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

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

My warmest wishes to the Blackbutt State School Community for the coming September school holidays. A reminder, there is a public holiday on Monday 3rd October so school will resume on Tuesday 4th October.

Pupil Free Day Term 4

There will be a pupil free day on Monday 17th October 2016- week 3 Term 4 2016. Students are not required to attend school on this day.

STAFF CHANGES

FAREWELL MISS MICHELE QUELHURST

Our amazing year one teacher, Miss Michele Quelhurst is leaving us to take a promotional position as Acting Principal of Bungunya State School next term. Congratulations Miss Quelhurst for being offered this career opportunity. Miss Quelhurst has been at Blackbutt State School since 2014 and has also completed her teaching internship at Blackbutt State School prior to 2014. We wish you all the best for your future and thank you for the wonderful contribution you have made to Blackbutt State School. Miss Quelhurst will be replaced by Ms Shannon Wright in term 4 2016. Ms Wright comes to us from Taabinga State School where she has taught year 1.

FAREWELL MRS CINDY WOODS

Our wonderful year two teacher Mrs Cindy Woods is going on leave starting in term four. Mrs Woods has been at Blackbutt State School since 2014. During that time she has taught many Blackbutt State School students including year 2 and year 4. Mrs Woods is taking leave to have her first baby. We wish you the very best for your future and thank you for the wonderful contribution you have made to Blackbutt children. Mrs Woods is being replaced in term 4 by Mrs Simone Leyland. Mrs Gloria Wilson has relinquished her year one contract in term 4 on Fridays to go travelling with her husband around Australia. Mr B will be working in year 4 every Tuesday of Term four from week 2 to week 10.

THE BLOOMIN BEAUTIFUL BLACKBUTT FESTIVAL & BLACKBUTT STATE SCHOOL

Last Saturday at the Bloomin Beautiful Blackbutt Festival, the wonderful children at Blackbutt State School showed us why they are the best. They participated in the street parade and they wowed the community with the music video launch and their performances after the launch. I had the pleasure of attending an awards ceremony on Thursday 11th September held at the town hall. I was a very proud principal as I accepted the award for Highly Commended in the school garden section on behalf of Blackbutt State School.
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YEAR 5 CAMP AT CAMP DUCKADANG

On Monday, 5 September the Year 5 Students, Miss Neller, Mr Wild and Miss Pocock travelled to Camp Duckadang, Linville. We were all very excited as we headed off on our adventure. When we arrived at Duckadang, we hopped off and met Belinda, the Camp Co-ordinator and Andy our instructor for the day. Then, we went to the dorms and found our beds. Our first activity was Canoeing in the dam. We were shown how to paddle and steer them and then embarked on our maiden canoe voyage along the length of the dam. After that, we returned to the cabins, had quick showers (as we had capsize our canoes for fun) then ate a delicious lunch of hamburgers. Our next activities with Andy were team building games, followed by a tricky but exciting low ropes course. It made everyone feel safe when we were all supporting each other as ‘spotters’ to get each other across the low ropes challenges. Later in the afternoon, we all had some much needed R&R time (some people still had enough energy to play another ball game!) before it was time for a delicious dinner of Lasagne and salad followed by apple crumble, all cooked by Belinda. After dinner we had a bonfire (with smores!) and looked at Saturn and Mars through the telescope in the planetarium. By then, we were begging the teachers to go to bed and so we did, and slept like logs!

On Tuesday morning, after a lovely morning walk, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast of pancakes and some of us even had fourths! We then split into groups and participated in a mini Olympics consisting of: Mini Golf, Table Tennis, Volley Ball, Shooting Hoops, Bocce and Javelin. The team to win scored the most points for teamwork and sportsmanship. After that we had our final meal at camp (hot dogs!) and packed our bags and cleaned our cabins. Then it was time to get on the bus and go back to Blackbutt State School. We really had an amazing time on camp!

Chaplain’s Corner

It is good to be back again after several week off on sick leave, and I am looking forward to connecting with the students. It is my intentions to facilitate a morning seminar next term on 93% Stress-Free Parenting Course presented by Dr Robi Sondiregger.

It would be great to see a number of parents attend this course. In the past few years Dr Robi has delivered hundreds of dynamic, entertaining and educational presentations reaching out to many thousands of families.

In 93% Stress-Free Parenting he tackles head on some of the hard-core issues faced by Australian families in an original, educational and entertaining way.

See Below for information: Free Parenting Course

93% Stress-Free Parenting Course presented by Dr Robi Sondiregger.

The hardest job in the world made less stressful and more fun.

