



# Blandford Public School

Newsletter

Wednesday, 28 June 2021

## Term 3 - Week 3 – 2021

### Principals Message

#### Strategic Improvement Plan 2021-2024

During Term 4 2020 and Term 1 this year our school had been busy collecting information and opinions of our school from the students, staff, families and wider community to develop a new Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP), including a school vision statement.

#### School Vision Statement

Blandford Public School provides an inclusive learning environment where every student is known, valued and cared for. The school motto, "Do Our Best", underpins students' engagement in their academic, sporting, wellbeing and social life. As a whole school community, we collaboratively set high expectations to empower all students to develop gratitude and value diversity and the environment.

Our staff are continually reflecting on our practice to refine the practices and processes we implement in pursuit of the vision statement.

Learning Goals and Success Criteria are one of the strategies we use as we work towards meeting our vision statement.

These are being implemented to support students in understanding not only their academic work, but also to assist students to be successful in other areas of their lives.

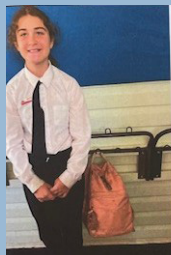
A current focus for the use of learning goals and success criteria is to support students with their organisational skills, particularly on arrival to school, and when entering the learning environment.

It has been pleasing to see that students are using the learning goals and success criteria and that we are finding less lost property.

Well done Blandford!



*I have been to the bathroom, washed my hands and filled my water bottle.*



*I have zipped up my bag.*

### What's on?

Fun Fitness - every Tuesday  
Sports Uniform

Library - every Thursday

Zone Athletics - 28/07/2021

150 Meeting - 28/07/2021

NAIDOC Celebrations -  
30/07/2021

Musica Viva - 02/08/2021 via  
Zoom

150 Meeting - 11/08/2021

Kia-ora Music Camp -  
18-20/9/2021 - note to follow

Book Week and Book Fair -  
23/08/2021

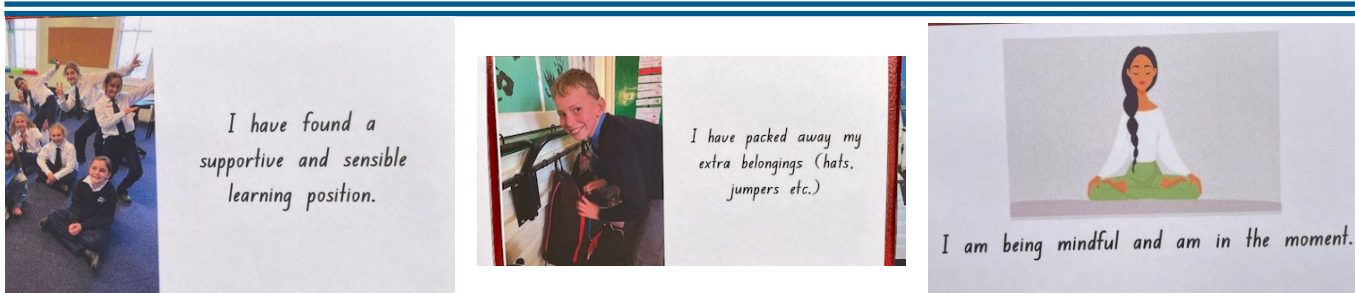
Scone High School Orientation  
- 01/09/2021

Power FM Breakfast -  
02/09/2021

150th Celebrations -  
10-11/9/2021



School success starts  
with attendance



## COVID

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Non-essential visitors are NOT permitted in schools. Parents and carers should only enter the school if a meeting has been arranged. If you are attending the school for a meeting please follow mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR Code and visitor book located in the office. If your child is late or needs to be picked up early please phone the office to let us know and we will send your child out to you. When dropping off or picking up your child please maintain physical distancing by avoiding gathering outside the school gates.

## Welcome

We would like to welcome Lillian and her family to Blandford Public School. Lillian has enrolled in kindergarten. We look forward to working with you.

## Belltrees Public Speaking

Micah and Isaac competed in Belltrees Public Speaking competition via Zoom on Tuesday 20 June. Micah's speech was about Microbes and Isaac's speech was about Fimo. It is sometimes difficult to speak in front of a crowd (or screen) but Micah and Isaac demonstrated the character strength of "bravery" as they presented their speeches. Well done boys.

## Upper Hunter Zone PSSA Carnival

Good luck to all our students competing at Zone Athletics today. I hope you all have a great day and continue practicing your skill. With practice, we could have some Blandford students competing at the 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games!

## 150 Celebrations

Plans are well under way for our 150 year celebrations. All students have received raffle tickets for the mega raffle, all proceeds raised are going towards our celebrations and the restoration of the school bell. Friday night will be Trivia at the Murrurundi Bowling Club. Tickets are \$10 per person. Saturday will be an open day and markets on the school grounds. Please invite your family and friends to support these great events. Meetings dates are included later in this newsletter, everyone is welcome to attend.

