Principal’s Message

Welcome back to Blandford Public School.

I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. It is wonderful to feel a part of such a supportive school community.

My role at Blandford will be to continue the fine work that Ms Fox and her team have delivered consistently over the last several years in striving for educational excellence. A job made easier because of the excellent school organisation already in place and the professional and hardworking teachers who have made my transition seamless. I look forward to working with parents and the broader school community too, as there is now clear evidence that when parents and schools have closely aligned goals and work together to achieve those goals that students benefit enormously. I encourage you all to be active in your child’s education — read with them, discuss what they have been learning and challenge them to learn new things out of school.

A warm welcome to big school for our newest students: Thomas Hubbard and Archie Teague. All the best boys — we encourage you to do your best.

Mr Brian Field has, after 16 years of outstanding service to our school, decided to relinquish his position as General Assistant. On behalf of the many students, parents and teachers he has supported through his dedication and commitment to the beautification of our school, I would like to thank him. I am sure Blandford Public School has never looked so good! We welcome Mr John Jenkins who will be taking over the GA duties in Mr Field’s absence.

Attached is a calendar of events for Term 1. This calendar will continue to grow and change. Any new dates will be provided through our newsletter or notes.

Regards

Mr Glen Kite
Rel. Principal
School Newsletter—Term 1 Week 2—3 February, 2016

Upcoming Events

8 February — Upper Hunter Small Schools Swimming Carnival
9 February — Pancake Day
18 February — Zone Swimming Carnival
4 March — Blandford Horse Sports
4 March — Clean Up Australia Day

Start/End of school time

- Schools start at 9:15am and finish at 3:15pm.
- There are no teachers on duty prior to 8:45am, so please ensure your child is not at school before this time.

Absences

- Please send in absence notes promptly explaining the absence.
- Please ensure absences are explained within seven days of the absence, either by phone or in writing.
- If you are intending on having an extended break and children will be absent from school, please notify the principal regarding the nature of the leave.

Late/Early Leave

- If for any reason your child is late to school or needs to be picked up early, ensure that you sign them in/out at the office then collect them or drop them off at the classroom.

Changes to pick up routines

- If there are any changes to the normal routine for picking up students in the afternoon, please ensure a note is sent to the classroom teacher. Messages left on the answering machine will not always be received in a timely manner.
- Please also send a signed note explaining if a relative or friend is to pick up your child.

Car park

- When using our school car park please reverse your car against the boundary fence so you have full vision on driving away.
- Always drive slowly in the car park and be on the lookout for children.
- Please ensure no cars are parked in front of the mailbox.

Hats

- Hats are compulsory in the playground. Please make sure your child has a hat with their name on it.

Money

- It would be greatly appreciated if you could send in money on Monday and Thursday, as these are the days that Mrs Clinch is in the office.

Pancake Day

It’s that time of the year already. On Tuesday 9th February we ask each family to send 1 bottle or batch of pancake or pikelet mix. Children in K,1,2 will shake, rattle and roll the bottles to turn them into batter. ‘From scratch’ batter can be made at school with some ‘little helpers’ or can be sent in already mixed. Children are to bring a plate, knife, fork (if required) and the spreads they like. Please also pack a plastic bag for the dirty, sticky containers for their return home.
A gold coin donation will be collected and donated to World Vision.
Parents, grandparents and neighbours are also invited to come along and cook the pancakes.
Please bring frypans, spatulas, butter/margarine or spray for the cooking of the pancakes and arrive at 10.45am.
Please send along a gold coin donation for the pancake feast.