Topics Covered: Capturing your Childs Heart, The Value of Team Work, Relationships and Boundaries, Cultivating Positive Behaviour

When: 19th October 9:00am –12:00pm

Where: Blackbutt State School (Meeting Room)

Facilitator: School Chaplain-Wendy Chapman

RSVP: School Office Admin

YEAR 5 CAMP AT CAMP DUCKADANG

Last Monday and Tuesday 5 September and 6 September, our year 5 students went along to Camp Duckadang. What an amazing experience they had. Thanks to Ms Anoushka Pocock, Ms Helen Neller and Mr Matthew Wild for taking the year 5 students to camp.
TERM 3 CELEBRATION WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE
On Monday 12 September, awards were given to our students for best attendance and best behaviour. Congratulations to all of the students who received an award at this parade.

TERM 3 STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT: On Wednesday 14 September, students will be receiving their interim school progress and attendance report. Please watch out for this report which looks like this:

OUR AGREED COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES FOR THE BLACKBUTT STATE SCHOOL READING PROGRAM
The staff at Blackbutt State School have been very visiting re-invigorating the Blackbutt State School Reading Program. The agreed decoding strategies are outlined to the left. Please keep this as a record for your use when you are listening to your child read.
We will be using the comprehension strategies to help students from Prep to Year 6 improve their comprehension abilities.
Remember: A child cannot be considered a successful reader unless he or she is reading fluently without finger pointing and can explain that they have understood what they have read by answering comprehension questions.

ATTENDANCE-EVERY DAY, EVERY HOUR, EVERY MINUTE COUNTS AT BLACKBUTT STATE SCHOOL
Our attendance target for Term 3 is 93%.
Congratulations to our prep class and Miss Hazell for having the best attendance over the last FOUR weeks.
Congratulations to our year 4 students and Mr Perrin for being our best attendance improvers over the last week at school.
Thanks to those parents who have ensured that their child’s attendance has improved since I and Mrs Miller made our home visits last week. There will be more home visits happening before the end of this term.

EMAILING REPORT CARDS
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.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB
At last week’s two breakfast club sessions, there were approximately 128 of our students who participate. Thanks to our parent volunteers who organise this every week.

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.
**Swimming Term 4 2016**

The change shed and the solar panels in our swimming pool are being repaired. Until this work is completed, we will be unable to provide swimming lessons beginning in term 4 as the water will be too cold. When the work is completed, we will be able to provide swimming lessons. We have not been notified of a completion date as yet.

**Readers Cup**

Congratulations to our Year 6 Readers Cup students who attended the State Finals at Somerville House last week. From a field of eighteen other regional winners Blackbutt State School placed 5th overall. Well done to Lauren Beutel, Lawson Green, Paegan Lemire and Sienna Norris who dedicated hours of their own personal time reading and studying books and writing questions for one another in order to prepare for the competition.

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![Readers Cup Awardees](image)

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**Blackbutt 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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**KidsMatter at Blackbutt State School**

Information included in the newsletter last week for families and carers was 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
**Talent Quest**
The star factor was high at Blackbutt State School as students battled it out at an exciting end-of-term talent quest. The school hall was packed with students, teachers, parents and caregivers as the finalists showcased their individual talent in The ‘B’ Factor Talent Quest. Organised by teachers Mrs Cindy Woods and Miss Helen Neller, the talent quest was judged in two sections – Junior (Prep-Year 2) and Senior (Year 3-6). Finalists had already been through a series of heats to make the grade in the The ‘B’ Factor final. Quest comperes were Year 6 students Hayden Martin and Roan Perkins-McAuley, resplendent in waxed moustaches. There were singers and dancers, a hula hoop artist, a ukulele player, some cool comedians and a theatrical performance. Despite some visible signs of nerves among the competitors and a technical hitch with the music, the talent quest final was a hit with the audience. In the Junior section, Year 1 student Aylah Butchart won first place after keeping the audience giggling with her clever jokes; a Year 1 group came second with their theatrical version of The Three Little Pigs; and Kirsten Ruhl from Year 2 danced up a storm to take third place. There was a tie for first place in the Senior section, with Year 5 dancers battling it out with singer Mara Dorman from Year 6. Ukelele player Pete Lawton, a Year 4 student, took second place with his rendition of Down in the Valley and dancers Skylar Gilroy and Ashlyn Daly were close behind in third place.

![Year 2’s Kirsten Ruhl dances up a storm.](image1)
![Year 4’s Pete Lawton shows his style on the ukulele.](image2)
![Huffing and puffing . . . Year 1 students perform The Three Little Pigs.](image3)

**Some of our Award Recepients from our Celebration Parade**

![Our Award Recepients from our Celebration Parade](image4)

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**Blackbutt State School Parents & Citizens Association**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY & TIME FOR P&C MEETINGS FROM NOW ON.**

**WILL BE 2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH @ 4:30PM.**

The next meeting of the Blackbutt State School Parents and Citizens Association is scheduled to be held on Monday, 10th October.

