



# Blandford Public School

## Newsletter

Term 4 - Week 3

Wednesday, 20 October 2021



## Coming Events

When	Event	Who	More Info
Every Thursday	Drama	All students	2.15pm - 5.00pm
Every Thursday	Art with Anita	All students	10.30am - 11.30am
Every Friday	Sport	All students	Sports Uniform
Every Friday 9.15am - 12.15pm	Transition Days	New Kinder Students 2022	Information in Enrolment Packs
08.11.2021	Fun Fitness	All Students	Sports Uniform 2pm - 3pm
11.11.2021	Remembrance Day	All Students	
During Class	Healthy Harold	All Students	Online Modules
23.11.2021	Scone High School Orientation	Year 6 students attending Scone High next year	Notes sent home Week 2 Term 4
06.12.2021	Fun Fitness	All Students	Sports Uniform 9am - 11am
10.12.2021	Presentation Day	All Students	More information to follow
16.12.2021	Last Day of Term 4	All Students	
17.12.2021	Staff Development Day	All Staff	



## Awards



Attendance Awards - Improvement in Late Arrivals/Early Departures

Matilda Hockley  
Charlie Crowe  
Ayaan Hussain



Attendance Awards - 95% or above attendance for Week 1 and 2 Term 4

Jorja Roser  
Solana Talty  
Montana Rando  
Matilda Hockley  
Micah Commins  
Ayaan Hussain  
Eric Commins  
Jack Watts  
Callum Watts  
Georgia Caldwell  
Isaac Commins  
Charlie Crowe

## Congratulations on your Retirement

Mrs Clinch has officially retired from the Department of Education. Mrs Teague will continue in the relieving position, until we are notified of the required recruiting process.

Best Wishes on your retirement.



## School Travel for 2022



### 2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

# Blandford Public School's 2021 Poetry Slam Friday 26 November

### What is a Poetry Slam?

A Poetry Slam is a competition where people recite poems without props, costumes, or music. It puts a dual emphasis on the written word and performance, encouraging poets/performers to focus on what they're saying and how they're saying it.

The poem can be an original or one from another author.

### What style of poem can be performed?

One of the best things about poetry slam is the range of poets/performers it attracts. Poets/performers are free to do work in any style, on any subject.

### What are the rules?

Blandford PS Poetry Slam rules are:

- Poems can be an original or from another author. Your job is to engage your audience!
- Start your performance with the title and author of the poem.
- Props, costumes or musical instruments are NOT to be used.
- Each poet/performer should aim to recite their poem within the allocated time.
- Points will be deducted from performers if there is a difference of 30 seconds or more from the allocated time:

Kindergarten -1minute

Years 1 & 2 - 2 minutes 30 seconds

Years 3 & 4 - 4 minutes

Years 5 & 6 - 5 minutes

- Audience members must give their full attention to the poet/performer while they are performing.
- Audience members are encouraged to respond to the poet/performer in an appropriate manner. Remember, it takes a lot of courage to stand up and perform in front of an audience!
- The judges' scores will be totaled, and a grand slam score given. The poet/performer with the greatest total in each stage is the winner and will be awarded a certificate and special prize.



NSW Department of Education

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun



## Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

**1** day per **fortnight**  
 = **4** weeks  = Over **1** year missed

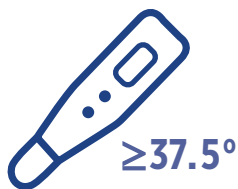
**1** day per **week**  
 = **8** weeks  = Over **2.5** years missed

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# Got symptoms? Get tested.

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

Symptoms include:



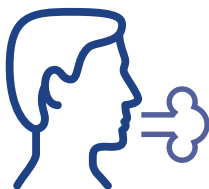
**fever**



**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.



# Snake Safety



**Snakes will avoid people if they can.  
But if they feel threatened and can't  
find a way of escape they will  
defend themselves by biting.**

## If You See a Snake

- **Stay calm and walk away from it**

Do NOT try to catch it

Do NOT try to kill it

Do NOT make it feel threatened e.g. by  
throwing things at it or poking it with a stick.

**Most people bitten by snakes are bitten  
when trying to catch or kill the snake.**

- **Report it** as you would any other hazard, and
- **Warn others** away from it until it is dealt with by  
a suitably trained person.

