

Dates to Remember Term Four 2019

Tuesday 3 November - P & F Meeting 6pm

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St Toseph's Catholic Primary School

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5 December 2019

Sunday 8 December 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gosvel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8 DECEMBER 2019

Liturgical Year - Year A

(A voice in the wildness

calls to prepare

For we are standing on the edge of changes

(Across the desert sands

(And the mountains high



WHAT IS HAPPENING - Tomorrow Friday 6 December 2019

FRI 6 DEC - School Leadership 2020 Voting Day

MON 9 DEC - Yr 6 Reward Day

TUES 10 DEC - Special Awards Assembly - 2pm - St Joseph's Hall Visit to Local Nursing Homes - Lee Hostel, Littlewood House & Uralba Carcoar

THURS 12 DEC - Presentation Evening - Blayney Community Centre - 6pm

FRI 13 DEC - ES1/S1 Assembly - 9am - St Joseph's Hall Bust the Dust - 2pm - school oval Carols by Candlelight - Carrington 7:30pm

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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.

COLOUR RUN

You must be very proud of your school community. Not all schools can come together on a Friday night to set up, clean up and provide such a fun, relaxed atmosphere for families and friends and children of all ages.

Many thanks to our volunteers who helped make the evening such a success and to our amazing students whose smiles and laughter rang loud and clear throughout the evening.

I'm still removing bits of colour but you can now confidently say that I have participated in a school colour run.

And I would do it all again.

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.

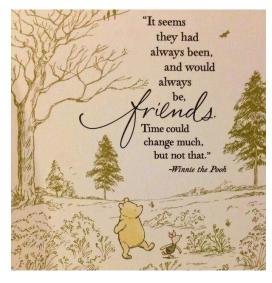
http://www.stjosephsblayney.catholic.edu.au/

P & F —Thank you

Many thanks to our out going 2019 P&F committee, who have tirelessly collaborated for the benefit of everyone's child.

Our AGM for 2020 will be held Tuesday 4 February at 6pm.

Please feel welcome to join our team of friendly parents.



Class of 2019



































GRADUATION MASS & DINNER

A Graduation Mass will be held tonight at St James' Church. We would like to extend a thank you to the many parents and friends who will share this very special occasion with us this evening.

We also thank Father Paul who will be celebrating this special Mass with us and the support that he has provided to our Year 6 students during their time at St Joseph's.

This Mass will provide an opportunity for us to acknowledge the Year 6 students as our School Leaders for 2019, and to wish them well in their future education.

It is our hope that Year 6 will take with them all the knowledge, experiences, friendships and faith that they have gained during their time at St Joseph's.

After Mass, students and their families will enjoy a special meal in the St Joseph's School Hall.

Special thanks must go to Mrs Jenny Cheney and the many Year Five parents who volunteered to help. The evening would not have been possible without these wonderful people.

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.

Live the life you imagine

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.



SPECIAL INVITATION:

St Joseph's CPS warmly welcomes you to our

Special Award Assembly

Tuesday 10 December 2019 St Joseph's Hall 2pm



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



BLUE BANNERS

Those students who have received 3 blue banners are eligible to receive a maroon banner at Presentation Evening.

To ensure that no students are accidently overlooked, those students with 3 blue banners are asked to bring them into school for verification.

SPECIAL INVITATION:

St Joseph's CPS warmly welcomes you to our 2019 Presentation Evening

Thursday 12 December 2019 Blayney Community Centre 6pm

Student Leadership 2020

STUDENT LEADERSHIP 2020

We are very much looking forward to voting for our 2020 Student Leadership Team. This is a closed event for staff and students only.

























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.

Presentation Night

Presentation Night Organisation

This year, students will arrive at the Community Centre attired in their **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM.** After the Presentation of Awards, students will be taken to change into their costumes for their performances. Please ensure **ALL** uniforms are clearly labelled.

COSTUMES

INFANTS—PRESENTATION NIGHT

- · White t-shirt (may be worn under uniform)
- Black shorts/skirt (may be worn under uniform)
- · White socks
- · Black school shoes
- · The students will be wearing hats (provided). Please ensure neat, tied back hairstyles which will allow a hat to sit comfortably on your child's head eg. no buns or high ponytails.

STAGE TWO

Girls: Kiki Dee Style

Hair: Neat pony-tail with big bow or bright scrunchy to be added

after presentation of awards.

Clothing: Playsuit or brightly coloured shorts and T-shirt.

Shoes: Closed in shoes. Joggers or school shoes.

Boys: Elton John Style

Boys may remain in school uniform.

Clothing: A jacket or waistcoat, bow tie, large, coloured glasses.

