



Blandford Public School

Newsletter

Term 4 - Week 6

Wednesday 10 November 2021



Coming Events

When	Event	Who	More Info
11 & 18 November	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
11.11.2021	Remembrance Day	All Students	
23.11.2021	Scone High School Orientation	Year 6 students attending Scone High next year	Notes sent home Week 2 Term 4
03.12.2021	Poetry Slam	All Students	Information on Page 5
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



Term 4 Week 3 - Week 5
Attendance Awards - Improvement in Late Arrivals/Early Departures

- Zara Shahid
- Jorja Roser
- Ayesha Hussain
- Micah Commins
- Aiza Shahid



Term 4 Week 3 - Week 5
Attendance Awards - 95% or above attendance

- Callum Watts
- Jorja Roser
- Solana Talty
- Matilda Hockley
- Micah Commins
- Dustin Farquhar
- Lindsay
- Georgia Caldwell
- Isaac Commins



Awards



Lillian Simpson - demonstrating courage in learning.

Matilda Hockley - demonstrating zest within her learning.- Absent

Solana Talty - becoming lost in her creative writing world.

Eric Commins - higher effort in written work.

Eric Commins - using a learners mindset.

Jack Watts - 95% or above attendance

Attendance

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



Term 4 roadmap

From 8 November

- All schools will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4.
- School sports allowed
- Inter-school sports allowed outside of school hours
- Assemblies and presentations allowed outdoors on-site
- Excursions allowed outdoors
- Dancing and some music classes allowed
- Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations
- Community use allowed (including P&C meetings)

From Term 1 2022

We can look forward to more freedoms as schools return in 2022.

Keeping us all safe

A combination of layered safety measures allow us to prioritise student and staff wellness while we keep schools open.

Stay home if unwell

- Do not attend or participate if unwell, even with mild symptoms.



Vaccinations required

- All adults must be fully vaccinated.



Always check in

- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.



Physically distance

- Maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.



Maximise ventilation

- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practicable.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees.



Stick to your cohorts

- Avoid mingling with other groups when moving around the school.



Wear masks indoors

- Masks are required indoors for all staff, visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students.
- You can take your mask off when eating or exercising.



Poetry Slam



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:

Kindergarton	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
1 minute	2 minutes 30 seconds	4 minutes	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 mannner. 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.

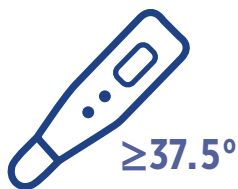
Please indicate your availability to join our poety slam via Zoom, by completing your response in this link. <https://forms.gle/zF4r6SfsrFhUu3f67>. Closing date for replies Thursday 25 November 2021.

A zoom link will be available if a high number of parents indicate they will be attending.

Got symptoms? Get tested.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should be tested.

Symptoms include:



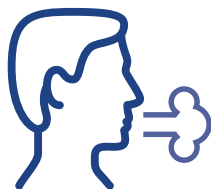
fever



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

MURRURUNDI JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

**Played weekly Thursday
5-6pm starts 9th December 2021**

Ages 4-7/8-12

Registration day 11th Nov/17th Nov 3.30-4.30

Football field grandstand

Registration fee - \$20

Payable upon registration

For enquiries contact

Kylie 0410315890 or Marty 0428659660

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Art with Anita

All students have demonstrated growth mindsets while working on their lino prints with Anita. Discussions between Anita and students, students and their peers and students with staff demonstrate the high level of engagement and challenge these lessons have provided for students. Students have shown a keen commitment to working through their frustrations, sticking to the learning goal and our school motto, "Do Our Best". The high level of success experienced is a result of the effort and mindset students have employed. Go TEAM BLANDFORD!



Blessing of the Animals

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St Paul's Anglican Church

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2021 AT 5.30PM
-- Sausage Sizzle & Drinks provided --
All creatures great & small welcome!
**All animals must be leashed or in carriers*

Church grounds
33 Mount St, Murrurundi

A community gathering for all!
Please call 6546 6157 for further information

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

School Banking update from Commonwealth Bank

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



2021-2022 Xmas School Holidays
TENNIS CAMPS
With Chris Herden, Tennis Australia Club Professional, Former NSW ranked junior, USA college representative.
For ages 4-14 yrs all abilities at Scone, Denman, Casillis and Gresford.

Heaps of fun for beginners and experienced players

Camp includes stroke development, drills, point and game play. You will also play a mix of cricket, soccer and t-ball to help develop hand-eye coordination. With prizes and competitions!

SCONE TENNIS CLUB: Dec 13-15, 20-22, 2021. Jan 24, 25, 27, 2022	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 9-10am Time: 9-12noon	\$15 per day / \$45 per week \$25 per day / \$75 per week
DENMAN TENNIS CLUB: Dec 20-22, 2021. Jan 24, 25, 27, 2022	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 2-3pm Time: 2-5noon	\$15 per day / \$45 per week \$25 per day / \$75 per week
CASILLIS TENNIS CLUB: Dec 20-22, 2021. Jan 24, 25, 27, 2022	For ages: 4-5 For ages: 6-14	Time: 2-3pm Time: 2-5pm	\$15 per day / \$45 per week \$25 per day / \$75 per week
GRESFORD TENNIS CLUB: Dec 23-24, 2021. Jan 28, 2022	For ages: 5-14	Time: 2-5pm	\$25 per day / \$50 per week

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

Term 1, 2022, coaching and match play programs for children 4 to 16 yrs, commencing Jan 30, 2022. Bookings essential.

and Like **Scone Hardcourt Tennis Association**,
Upper Hunter Tennis & Sports and **ANZ Hot Shots** on Facebook



150 Celebrations

Due to playground upgrades planned for February 2022, the committee has decided to postpone our 150 Celebrations to Friday 2 and Saturday 3 September 2022. Notices will be posted on our facebook page, the links and the school newsletter with information of upcoming meetings. The committee warmly welcomes new members. If you would like to be involved in organising the event but are unable to attend meetings please contact the school.

BLANDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL FAIR

held in our beautiful school grounds.
Celebrating 150 years!

Saturday 3 September 2022
10am till 3pm

Lovely Market Stalls
Anniversary celebrations activities &
family games

Contact Blandford Public School for more
details. PH: 02 6546 6117

150TH MEETING

TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2022

HELD IN SCHOOL
LIBRARY AT 6.30PM

COVID GUIDELINES MUST
BE FOLLOWED

ALL ADULTS MUST BE
FULLY VACCINATED



**BLANDFORD PUBLIC
SCHOOL**

**150TH CELEBRATION BAGS
FOR SALE**



\$25.00 EACH

TO PURCHASE

**EMAIL:
BLANDFORDPANDC@GMAIL.COM**

OR

PHONE JODIE - 0488 560 495

**PAYMENT TO: BPS P&C
BSB: 932 000
A/C: 100298204
REF: BAG/SURNAME**