*Stamping heavily on the ground, even from a distance,  
can encourage it to move away for its own safety.*

**If you see the snake in a building** leave the room and  
close it so the snake is contained until help comes.

## Snake Safety Tips

- NEVER put your hand anywhere you cannot see.
- Never put your foot anywhere you cannot see.
- Keep open workplaces and nearby areas clear of  
places snakes might find food or a place to shelter.

**It is not only AGAINST the LAW to kill or catch snakes  
without a permit, it is also highly DANGEROUS.**

## If You Are Bitten by a Snake

### STAY CALM - DON'T PANIC

*By following these steps you should have plenty  
of time to get to a hospital for anti-venom.*

- **Call for help immediately**

You or someone call 000 – do not hang up until  
the operator tells you to.

**Do NOT try to suck out the poison**

**Do NOT cut the wound**

**Do NOT apply an arterial tourniquet**

**Do NOT wash the bite**

*The hospital has the best chance of identifying the  
snake by any venom still around the wound.*

- **Apply a broad bandage tightly across the bite  
and up the limb to immobilise it.** This helps  
prevent venom from entering the blood stream.
- **Stay as calm and as still as possible while  
you are waiting for help to come.**

Of the 500-600 people bitten by snakes in Australia each year,  
only 2-4 die (Aust. Venom Research Unit).

Note: Snakes do not always leave two puncture wounds. So if you  
think you have been bitten, take action as if you were.

This information is general in nature. You should therefore ensure that it is suitable for your workplace.

For more detailed or specific information and advice about snakes and treatment of snake bites contact the WHS/OHS Regulator or the Department of Health in your State/Territory.

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## **\$100 Service NSW Creative Kids Vouchers**

### ***Eligibility***

If you're a parent, carer or guardian, the student will be eligible if they are:

- a NSW resident
- aged between 4.5 and 18 years
- enrolled in school (from Kindergarten to Year 12, including those who are home-schooled or enrolled in secondary school education at TAFE NSW)
- a current Medicare card holder

You can apply for a voucher for each eligible student.

You can use the voucher with approved Creative Kids providers.

### ***What you need***

- a MyServiceNSW account
- one proof of identity document for the parent, carer or guardian
- your child's Medicare card details.

Download your voucher from the Service NSW Website as follows:

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-creative-kids-voucher>

### **To use your Service NSW Creative Kids Voucher with School Club**

Choose **two** of the **\$50** Art Packs Below. (Two packs is the \$100 value.)

Additional items over \$100 can be purchased at your own expense.

Multiple Vouchers can be used under the one order

### **Free delivery to your home**

### **To Order**

- Go to [www.schoolclub.com.au](http://www.schoolclub.com.au)
- On left-hand side under "Categories", click on last category "School Art Packs"
- Click on "School Club Art Packs - Creative Kids Voucher"
- Select any two (2) \$50 Art Packs
- Click on "Checkout" at top right of screen (next to "View Cart")
- On the next screen, please press the blue "Checkout" button
- Select "Guest Checkout"
- Then press the blue "Continue" button
- Enter your details and your address
- Then press the blue "Continue" button
- The next screen will show "Shipping Costs" – select the \$16.50 option.
- Please note that after your order has been confirmed, the freight cost of \$16.50 will be deleted provided that two (2) or more \$50 Art Packs have been ordered.
- In the box headed "Add Comments About Your Order", please enter:
  - **Service NSW Creative Kids Voucher Number (this is essential)**
  - Student's Full Name
  - Student's Date of Birth
  - Name of School
- Then press the blue "Continue" button

## **Ventilation reviews completed**

The department has taken expert advice in preparation for the full return of face-to-face teaching and learning from 25 October. The comprehensive review of school assets is complete and our school has received an individual ventilation audit report which provided localised advice for the COVID-safe use of our facilities.

This has also included some minor works undertaken to ensure ventilation in our school is optimised.





# PLAY CRICKET!

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HAVE A BLAST PLAYING CRICKET! THERE ARE OPTIONS FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES AGES 5-17  
— WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A COMPETITIVE CRICKET STAR!



## JUNIOR BLASTERS

AGES 5-7 | 60 MINS

Learn new skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through fun game based activities.

