

Dates to Remember Term Four 2019

Friday 29 Nov—Infants Excursion—Millthorpe Museum

Friday 29 Nov— P & F Colour Run

Tuesday 3 November - P & F Meeting 6pm

Thursday 5 Dec—Year 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner

Friday 6 Dec—Student Leadership 2020 Voting Day

Tuesday 10 Dec—Special Assembly 2pm in St Joseph's School Hall

Thursday 12 Dec—School Presentation Evening

Friday 13 Dec—Assembly ES1/S1 at 9:00am

Friday 13 Dec—Carols by Candlelight—Carrington

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Wednesday 18 Dec—Final day of school for 2019



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

To Strive for Better Things

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Sunday 1 December 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gospel Reading Matthew 24: 37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

28TH NOVEMBER 2019

New Liturgical Year Begins - Year A

Reflection on the Gospel-1st Sunday of Advent Year A,

(Matthew 24:37-44)

We must be "awake" and "ready" all the time because we need to recognise the multiple "advents" or arrivals of the Christ who calls us beyond selfabsorption to Life,

writes Mercy Sister Veronica Lawson.



First Sunday in Advent

BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER,

TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER.

as God in Christ

FORGAVE YOU.

EDHESIAMS 4-32

The Advent Wreath is rich in symbolism:

The circular shape, with no beginning or end symbolizes the eternity of God

Purple candles symbolise penance

The Rose candle, lit on the third Sunday stands for joy

The use of greenery, usually evergreens, signifies continuous life.

WHAT IS HAPPENING - Tomorrow Friday 29 November 2019

Fri 29 Nov-ES1 & S1 (Infants) Excursion to Millthorpe

P&F Colour Run

WHAT IS HAPPENING NEXT WEEK? - WEEK 8

Thurs 5 Dec - Yr6 Graduation Mass and Dinner 6pm at St James Church

Fri 6 Dec - School Leadership 2020 Voting Day

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Principal's Message

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2020.

BURSARY

As you would be aware, our school is in a very fortunate position with not one, but <u>two</u> Bursary's on offer to new and existing families for 2020.

I am therefore taking the liberty to send each family a copy of the application for a Bursary.

We have on offer **The St James Parish Bursary** for part or full fee relief <u>and</u> **The Michael Powell Memorial Bursary** for part or full fee relief.

Applications and successful recipients can be kept confidential on request but to receive a Bursary is very similar to receiving a Scholarship and should therefore be considered with the same prestige.

I sincerely hope that you will consider applying for a Bursary for 2020. It would be a dreadful shame for the kind offers of those responsible to go unaccepted.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

WELCOME

We welcome Mrs Annette Short to our St Joseph's family for 2020. Mrs Short who has over 20 years of highly valued teaching experience will join our teaching staff working with Mrs Kellie Sullivan. Mrs Short will also link our school closely to the *Little Joey's* (Transition program where her skills and expertise will also be put to good use).

We are very much looking forward to Mrs Short's contributions to our school.

VISITOR

It was lovely today to receive a special visit from Mrs Kerry Maher, Principal of St Mary's Orange. Mrs Maher is a past REC and teacher of our school and she was keen to have a tour of our school to note its many changes and directions.

Mrs Maher was indeed most impressed by our well mannered students, our spacious learning areas, our expansive grounds and welcoming staff.

STUDENT MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL DEVICE POLICY

Students are not permitted to have mobile phones/personal devices in their possession during school hours. On arrival at school, students are to submit their phones/devices to the office and they may be collected at 3.15pm once dismissed from class. Students are not permitted to use their mobile phones/ devices on bus lines. In an emergency, parents can contact their children via the school administration office.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS/DINNER

Year Six Graduation Mass and dinner will be held on Thursday 5th December. The Mass will be held at St James' Church commencing at 6pm The Graduation Dinner will be held at 7:00pm St Joseph's School Hall.