## School Bell

The 150 committee have had many meetings to discuss what we could unveil for the 150th celebrations. Everyone on the committee agreed to have the school bell restored to its original condition. The bell has been sent to Halliday Engineering. They are an Australian owned and operated general and marine engineering business located in Sydney. Founded in 1852 and drawing upon 5 generations of industry know-how and extensive local knowledge. Halliday Engineering believe the bell is one of the oldest bells to be manufactured as it doesn't have their inscription on the bell. We are very excited to see the finished product.



## Assembly Awards



### Week 2 - Term 3

Isaac Commins - For effort in writing.

Jorja Roser - Enthusiasm and perseverance in number facts.

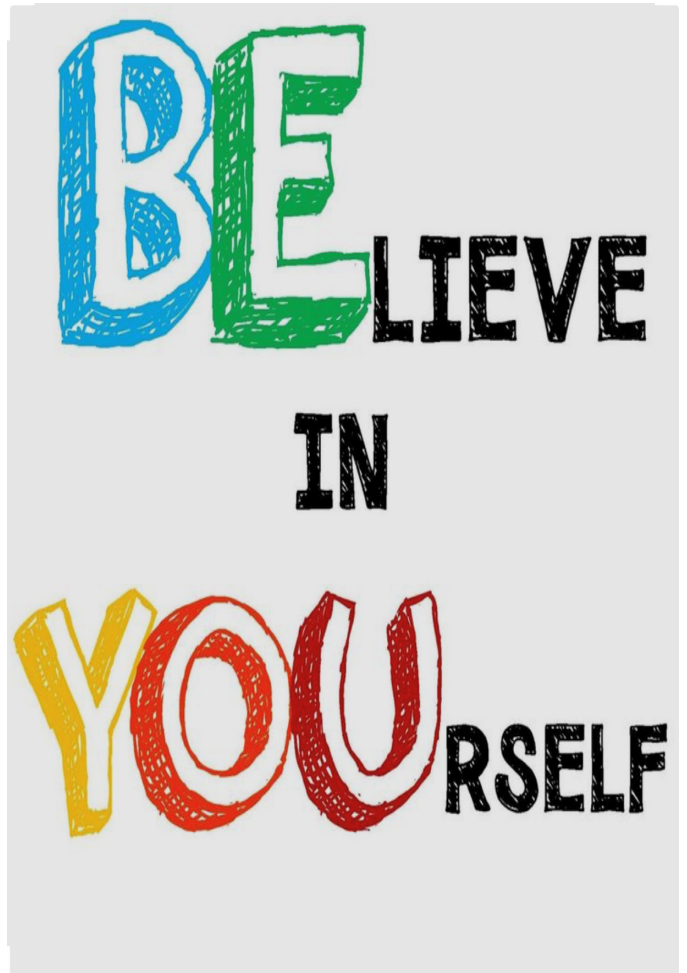


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Lillian Simpson-Hayes - Enthusiasm in writing.

Micah Commins - Demonstrating bravery when entering Public Speaking Competition.

## Happy Birthday



# Washpools and Burning Mountain Excursion



Our school enjoyed a wonderful day out on country on the last day of Term 2. The students learnt about the importance of our local ecosystems. We learnt about conglomerate rocks, indigenous foods and medicines, the story of the Wingen Maid and Burning Mountain. The students and staff had a race to the top of Burning Mountain!





Did you know our school has an attendance target? Our target is to have 90% of our students attending school at least 90% of the time.

Why is this our target?

Because, research highlights a clear correlation between student attendance and the achievement of quality academic, socio-economic and health outcomes. This research tells us that students with an attendance rate below 90% are educationally at risk.

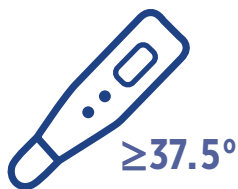
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# Got symptoms? Get tested.

**Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.**

Symptoms include:



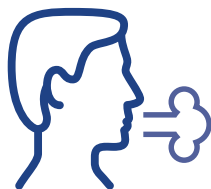
fever



cough



sore throat



difficulty breathing



loss of smell



loss of taste

**Other reported symptoms of COVID-19 include:**

fatigue, runny nose, muscle pain, joint pain, nausea/vomiting,  
diarrhoea, loss of appetite or other flu symptoms.



