Gold house triumphs in the pool

February

Week 3
Mon 6: Primary Parent afternoon - 4pm
Tues 7: Secondary Parent night - 5:30pm
Fri 18: Whole school assembly
Central West swimming carnival

Week 4
Tues 14: Guidance Officer visit - Jolie Hannah
Wed 15: P and C meeting, Library 4pm
Fri 17: Leadership Assembly
Blackall Cultural Centre, 9am

Week 5
Tues 21: Guidance Officer visit - Jolie Hannah
Wed 22: Nicole Landers visit - HOSES
Fri 24: Whole school assembly

March

Week 6
Tues 28: Guidance Officer visit - Jolie Hannah
Wed 1 - Fri 3: Qld Principal’s conference.
Mr Ward absent.
Fri 3: Whole school assembly

Week 7
Tues 7: Guidance Officer visit - Jolie Hannah
Wed 8: Nicole Landers visit - HOSES
Thur 9: PHOTO DAY!
Fri 10: Whole school assembly

Week 8
Tues 14: Guidance Officer visit - Jolie Hannah
Fri 24: Whole school assembly
Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who attended our assembly on Friday morning. As was mentioned in the note that went home in week one, this year we will be having a weekly P-12 assembly each Friday morning at 9am. We invite you to attend each week. On Friday we had many students acknowledged for their successes and achievements. Well done to all the students who received a certificate recognizing their successes. We also heard a number of speeches from students who have nominated for a school leadership position. Congratulations to all of these students on writing and presenting their speeches, they all did a great job. Following the speeches, students and staff voted to select the school leaders for 2017. These positions will be announced at a special leadership assembly which will take place in the Cultural Centre at 9am on Friday, 17th of February. Please add this date to your diary and come along.

Parent information nights will take place this week (week three). Primary will be held on the 6th of March at 4pm and Secondary on Tuesday the 7th of February at 5:30pm. These information sessions will be important for all parents to attend.

This year we would like to publish a fortnightly to provide parent with up to date information about things that are happening at the school. If you would like us to e-mail you the newsletter please let us know at the school office.

The painting of A Block is now complete and the fencing will be removed in the coming days. I am sure you will agree that the painting has given the school is looking great.

Once again, welcome back to school for 2017 and thank you for your ongoing support of Blackall State School!

Daniel Ward
Principal

All students who attended the swimming carnival on Friday, 27th January did a great job swimming and supporting their team mates from the sidelines.

The Age Champions for swimming from the carnival held in week one were:

Left to right:
Welcome to all our students and families and a special welcome to new students and their families to the Blackall State School community. Thank you for trusting us to provide your child a high quality ‘Prep to 12’ educational experience, where we support, encourage, challenge and nurture every child within our wonderful Prep to 12 environment.

Our school provides students with a range of advantages and opportunities within a community environment. We have the advantage of knowing the individual students well and encourage students to develop their own personal potential.

Our explicit focus is to work families to ensure students are working on the most effective pathway for them. This pathway will provide them access to their desired career, connected to the university or other training provider or to the workforce.

Throughout the school students engage in quality curriculum that aligns with national standards. Our curriculum and assessment are regularly reviewed to ensure that students at Blackall State School are engaging in nationally and state accredited studies.

Communication
Blackall State School has a range of communication tools to keep parents informed. The Barcoo-ee Newsletter celebrates student achievements and recent news. Our Facebook page, Blackall State School, regularly posts activities from the school and notices and/or reminders. The school also operates a text message and email service directly to parents and caregivers, for this system to work, it is important that parents and caregivers keep their mobile and email contact information up-to-date.

Communication needs to be two ways to be successful, at Blackall State School we encourage parents to attend parent information nights, parent-teacher interviews and school events. Teachers welcome phone calls and emails to discuss your child’s learning. If you have a question or query regarding your child’s learning please consider making a time to catch up with the teacher by phoning for an appointment, emailing or asking them directly for a good time to meet. Should you have any questions for me concerning your child please feel free to phone or email me on afaze1@eq.edu.au.

2016 Seniors
Congratulations to our 2016 senior class. 100% of the class were awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education. 100% of OP eligible students were offered university positions. Students were also successful in obtaining full time apprenticeships, traineeships or employment. This sees all of our 2016 year 12 cohort in further study, training and employment. Well done to all.