REC News

Prayer for Rain

Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians – Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop – Pray for us.

Mini Vinnies St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Please consider giving to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

With the impact of the drought being felt across our region, Mini Vinnies are asking for specific items that can be used to lift the spirits of those affected financially.

Movie tickets, bags, boxes of chips, biscuits or nut bars, cordial (variety of flavours), packets of sugar, tinned food, Christmas Puddings (small) nuts or dried fruit, tea, coffee.

At the Week 6 Assembly last Friday, Mini Vinnies presented each class with an empty hamper. Classes will be encouraged to collect goods. These will be presented at our final school assembly in Week 9.



Carols At Carrington - 7:30pm

Can you join Mrs Basha and other staff and proudly represent our school in the local community for 10 minutes?

SINGING

Rockin Little Shepherds and One Very Special Night

WEARING

School Sports Uniform with added Christmas Cheer eg reindeer ears, Santa hat, tinsel in hair.

Represent your school to receive a Certificate of Representation and 5 Scholar Dollars.

We really hope to see you there to help showcase our fabulous students and school in the local community.



Mass Times

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil - Immaculate Conception Church Carcoar
 6:00pm (Oct-Apr) (2nd & 4th Saturday)
 5:00pm (May-Sept) (2nd & 4th Saturday)

Sunday St James' Church Blayney 9:00am (cuppa after Mass – All Welcome)

St Canice's Church Millthorpe 11:00am (1st & 3rd Sunday of the month)

St Laurence's Church Mandurama & Trunkey Creek – No regular Mass, but Funerals when required. Marriages and Baptisms by appointment. Ring 6331 3066

Weekdays

Thursday 9:30am at St James' Church Blayney



Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – Tuesday 24th December 6:00pm St James' Church Blayney 7:30pm Immaculate Conception Church Carcoar Christmas Day – Wednesday 25th December 7.30am St Canices' Church Millthorpe 9:00am St James' Church Blayney

Boxing Day – Thursday 26th December 9:30am St James' Church Blayney



Professional Development

Mrs Sally Ostini and Mrs Kerrie Basha attended a meeting with fellow Principals and REC's to discuss 2020 Sacramental program. The meeting was hosted by Fr Paul.

Mrs Fran Hodson has attended two days of training at the CEDB to learn more about our Diocesan 'Ready for Learning' programme.

Today Miss Annika Dicker is in Wellington attending the annual Sports Contacts meeting for the Bathurst Dioceses as well as the Catholic Schools Sport NSW Professional Development for the roll out of the new sports portal. Miss Dicker is learning of any new changes or additions to the Pathways of Schools Sports Australia.



Student Leadership 2020

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 2020

This week Mrs Basha spent time with Yr5 discussing and preparing the students for Leadership opportunities in 2020.

Each student was provided with An Application for School Leader at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School 2020. Those wishing to be considered are required to complete the application, sign it and have their parents sign it also. Completed forms are to be returned to Mrs Hobby <u>prior to 3.15pm Friday 29 November.</u>

The voting process will take place Friday 6 December. <u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Voting Day is for staff and student attendance only.

All Yr6 students at our school are indeed *leaders of our school community,* whether they are badged or not. High expectations will be required of all our Yr6 students.



Infants Excursion

Kindergarten and Stage One will be visiting Millthorpe Museum tomorrow, Friday 29 November 2019, as part of an educational and social experience.

Important points to remember in relation to the excursion are:

- Students will depart from Blayney at 11:38am by train and will return by 3pm by bus
- Students are asked to wear their full sports uniform, including hat, sunscreen and comfortable joggers
- Students are asked to **bring a packed recess, lunch, afternoon tea** and a large drink (enough food to sustain them for a long day)
- Please ensure your child is medicated/prepared if they suffer from motion sickness





P & f Colour Obstacle Run



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Our P&F are calling for volunteers to assist with our school COLOUR RUN, which will be held **TOMORROW—FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 2019.**

This is a great fun event for all families and raises some funds for the benefit of our students along the way. <u>These events can't happen though if we do not get volunteers.</u>

We will be looking for volunteers to help set up after 8.30am on the day.

