



# Welcome to Kindergarten at Blaxland East Public School



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## Welcome to Blaxland East Public School

It is our aim that your child will settle happily into our school in this important first year. This booklet has been compiled to help make these first few weeks a little easier.

## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a proactive whole-school approach for creating a positive, safe and supportive school climate where the whole school community works together.



At Blaxland East Public School we are dedicated to teaching and modelling our PBL Core Values and expectations. These are:

- *Be Respectful* – take care of others, self and property
- *Excellence Always* – demonstrate your best, in work, behaviour and treatment of others
- *Participate Courageously* – have a go; in the classroom, on the playground, at sporting events, on excursions
- *Serve Others* – help others out, be safe, be kind, be inclusive, show that you care.
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## Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

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## First Day

You will be given a starting time for your child. We like to stagger the entrance times to enable us to welcome and settle each child into the classroom. Please take your child to the Kindergarten room at the allocated start time.

One of our Blaxland East Public School staff will greet you at the door and give your child a name sticker. A new sticker will be provided each day for the first few weeks to enable staff in the classroom and on the playground to get to know your child.

Most children cope best with parting from parents if they are farewelled cheerfully with a kiss and cuddle and a definite statement about when you will be returning.

For the first week of school Kindergarten students will leave at 2.50pm to find their parents before the remainder of the school is dismissed at 3.00pm. Please meet your child at the classroom.

## Absences

The school is required to keep a daily record of attendance.

If your child is away you will need to enter the absence on the Sentral for Parents App to explain the absence. Otherwise you can also send a note in with your child explaining the reason for the absence.

If your child is late to school please visit the office to pick up a late note before going to the classroom.

If there is a need to pick up your child early from school, please visit the office for an early leaver's pass before collecting your child.

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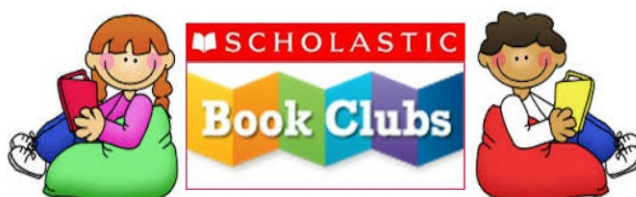
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## Bell Times

|                   |                                  |
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| 8.30am            | Playground supervision commences |
| 9.00am            | Class begins                     |
| 10.55am – 11.00am | Recess eating time               |
| 11.00am - 11.30am | Recess play                      |
| 1.20pm - 1.30pm   | Lunch eating time                |
| 1.30pm - 2.00pm   | Lunch play                       |
| 3.00pm            | Home bell                        |

## Book Club

The school participates in the Scholastic Book Club. Twice a term the students receive a leaflet about the books available for purchase. There is no obligation to participate. This is offered to the students to encourage reading for enjoyment and as a source of reasonably priced books designed to appeal to children of different ages.



## Canteen



Your child will be able to purchase healthy snacks and lunch from the 'Lori Eats' Canteen run by the Blaxland East P&C. The Canteen is open Tuesday to Friday inclusive.

Canteen orders can be made online via the Spriggy School App. Please note that the ordering cut-off is 9.00am.

Kindergarten students are not permitted to buy food during recess in Term 1.

Volunteers are always welcome and if you are able to assist please see Valerie, the Canteen Manager or call the school on 4739 1579.

## Change of Clothes

Please place a change of clothes, including underwear in your child's school bag. Children starting school are more prone to "accidents" as they can be forgetful when engrossed in new activities.



## Bayadyi Wadi (Talking Stick)

The Bayadyi Wadi is produced weekly and sent out via the Sentral Parent Portal listing all notes sent home during the preceding week, an upcoming events calendar and any permission notes/payments with closing dates.

## Hat

Our wonderful P&C have donated a hat to each student, and this will be issued at your child's best start interview. The school has a sun-safe policy and all students without hats are asked to stay in the shaded areas when outside.