Shoes: Closed in shoes. Joggers or school shoes

A TIMELY REMINDER

With uniform/costume changes at Presentation Night it is STRONGLY ADVISED that your child's clothing is

CLEARLY LABELLED.

It is difficult for staff to ensure children receive all correct pieces of uniform if items have not been labelled at home. We thank you for your anticipated understanding and support.

STAGE 3 COSTUMES - PRESENTATION NIGHT

Country folk: Cowboy hat, boots, vest (over uniform), big buckled belt (optional)

City Folk: Sparkly hat or funky beret, crazy plastic glasses (maybe sparkly), brightly coloured top/shirt

Presentation Night Rehearsals on Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December

Wednesday and Thursday: Please wear sports uniform.

Please bring fruito, a packed lunch & recess, water bottles.

Thursday: Please wear sports uniform.

Please bring fruito, recess and water bottles. A packed lunch if you do not have a lunch order.

* Lunches can be ordered in the morning and will be delivered to the Community Centre.

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2020 - All dates are true and correct at time of printing but are all subject to change.

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Mon 10 Feb Parent Information Evening 6pm at School

Thurs 20 Feb P&F Welcome to St Joseph's BBQ 6pm at School

Fri 21 Feb School Photos

Tues 25 Feb Shrove Tuesday

Wed 26 Feb Ash Wednesday

Sun 1 Mar Catholic Schools Week

Mon 2 Mar Enrolments open for 2021

Wed 11 Mar Diocesan Swimming Carnival - Dubbo

Sat 14 Mar Blayney Show

Fri 20 Mar Diocesan Winter Sports Trials - Yrs5&6

Mon 23 Mar Kids Lit - Orange

Tues 24 Mar Peachey Shield - Cowra

Tues 24 Mar Wed 26 Mar - Parent/Teacher Interviews (tbc)

Thurs 10 Apr - Holy Thursday

Final Day Term One

Classroom News

Infants Excursion 2019

On Friday 29th November Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 went on an excursion to Millthorpe. All students walked to the Blayney train station and caught the XPT to Millthorpe! This was very exciting as some students hadn't caught a train before. We boarded the train and within ten minutes we arrived at our destination. From the train station we walked to the Golden Memories Millthorpe Museum. We were greeted with six amazing volunteers. Mrs Hawke and Miss Dicker split us into five groups. We all split up and saw a huge amount of past and present technology and machinery. Our lovely volunteers said we were the best school group to visit the museum and they looked forward to seeing us all come back and visit the museum with our free passes. Below are quotes about the day.

"I like the train ride to Millthorpe" Joey

"I like looking at the old tractors and machines. I enjoyed sitting in the old horse and cart" Madison

"I like the blacksmith and when he made a horseshoe" Molly

"Seeing a crocodile in the museum" Patrick

"Watching the Blacksmith heat metal in the 1000 degree fire and seeing all the rabbit traps" Isla

"When I pumped the water out into the container for the washing" Cooper

"Washing all the old clothes by hand!" Kelly

"Going on the train and seeing all cool stuff at the museum" Rhys

"The best thing at the museum was the egg cleaner" Shelby















School Information

Free desks to the first person able to remove from our premises





Student Mobile Phones & 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.

THE COST OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION



\$5.55 per day.

That is what it costs in school fees to send your child to Primary (Yrs 3 & 4) at our school.

With a 1:7 teacher to student ratio I am sure you will agree that \$5.55 per day is money well spent.

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.

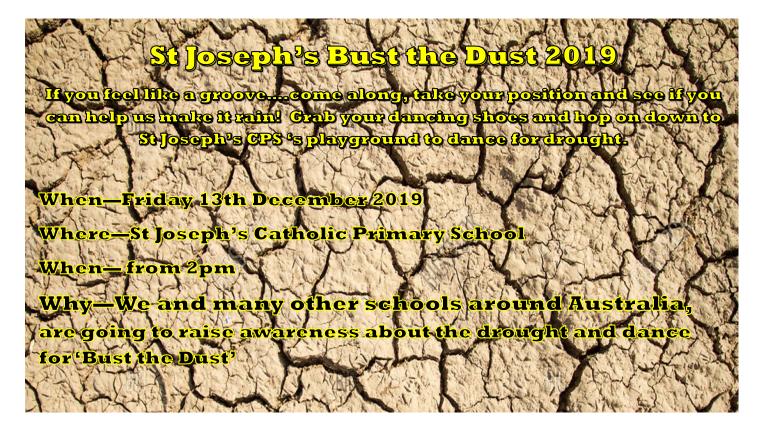
Pamper packages can include various items including, tea, chocolates, books, coffee mugs, candles, hand creams, the list can be endless!! The items are to be presented in a shoebox sized box wrapped in newspaper or tissue paper with a ribbon and a personalised message of encouragement and support.