School Information

WE ARE LIVE! School Website

Take a moment to look at our new school website. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Blayney. Along with COMPASS, it will be our one stop place for school information. http://www.stjosephsblayney.catholic.edu.au/

GRADUATION MASS & DINNER

An invitation has been extended to Year 6 students and their families to attend the Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner on Thursday 5 December 2019.

Students, parents and invited guests will attend a Graduation mass in St James' Church at 6.00pm followed by a graduation dinner in St Joseph's School Hall.

Year 5 parents have been invited to assist with catering and/or provide a salad or dessert on the night.



THE COST OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

\$5.05 per day.

That is what it costs in school fees to send your child to Kindergarten at our school.

With a 1:7 teacher to student ratio I am sure you will agree that *\$5.05 per day* is money well spent.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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Fri 29 Nov	ES1 & S1 (Infants) Excursion to Millthorpe
	P & F Colour Fun Run - 6pm
Thurs 5 Dec	Yr6 Graduation Mass and Dinner - 6pm
Fri 6 Dec	Student Leadership 2020 Voting Day
Tues 10 Dec	Special Awards Assembly at 2pm in St Joseph's School Hall
Thurs 12 Dec	School Presentation Evening - Blayney Community Centre - 6pm
Fri 13 Dec	ES1/S1 Assembly - 9am
	Carols By Candlelight - 'Rock 'n' Roll Angels' - Carrington Park at 7:30pm
Tues 17 Dec	End of School Year Mass - St James Church - 9.30am
Wed 18 Dec	Final day of school for 2019
2020	
Tues 28 Jan	Staff return - TLD (Teacher Learning Day)
Wed 29 Jan	Kindergarten & Year 6 students commence the 2020 school year
Thurs 30 Jan	Years 1 – 5 commence the 2020 school year

Classroom News

YEAR 5 AND BLAYNEY PRE-SCHOOL BUDDY READING PROGRAM

Some Year 5 students have recently visited Blayney Preschool to participate in the Buddy Reading Program. Our wonderful Year 5 students entertained the young pre-schoolers with books from our Library. Today they also got to play some outside games with their young friends.

We are very proud of Year Five for their excellent be-















School Information

Ladies of the Land NSW is the brainchild of Cumnock farmer Elzette Connan and Orange woman Tracey Potts. They aim to deliver shoebox sized pamper packages to ladies on the land in drought affected areas in a bid to offer support and hope and make the women know they are not alone or forgotten.

Pamper packages can include various items including, tea, chocolates, books, coffee mugs, candles, hand creams, the list can be endless!! The items are to be presented in a shoebox sized box wrapped in newspaper or tissue paper with a ribbon and a personal-ised message of encouragement and support.

In support of this initiative St Joseph's are proud to announce they have collaborated with Ladies of the Land to be a drop off point for the Blayney community for anyone wishing to

donate a pamper package. All packages are to be delivered by the 9th December to ensure the packages are ready for distribution on the 10th December. Packages can be delivered during school hours of 9am to 3:20 pm weekdays.

#bustthedust

We have accepted the challenge!

St John's School, Trangie, have challenged all schools across NSW to BUST THE DUST and perform a <u>rain</u> <u>dance on Friday 13 December.</u>

Our School Leaders, Zara and Kade contacted the School Leaders of St John's this week and after asking some very important questions about their struggles, song choice, time limits and publicity, the challenge was accepted.

Yr6 have compiled a list of possible tunes eg Rain dance, Another One Bites the Dust etc and next week we will commence learning our choreographed rain dance and hopefully cause the heavens to open and rain to pour.

#bustthedust is a student initiative to support awareness of mental health for young people affected by drought.

