OUR NEW LEADERS
Congratulations to our new student leaders who survived a close contest and some fantastic speeches: Captains for 2015-16 are Mac Gosewisch and Eliza Ewin, Vice Captains are Atticus Strong and Jaide Goodworth.

All nominees are to be congratulated for being willing to stand and I am sure they will support the elected leaders on their leadership journey.

With no breathing time all 4 captains will be on show at the Year 12 farewell assembly on Friday where we will officially thank our retiring captains and see off a great group of students in the class of 2015.

Of course this will be the culmination of weeklong activities. Monday Year 12 take on the staff in a touch football game that should be fun for all to watch. Hopefully the staff will survive! Tuesday the students get some revenge with the annual slave auction. I certainly know there is some interesting costumes coming and am sure the prices may be high. Students should consider pooling their funds to maximise the benefits and without traditional big spender Jordan Lane, everyone should get a look in.

“Slaves will be on hand all day to earn their keep”. On Wednesday Year 12 have invited staff to start the day with a fundraiser breakfast of bacon and egg rolls and we have approved a few fun activities throughout the day. Thursday will be the farewell disco for the year group with a ‘Great Gatsby’ theme.

And then of course everyone will be bright eyed – before the tears start – for Friday’s assembly.
SPELLING BEE CHALLENGE
Don’t forget - last chance to get your ‘hard’ spelling word in the box for the staff challenge on Wednesday’s assembly. Prizes for all words that stump a teacher. Your word MUST be entered correctly and either used in a sentence or with a definition AND your name on it.

REPORTING
Year 7 - 10 students will have received their Term 3 profile reports home. Due to poor attendance we are not holding a follow up Parent Teacher afternoon but where interviews have been requested – or you would like to see a particular teacher please contact the front office. If a number of staff have asked we suggest talking to the Year Adviser – on the report – to co-ordinate an across the board meeting.

Year 12 will receive their final reports with their portfolios on Friday and Year 11 reports following their end-of-Preliminary exams last week will be out in Term 4.

FETE
Can I encourage everyone to help out with the fete in any number of ways. Raffle tickets can be collected from the office and I know we’d welcome volunteer sellers at IGA – 16th September, Farmers Markets - 20th September and IGA – 3rd October even for an hour or two. Cakes and trash and treasure will be welcome on the day along with help on our stalls. Please consider giving an hour or so. Contact the office or Kate Hamson if you can assist. And of course bring the family and friends along on the night.

NEWSLETTER CHANGES
Is the newsletter too big? Which parts do you read? Is electronic better? Following a recent communications course we are looking to refine and modernise our various communication strategies. We will be surveying the community at the fete so gather your thoughts. We have taken pride in the amount of news we actually produce over a fortnight and still wish to celebrate our students varied achievements but realise there may be better ways to reach these targets.

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YEAR 6 TRANSITION
Year 6 students experienced a great day at Blayney High School last week. Agriculture, Maths and Science were all popular subjects. Thank you to Mr Jones, Miss Riley and Mr Allen for taking the extra classes.

Year 6 comments
“In Science we learnt how to be so very careful around chemicals and in Ag we learnt that quads are the biggest killer on farms”.

“It helps me so I can get the feel of how high school runs and I can make new friends for my future”.

Year 6 students in Science
INDUSTRY CASE STUDY
YEAR 12 BUSINESS STUDIES
On Monday the 31st August, Year 12 Business Studies students were able to visit the local Nestle Purina Plant after school. Although extremely busy, the manager Karl Nealon was able to conduct a thorough tour of the new factory explaining many aspect of the real world that we have covered in theory throughout the year. We were able to experience the sights and sounds of both the wet cat food production line (which some students found difficult to stomach), and the dry dog and cat food area. We were even able to discuss product development and marketing with the specialists.

Business Studies students at Purina

The next day at school we were able to use the information given by Mr Neale and write up a comprehensive case study which will be used by the students as examples in the extended response section of their HSC exams.