Testing is free, quick and easy  
[health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus](https://health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus)



# *Blandford Public School*

*1871 - 2021*

*Celebrating 150 years of quality public education*

## *Trivia Night*

*Friday 10 September 2021 - Murrurundi Bowling Club*

*6pm start*

*Tables 6-8 people*

*Tickets \$10 per person*

*BYO Plate or order from the restaurant*

*Bookings close Friday 3 September 2021*

*RSVP - [blandfordpandc@gmail.com](mailto:blandfordpandc@gmail.com)*

*Or Jodi Wilson - 0488 560 495*

## *Open Day and Markets*

*Saturday 11 September 2021*

*Blandford Public School Grounds*

*10am - 3pm*



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## *Upcoming Meetings*

*Wednesday 28 July 2021*

*Wednesday 11 August 2021*

*Wednesday 25 August 2021*

*Wednesday 1 September 2021*

*Blandford Public School Library 6.30pm*

*Everyone Welcome*





# Blandford Public School Mega Raffle

\$2.00 per ticket

Drawn Friday 10 September 2021  
at Trivia Night



1st prize - Weber Q1000 – Donated by MacCallum & Co

2nd - Husqvarna 236E Chainsaw – Donated by MacCallum & Co

3<sup>rd</sup> - Jon Field Painting – Donated by Jon Field

4<sup>th</sup> - Bev Parkins Patchwork Quilt – Donated by Bev Parkins

5<sup>th</sup> - Picnic Pack - esky, ice bricks, drink bottle, beach chairs and thermos – Donated by Scone Home Timber & Hardware and Marty Wilson Electrical

Thank you to all our sponsors for these lovely prizes.

Tickets available to purchase from

- MacCallum & Co – Scone
- Dimmocks Quality Meats – Aberdeen
- Nelliebelle's Cakes and Bakes Coffee Shop – Murrurundi
- Just Debs – Murrurundi
- Wendy Seckold – Murrurundi

All proceeds raised are going towards our 150 Celebrations and restoration of the school bell.

## eSafety Parent Guide

eSafety have two webinars available for parents and carers this term:

### **eSafety parent guide to online sexual harassment and image-based abuse**

This webinar will help parents and carers to understand online sexual harassment and image-based abuse, (non-consensual sharing of intimate images). It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 13-18.

The webinar will cover:

- the difference between online sexual harassment and image-based abuse
- how to report online sexual harassment to social media companies
- how to report image-based abuse to eSafety and when to report to police
- where to get support if you feel upset or worried about something that has happened online.

#### Dates available:

Wednesday 28 July 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Thursday 29 July 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Tuesday 10 August 7.30 to 8.30 pm

Tuesday 24 August 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Tuesday 7 September 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Thursday 9 September 12.30 to 1.30 pm

### **eSafety's parent guide to popular apps**

This webinar is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8-13 and focuses on how to help young people safely use popular apps including TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube.

It will cover:

- an explanation of the popular apps used by young people
- case studies, research, and targeted advice
- ways you can support the young people in your life to have safe, enjoyable online experiences.

#### Dates available:

Monday 16 August 12.30 to 1.30 pm

Tuesday 31 August 7.30 to 8.30 pm

eSafety also have a very good short recorded video for parents and carers on **cyberbullying and online drama**: <https://vimeo.com/566359070>

More information and registration can be found at: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars>

## Fun Fitness



Students are participating in Fun Fitness every Tuesday.

This term they are focusing on modified ball games.

Students can wear sports uniform.



## 3-6 Classroom

Such a busy couple of weeks we have had in the 3-6 room!

Students have been collating information from a variety of text types to create information texts about a number of topics. Whilst gathering information, students are developing skills such as summarising, paraphrasing, finding the main points/ideas and using their own words to represent information.

We have had some very busy minds in mathematics. It has been great to see students persevere with mathematic concepts that are new to them and abstract ways. It is important for students to understand the processes and justify the purpose of mathematical problems, rather than stating math facts with no reasoning.

Local artist, Anita has been joining us on Friday's to create some vinyl prints for Blandford's 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration. I can't wait to see how their designs develop over the next few weeks.

We have begun the Blandford Olympic Games to coincide with the Olympic Games taking place in Tokyo. The students have been eager to check Australia's medal count each morning, and discussions surrounding the Olympics are buzzing!

# Good for Kids good for life

## HEALTHY WINTER WARMERS

Here's a few ideas for healthy meals that are cheap, delicious, full of everyday foods and will keep you warm in winter!

- Soups – try pumpkin, vegetable, lentil, tomato or minestrone
- Toasted sandwiches – fill them with your favourite everyday fillings like baked beans & cheese or ham, cheese and tomato.
- Mini Pizzas – make them with English muffins or wholegrain wraps
- Slow cooker casseroles – pack them full of vegetables like potato, carrot, celery or pumpkin



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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

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## RECIPE FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

**Did you know that primary school-aged children need between 9 - 11 hours of sleep every night?!**

Poor sleep quality and insufficient sleep has been associated with a range of physical and mental health problems that can impact on a child's health and development.<sup>1</sup>

Here's some sleep tips to help make sure your kids are getting their zzz's...

- Have a consistent sleep schedule and bedtime routine to help your child relax and wind down each night.
- Switch off all screens (TV, tablets, computers, phones) an hour before bed, and no screens in the bedroom!
- Daily exercise and time outdoors promote good sleep. Make sure your child is getting plenty of physical activity throughout the day.



Check out more sleep tips at [www.healthdirect.gov.au/sleep-tips-for-children](http://www.healthdirect.gov.au/sleep-tips-for-children)



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