Sign up now for your Starter Pack. Returning Junior Blasters score a Returner Pack with backpack and choice of bonus item!



\$100 - Incl. Junior Blaster kit

STARTER KIT

RETURNER KIT



## MASTER BLASTERS

AGES 7-10 | 90 MINS

Everyone gets a chance to bat, bowl and field in short, modified games of cricket. For kids with basic cricket skills.



\$100 - Incl. Club shirt & Master Blasters Pack



## JUNIOR CRICKET

AGES 9-17 | 2-3 HOURS

Play more shots, face more balls and take more wickets as you develop your skills through three levels of junior cricket.

\$100 - Incl. club shirt & helmet

- ✓ Short, action-packed games.
- ✓ Enhanced game formats allowing for greater skill development.
- ✓ Develop teamwork in a fun and competitive environment.
- ✓ Join as an individual or with a group of friends.

Quirindi Junior Cricket

Saturday Mornings - 16.10.2021 TO 26.02.2022 (excl. School holidays)

Contact Jenni - ph 0409719905 or jennihird@gmail.com

REGISTER NOW at [www.playcricket.com.au](http://www.playcricket.com.au)

Like us on FACEBOOK for updates



[playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au) - search for: Quirindi Cricket Club

JOIN A CREW NEAR YOU TODAY

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## REGISTRATIONS OPEN 11 OCTOBER 2021

**FIRST CLUB NIGHT: 3 November 2021**

Be part of the fun:

- Participate in heats for freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and backstroke!
- Improve your time each week!
- Improve your swimming!
- Loads of fun with your friends!

Register online - <https://scone.swimming.org.au/>  
Click on **JOIN NOW**

**New members** need to register with Swim Central  
(Region: New England North West; Club: Scone Swimming Club)

**Existing members** sign in using your existing Swim Central login details.

### COST

Swimming Member - \$95  
Non-Swimming Member - \$40

**ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED**

Wednesday nights  
5:45pm for a 6pm  
start

Ages 5 and up  
Must be able to  
swim 25m

New members  
always welcome

SCONE SWIMMING CLUB  
PO Box 230  
Scone NSW 2337

<https://scone.swimming.org.au/>

Contact: Wendy Good  
0438 490 099

### PLEASE NOTE:

COVID-19 restrictions  
will apply.



## Upper Hunter Tennis & Sports

With Chris Herden, Tennis Australia Club Professional,  
Former NSW ranked junior, USA college representative.  
For ages 3-14 at Scone, Denman, Muswellbrook,  
Merriwa, Murrumbidgee, Gressford

## Heaps of fun for beginners and experienced players Coaching, Match Play, High Performance Pathway.

### PERCEPTUAL MOTOR PROGRAM (4-5 yrs)

An introduction to basic tennis techniques to develop and improve perceptual motor skills in a fun, play based way

### TENNIS AUSTRALIA ANZ HOT SHOTS (5-11 yrs)

Hot Shot red, orange and green balls offer players a progressive pathway through stroke production, court positioning and tactics. Teaching the framework of key skills "first" allows more intricate skills to fall into place. Match play available.

### LEADER SYSTEM

The Leader System program covers a wide range of basic personal development disciplines from sportsmanship, self-esteem and decision making to nutrition.

**All levels of high school programs and competition squads also available**

**Bookings essential!**  
**Call Chris on 0400 331 553 for details and bookings**

and Like **Scone Hardcourt Tennis Association** and  
**Upper Hunter Tennis & Sports** on Facebook








# DESIGN YOUR OWN CRICKET BAT COMPETITION

The Hunter Valley Junior Cricket Council invites boys and girls of all ages to participate in our 'Design your own cricket bat' competition.

# WIN



**A SIGNED SYDNEY SIXERS WBBL BAT,  
BBL BAT OR A \$50 REBEL SPORT VOUCHER**

**THE SCHOOL WITH THE HIGHEST  
PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO ENTER  
WILL WIN A SYD SIXER VISIT**

**TO ENTER:**

Print this page and design your cricket bat.  
When completed, click [here](#) or scan the code  
below and upload a photo.



Entries now open and close 1st Nov 2021



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 **PLAY CRICKET**