ALL WELCOME!

**Tuckshop**

Volunteers wanted! There will be no tuckshop last week of Term 3. Tuckshop will recommence in Week 2 of Term 4. 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.

**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. There will be no Breakfast Club in the 1st week of Term 4.
Positive Behaviour Milestones
A special congratulations go to the following students who have reached the following Buzz Button Milestones.

Year 2—Haylee De Vere
100 Buzz Buttons Reached

Year 1—Ella Bleakley
150 Buzz Buttons Reached

Prep—Sarah Nichols
Year 4—Logan Christie, Summa Collins, Libby Forrester, Mystique Lemire
200 Buzz Buttons Reached

OUR WEEK 10 BEHAVIOUR FOCUS – BEING A GREAT AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT & OUR HIGH FIVE BEING A GREAT AUDIENCE PARTICIPANT

OUR HIGH FIVE
High 5 is a set of 5 strategies children can use in the playground if others are continually annoying them. The 5 strategies are:

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<td>Use a calm voice. Maintain eye contact.</td>
<td>As per Talk Friendly. Use an assertive voice, slightly raised.</td>
<td>Pretend you didn't hear it.</td>
<td>Stand tall, head up high.</td>
<td>Walk away and tell a staff member.</td>
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<td>Confident body language. Maintain relatively close body proximity. Use “I” statements. I feel... when you... because...</td>
<td>Tell them to stop it. Re-state your statement e.g. I said...</td>
<td>Do not make eye contact.</td>
<td>Mouth closed. Look confident.</td>
<td>Go to a safety zone.</td>
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<td>Maintain positive body posture (calm, confident).</td>
<td>Do not use eye contact.</td>
<td>Bystanders - support and report.</td>
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<td>Think positive self-evaluations statements.</td>
<td>Walk somewhere, preferably away from a congested area or to a safety zone (teacher).</td>
<td>Report, report, report until somebody listens.</td>
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<td>Count to five in your head, slowly.</td>
<td>Do not look back. Walk confidently, don't run.</td>
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Reporting Vs Dobbing:
Children need to know the difference between reporting and dobbing.
Reporting is helping/getting yourself or a peer out of trouble.
Dobbing is trying to get someone in to trouble.

Reporting straight away:
If the issue involves a physical incident children need to report straight away to a teacher and or staff member.
Students are not to solve problems themselves but to seek adult assistance.
Please take the time to talk to your child/children about the High 5 and when it can be used. Success occurs when children can not only talk the talk but walk the walk.
Next week, we will be revisiting routines that we have developed over this term. One of the newer ones is an expectation that every student will keep a clean and organised tidy tray. Each class has put in processes to support our students to maintain this. With an organised tidy tray, children are able to access school equipment quickly with a minimum disruption to our learning.
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 Blackbutt State School.

Your child needs to be at school every day that they possibly can.
2016 Term 3 target is to be above
September School Holiday Craft

ROBOT PAPERCRAFT
hosted by Sandra Armstrong
(Kookaburra Cardmaking & Scrapbooking Supplies)

Blackbutt Library
Tuesday 20/09/2016
9.30am – 11.30am

LEGO Robotics
Come and experiment with our new LEGO robot over these September Holidays at a South Burnett Library near you.
Use block coding to make the robot follow the path you create, make noises and more.

Spaces are very limited so get in quick to book your spot.

Kingaroy - Monday 19th Sept.
Nanango - Tuesday 20th Sept.
Blackbutt - Tuesday 20th Sept.
Murgon - Wednesday 21st Sept.
Wondai - Wednesday 21st Sept.
Proston - Thursday 22nd Sept.

For times and bookings contact your Local Library or phone (07)4189 9256.

September School Holidays

During the September School Holidays Blackbutt Library will be hosting a sensational morning of fun and games for all kids aged 5 & up.
You may have seen Family Feud on TV now comes our very own version of Family Feud (Disney Edition).

To make the morning more exciting we would love if you would all dress up as your favourite Disney Character.

Bookings Essential (as spaces are limited)
Contact: Blackbutt Library (07)4189 9343.

If you would like to be a consultant please let one of our staff members know when booking (all names will go in a hat and drawn out in that morning - 6 places in total)

Disney FROZEN FUN!
Do you want to build a snowman?

Puzzles & Games

Blackbutt Library
Wednesday 28/09/2016 11.00am – 12 noon
Bookings required – Ph: 4189 9343