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ST JAMES BURSARY for OUR SCHOOL

I am honoured to join with Fr Paul to offer the St James Bursary to a family/families of our school for 2020.

The *St James Bursary* is supported by the CEDB to provide financial support to eligible families aimed to help reduce the cost of school fees, school uniforms, the Diocesan Building Levy and other school costs in order to help them access Catholic education at our school.

The *St James Bursary* is offered to <u>new families to our school</u>, as well as <u>existing families</u>. The Bursary may be a partial or full concession. It is aimed to support those experiencing hardship.

Application forms will be available on our new school website or from the front office from 6 November 2019.

MICHAEL POWELL MEMORIAL BURSARY for OUR SCHOOL

I am honoured to join with Mrs Sue Powell and family to offer the *Michael Powell Memorial Bursary* to a family/ families of our school for 2020.

The *Michael Powell Memorial Bursary*, supported by the Powell family, will provide financial support to eligible families aimed to help reduce the cost of school fees, school uniforms and other school costs in order to assist them access Catholic education at our school.

Like the *St James Bursary*, it will be offered to <u>new families to our school</u>, as well as <u>existing families</u>. The Bursary may be a partial or full concession. It is aimed to support those experiencing hardship.

Application forms will be available on our new school website or from the front office from 6 November 2019.





What does it provide?

- A bursary provides a full or partial cover of school fees, uniform, the Diocesan Capital Works Levy and other costs specific to a school
- The bursary is aimed at assisting families experiencing financial difficulties
- The time limit and amount of the bursary is normally reviewed annually but this will be discussed and negotiated with each individual family depending on the individual circumstances
- The bursary can be transferred between Catholic schools of the Diocese of Bathurst, but cannot be transferred to schools outside Catholic schools of the Diocese of Bathurst and cannot be transferred as a cash amount.

How do I apply?

- Families are asked to please request the bursary application from your local Catholic school (each school will name their program specifically to their school so don't be worried if one school's bursary program is titled differently to another).
- 2. Please complete the application and return it to your school.
- 3. The school may request additional documentation to support your application.
- 4. A meeting will be arranged with the principal and parish priest at a convenient time.
- 5. The result of the application will be sent to you in writing once the school has considered the application.

Enrolling Now

We are presently accepting enrollments for 2020 *Transition* and *K*-6.

Contact the school today for information and to book your personal tour.



Transition to School Program

YES!! IT IS HAPPENING!! -

Enrolment Forms available at the school office

It is with much excitement that we announce that *Little Joey's* will continue in 2020.

Please contact the school if you wish to find out more about what exciting learning opportunities the *Little Joey* program offers or if you would like to enrol your child into the program.

Joey's is a *free* Transition to School program for children who will be attending school in 2021.



Enrolling Now for 2020

Little Joey's Transition Program



A free pre-Kinder program led by qualified instructors. Preparing children for successful transition to Kindergarten for 2021. **Contact us today for your personal tour...**

Connect. Achieve. Succeed.

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Want to know what is happening at school?

The best way to stay on top of what is happening at school is to regularly read our newsletter and check your emails over COMPASS. This is our main source of communication.

St Joseph's School Facebook and Instagram will not be used for 'what is happening' notices. COMPASS and our new website page will be the places to go for such information. This is where you will find our weekly newsletters and other important notices.

COMPASS can be difficult for some to install. It happens in all schools. But once installed on your phone, iPad or laptop, it is very easy to use.

If you have difficulty setting COMPASS to your device, please call the school or drop in with your device and we will assist you.

Compass Parent Portal for St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Blayney

Our school is using the Compass School Manager as our Parent Portal.

By using our parent portal you will be able to:

- Book your Parent/Student/Teacher conferences ۲
- Access your child's Student Semester Reports ٠
- Access information regarding upcoming events and news ٠
- Absent notes

Please contact our Administration Office for your username and generated password or if you need assistance or have any questions, on 02 6368 2243 or email: stjosephsblayney@bth.catholic.edu.au.