Congratulations
Thanks to year 12 students, Patrick, Travis, Joel, Caleb, Jayden and Kayla, who with Miss Alex and Miss Manns cooked the breakfast at Australia Day. Congratulations to all the community recipients of awards, especially to 2016 School Captain, Zach Frost for being awarded Blackall’s Young Citizen of the Year award.

Congratulations to all the students who attended the year 4-12 swimming carnival in the first week and had a great time, especially to our Barcoo Blue who keep on going and congratulations to Gidyea Gold on your win. Thanks to Miss Manns and her many helpers for organising such a great day. We had a 77% attendance for swimming, let’s aim for better at athletics.

Well done to past student Robyn Leek who is taking on a new position at the Blackall Lady Gowrie Child Care Centre. Robyn will be studying as well as working at the facility.

Congratulations to past school captain, Shagun Gandhi, who graduated from dentistry at the end of 2016.

Bonny Lawrence, a former school captain has completed her graduate nursing year and has taken on full time employment in a day surgery.

Do you know of other past students who are achieving well and/or starting new on new journeys, drop the school a email with some details.
AEROBICS OZ STYLE!!

This term in Recreation Studies, the Year 11/12’s will be participating in an aerobics unit. Here they will be exposed to a variety of aerobics routines, and then be required to create their own aerobics routine in pairs or groups of 3. The class had their first routine this week, and were joined by the Year 9/10 HPE, and although they won’t admit it, the kids secretly enjoyed themselves. These lessons will occur every Monday afternoon at the CWA hall.

AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

A big congratulations and thanks to the Year 12 students for volunteering their time to cook the breakfast at the Australia Day celebrations. We had lots of positive feedback on their cooking and services, so they should be congratulated.
BLACKALL STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} January, the Year 4-12’s participated in their annual swimming carnival. A Hawaiian theme appeared to draw the crowd, and we had a relatively good attendance. Students all had a great day, and all behaved exceptionally well, with Gold House taking out the win. Results of the swimming carnival are as follows:

Winning House: Gold = 375 points (Blue = 236 points)

Age Champions

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Records Broken

- ★ 15 years 50m Butterfly Jake Baigrie 32.03 (old record 35.33)
- ★ 15 years 50m Breastroke Jake Baigrie 42.41 (old record 44.02)
- ★ 15 years 50m Freestyle Jake Baigrie 29.00 (old record 30.01)

CENTRAL WEST SPORT DATES

- ★ Central West Swimming Trials (10-19 years) 10\textsuperscript{th} February in Barcaldine
- ★ Central West Netball Trials (10-19 years) 17\textsuperscript{th} February in Longreach
Hi everyone!

Welcome to the new year and to those new to the school community in particular. I’m pleased to be back at Blackall this year as the Guidance Officer (GO) and will be working with Daniel Ward and the staff to provide support to students and families in the school community. Based at Barcaldine SS, I will be visiting Blackall SS each Tuesday throughout the year, travelling also to other schools throughout the region.

It is intended that the role of Guidance Officer at Blackall SS will focus primarily on supporting staff and students in order to achieve personal and educational goals. This includes support in the following areas: Learning/academic, social, personal, behavioural and career counselling. Referrals can be made through contacting me at the school Tuesdays, or alternatively leaving a message on other days.

Students can self-refer through seeking me out in the Student Services room, or teachers with concerns about students may recommend GO support which will then be discussed with parents. Parents are also welcome to contact me at the school.

I’ll also be involved in the new Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) being introduced in the school which I think is a great program for encouraging positive behaviour and including lots of input from the whole school and parents.

I look forward to seeing old and new faces throughout the year.

Jolie Hannah
Secondary Assessment Calendar 2017

Week 2 (30 Jan – 5 Feb)
YEAR 9
English - Panel Discussion Task (Handed Out)
HPE - My Social Responsibility Research Task (Handed Out)

YEAR 10
English - Panel Discussion Task (Handed Out)

YEAR 11
Modern History - Diagnostic 1.1, Friday 3rd February
Physics - Blackboard quiz, by Friday 3rd February

YEAR 12
Film, Television and New Media - Auteur Theory Task (Handed Out)
Mathematics B - Assignment: Periodic Functions and Applications 3 (Handed Out)

Week 3 (6 – 12 Feb)
YEAR 7
English - Journal Entries Task (Handed Out)

