Principal’s Message

Welcome back to Term 4 to all Blandfordians. I hope everyone had some fun, relaxation and the odd sleep in.

We have 11 weeks of classroom learning, sporting events (State athletics, tennis lessons, the Jack Newton golf gala day and the possibility of lawn bowls at Mururrundi), preparation for our Presentation Night, Beersheba commemorations, debating, high school and kindergarten orientations, our annual Muravale and Mururrundi Hospital visits as well as Christmas, Year 6 farewells and perhaps an ordinary quiet week or two somewhere there.

Whilst this looks an extremely busy term (as usual), our children are offered a wide range of intensive classroom programs for quality learning and small classes with dedicated quality teaching. Blandford Public School offers opportunities to all students to excel in extra curricular activities and social situations as well as being encouraged to develop as strong young leaders in our local and wider community. As always I am proud of our school, our students and our staff; small schools are great schools!

I will be taking long service leave as of this Friday 10th October, returning to work on Monday 27th. Miss Laura Sidney will be taking the Y3-6 class, with normal programs in place. Miss Sidney developed a great rapport with our children whilst on her internship and is looking forward to working at Blandford Public School as a fully qualified teacher. Mrs Cooper will be Relieving Principal in my absence.

Ms Roxanne Harris will be working with our students each Thursday for the whole term. Roxanne will be taking rotating groups for dance and drama activities as well as assisting with preparations for Presentation Night.

Welcome back to Mrs Tuckwell who will be working on Tuesday mornings this term. Mrs Clinch has found her full time return to work needs some adjustment and Mrs T will be in the SAM chair for this time (Senior Administration Manager).

Our playground looks magnificent after some much needed rain, the care and attention of Mr Field, our new sandpit shade shelter and the final return of the shade sail over the play equipment. Thanks to Mrs Watson and her band of helpers for making these jobs happen during the holidays.

The vege garden is bursting with tasty things to eat, the chooks are on the lay ($3 per dozen for genuine free range eggs) and some new plantings in the COLA gardens are doing well.

I hope everyone has had good follow up rain to ensure a healthy late spring and summer on your place.

Best wishes for Term 4.

Isabel Fox          Principal
PSSA State Athletics Carnival

The PSSA State Athletics Carnival will be held next week Wednesday and Thursday 15th and 16th October at the State Athletics Centre at Homebush. Congratulations, good luck and best wishes go to our P5 relay team—Darcy, Emily, Lachlan and Anekah.

Thankyou to the Cornall, Bramley, Teague and Bettens families for your support, time and effort to train our children so they are match-fit and ready for this important event. Thanks also must go to Nicky Western for her expertise training our team.

Blandford PS has had 5 teams to state in 2013-2014; twice to state swimming, twice to state athletics and Millie to state cross country. I can’t help bragging about BPS!

Reminder—Uniforms

♦ Sports socks should be the type that come above the ankle, not the low cut tennis style socks please.

♦ Hats are compulsory now that the weather has warmed up. No hat, No play.

Students of the Week

K-2

Lucy—Great progress in reading.

Archie—Terrific answers in measurement work.

Y3-6

Sam—Great start to Term 4 in all areas. Well Done.

Jack—Thoughtful and interesting artwork for “The Arrival”. Good job.
**Dance and Drama Thursdays**

Roxanne will be working with all students during the day each Thursday this term. Children should wear their joggers please for these activities. Normal school uniforms will be fine, water bottles are also necessary as the weather warms up.

Mr Dollin’s maths workshop lessons will still go ahead on Thursday mornings as well, maintaining this extension maths program for Y3-6 students.

**Tennis and Lawn Bowls—alternate Fridays beginning this Friday 10th October**

Tennis lessons will be held during Term 4 on Fridays with Mrs Lisa McGrath. The lessons will alternate with K-2 one week and Y3-6 the following week. The cost for each lesson will be $3 per child. The P&C are kindly subsidising the costs for this.

We are also trying to organise for the Y3-6 students to head up to the Murrurundi Bowling Club for lawn bowls on the alternate Fridays with K-2 students possibly working with Nicky Western on a sport program for their alternate rotation. Watch this space for more information.

**Rotary Club of Murrurundi—Hydroponic Garden**

We are very lucky to have been given a new hydroponic garden trolley by the Rotary Club of Murrurundi. Thank you to Rotarians Robin and Col for setting up our system with seedlings and watering system. This is a welcome addition to our Environmental Education program here at BPS where our children are engaged in and understand food production, cooking and sustainable ways of living.

**Kindergarten Orientation—Wednesday 12th November.**

Our Kinder orientation day for new students 2015, will be held on Wednesday 12th November. Mrs Cooper has chosen a Multicultural theme for this fun day of learning and a much anticipated visit to big school. Children may dress up in clothing from cultures around the world which you may have in you dress up box at home.

Invitations will be in your mailbox very soon.

**BOOK CLUB IS BACK !**

This term we are giving families the opportunity to order from Scholastic Book Club. These catalogues are packed with Christmas ideas and a percentage of the orders goes towards resources for our school. The orders are due back by the 17th October.
**BELTREES HORSE SPORTS—CHANGE OF DATE**
Please note the change of date for the Belltrees Horse Sports which was to have been held at the Moonan Sports Ground on 24th September 2014.

Change of date to Friday 7th November.
This event will now be run by the Belltrees PS P&C Association. All other arrangements remain the same.

**2014 Spring Flower Show on Saturday, 25th October—Flyer attached**

**Beersheba Commemoration—Saturday 25th October**
Expressions of interest - I would like to march at the Beersheba Commemoration
  yes  no  (please indicate)

at about 11 at Wilson Memorial Park, full school uniform with a hat is to be worn.
Child’s Name.................................................................

**P&C Catering - Beersheba Day**
Help is needed for Beersheba Day on Saturday, 25th October 2014.
Please indicate how you can assist below or ring Ruth 0458 227 623.

Name.................................................................

I am able to donate ..........doz eggs

I am able to donate ..........doz mini quiches

I am able to donate cakes and/or slices (please circle)

I am able to assist 8.30am – 11pm ............

I am able to assist 11am – 3pm ............

Thankyou