Accessing Compass

Compass is a web-based system that is accessible on any modern web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) or by using the Compass iOS or Android apps. Search for 'Compass School Manager' in the store. THEN TYPE IN BLAYNEY, from there you can selection St Joseph's Blayney

Every family receives a separate login to Compass which will be provided to you by our school. If you are having trouble finding the Compass link you can go to <u>http://schools.compass.edu.au</u> where you can search for and find our school's direct URL.

Just type in Blayney



UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

TUESDAY Morning 8.45am – 9.15am THURSDAY afternoon 2.45pm – 3.15pm









The school community wishes the following students a very happy birthday.

LAUREN REDMOND, JAYDEN HENRY.

P & F Meeting

Please be informed that a P and F Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 3 December at 6pm.** This is the final P & F meeting for 2019. It will be held in the St Joseph's staffroom.

Canteen

Due to our exciting canteen renovations we have had to make a change to our canteen menu. Starting **this week** (week 7) we will **no** longer have our \$5.00 weekly special but instead some items will be added to our everyday menu. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Your anticipated understanding and support during renovations is very much appreciated.

St Joseph's Primary School Canteen Menu – Summer 2019 Canteen is open on Thursday & Friday

Sandwiches - BREAD or WRAP	Cost
Jam , Honey, Vegemite or Cheese	\$2.00
Ham, Chicken, Tuna or Egg	\$3.00
 Add cheese, tomato or avocado - extra 	\$0.50
 Add Salad - extra 	\$1.00
 Toasted - extra 	\$0.50
 Sauces - BBQ, tomato, Sweet Chilli or Mayo 	
Salad Box with Hommos	\$4.00
 Add Ham, Chicken, Tuna or Egg - extra 	\$1.00
Chicken wrap with cheese, sweet chilli mayo, lettuce & tomato	\$5.00
Hot Food	Cost
Pie or Potato top pie	\$4.00
Sausage Rolls	\$3.00
Sausage Kolis	
Party Pies	\$1.00 each
Party Pies	
Party Pies Chicken Yummies	
Party Pies Chicken Yummies Pizzas	\$1.50 each
Party Pies Chicken Yummies Pizzas • Cheese	\$1.50 each \$3.00
Party Pies Chicken Yummies Pizzas • Cheese • Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Party Pies Chicken Yummies Pizzas • Cheese • Ham & Cheese • Hawaiian	\$1.50 each \$3.00 \$4.00 \$4,50
Party Pies Chicken Yummies Pizzas • Cheese • Ham & Cheese • Hawaiian • BBQ Chicken Lasagne	\$1.50 each \$3.00 \$4.00 \$4,50 \$4.50 \$4.50
Party Pies Chicken Yummies Pizzas • Cheese • Ham & Cheese • Hawailan • BBQ Chicken	\$1.50 each \$3.00 \$4.00 \$4,50 \$4.50 \$4.50 \$5.00

Chips	Cost
Monster Noodle Snacks	\$0.50
Shapes	\$0.50
JJ's	\$1.00
Jumpy's	\$1.50
Grain Waves	\$1.50
Red Rock	\$1.50

Ice Creams	Cost
Zooper Doopers	\$0.50
Quelch Frozen Sticks	\$0.50
Jelly Cups	\$0.50
Ice Cream Cups	\$1.50
Twisted Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.50

Drinks	Cost
Bottled Water	\$1.50
Choc or Strawberry Moove	\$2.00
Juice Poppers	\$1.00

Baked Treats	Cost
A variety of homemade cookies, cakes & slices, which changes weekly - ranging from	\$0.50 - \$1.50
Please put me on the I	ridge
Canteen Telephone Number Marie O'Dea's Mobile: 041	

Canteen Helpers needed for Fridays
Contact: Canteen Number 6368 3891 or Maree 0418 809 928

Summer Reading



READING CHALLENGE

READ 10 OR MORE BOOK to go into the draw to win one of four ipad min

The Summer Reading Challenge is about to begin, so grab some books and start reading !

