Dear families, care givers 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
THANKS TO YOU ALL

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 9am to 10am with information about starting in prep for 2017. At 10am the 2017 prep students will be invited to participate in a prep class activity until 10.45am. At 10.45am, the 2017 prep students will eat with the 2016 prep students and play with them at first break. After first break at 11.30, the 2017 prep students will be asked to head home for a much needed rest.

COME ALONG FOR CELEBRATION PARADE AND A CHRISTMAS SINGALONG IN THE LAST WEEK OF THIS TERM.
Parents and carers are invited to come along to our whole school celebration parade on Monday 5 December from 2pm to 3pm. This is a special celebratory parade with lots of certificates being given to students. On Thursday 8 December from 2pm to 3pm, 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. Please come along and join in the Christmas sing a long.

STUDENT LEADERS SPEECHES
At whole school assembly this week, some very anxious year 5 students who had nominated to be a school captain or vice-captain and sports captain or vice-captain in 2017 presented their two minute speeches. The speeches outlined why each candidate thought they would make a great school leader in 2017. The year 5 students who nominated were: George, Lillyana, Claire, Chanell, Lilly, Raymond, Mathew, Imogen, Jarrah, and Thomas. Holley also presented a speech at parade. Congratulations to all nominees for participating in this very nerve wracking process. You did a wonderful job. Students from years 3 to 6 were asked to vote for their favourite candidate on Tuesday 29 November in class. Staff attending the whole school parade were asked to complete staff voting forms at parade on the day. Parents/carers and visitors to parade were asked to complete parent/carer voting forms at parade on the day. The votes were counted. The 2017 student captains and vice-captains will be announced at the whole school end of term celebration parade on Monday 5 December 2pm to 3pm. Thanks for our 2016 Captains and Vice-Captains. You’ve done a wonderful job and have fulfilled your responsibilities in the leadership positions admirably.

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. Mr Barry Sutherland will be our special guest and will present the two selected year 6 students with their Archie Muir Bursary computer prizes on the night. Payments for dinner should be pre-paid and forwarded to the office.
THE ANNUAL ARCHIE MUIR BURSARY

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MEET THE NEW TEACHERS

On Monday 5 December, all classes will re-locate to their next year classrooms from 10.00am to 10.45am and spend this time with their 2017 teacher in their 2017 classroom. Our two new teachers to the school for 2017, Mr Lewis Bishton and Mr Keith Perrett will be at Blackbutt State School to spend some time with their 2017 class on this day.

CLASS FOR 2017

Because of the huge prep enrolment for 2017 with 27 confirmed Prep students for 2017 already, it is necessary to create multi-age classes in the lower school. A single prep class of 27 students is too large and is outside the recommended maximum for a Prep class. In 2017, there will be one straight Prep class. There will be a Prep/Year 1 class. There will be a Year 1/Year 2 class. Prep students in the Prep/Year 1 class will be selected by teachers. Those Prep students who show a high level of independence will be selected for this class. Year 1 students in the Year 1/Year 2 class will be selected by teachers. Those Year 1 students who show a high level of independence will be selected for the Year 1/Year 2 class.

Class Lists for Prep, Prep/Year 1 and Year 1/Year 2 showing the selected students will be available from the office next Wednesday 7 December 2016.

This class structure could change again after Day 8 2017. If we have higher numbers across the school, we may need to re-review and re-structure after that.

Teacher Staffing for 2017

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Head of Curriculum

Ms Laura Hanton (1 day per week – Friday)

2017 BOOKLIST

The school booklist for 2017 is being handed out tomorrow. A copy will also be placed on the school website and attached to emailed newsletters.

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Annual Over 60’s Free Luncheon

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Opening Ceremony - Unveiling of the Xmas Mural by Beekin State School

Sunday 4th Dec at Les Muller Park

4pm – 6pm

Come on down and join in the fun music, kids entertainment, free sausage sizzle, free poppers and icemilk for the kids

Sponsored by Blackbutt Beekin Lions Club

BreastScreen Mobile is coming to Kingaroy

Female and over 40?

For your FREE breastscreen 13 20 50

www.breastscreen.qld.gov.au

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NEXT PARADE ON
Monday, 5th December - 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!

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
- 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.

