Newsletter: Issue 2
Thursday 16th February 2012

Thank you to those families who came along to the Information Evening on Tuesday night. Thanks also to the Parent Club for organising the BBQ and to all parents who supplied salads and helped in any way on the night.

It was great to see the interest shown in the classrooms and to find out what the teachers have planned for 2012.

Cheers, Dzintra

AGM
The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council will be held next week on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm in the Library. Come along and hear Dr Deslea Konza, Associate Professor, Language and Literacy, from the Edith Cowan University in Western Australia, talk about our school’s involvement in the Early Years research project being undertaken in the Yorke and Mid North region this year, as well as the school’s performance and achievements in 2011. Our site improvement priorities will also be outlined and new members will be elected to Governing Council. The AGM will be followed by a social time with a cuppa and some nibbles.

It is important to fill in nomination forms to elect new people to the Governing Council. If you have lost your form, please ask at the front office for another one. We have quite a few vacancies this year to fill and thank those of you who have already nominated. We still have a few places to fill. Being on Governing Council is a wonderful way to learn more about the school. To assist with preparation for the AGM, could all nominations be returned to school tomorrow.

Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating
Blyth Primary School has a ‘low risk’ bushfire rating. This means that on days of forecast catastrophic fire danger rating, our school will remain open. However, school buses will not operate within the Fire Ban District.

For parent information about bushfires you can go to the following website www.crisis.sa.edu.au

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SRC
Congratulations to the students elected to be SRC representatives this year.
Chairperson: Shelby Toholke
Vice Chairperson: Jasmin McElroy
Secretary: Brayden Eime
Treasurer: Tara Walkley

Class Representatives for Terms 1 & 2:
Kasey Bigg, Angus Kennett, Leah Van Ruth & Tyler Bigg
Deputies: Charlotte Jacka, Lachlan Eime, Bonnie Williams & Matthew White

Active After School
Activities have started this week with Tennis on Mondays after school and Table Tennis on Thursdays. We have spaces for a few more children to do Table Tennis.

Furniture Give Away
Surplus desks and cupboards still remain in our storage shed. They are yours to collect, free of charge. If you are interested in having a look please contact Sally in the Front Office. Furniture remaining in the shed after February will be taken to the dump.

Attachments with this newsletter
- Tuck Day Roster
- Student Healthcare Information
- Parent Club Meeting Minutes
- Family Portrait Fundraiser flyer
**Sensational Students**

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<td>Tyler Bigg</td>
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<td>Joel Bertelsmeier</td>
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**Parent Club**

On Sunday 1st April we are holding family portraits at the school. For $15 you will get a 10"x13"framed photo. These will be back in time for Mother’s Day & make the perfect present. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter for more information. Our first parent club get together will be next Tuesday 21st Feb at 1.45pm. Hope to see you there.

**SRC Iceblocks**

The SRC will be selling iceblocks on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 50 cents each, or 25 cents for half an iceblock.

**Christian Pastoral Support Worker News**

Hello everyone,

I think we have a great group of students at our school! Over the past two weeks, I have enjoyed talking with them, being in the classrooms, and doing craft activities.

Last week at lunchtime, some of the children made Heart Friends, a simple craft using card, pencils and googly eyes.

Valentine’s Day seems to focus on romantic love, but there are other kinds of love. I suggested children could give their Heart Friend to someone they love. Or they could keep it to remind themselves that they are loved, and who it is that loves them.

We adults would benefit too from stopping to think about, and be thankful for, the people who love us. To know that we are loved is a wonderful thing.

Till next time, take care

Mignon

**Rec-Year 1 News**

Hi Families

Another great fortnight has passed by. Monday & Tuesday Pamela Dorich will be teaching the children, as Kate and I are in Pt Pirie at a Literacy conference.

I know spelling lists haven’t gone home yet. We have been revising and doing group work in class. We have covered our writing and spelling/grammar books. We used the computer to write the alphabet in both upper and lower case. We have also used insert in clip art to add a dinosaur to our work. We are remembering what common nouns and proper nouns have capital letters.

