

Blandford Public School Information Booklet



Do Our Best



A Message from our Principal

We extend a very warm welcome to you and your children as you join our school community.

Since 1871, Blandford Public School has provided a high quality, balanced education for all students. We deliver a broad range of programs to develop academic, social, sporting and cultural excellence.

Each of our students participate in all activities, taking on leadership roles and responsibilities and engaging in challenging tasks both in and out of the classroom. We work hard to develop a sense of community and to have concern and be responsible for the environment. We instil the core idea that we belong, we care, we help each other, we make and keep commitments and we have pride in our school and ourselves.

Our experienced staff members deliver innovative literacy and numeracy programs with a focus on individual attention and quality teaching outcomes. We offer a wide variety of extra curricular activities including: robotics, annual gymnastics and dance instruction, student vegetable garden, chooks, photography and visual art.

Blandford Public School is a proud member school of the Invermein Small Schools Group and the Scone Learning Community, providing strong professional and cultural links with our sister schools.

On behalf of our staff, students and hard working P&C group, welcome to Blandford Public School.

Ms Isabel Fox

Principal



Contacting our School

Address: New England Highway
BLANDFORD NSW 2338

Phone: 02 65466117

Fax: 02 65466023

Email: blandford-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: www.blandford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au



School Staff

Principal & Primary teacher: *Ms Isabel Fox*

Infants teacher: *Mrs Michelle Cooper*

Part Time teachers: *Mrs Sandra Coffey, Mrs Jennifer Bettington*

Senior Administration Manager: *Mrs Merris Clinch*

School Administration Officer: *Mrs Jan Kelaher*

School Learning Support Officer: *Mrs Heather Leayr*

Maintenance Staff: *Mr Brian Field, Ms Karen Sevil*



Our Mission Statement



Blandford Public School is committed to providing quality education in a cooperative and caring environment, enabling our children to become worthy and hard working citizens in a modern, technologically advanced world.

Vision

Our school provides quality educational programs which:

- ◆ Promote friendship, understanding and cooperation between students, teachers, parents and our wider community.
- ◆ Allow every child to experience success at school in all key learning areas, building confidence and self esteem.
- ◆ Promote a love of life long learning.
- ◆ Assist each child to reach their full potential.
- ◆ Develop respect for the rights, feelings, beliefs, opinions and abilities of others.



School Motto

Do Our Best

General Information



Bell Times	Morning assembly	9.15am
	Recess	11.15–11.30am
	Lunch	1.00–2.00pm
	Afternoon bell	3.15pm

Children may be dropped to school from 8.45am and should be collected promptly by 3.25 pm. The school bus delivers students by 9.00am and picks them up by 3.15pm.

School Banking Every Monday

Scripture Friday morning - Mrs Heather Rowarth

School Sport Friday afternoon

Daily PE All students participate in daily PE activities directly after morning tea. School hats are compulsory.

Absences If your child is absent from school, a note explaining the reason is required within two days of the absence. Longer absences in case of illness, require a medical certificate. A telephone call on the morning would be greatly appreciated.

Early Departures Parents of students arriving late or leaving early, are required to sign their child into the red book in the office.

P&C Meetings are held monthly in the school library beginning at 2.30pm. A note is sent home to remind parents.

Parking Parents are requested to park in the parking area rear to the fence, collecting students from the front road gate or under the COLA.

Bus Travel

Many of our students travel on our school bus. Free bus travel is provided by the NSW State Government, for all school aged children. Applications for free bus travel should be made when you enrol your child and are available from the Office.

Bus information

Keatings Bus Service, Gunnedah

Drivers Mr Allan Cooper
 Mrs Audrey McWilliams



Canteen

Blandford Public School is not able to provide a regular canteen service, however, our P&C regularly prepares “Special Canteen” days. On these days there is a small cost for a hot meal such as spaghetti bolognese, nachos or soup, with a variety of desserts.

Please advise us of any dietary requirements your child may have.



Newsletter and Website

A fortnightly newsletter is sent home for each family on the even weeks during the term. Copies of these are also available on the school website as well as albums of photos taken at various events and activities.

www.blandford-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Change of Address or Family Details

For the safety and welfare of our children, it is important for the school to have the most current contact information.