We are very grateful to Mr Neale and the team at Friskies for allowing us to visit at such a busy time and for being very helpful in answering our many questions.

Wendy Dean

TALENTED MATHS WORKSHOP
On Wednesday 26 August, 9 students from Years 8 and 9 were invited to participate in a Talented Mathematicians Workshop run by the Maths Association of NSW and Inquisitive Minds at Bathurst High School. The day began with music, chocolates and puzzles and ended with music, chocolates and puzzles! In between, Blayney High students teamed up with each other and ‘competed’ with talented students from other local high schools by completing difficult games, puzzles, problems and patterns! In the second half of the day students had to team up with someone from a different school and extend their problem solving skills with someone new. It was great to see so many Blayney High students take the initiative in their pairings and solve some very difficult problems.

Sarah and Sarah problem solving

Of the 26 pairs, 4 of our students finished in the top 6 groups! Well done Jay Tennant who came 3rd in the second session. Well done also to Gabby Wright, Angus Hobba, Sarah Bradley, Anthony Pond, Sarah Colman, Caitlin Speirs, Jack Wickes and Paul Parker. It was a day of fun but importantly it was a day where again, Blayney students could see first-hand they can compete with any of the big schools in the region. We are very proud of them all!

Mathew Cambey

BATHURST EISTEDDFOD
On Wednesday September 9 the Stage 5 dance students travelled to compete in the Secondary School Dance section at the Bathurst Eisteddfod. There were 16 competitors in the section. It is a very nerve wracking experience but our students stepped up again to perform our “Going to War” item. The adjudicator awarded our students 85 marks and in his comments remarked on the fantastic costuming, the clear story line and students working well together as a team. He also commended our students on the confident choreography and spacing and the emotion of the piece.

Stage 5 Dance

Congratulations to Savannah Rollans, Carly Williams, Emily O’Neil, Ainsley Hamson, Tayla Hoadley, Catie Milne, Mya Brown, Amy Jamieson and Candice Milne. They continue to show
enormous improvement as they become more experienced performers.  

Jayne Evans

GETTING OUT THERE

On Thursday 10th September year 12 students attended their “Getting out there” day which has become one of the highlights of the end of the HSC year. Students travelled to Highland Heritage to spend time together in their final weeks of school, learn important life skills and enjoy a lovely meal.

This year, students began their day with a presentation by Belinda Bostok, who is the Police/Schools Liaison with the Orange Police. Belinda gave students important information about how to have a good time in a safe and responsible way and keeping themselves safe as young adults. The second half of the day was presented by Maree Statham, founder of Absolute Edge. Students learnt important skills on how to present themselves and exude self-confidence. As the day went on, students refined their skills in conversation, particularly within a job interview setting. Before we all sat down to lunch, students gained a refresher in etiquette when sitting down to a meal – an important skill for when they will need to impress potential partners and their families, as well as employers. Year 12 set the standard, with all students being dressed appropriately for the set dress code which required them to dress how they would for a job interview.

Ms Jones, Mrs Meek and I were impressed with the development made by students throughout the day, particularly with the interview skills demonstrated. It was my absolute pleasure to join this wonderful group of young men and ladies on what was our last excursion together as a year group. The two presenters identified students who they felt engaged with the sessions and made significant progress during the day. Special mention goes to Ryan Simmons, Tayla Simonis, Amy Adams, Ben Robinson, Whitney McGovern and Brittany Howarth.

Renelle Mackie

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Thanks to the students who have supported the Breakfast Program during Term 2 and 3. We have sold approximately 150 milos, 800 Up &Go and 4000 sandwiches at minimal cost. This could not happen without the help of staff and student volunteers – thank you to those people who have contributed their time to the success of the program. During Term 4 Up&Go will be on sale for $1.00 from 8.30 am

Maureen Dickson

THE BLAYNEY HIGH SCHOOL ARCHIES’ AND ART EXCURSION.