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.

For more information please see the Ladies of the Land NSW facebook page https://www.facebook.com/

#bustthedust



Birthdays



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

ISLA IRLAM.

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.

BEING ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY - 2020 AND BEYOND

In 2020, our school would like to commence the reduction of the amount of waste we produce at school. We will be looking at different ways to help our environment, including reducing the amount of packages being brought to school.

Sometimes Santa brings new school supplies and this year we have asked Santa to assist us by trying to include any lunchboxes he brings that might help with reducing waste.

Such lunch boxes are in high demand and Santa may not have any spares for our students, but you just never know!

Colour Fun Run















St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Bursary Program

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

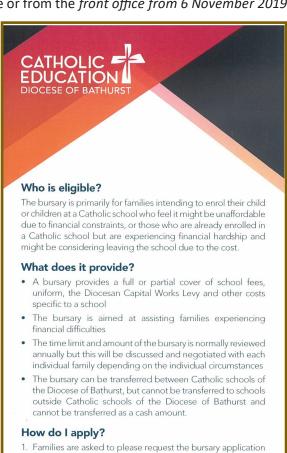
I am honoured to join with Mrs Sue Powell and family to offer the *Michael Powell Memorial Bursary* to a family/families of our school for 2020.

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.





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

4. A meeting will be arranged with the principal and parish

The result of the application will be sent to you in writing once the school has considered the application.

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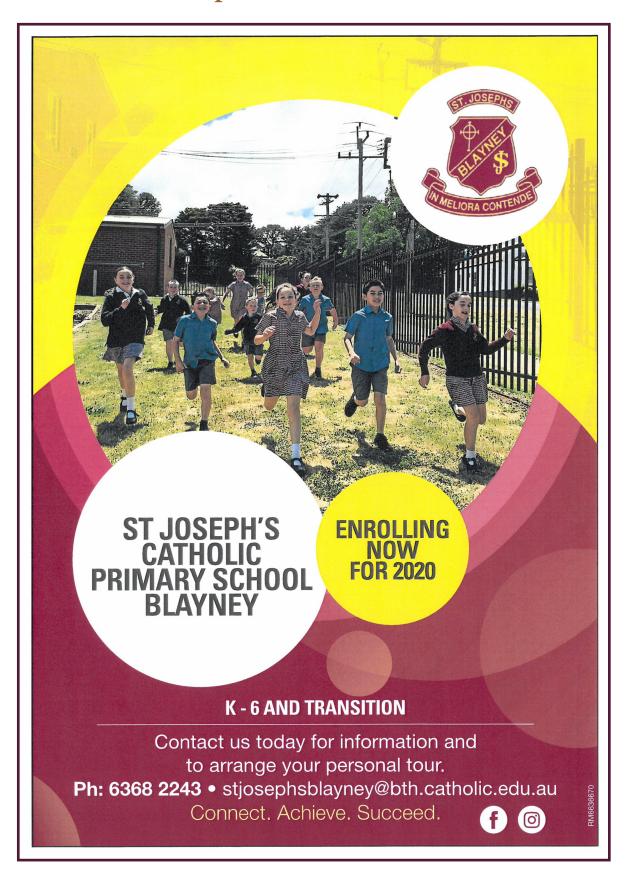
support your application.

priest at a convenient time.

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.

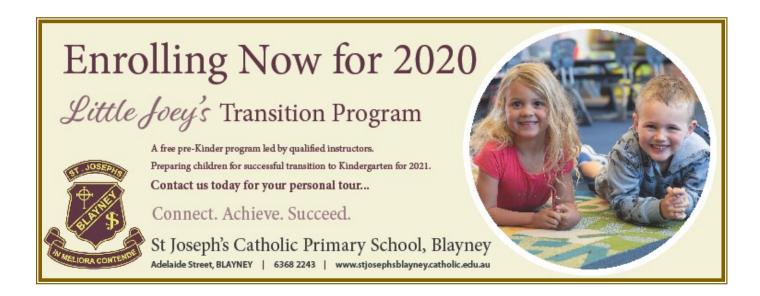
Please contact the school if you wish to find out more about what exciting learning opportunities the *Little Joey* program offers or if you would like to enrol your child into the program.

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









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
- Access your child's Student Semester Reports
- Access information regarding upcoming events and news
- 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 http://schools.compass.edu.au 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

Summer Reading



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READ 10 OR MORE BOOKS
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! 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 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 Catholic Education Website.

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.

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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.

Piano and Guitar Lessons

Enquiry lessons for next year 2020

Please phone Victoria Gascoyne (TMUSA)

63621913

(Accredited by the Music Teachers Assoc. of NSW)