Thank you for doing a wonderful job supporting your child’s reading.

Next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we are starting our “Brain Gym” exercises. Your children will come home with some texta dots below their collar bone in a hollow, this is the area to stimulate their brain (their brain button). It would be great if the texta could stay on for a couple of days until the children can find their spot by themselves. Brain Gym exercises help cross hemisphere connections to enhance children’s coordination and learning in all areas.

In maths the children have been using their own number lines to move to the right for addition (adding on) and to the left for subtraction (getting less)

Ask your child to draw and tell you about the dinosaur parasaurolophus.

*Please see permission attachment with this newsletter.*

Busy Busy Busy.

Gabrielle Silvester

**Year 2-4 News**

Hi again parents,

The Middle Primary Class has started to bond nicely together, and all students are working beautifully. The MP routines are gradually being learnt, and the students are very responsible about fulfilling their class jobs and helping each other out.

We have begun reading James and the Giant Peach in English, and students are writing a narrative called ‘The Magic Beans’. In Spelling, we are
revising some sounds, such as er/ir/or, and working on spelling contracts. Our Maths focus is increasing the range of mental strategies for efficient calculation. We are also continuing our learning about life cycles, classification and human development through activities, explicit teaching and research in Health, Science, Art and Design and Technology. What a busy little class!

It was great to see you at Information Night, and thanks to those parents who have sent in some stockings for us! I will gratefully accept any more.

Cheers for now, Kate

Year 5-7 News
Dear Parents

Week 3 already! The children have settled in extremely well and are beginning to adjust to the work expectations for their respective year levels. Our classroom looks bright and colourful with lots of work up already. The Art/Maths 3D shape drawings look exceptional.

The year 5’s are developing their brochures on the orangutans and the newspaper articles by the year 6/7’s need greater thought and detail.

The students are keen to “adopt” an orangutan and are looking for genuine site on the internet.

In maths, we will be concentrating on number for the next 4 weeks.

For our topic on Healthy Foods we will be doing lots of cooking. It would be great to have parents in to help us prepare our meals. If you have great recipes we would appreciate them. We are expanding our “nursery” and would love help in planting and propagating plants. Thanks to Ian Jacka who has already volunteered to make us a bigger compost bin and some plant stands. If you are able to assist in any way please contact me at school.

Thanks to Chris Walsh who has donated some large Frangipani Trees to our nursery.

We will continue to support our family in Uganda through our enterprise lessons.

Regards, Jillian
School Dental Service

All school Students, aged under 18 years, are eligible for oral health care with the School Dental service. All dental care is free for preschool clients. Children who are dependants of/holders of the following concessions are eligible to receive free dental care:

- Centrelink Concession Card
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card
- School Card
- Medicare Teen Dental Voucher (A new voucher will be issued at the beginning of each year and expires on the 31st of December for those children eligible).

For primary and secondary school children who are not dependant of/holders of the above concession, a fee will apply for each course of general dental care. Teen Dental Vouchers can help offset this fee for children between the ages of 12-18 years.

Please contact the Clare School Dental Clinic, phone 8842 4196 to access care. The clinic is open Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.30pm.

The Dental Therapists, Jodie and Nick, look forward to seeing you in the clinic in the future for your appointment.

For Emergency advise after hours please contact 1800 022 222 Healthdirect Australia.

MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play games.

Your nearest Centre will be run at Blyth/Kybunga CC, Blyth PS Oval, starting on Saturday 4th February from 9-10am, cost $60

Every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack and some other goodies

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season log on to www.in2cricket.com.au and type in your post code.

Opportunity to study a fully funded Certificate III in Children’s Services through TAFE SA

If you have an interesting in working with children, are not currently employed and would like to gain nationally recognised qualification please contact Yvonne on 8638 1854 or Assunta on 8638 4204 by Tue 14 Feb

Classes starting 21 Feb in Port Pirie or option to study externally available. Limited places only.