On Tuesday the 8th September the Library hosted an exhibition of year Nine and Ten portrait paintings influenced by the famous Archibald Prize. The official opening of the exhibit was attended by the artists, parents, friends and staff, all whom were given the opportunity to vote on their favourite portrait in order to select a ‘People’s Choice’ winner. A selected panel of judges will shortly be convening to decide on the overall winner of the competition with a ‘Packing Room Prize’ being voted on by all the competition entrants.

The guidelines for the competition were that students needed to select a famous Australian they admired and that the work needed to be painted. The end result was a very diverse collection of portraits in varying styles.

The exhibition also coincided with the Year Nine and Ten Visual Arts Excursion to the Art Gallery of New

Ryan Oborn, Grace Mooney, Laura Funnell and Ryan Simmons
South Wales to view the slightly more well-known Archibald Prize exhibition.

![Image of Year 10 student Jasmine Lapham with her entry of Julian Assange.](image)

Our first stop on our visit to the Gallery was the J.F Archibald Memorial Fountain in Hyde Park, a fountain created for the famous former editor of the Bulletin who bequeathed both funds to build the fountain and to start the now very popular Archibald Portrait Prize.

Once we got to the Gallery, students were treated to not only a visit to the Archibald exhibition but a look around the other exhibits as they gained the valuable experience of seeing works by Cezanne, Mattise and Picasso up close and personal.

We were then taken through the very crowded and busy Archibald Prize. The class were divided on their favourite Archibald portrait with only a few admiring the actual winner, popular ones were the portrait of Daniel Johns and the incredibly realistic self-portrait of artist Juan Ford.

We were a little exhausted on the train ride home but amongst the yawns were plans forming for future art projects and ideas for up-coming major works.

A big thank you to the Library Staff for hosting the exhibition, the Judges for their time spent in selecting a winner and Ms Stevens with her Hospitality and Food Tech classes for providing an excellent selection of refreshments.

Elizabeth Byrne

**SPORTS UPDATE**

At Blayney High we love to celebrate the sporting successes of all students, from the more traditional sports to specialist and more non tradition sports. Leading into the holidays we have had a lot of students doing some very positive things right across this range of sports. We had a number of students competing at the recent CHS State Carnival held at Sydney Olympic Park, a student do ‘flipping’ well at recent trampolining gymnastics championships and a couple of students helping out with PSSA touch football.

Blayney High students **Dimity Parton, Thomas Dale and Brandon Fraser** represented Western Region at the recent CHS Athletics Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park (Homebush). All students competed to the best of their ability and we as a school community are very proud of your efforts. **Brandon Fraser** finished 15th in the 16 years boys 800m, **Thomas Dale** finished 12th and 10th in the 13 years boys 800m and 15 years & under 3000m respectfully, and **Dimity Parton** placed 20th in the 12 years girls 100m and 18th in the 12 years girls shot put. A fantastic effort from you all.

Congratulations to **Caitlyn McDonald** on her recent success at the State Championships for Trampoline Gymnastics. Caitlyn reflects on her efforts at the Championships; “They were held in Rooty Hill at the Sydney Gymnastics Centre. I compete in 3 different events. In single mini I came 7th out of 23, in trampoline, I came 3rd receiving a bronze medal, and in tumbling I received a gold medal after finishing first.” Well done Caitlyn, an outstanding achievement.

Blayney Primary School would like to thank **Anthony Pond** and **Sophie Stammers** for refereeing the recent PSSA touch football games. Both students received high reviews from all of the teams and coordinators on the day and their efforts are much appreciated.

Congratulations to Zak Simons of Year 8 who has been selected in the NSW Basketball National Intensive Training Program for 2015-2016. This is an outstanding achievement for Zak and will progress Zak within Basketball NSW and his aspirations for progressing to a State and National level. Zak has been selected into a D-League which provides selected athletes to compete in Sydney for the month of October and requires attendance each weekend.

Well done to all students on your sporting efforts and achievements. We love to hear about all your sporting experiences and successes at school, keep letting us know!  

