Newsletter: Issue 16
Thursday 14th October 2010

A very warm welcome is extended to Edward Evangelista and Riley Stirling who started school as reception students on Monday. We hope that both of the boys continue in their schooling in the same, confident way their first week has begun.

Welcome also to our “new” teachers - Brendan Ackland, who will be teaching in the Middle Primary class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays this term while Kate is on Special Leave and Lesley Bray, who will be teaching in the Middle Primary class on Mondays and Tuesdays, while still teaching in the Upper Primary class on Fridays. We are glad to have you with us and appreciate the skills and enthusiasm you bring with you.

We also welcome staff back after leave- Heath after a term’s well-deserved Long Service Leave which included an exciting trip to Cape York and Jillian after her short period of leave at the end of Term 3.

Cheers,
Dzintra

Working Bee
A working bee will be held this Sunday 17th Oct at 9.00am. The main task is the removal of the old bark chips (and replacement with new) from under the play equipment. Other tasks include sweeping, dusting, filling in cracks in the asphalt and cobweb removal. A sausage sizzle lunch and drinks will be supplied. Please bring along shovels, rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows etc (and bobcats & trucks for those who have been approached by the Grounds Committee). Thank you!

Shear For Life
Thank You to everyone who supported Daryl Andriske on his marathon shearing day. Thanks to all families for donations of food.

Diary Dates

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Advance Notice Pupil Free Days
Two Pupil Free Days will occur this term. The first is on Monday 25th October and will enable staff to review student progress and the second is on Monday 22nd November when Kerry Hugo from the DECS Curriculum Review Team will update teachers with progress on the Australian Curriculum, provide information about the Teaching For Effective Learning Framework and facilitate planning for the introduction of the Australian Curriculum during the coming years.

Attachments with this newsletter
- Term 4 Calendar
- Wakakirri DVD Order form
- Parenting with the Brain in Mind
- Maths Challenge
- Book Club Brochures - orders due back by 22nd October
**Solar Power Generation**  
Since our solar panels were installed in June 3,306 KWh has been generated.

**Head Lice**  
We have had one case of head lice detected in the school today so please check thoroughly to ensure no further cases.

**Wakakirri DVD**  
Anyone wanting to order a DVD please send in your payment of $39.50 urgently. Payment has to be sent off before the order is processed and this takes a few weeks. Please be very prompt if you need to order one. If our order is not received with payment before end of next week, we will not receive the DVDs until next year.

**Parent Club**  
Parent Club is organising a Family movie and tea for Sunday 24th October. This will be open to all school families and the wider community and will begin with the movie “How to Train your Dragon” at 4.00 pm for 1½ hours followed by a pasta tea and fruit salad and ice cream at 6.00 pm in the Blyth Town Hall.  
This is a major fundraiser for the school for this year and we have decided not to ask for any donations of food, but that all families please try to support it by attending.  
For movie and pasta tea & fruit salad and ice cream - adults $20.00 and children under 16 year - $10.00.

**Next meeting – next Tuesday 19th October at 1.30 pm (Note early start). Minutes attached.**

**Rec – Year 2 Class News**  
Hello and welcome to Term 4. I can’t believe how quickly this year has flown!  
This week, the JP class has welcomed two new students Edward Evangelista and Riley Stirling. Both have settled in remarkably quickly and are already showing signs of learning! We are very lucky to have such a nurturing and supportive group of children in the class, all of whom are eager to help our new ones!  
This term, we will be looking at telling the time in our Maths lessons as well as learning about movement in Science. In Spelling, we will continue to learn new words each week, and in literacy, some students are eager to write their own book! All this and more in nine short weeks! Don’t forget my door is always open if you need to come and see me. Until next time,

**Year 3-5 Class News**  
After a varied career, including banking and finance, travel and rural pursuits, not to mention 5 years as owner of Leading Edge Video in Clare, I decided to complete my Graduate Diploma in Teaching. This followed on from my previous University Study where I completed my Bachelor of Business.  
I have always toyed with the idea of becoming a teacher and I am extremely happy I have taken the plunge into the teaching world. I love it!  
After competing Relief Teaching duties at Clare Primary School, Balaklava, Watervale, Vineyard Lutheran School and St Joseph’s in Clare, I am delighted to be here at Blyth PS on contract for the fourth term in the Middle Primary classroom.  
I look forward to meeting all parents, caregivers and the wider community as we move towards the end of the year.  
Brendan Ackland

The Middle Primary class are currently engaged in “The History of Blyth”. We would be most appreciative of any family histories, old photos and offers to speak to the class. If you are able to help ring Lesley at school or send items with your children (clearly labelled please).  
Cheers, Lesley Bray

**Year 6-7 Class News**  
Term 4 will be very busy. The children are already working hard. In Maths we are working on a unit in Scale and Location. In SOSE the children are looking at Australian Explorers and are working in groups. They will also be conducting a cyber quest on their own exploration.  
We are planning design for our Go-karts and they will be ready to be started next week. If anyone is able to help we will be working on them on Monday and Wednesday 2.00 – 3.30 pm.

Thanks, Regards, Jillian
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Blyth Cinema
Fri 15th Oct 8.00 Iron Man (M)
Sat 16th & Fri 22nd Oct 8.00 The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo (MA15+)
Wed 20th Oct 6.30 pm Disgrace (M)
Sat 23rd Oct & Sat 30th Oct 6.00 pm How to Train Your Dragon (PG)
Sat 23rd Oct & Fri 29th Oct 8.00 pm Prince of Persia - Sands of Time (M)

School Uniforms for Sale
Two summer school uniforms Size 8 - one $10.00 and one $15.00 (worn once only). Phone Charmain on 88443218 or 0428443218.

Blyth Playgroup
Please find new programme attached.

Blyth Tennis Club
Open day will be held on Friday 15th October from 5.00 pm. Short busy bee followed by a hit of tennis and BBQ tea supplied by the club. BYO drinks. All welcome.

Junior Tennis Training
This will commence on Thursday 21st October from 4.00 pm. All interested players welcome to attend. Juniors please contact Valerie Carling on 88643054.

Auburn Primary School
150th Celebration - Sunday 17th October 2010
From 10 am – 4 pm

Australian Red Cross
Blood Service will be visiting Clare Sports Club on Monday 18th Oct to Wednesday 20th October - see flier attached.

The Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club
The Blyth Kybunga Cricket Club is seeking junior and senior players for this season. Girls are welcome to play as juniors until they turn 18. Our local area has produced some very successful female players and we encourage girls to try out. Practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Blyth Oval. Assistance with transport may be available. For further information please call Jason on 0417 848 544.

Royal Life Saving Holiday Water Safety Program

ENROL TODAY
13th—17th December 2010
Clare, Balaklava and other centres
Contact Information
Enquiries: Mon – Fri 9:00am – 4:30pm
Phone: 8234 9244
Mobile: 0413 092 834 or 0411 209 588
E-mail: jward@rlssa.org.au
Web: www.sa.royallifesaving.com.au

Little Athletics 2010/11 summer season is about to begin. Starting Friday October 15th at 4.45pm
Where - Clare High School Oval
For Ages 3 to 17yrs
All welcome to Come and Try - $3 per child.
Three Come and try sessions available before needing to register.
For more information call Susan Cunningham 0439 634513

Youth Mental Health First Aid
A course will be held at the Clare Medical Centre, Clare on Tues and Wed 23-24th November from 9.00 am - 5.00 pm. For further information or to book your place please call 88413777 or email Lynne: Ianlezark@claremedical.com.au
Also see flier attached to newsletter.