Please notify the school by phone or in writing immediately upon a change of address, telephone number, custody arrangement or emergency contact person. Copies of court orders will be kept confidential.

Contacting Teachers

Teachers are always willing to speak to parents but they cannot leave their classes to do so. If you wish to speak privately with a teacher please contact the school to request an interview at a mutually convenient time.

Enrolment Procedures

Children who turn five on or before 31st July are eligible to start kindergarten. This is the minimum age to begin school, but please be guided by your pre school teachers and Blandford Public School staff to make your decision. Readiness for school is an important aspect in this process however, you must send your child in the year they turn 6. A birth certificate and immunisation certificate are required. Parents should complete an enrolment form as well as the pupil information card which are both available from the Office.

Crunch and Sip—Fruit Break

All children are encouraged to eat more fresh fruit and vegetables. At approximately 10.00am, classes have a five minute fruit break.

Research has shown this boosts the child's ability to learn and concentrate. Please do not send commercial "fruit in juice", or fruit leather, instead choose fresh, whole or cut up fruit or vegetable pieces. Water bottles are encouraged in class.

Semester Reporting and Interviews

During Term 1 the classroom teachers will organise a parent interview. During this time parents and teachers are able to discuss the educational programs being followed in the classroom, as well as the students' progress.

During Terms 2 and 4, a formal written report of your child's progress is forwarded to all families.

Illnesses

The following diseases are the most common illnesses that require exclusion from school.

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Exclusion Period</i>
Chicken Pox	Minimum exclusion 5 days after first spots appear or when blisters have all crusted.
German Measles	Minimum exclusion 7 days after rash appears.
Measles	Minimum exclusion 5 days after rash appears.
Glandular Fever	Exclude until recovered or in receipt of medical Certificate.
Whooping Cough (Pertussis)	Exclude for 5 days from the start of antibiotic treatment .
Ringworm	Exclude until treatment has commenced supported by medical certificate.
Scabies	Exclude until treatment has commenced supported by medical certificate.
Head Lice	Exclude until treatment with anti-lice lotion or shampoo has been undertaken. Hair should be free of "nits".
Conjunctivitis	Exclude until discharge from eyes has ceased.
Impetigo (School Sores)	Exclude until sores have healed or properly covered with dressings.
Influenza	Exclude until recovered or in receipt of medical Certificate.

First Aid

The school subscribes to the Ambulance Scheme which covers all pupils for free ambulance travel during school hours and whilst on approved excursions. This cover is only from school to the hospital. Parents should make their own arrangements for the return to home.

If your child has an accident at school which requires medical attention, every effort is made to contact parents or the emergency contact person before the child is transported to hospital. If contact cannot be made the Principal has the authority to seek medical attention as required. All teachers are trained in emergency care.

Uniforms

Uniforms have always been an important part of the culture of Blandford Public School. We expect all students to be in full school uniform each day including a school hat for outdoor play and sports uniforms for Friday sport.

Girls Uniform

Summer

Dress made with Style Pattern No 3607 Style 4—material available from school

Short white socks Black lace up shoes

Blue school hat

Red, white or navy ribbons, or headbands

Dorothy Whitby—dressmaker 32 Cohen St Murrurundi 65466168

Dress \$25.00—parents supply fabric and zip

Made up dress—Size 5-8 \$41.00 Size 10 \$43.00 Size 12 \$45.00

Winter

Navy checked slacks available from school

White long sleeved blouse School tie

Navy V neck sloppy joe with school logo or

Navy V neck woollen jumper with school logo

Navy socks Black lace up shoes

Red, white or navy ribbons, or headbands

Optional school jacket



Boys Uniform

Summer

Grey shorts

Blue short sleeved shirt with open neck

Short grey socks Black lace up shoes

Blue school hat



Winter

Grey shorts or long trousers

Blue long sleeved shirt School tie

Navy V neck sloppy joe with school logo or

Navy V neck woollen jumper with school logo

Grey socks Black lace up shoes

Optional school jacket



Sports Uniform

All items are available from the school uniform shop unless otherwise advised.

Girls

Red pleated wrap around sports skirt—(available through chain stores)

Red skirt

White polo shirt with school logo

Red sports briefs

Short white socks White joggers

Red track suit with school logo



Boys

Red shorts

White polo shirt with school logo

Short white socks White joggers

Red track suit with school logo