ALL ENTRIES GO IN A DRAW TO WIN ONE OF FOUR IPADS: Download and keep a

- Download and keep a reading log
- Enter your books read on the online entry form



See the link below for more information

The Summer Reading Challenge 2020

or http://www.bth.catholic.edu.au



Summer Reading



EXPAND YOUR IMAGINATION BY READING THIS SUMMER

These summer holidays, the Summer Reading Challenge will begin and we are encouraging all students to read, read, read! Students can read anything they like to enter the challenge, whether it's a comic, play, book, e-book or graphic novel.

READ TO LEARN... READ FOR FUN... READ TO WIN

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in our systemic Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bathurst. Students need to independently read 10 or more age-appropriate books (5 full length novels for secondary) during the summer holidays to go into the draw to **win one of four iPads**.

HOW TO ENTER

If you would like to keep an informal record of the books you have read over summer, then download and complete the <u>personal reading log</u> (or print the page below). Once your challenge is complete, <u>enter your list of read books</u> <u>online</u> to go into the draw for a prize (the link to the entry form is also available on the Catholic Education Office website). A parent or guardian must confirm books read prior to entry. **Entries must be received by 5pm, Thursday 6 February 2020.** The draw will take place on Friday 15 February 2019 and the winners will be published on the <u>Catholic Education Website</u>.

READING SUGGESTIONS

Following are some suggestions for books to read to get the summer reading challenge started. You may also like to refer to the <u>NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Reading List</u> for some further ideas.

Books for Children Years K-6 (10+ books)		Books for Children Years 7-12 (5+ novels)	
Author	Title	Author	Title
Bryan Evans and Kimberly Moon	Alphabet town	Various authors (32 books)	Our Australia Girl Series
John Bendall-Bruello	Dinosnore	Morris Gleitzman	Once, Then, Now and After
Lynley Dodd	Hairy Maclary & Friends Series	Tim Winton	Blueback
Penny Hall	Alan the Alien Alan the Alien	Jackie French	The Girl from Snowy River
Jane Ray	Can you Catch a Mermaid	Markus Zusak	The Book Thief
Louise Fitzhugh	Harriet the Spy	Margo Lanagan	Sea Hearts
Geraldine McCaughrean	The Kite Rider	Neil Grant	The Ink Bridge
Leonie Norrington	Barrumbi Kids	Vikki Wakefield	Friday Brown
Anna Sewell	Black Beauty	Doug MacLeod	The Shiny Guys
Kellie McDounald	Antarctica	Diane Touchell	Creepy and Maud
Joanne Horniman	About a girl	Suzy Zail	The Wrong Boy

Summer Reading



Personal Reading Log

Name	
School	Suburb
School Year (2020)	D.O.B.
Total Books Read	

Simply read **10 or more (or 5 novels for secondary) age-appropriate books** during the Summer holidays to go into the draw to win one of four iPads in the Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.

Record each book you have read on this personal reading log. Once you have completed the reading challenge, enter this information online by clicking this link Entry Form. A parent or guardian must verify the books you have read prior to entry.

Entries must be completed by 5pm, Thursday 6 February 2020. The draw will take place on Friday 14 February 2020 and winners will be published on the Catholic Education website <u>http://www.bth.catholic.edu.au/</u>

Title	Author	Parent/guardian signature	Date

School /Community Noticeboard



FREE coaching clinic for those on scooters, skateboards or BMX bikes Sun 15/12 from 1pm at 4pm at Blayney's skate park at the heritage adventure playground. All ages, all skill levels. BYO set of wheels and a helmet. Rick Konza from Bluntside Sk8 will run the session, which Blayney Town Assoc has organised and Blayney Shire Council has funded.