Principal’s Message

A great big congratulations to our relay team who are off to state...again!!

Well done Darcy, Emily, Lachlan and Anekah. You have done Blandford proud, making this five times in two years that our students have represented at a state carnival in athletics, swimming and cross country. Our small school continues to achieve big things!

Mrs Cooper and Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderful day last Wednesday on their bus trip to Newcastle. They travelled on different forms of transport—a harbour cruiser and the ferry as well as watching planes take off from Fighter World at Williamtown.

The senior class also had a fantastic week away visiting the major venues in Canberra as well as having a tonne of fun playing mini golf, enjoying Questacon and wandering around the National Zoo and Aquarium. Our students have made some great friendships with our small schools buddies from Ellerston and managed to keep their rooms tidy and their gear organised. I was proud of the way that our children listened and learnt, helped each other and their teachers, and just enjoyed their holiday away. Whilst a very busy and tiring week, our excursion was a wonderful experience for us all.

Cricket Gala Day

The Cricket NSW ‘T20 School Blast’ Gala Day which was postponed in April will be held this Thursday 11th September at Jefferson Park in Aberdeen. My apologies for the late notice as final information was sent out whilst we were away in Canberra. Those children who’ve expressed interest in this fun cricket day have had information and permission notes sent out yesterday. Please return these before Thursday morning. Mrs Coffey and Mrs Wilson will be accompanying the children. Many thanks to the Railway Hotel in Murrurundi for the use of their mini bus and to Mr Redmond for driving.

Scone High School

Another thank you is in order for the Year 12 construction students at Scone High School who have made us a junior sized picnic table for our infants students. I was able to deliver the table yesterday and it is in use already.

This inter school partnership demonstrates the ways that NSW Public Education delivers a wide range of opportunities and experiences for all students in a variety of curriculum areas. We are very grateful to Daniel and Lachlan from Scone HS for their work.

Isabel Fox          Principal
Students of the Week

K-2

Amina—For terrific reading

Elinor—Working very hard in number work

Millie—Improved effort in story writing

Y3-6

Brock—Great knowledge of animals, aquarium life and birds at the National Zoo of Australia in Canberra.

Jarna—For a happy and resilient disposition on camp. You were always smiling!

MISSING CLOTHING

Emily S in kinder has lost her woollen school jumper. Would everyone please check the labels in any smaller sized jumpers and return to school if it has got mixed up at your house. Emily’s jumper is labelled.

Many thanks

THE BOOK MAN

The Book Man has begun calling at our school each fortnight with a variety of quality books for sale. The books are available in the kitchen for parents and staff to peruse. Please write your order on the envelopes provided, with money, and deliveries will be made the following fortnight. All welcome to use this service.

Permission Note
-for Cleaning up in the Service Lane in front of Blandford Public School

During the year, quite a bit of rubbish accumulates in our service lane, blowing into the yard and detracting from our beautiful school grounds.

Attached is a permission note which would cover the period from today (10.9.14) until the end of Term 4 (17.12.14) for our children to leave the school grounds with a supervising teacher to collect small amounts of rubbish.

Please return by the end of Term 3 if you give your permission.

I give my permission for _____________________________ to leave the school grounds from 10th September to 17th December with a supervising teacher to collect small amount of rubbish in the Service Lane in front of Blandford Public School.

Signature.................................................................................. Date..................................................
P&C Meeting
This Thursday afternoon, 11th September 4.00pm in school library. All welcome

LAST DAY OF GOLF FOR SPORT

This Friday 12th September is our last day of golf for sport. We need cars for 20 students please which would be about 3-4 drivers. Many thanks for your help with this activity during the term. The skill levels of all students has markedly improved and has generated a high level of enjoyment and engagement in this sport. Please let Ms Fox know if you are able to help this week.

Mr Phil McGuirk and Jack Newton Golf

Mr McGuirk was to have held a Jack Newton Golf clinic at school before the children headed up to Murrurundi to play each Friday, which unfortunately was postponed. The new date for this golf session will be Friday 19th September at the Murrurundi course from 2 -3pm. This is the final afternoon of term and a fun end to a busy 10 weeks of work.

Permission notes are attached. The $5 payment for this activity has already been paid by each family earlier this term. A bus has been arranged to transport the children.

LAST ACTIVITY FOR TERM 3 - Author Visit

Our annual excursion to Scone for a visit with an author has been scheduled for Friday 19th September, the last day of term.

This year we will be visiting St Marys at Scone to talk with Frances Watts.

Frances Watts is the author of the Parsley Rabbit picture books and the Secrets of Flamant Castle—the Sword Girl series for older primary readers.

This excursion will be at no cost as Coal & Allied will subsidise the bus travel. Our students will travel up and back to Scone for separate sessions. K-2 will leave school with Mrs Cooper at 9.00am for a 9.30 –10.30 workshop.

Y3-6 will leave at 11.00 for an 11.30-12.30 workshop, returning to school by 1.00pm for lunch.

This will be a busy day with the Jack Newton golf clinic in the afternoon.

Thank you for your help and resilience with notes and organisation for these end of term activities.
Family Energy Rebate

Applications are now open for the 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate.

The application submission deadline is Midnight 16 June 2015. The Family Energy Rebate (FER) helps NSW family households with dependant children to pay their electricity bills.

In 2014-2015 the Family Energy Rebate gives eligible households a $150 credit on their electricity bill. If you live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), the 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate is $165.

Before applying for the 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

- Lodge your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Tax Office. If you are not required to lodge a tax return, inform the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS); and
- Receive confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility/relevant payment for Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B for 2013-2014; and
- Ensure the person who is eligible for FTB is the applicant for FER; and

Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or, a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

Am I eligible for the Family Energy Rebate?

To be eligible for the 2014-2015 NSW Family Energy Rebate, you must:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and

Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

How much is the Family Energy Rebate?

If you are eligible for the NSW Family Energy Rebate, you will receive the following support during these financial years:

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Your rebate will appear as a credit on your electricity bill once, for each financial year.
On Wednesday K,1,2 went to Newcastle for an excursion. At 6.35 people started to arrive. At 7.00 we left school. We drove to Singleton for a toilet and a food break. After that we drove the rest of the way. Then when we got to Newcastle we looked at the beach and the big waves. After that we went on a Moonshadow cruise. Mrs Cooper put us into groups. Mr Cooper was my parent. All of us went up the top of the boat. Then after that we went to have lunch at Queens wharf. After lunch we went on the Stockton Ferry. It was fun. Then we went to “Fighter World”. We had lots of fun. After that we went to Singleton to see the sun dial. We had lots of fun.

Camilla
Yr 2