION: (07) 4170 2222

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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%
TUCKSHOP

Ensure you use the latest order forms and put orders in at the tuckshop Thursday mornings. 25th November is the last day for tuckshop this year. Thankyou to all for your support this year.

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.
2017 MINING SCHOLARSHIP

This could be the key to your future!

Downer Mining and Stanwell have established the Meandu 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 are offering 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 specialities 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.downercareers.com and quote reference number 635719.

For further information please contact Chrys McDuffie on 07 4160 7265.

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.