We might ask ourselves where has the year gone with Christmas just around the corner. Children will be finished assessments and entering into all the end of the year activities. Just a reminder to families who may be struggling, remember the pantry in Kingaroy every Friday morning or Nanango on Thursday and Friday.

For all the times you’ve felt different
For all the times you’ve been left out and left alone
And for all the dreams that haven’t come true
Christmas has a message of hope for you
As this school year draws to an end I would like to wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas.
Wendy Chapman (School Chaplain)

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.

NO STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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.

FUNDRAISING NOTICE: CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
CHRISTMAS DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, some donations have already started coming in. Raffle tickets were handed out earlier this week! Raffle is drawn Thursday 8 December at the Christmas Sing-a-long. Regards Jenniel

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It’s week 9 of Term 4 and our overall attendance for the term is 92.3%.
Congratulations to our year 3’s and Ms Hanton for being the best school attenders with 93.9%.
The attendance percentages for each class for last week are:
- Preps 91.1% Year 1’s 90.6%
- Year 2’s 92.8% Year 3’s 93.9%
- Year 4’s 93.5% Year 5’s 93.2% and Year 6’s 90.1%
Thanks to all parents and carers- for the first time this term, every class’s attendance was above 90% for the second week in a row.
THE LAST WEEK OF TERM
Events for the last week of term are as follows:

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<td>Students help with clean up. Staff move into 2017 teacher rooms.</td>
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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 Blackbutt State School to ensure we are using a consistent sounds to letters program from Prep to Year 6. Please mark this date and time into your calendar for 2017.

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.
Information included in the last week's newsletter was for families and carers about “What makes a Positive School Community”. 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.

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

50 Buzz Buttons Reached
Year 5: Rhiannon Bateman, Lilly Heilig, Chanell McGregor-Crase, Holly Newton, Alicia Sakowski

100 Buzz Buttons Reached
Year 1: Declan Abnett, Chloe Dixon
Year 3: Naviah Baird, Jimi Livingstone-Whitney, Ryan Wallace
Year 4: Cameron Betts
Year 5: Raymond Marshall, Mathew McAuliffe, Jarrah Weeks
Year 6: Brodie Halsey-Milburn

150 Buzz Buttons Reached
Prep: Kyan Leyland, Sarah Nichols, Alissa Simons
Year 1: Jacob McMahan, Ella Bleakley, Aylah Butchart, Mila Chmirow, Gemmison Green, Emilee Holmfield, Sarah McDonnell, Nikita Saunders
Year 4: Matthew Badessio, Aidan Barrow, Brodie Horvath, Michael Lane, Pete Lawton, Nathan Martin, Isaac Rider, Zeth Ruhl, Hamish Rummey, Libby Forrester, Mystique Lemire, Kiarny Mayson
Year 6: Josiah Brooymans, Whitney Abnett, Lauren Beutel

200 Buzz Buttons Reached
Year 4: Brock Reiser, Zoe Gee, Amelya Mathews

250 Buzz Buttons Reached
Year 4: Logan Christie, Skylar Gilroy, Tia Mladenovic

300 Buzz Buttons Reached
Year 4: Ashlyn Daly

Issac Rider from Year 4 is learning to draw faces.
This was his first attempt. Well done Isaac

Calling all Mums and Bubs!

An exciting fun program for mums and bubs is planned for 2017 and we need you and your pre-schoolers to make it a reality.

Mums and Bubs is a Blackbutt State School initiative aimed at supporting stronger language and literacy environments for young children aged 0-3 years and their families.

The program will include activities such as storytelling, rhyme sharing, reading and singing to help improve vocabulary, language and cognitive development before children start kindergarten and school.

The sessions will be filled with nursery rhymes, lullabies, finger plays and songs in an interactive, fun-filled environment.

A short morning tea will follow each session so mums can network with school staff and other mums.

Register your interest by contacting Mrs Judi Chatwood at the school on 4170 2222.
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

Every Day Counts at Blackbutts 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
This is the last week for Breakfast Club

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who help out week after week. We hope to continue working with you next year.

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@deq.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.

Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 1pm
Roy Emerson Museum
Head of the Rail Trail - Blackbutt

Please join us with us at Statue Unveiling
Tennis Legend - Roy Emerson
Come and meet Roy and Joy Emerson

Our kids matter.
KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.

Our school motto:
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