We were all shocked and saddened to hear that Clare Underdown passed away last Friday evening. Our thoughts are with Peter, Shaun, Dylan and Renee at this very sad time. Clare made a wonderful contribution to the life of the school in so many ways - Tuck Days, Governing Council, committee work, SAPSASA and the end of year concert. The senior students have decided to dedicate our Wakakirri dance to her memory.

Dzintra

Wakakirri

The students will be performing our Wakakirri dance for the community at the Blyth Hall on Friday 6th August. Please note that the performance will now be at 2.00pm to allow members of the school community to attend Clare's funeral at Sevenhill on Friday morning. Please ensure Wakakirri Travel Consent Forms for students are returned tomorrow.

Music News

SAVE THE DATE: Monday 23rd August

I am fortunate to have an extremely special connection to one of the most talented and popular vocal groups in the world. Sydney's The Idea of North have won the USA’s 'Harmony Sweepstakes' and Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards (USA) for Best Jazz Album and Best Jazz Song and have had top 10 albums on the Australian and iTunes charts. You might have seen them perform on Hey Hey It’s Saturday. They are lucky enough to spend their lives travelling the world and performing. They also happen to be close friends of mine!

I have organised for the group to come to Blyth Primary School and Clare High School on Monday, August 23rd to teach the BPS students 2 or 3 songs. The group has invited the students to perform these songs with them at an early evening concert to be held that night in Clare (venue and time to be confirmed). The group will be promoting this concert on their website and it will be open to the public. Tickets will be sold at the door, but I have negotiated for a special ticket price of $5 for Blyth Primary School families (students will attend free as performers!)

Please keep the date free, as this is an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our students! I will send out more information some time after Wakakirri, but you can check the group out on www.idea.com.au if you are interested.

Kate

Attachments with this newsletter

- Parenting with the Brain in Mind
- Sports Day Parent Help Note
- Wakakirri Travel Consent
- Kidsreach flyer
- Lower Nth Youth Network - toxic impact of pop culture on girls
- Free workshop on Boy's Learning
**SRC**

Midway through the year new SRC reps are elected in the Junior Primary and Middle Primary classes. Our new JP reps are Kasey Bigg and Luke King, with Jordan Milburn and Angus Kennett being the class deputies. The new MP reps are Carmel Pyrke and Jake Nicholls with Ruby Jacka, Jacob King and Chloe Nicholls being their deputies. Congratulations.

**Sensational Students**

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**Rec – Year 2 Class News**

The JP class have quickly returned into 'school' mode and are working hard, with some Year 2’s even asking me to give them harder work so that they are ready for Mrs Harvey’s class next year! We have added another (harder) spelling group, as well as extending the students in their maths, with the Year 2’s now working on algorithms. It's great to see such enthusiasm and determination!

Our three new reception students have continued to make great progress, learning new skills every day, despite some days when they feel a little bit tired!

Wakakirri is upon us now, with the community performance this Friday and the Adelaide performance next Tuesday! Thank you to the students who have eagerly volunteered to help me with the make-up side of things!

Regards
Cheryl Pyrke

**Year 3-5 Class News**

The Middle Primary Class has been working solidly away. We are about to finish our unit on Angles and move into Money. The students have devised, designed and created advertising posters for a 'dangerous toy'. They had to come up with a snappy slogan to advertise this product.

In Media/Music, the students have formed their own bands and written lyrics to their own 'alphabet hip-hop' song and will record this as a music video in the coming weeks. They have also worked hard to learn a great new song.

The students have continued to achieve great results in the writing sessions and we have begun our Show and Share sessions with the JP Class.

And of course, there is the excitement about our impending Wakakirri performance! We look forward to seeing you all there!

Kate

**Year 6-7 Class News**

Dear Parents

Our preparations for Wakakirri are almost complete, however, we will need some help with hair-dressing Tuesday morning. We also need help on Monday to go through and iron some costumes as they have become a little crushed after being worn several times.

Our Literacy block is working extremely well and the amount of work being produced is outstanding. We are focussing on rough drafts and editing skills.

In Maths, we will revise Data collection and representation (graphs).

The children will be presenting their work on different forms of government and using this data to form a government on their own island. Our classroom has taken on a very bright look (fluorescent pink and purple) and the students will be displaying their work.

Regards
Jillian

**German News**

The older classes have written some clever dialogues and are enjoying performing them. Each conversation had to include the phrase, “Wie spat ist es?” (What is the time). All
classes have also played, "Wie spat ist es, Herr Wolf?" Outside games give us a chance to learn in a different way. The Junior Primaries are learning about the weather and today was a great example! "Es is kalt, es regnet." (It is cold, it is raining.)

**CPSW News**
Hello everyone
The school community has been shocked and saddened at the news of tragedy affecting one of our families. This is a time for drawing together in the way small communities do to offer support to the family and one another. Knowledge about grief and loss is helpful at these times and can be found on sites such as [www.grief.org.au](http://www.grief.org.au). I have handouts available, including information on children's grief: please ask Heather at the front office.

### Training Course for Assisting Children and Families

This training course is for parents, teachers, chaplains, counsellors, pastors and children's ministry workers, presented by David Goodwin, Director of Kidsreach, at Laura 6th - 10th September. Included topics will be self-esteem, strategies to deal with anger, families under pressure, grief and special needs children.

For more course detail and registration: [www.kidsreach.org.au](http://www.kidsreach.org.au). Please note the flyer for David's visit to Clare Uniting Church on Sunday Sept 12th.

I will be away for the next two weeks and back at school on Tuesday, August 24th.

All the best for the Wakakirri performances - you will be fabulous!

Take care of yourselves and one another.

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### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Auburn Primary School**

150th Celebration
Sunday 17th October 2010
10 am - 4 pm

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**Blyth Cinema**

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**FAMILY PORTRAITS FUNDRAISER**

Do you need an updated family photo or want to get a head start on Christmas shopping? Professional Photographers of Australia will be at Clare Valley Children's Centre on Sunday 8th August 2010 to take family portraits. For just $10, you will receive a 10 x 13" framed coloured family portrait. If you choose you can also purchase further poses from your sitting collection. Sittings are still available so for your appointment please phone Clare Valley Children's Centre on 8842 2483 to book your appointment.

**Offer closes on Thursday 5th August 2010.**

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**Bulldogs Basketball Club**

**General Meeting and Player Registration Night**
Tuesday 17th August 2010
7.30pm at the Balaklava Sports Club

Can all players and supporters please attend.

After our AGM - the Committee at the moment is:

- **President:** Kirsty Williams
- **Vice President:** Kirsty Williams
- **Secretary:** Lynne Pycroft
- **Assist. Secretary:** Kelly Harrison
- **Treasurer:** Sharon Moulds
- **Canteen Co-ordinator:** Sue Pratt
- **Uniform Co-ordinator:** Sue Pratt
- **Court Maintenance:** Cheryl Appleby

As you can see we still don't have a **PRESIDENT or Uniform Co-ordinator**.

Could you please think about it and if you want to know more, please contact Lynne on 0428 502 950 or Kirsty on 0419 180 502.