YEAR 8
English - Journal Entries Task (Handed Out)

YEAR 11
Ancient History, Pompeii Paragraph – Friday 10th February
Chemistry - Submit practical investigation worksheet by Friday 10th February
Japanese - LP: Vocab; Kanji U1 Task 1
Physics - Blackboard quiz, by Friday 10th February
English - Dramatic Script Task (Handed Out)

YEAR 12
English - Dramatic Script Task (Handed Out)
Mathematics B - Assignment: Periodic Functions and Applications 3 (draft due)

Week 4 (13 – 19 Feb)
YEAR 8
Mathematics Exam - Percentages and Financial Mathematics (2 lessons)

YEAR 9
Mathematics Exam - Algebra and Geometry
Science Assignment - Radioisotopes (handed out)

YEAR 11
IPT - Submit Professional Profile Part A - HTML activity, Friday 19th February
Japanese - LP: Vocab ; Kanji U2A Task 2A
Legal Studies - Diagnostic 1.1, Thursday 18th February

Week 5 (20 – 26 Feb)
YEAR 7
Mathematics Exam - Powers and Roots, Factors, Integers and Fractions

YEAR 9
Science Assignment - Radioisotopes (due)

YEAR 10
Mathematics - Exam: Algebra and Geometry
Week 5 (20 – 26 Feb) cont...

YEAR 11
Ancient History - Part A Task S1.2, Friday 24th February
IPT - Submit HCI Part A Solutions, Friday 24th February
Japanese - LP: Vocab ; Kanji U2B Task 2B
Physics - Blackboard quiz, by Friday 24th February
Film, Television and New Media - You’ve Gotta Have Style Design Task (Handed Out)

YEAR 12
Film, Television and New Media - You’ve Gotta Have Style Design Task (Handed Out)
Mathematics B, Assignment – Periodic Functions and Applications 3 (Final Due)
Film, Television and New Media - Auteur Theory Task (Due)

Week 6 (27 Feb – 5 March)

YEAR 7
English, Journal Entries Task (Due)

YEAR 8
English, Journal Entries Task (Due)

YEAR 9
English - Panel Discussion Task (Due)

YEAR 10
English - Panel Discussion Task (Due)
Science - Genetics Exam 1 hour: Tuesday, 28th February

YEAR 11
English - Panel Discussion Task (Due)
IPT - Submit HCI Part B Solutions, Friday 3rd March
Japanese - LP: Vocab ; Kanji U3A Task 3A
Modern History - Diagnostic 1.2, Friday 3rd March
English - Dramatic Script Task (Due)
English - Multi-Modal Seminar Task (Handed Out)
Visual Art - Unit: Ordinary/Extraordinary. Artwork Analysis (appraising task only) Due Wednesday 1 March

YEAR 12
English - Dramatic Script Task (Due)
English - Multi-Modal Seminar Task (Handed Out)
Visual Art - Unit: Ordinary/Extraordinary. Artwork Analysis (appraising task only) Due Wednesday 1 March

Week 7 (6-12 March)

YEAR 7
English - Analysis of a Literary Text Task (Handed Out)

YEAR 8
English - Analysis of a Literary Text Task (Handed Out)
Mathematics - Assignment: Chance (Handed Out)

YEAR 9
English - Memoir Task (Handed Out)

YEAR 10
English - Memoir Task (Handed Out)

YEAR 11
Ancient History - Part B Task S1.2, Friday 10th March
IPT - Submit Professional Profile Part B - with HCI principles applied, Friday 10th March
Japanese - LP: Vocab ; Kanji U3B
Week 7 (6-12 March) cont...

YEAR 11
Legal Studies - Diagnostic 1.2, Friday 10th March
Physics - Blackboard quiz, by Friday 10th March
Recreation Studies - Sport Safety Exam, Thursday 9th March

YEAR 12
Recreation Studies - Sport Safety Exam, Thursday 9th March

Week 8 (13-19 March)

YEAR 7
Science - Chemistry Exam, 1 hour, Tuesday 14th March
Visual Art - Unit: Creatures in the Sea, Watercolour artworks and Visual journal. Due Thursday 16th March
Mathematics - Assignment: Geometry, Shape and Measurement (handed out)

