

— Term 1, 2026 —

# Blakeview Primary School



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

- 10<sup>th</sup> R-5 Footsteps
- 17<sup>th</sup> R-5 Footsteps
- 24<sup>th</sup> R-5 Footsteps
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pupil free Day

### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> R-5 Footsteps
- 9<sup>th</sup> Public holiday-no school
- 10<sup>th</sup> R-5 Footsteps
- 30<sup>th</sup> R-2 swimming starts

### April

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Public holiday-no school
- 6<sup>th</sup> Public holiday-no school
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jam Band - whole school incursion
- 10<sup>th</sup> Last day of term - early dismissal - 2.10pm

## Welcome back to school *and to our new families, welcome!*

The summer holidays always go so fast, and it was fabulous to see our returning students, along with some new faces, on Tuesday this week. The weather has been quite extreme however, our learning spaces are nice and cool. On warm days, students do spend their break times, inside.

There have been many changes that happened over the break. Room changes, staffing changes and when the whole team returned on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, all staff were very excited about some of the events that are planned.

With so many events planned, it is important to stay connected with our school. If details have changed, please let our fabulous front office team know. If you have any questions, the class teacher is the first point of contact and then our front office.

We are all looking forward to working alongside you and your children this year.

Kind regards  
Zoe Wecker



Starting a new school year can be exciting and scary. For many children, it is a combination of both feelings.

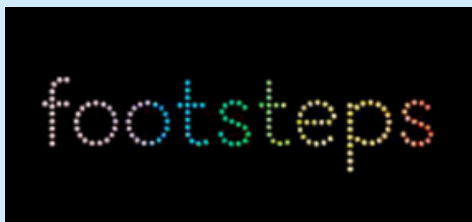
For many adults, they too share these feelings. As educators, we understand this. Many of us are parents as well.

Educators are acutely aware of the responsibility they have. It is a privilege to be working with our little people, and we know the impact we have on their learning - socially, emotionally and academically.

These first couple of weeks at school is where relationships are developed and strengthened. Our staff are committed to working in partnership with students and families to help all students to be the best they can be.

Look out for class newsletters and please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

*'I've always loved the first day of school better than the last day of school. Firsts are best because they are beginnings".  
Jenny Han*



## Footsteps Dance program R-5

This term at Blakeview, all students in years Reception to year 5 will be participating in Footsteps.

For five Tuesdays, a dance instructor will work with our students and teachers in a fun, interactive dance program.

Students will have five lessons onsite at a subsidised cost of \$20.00. That's just \$4 a lesson. Look out for the note coming home soon!



# 2026 Teaching Staff

Room	Class	Teacher
Room 1	Year 3/ 4	Amy Hack & Keelan Bernales
Room 2	Year 3/ 4	Amy Horskins
Room 3	Year 2	Paula Tsalamangos
Room 4	Year 2	Amy Apap
Room 5	Year 1/ 2	Emma Cattanach
Room 6	HASS	James Quast
Room 7	Year 3	Jerico Yambao
Room 8	Year 3	Steph Hemmings
Room 9	PY Inclusive Education Class	Gillian Fawell
Room 10	Rec mid-year	TBC
Room 11	Foundation	Kaitlyn Kilford
Room 12	Year 1	Chantelle Mazzaferro & Steph T
Room between 12 &13	Junior Primary Science	Max Gordon
Room 13	Year 1	Alex Day
Room 14	Foundation	Sharona Blake & Steph T(alternate Wed)
Room 15	Foundation	Leanne Dunn
Room 16	J.P Inclusive Education Class	Julia Varacalli
Gym	PE	Andre Neto Amy Horskins - Fridays
Resource Centre class space	The Arts (excluding visual)	TBC
Room 17	Year 4/ 5	Jessica Huppatz/ Steph T (Th)
Room 18	Year 4/5	Alana Woodward
Room 19	Auslan	Melissa Gilbert
Room 20	Year 5/6	Georgia Waldon /Tom Atterton (F)
Room 21	Year 6	Tylah Stewart
Room 22	Year 6	Morgan Phillips
Room 23	Year 5	Kylie Ashdown
Room 24	Year 5	Julie Fuller
Room 26	JP Disability Unit (DU)	Sobhna Lata
Room 27	JP DU	Eileen Cortez
Room 30	Primary DU	Sara Dennis
Room 31	Primary DU	Mary-Jane Lintern

This year at Blakeview, we welcome a number of new staff to our site. They bring with them a passion for teaching and working with students, supporting them to be the best they can be.

Joining the teaching staff, we also have Sandy Smith, supporting our JP students in Auslan, as a roving specialist teacher, for term 1. We are very exciting to have everyone join us for the 2026 school year.

## Regulation and Behaviour Support

As a site, we are not funded to staff programs such as the regulation and behaviour support rooms. In 2026, Blakeview will be continuing to support our diverse student population by developing class strategies and building regulation skills.

Olivia Villani and Gaynor Munro will support our students in this transition time. All educators continue to work in this space to ensure that all of our students learning needs are met, within Departmental recommendations.

# 2026 Leadership Team

Since late December, the leadership team has been working hard to ensure that we are providing the best learning environments and opportunities for all of our students.

As a team, we are committed to working together with the needs of students central to our work.

In 2026, the leadership team at Blakeview consists of;

Zoe Wecker - Principal

Tegan Sims - Deputy Principal

Tammy Starkey- Assistant Principal

Tom Atterton -Assistant Principal

Tamara O'Keefe - DU Leader

Chris Brown -Intervention and Inclusion

At the end of last year, we did farewell Corey Fawkes - who is working as a Wellbeing Leader at Para Hills West Primary School and Lisa Smith - whose knowledge and experience has led her to be working with Student Support Services. We thank them for all of their contributions and know that they will be making a positive impact at their new sites.

Given the late changes, we were unable to advertise last year. We hope to fill the Wellbeing leader position in the next few weeks.



## Jam Band

Later in the term, Jam Band will be visiting Blakeview Primary School. If you haven't heard of them, I would encourage you to jump onto their website!

Jam Band is a fully interactive, fun music-theatre incursion that turns our students into stars of the show. There is a 7 piece band, costumes, movement and laughter. The show runs for 75 minutes and we will host two sessions to maximise student participation. More information will follow towards the end of term. We cannot wait!



## NDIS External Providers

In previous years we have been able to facilitate external support providers during school time at Blakeview Primary.

Unfortunately, due to lack of 'spare' classrooms and spaces, we are unable to facilitate NDIS therapy for mainstream students. Students enrolled in the Disability unit and Special Options program will be able to continue to have onsite therapy as there are areas available within their learning spaces. This will resume from week 4, once the necessary paperwork has been completed. We thank you for your support in this matter.