**Anthony Salmon**
CROSS COUNTRY

The annual Blayney High Cross Country was recently held on Thursday 3rd September at the Blayney Golf Course. All competitors were excited to tackle the 2km circuit and test their fitness against the hilly terrain. The afternoon began with a quick walk of the course, where students took the opportunity to devise plans on how best to attack their race. After some final instructions and a quick stretch the races began. Some year groups were hotly contested while others treated the event a little more socially. Below is a list of competitors, age groups and placing:

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Congratulations to all competitors and thankyou to all staff who assisted in the running of the event, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Anthony Salmon
FOOD TECHNOLOGY – NOVELTY CAKES

The Food Technology 5.4 class have just finished their major assessment task for this unit, culminating in the design and decoration of a novelty cake for a child’s birthday party. The students took on the role of an events manager, planning a children’s birthday party, and presenting their work in a professional portfolio. It was up to each student to come up with a theme for the party and develop a party invitation, food, cake, games and decorations to suit the theme. The standard of the work was exceptional. The dedication of these students is also outstanding, with many of the students being in the classroom and making a start at around 8.15am! Congratulations to this class, your work and commitment in the practical component was commendable.
Dear Parent or Carer

The Validation of Assessment 4 Learning & Individual Development (VALID) test for Year 8 students will be held between Monday 9 November and Tuesday 17 November 2015. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The VALID Science 8 test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

VALID Science 8 contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 4 outcomes and essential content in the NSW Science Years 7–10 Syllabus.

Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values.

Since students complete VALID Science 8 on a computer, each student needs to bring headphones or earbuds that plug into a school computer. Earbuds for an iPod or portable player are suitable.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child’s school to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 1 2016. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test. There will also be information about how your child’s results compare with overall performance of all students in the test.

The principal of your child’s school is able to provide you with more details about the VALID Science program if you require additional information.

Readiness Testing for VALID will be conducted during the period 14/9/15 to 16/10/15. Ear buds or headphones will be needed for this exercise.

Yours sincerely

Gerry McCloughan
Director, School Performance & Improvement
Department of Education
Free IPAD Education Event for Parents

NSW Country MyGolf Coaching Camp
21st - 23rd September 2015

Where:
Bathurst Golf Club
139 Victoria Rd Bathurst
6391 4144

Bathurst Driving Range
Egerton Rd Bathurst
6331 2123

Heritage Park
624 Limeskiva Road, Kelso
6337 3654

When: Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd September 2015

Format: Three days (two nights) camp
Individual and group skills coaching
On course coaching and play

Cost: Camp, accommodation and meals $199

Insurance: All registered participants in the MyGolf Camp will be covered under the Golf Australia insurance scheme.

Equipment: Provided or bring your own

Accommodation: Heritage Park - (02) 6337 5634 or www.heritageparkbathurst.com.au

Eligibility: All standards, 8-17 year olds - Players will be grouped by age and standard

Enquiries: Peter Mayson Mudgee GC 6372 1811
Craig Meaney Dubbo GC 6682 2291
Matt Barrett Bathurst GC 6331 1379
Min Cheng Duntryleague GC 6362 4072
Todd Blackenridge Werrington GC 6361 4571
Daniel Newton Forbes GC 6601 1554
Matt Docking Coonra GC 6342 1211
Cary Nightingale Lithgow GC 6352 4252

Parents are welcome to attend

Price includes all equipment, range balls, green fees, two nights accommodation, all breakfasts, lunches and dinners, nightly activities, prizes, certificate of attendance and players folder.

Blayney Junior Soccer Presentation Day
When Tuesday 15th September 2015
Where: Blayney Public School Hall
Time: 4.30pm

All players will receive a sausage sandwich and a drink after the presentation. Available to Non players for purchase.

Karate

Blayney High School Hall
Thursdays
Primary Class 4pm-5pm
Secondary Class 5pm-6pm
One Price for one class or both.
Come and Try
Thursday 8th October
Stay tuned
More information to follow
Blayney High School Fete

Come & Enjoy the Fun

Friday 9th October 2015
3:30 to 7:30pm
Stalls - Slides - Laser Tag - Face Painting
& much much more