## Label your child's belongings

Please clearly label your child's clothes (jumpers, hats), food containers, drink bottles, school and library bags so they may be returned to your child if found.

## Library Bag

A cloth library bag is needed to carry and protect borrowed books. The class teacher will advise when it is necessary to bring the library bag in. Your child may like to use the bag they received at orientation.



## Lost Property

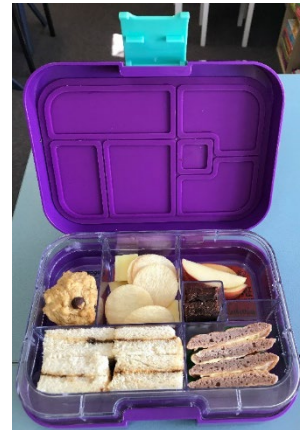
Lost clothing, drink bottles and lunch boxes are placed at the front of the Library each day. As we near the end of each term, the lost property collection at the front of the Library does get quite full. To avoid any items being donated, we encourage you to check for any lost clothing, drink bottles, or lunch boxes before the end of the term. After this time, any remaining items will be cleaned, and those in good condition will be donated for reuse.

## Lunch Box and Drink Bottle

To help ensure lost items are returned and to support your child's independence, please make sure that names are clearly written on all drink bottles, and lunch boxes. Encourage your child to become familiar with their lunch items by practicing identifying which is for crunch and sip, which is for recess, and which is for lunchtime.

Additionally, it's beneficial for children to practice opening plastic wrap and inserting straws into drink poppers. Where possible, please minimize packaging to make it easier for little hands and encourage your child to dispose of their own rubbish. Parents also need to be aware that we have students at our school who are anaphylactic to nuts.

Keeping lunch items small and lightweight can also help children manage their bags more independently



## Money Collection

Throughout the year, we will send out notes via the Sentral Parent Portal App requesting permission and payment for excursions and in-school activities.

If you prefer to pay by cash, please follow these steps:

1. Place the exact amount of money in a securely sealed envelope.
2. Clearly mark the envelope with your child's name, class, and the purpose of the payment.
3. Submit the envelope through the money slot in the office.
4. Along with the cash, provide a separate permission note for each student.

## School Bag

Your child needs to be able to identify their bag easily as there may be other bags that look exactly the same. A special tag or a colourful ribbon may help. The bag also needs the child's name on the outside and the name, address or phone number on the inside. Please help your child to practise independently packing, opening and closing their bag.



## Scripture

Kindergarten students have the opportunity to participate in Special Religious Education of either Catholic or Christian as well as Special Education in Ethics.

A non-scripture option is also offered.

## Sick Bay

A child who is ill or has an accident at school may be sent to the sick bay.

In the event of this happening to your child the office staff may wish to contact you quickly.

Please ensure that all contact telephone numbers, including emergency contact numbers, are current and that the school is informed in writing or via email to

[blaxlande-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:blaxlande-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) of any changes.



## Travel by Public Transport

Applications for school Opal Cards can be made online at <https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/child-student-concessions/primary-secondary-school> All Kindergarten children are entitled to a free school Opal Card if they require this service.



## Volunteering at School

Our school greatly values the support of parent volunteers for various activities, including Literacy and Maths groups, afternoon development sessions, the Canteen, and special activities like crafts or sports.

If you're interested in volunteering, please note the following requirements:

1. Visit the school office to complete the form titled "Working with Children Check: Declaration for Volunteers and Non-Child-Related Contractors."
2. Provide a valid form of photo identification.

Your involvement is greatly appreciated and contributes significantly to our school community.

## Uniforms

School uniforms can be purchased anytime online via the Spriggy Schools App. Your order will be processed and delivered directly to your child's classroom.

The Uniform Shop opens once each Term and parents will be notified via Sentral Parent Portal of the opening dates and times. On these designated days, both EFTPOS and cash payments are accepted.

The school office is unable to receive payments for school uniforms at any time.







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