YEAR 8
Science - Chemistry Exam, 1 hour, Tuesday 14th March
Visual Art - Unit: Creatures in the Sea, Watercolour artworks and Visual journal. Due Thursday 16th March
Mathematics - Assignment: Chance (due)

YEAR 9
HASS - Response to Stimulus Exam, WWII Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th March
Visual Art - Unit: Real Life. Still life artworks and Visual journal. Due Wednesday 15th March
Design & Technology - Recycled Furniture: Planning and Production Journal and Piece. Due Wednesday 15th March

YEAR 10
Mathematics - Exam: Pythagoras’ Theorem and Trigonometry
HASS - Response to Stimulus Exam, WWII, 2 hours, Tuesday 14th and Friday 17th March
Design & Technology - Recycled Furniture: Planning & Production Journal and Piece, Wednesday 15th March

YEAR 11
IPT - S1.2 HTML/HCI Exam Supervised Exam, by Friday 17th March
Japanese - Speaking & Reading Exams, Speaking conducted online or phone
Legal Studies - Short Response Exam, by Wednesday 15th March
Modern History - 2 hour Exam, before 17th March
Physics - Supervised Exam, by Friday 17th March
English Communication - Unit: Australian Identity. Short Story. Friday 17 March.
Biology - Supervised Exam, Monday 13th March
ICT - Document Design Folio, Wednesday 15th March

YEAR 12
English Communication - Unit: Australian Identity. Short Story. Friday 17 March.
Biology - Supervised Exam, Monday 13th March
ICT - Document Design Folio, Wednesday 15th March

Week 9 (20-26 March)

YEAR 7
Science - Experimental Report Plan, Friday 24th March
Mathematics - Assignment: Geometry, Shape and Measurement (Due)
Design & Technology - Food Production Folio: Tuesday 21st March
HPE - Food for Life Assignment, Wednesday 22nd March
HPE - Dance Divas Performance, Friday 24th March
Humanities - Ottoman Empire Research Task, Friday 24th March
Week 9 (20-26 March) cont...

YEAR 8
Science - Experimental Report Plan, Friday 24th March
Design & Technology - Food Production Journal, Tuesday 21st March
HPE - Food for Life Assignment, Wednesday 22nd March
HPE - Dance Divas Performance, Friday 24th March
Humanities - Ottoman Empire Research Task, Friday 24th March

YEAR 9
HPE, My Social Responsibility Research Task (Due)
Mathematics - Exam: Pythagoras’ Theorem and Trigonometry
Digital Technologies - Collection of Work: Web Applications (Due)
Design & Technology Sustainable Living Solutions Design Portfolio (Planning), Wednesday 22 March

YEAR 10
Digital Technologies - Collection of Work: Web Applications (Due)
Mathematics - Exam: Trigonometry Extension Topic

YEAR 11
Mathematics B - Exam: Introduction to Functions 1 and Periodic Functions and Applications 1
Ancient History - Supervised Assessment S1.1, Short Answer Exam, Wednesday 22 March
Chemistry - Supervised exam, by Thursday 23rd March
Film, Television and New Media - You’ve Gotta Have Style Design Task (Due)
Recreation Studies - Aerobics Performance, Monday 20th March
Maths A - Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 22nd March
ICT - Document Design Spoken Evaluation, Wednesday 22nd March
Agricultural Science - Pasture Development – Extended Response (Analytical Response), Friday 24th March

Week 10 (27-31 March)

YEAR 7
Science Experimental Report Draft, Friday 31st March
English, Analysis of a Literary Text Task (Due)

YEAR 8
Science Experimental Report Draft, Friday 31st March
Year 8, English, Analysis of a Literary Text Task (Due)

YEAR 9
English, Memoir Task (Due)

YEAR 10
10 Science, Evolution Research Report, Friday 31st March
Year 10, English, Memoir Task (Due)

YEAR 11
IPT - Submit Professional Profile Part C - with interactive JavaScript, before Friday 31st March
Modern History - Summative 1.2 Part A, Written Research, before Friday 31st March
Physics - EEI – Projectile Motion RA Proposal Due: Friday 31st March
English, Multi-Modal Seminar Task (Due)
Film, Television and New Media, You’ve Gotta Have Style Production Task (Handed Out)

YEAR 12
English, Multi-Modal Seminar Task (Due)
Film, Television and New Media, You’ve Gotta Have Style Production Task (Handed Out)