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As we near the end of the school year, students have many exciting events to look forward to – swimming lessons, the Year 7 Camp in Canberra, end-of-year class events, transition to Clare High School, the OSHC Party and the school concert to mention but a few. Although we try to send notes home with the newsletter, because that is when people expect them, it may be that some notes will go home with children at other times. Please keep an eye on diaries, communication books and school bags. We would be very disappointed if children missed out on events because permission notes were not returned to school and parents could not be reached.

On Monday staff had the opportunity to closely review student progress and the effectiveness of programs provided during the past school year. We have much to celebrate with our students achieving in so many areas this year – academically, socially, in physical activity and sport, community service and the arts. I look forward to reading the end of year student reports which teachers are now starting.

Cheers,
Dzintra

SAPSASA Cricket
Congratulations and good luck to Will Pratt who will be playing for the MidNorth Cricket Team in Adelaide next week.

Solar Power Generation
Since our solar panels were installed in June 3,878KWh has been generated.

Diary Dates

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<td>Mon 8th Nov-Fri 12th Nov</td>
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<td>Tues 9th Nov</td>
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<td>Sun 14th Nov-Sat 20th Nov</td>
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<td>Tues 16th Nov</td>
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Working Bee
A huge "thank you" to the 19 adults and 12 children who attended and worked at the recent busy bee. It was a massive job to remove all the old bark chips and dirt to meet the recommended depth of new soft fill. Special thanks to Wayne Carling, for the use of his truck, Brad Kennett for the use of his tractor, Aggy (Rooster) for donating his bob cat, and Joe Pratt for driving it. Also thanks to John Builder for letting us have the bark chips at cost price.

Thankyou Dzintra for attending and working all day, and Brendan and Piper for their contribution.

I will not list you all, for fear of missing out some one, but from the Governing Council, be proud of what can be achieved - truly a "small school and community with a big spirit."

Charmain Angel, Secretary

Attachments with this newsletter
- M&S Charges 2011 watermarked notice
- Parenting with the Brain in Mind
- Maths Challenge
- Swimming Consent Forms
- Tuck Day note
- A Parent’s Guide to Good Vision
- Positive Partnerships Autism Workshop Info
**Swimming Lessons**
Swimming lessons begin on Monday 8th of November at the Valleys Lifestyle Centre in Clare. During swimming week lunch will be early as lessons begin at 1.00pm. Two notes go home with the newsletter. Both need to be returned so that your children can attend.

**Material & Services Charges 2011**
Please find the watermarked approved notice from DECS Finance attached to your newsletter. This indicates that the cost will be $140 per child for 2011 (the same as this year). This amount was approved at a recent Finance Committee meeting.

If anyone would like to comment on the notice please write to the Chairperson of Governing Council or let us know in the office, or organise to attend the next Governing Council meeting to discuss the matter if necessary.

**Sensational Students**

**Week 1**

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<td>Tianna Paynter</td>
<td>☺️ for a positive attitude in taking up academic challenges</td>
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<td>Denzil Milburn</td>
<td>☺️ for a great attitude and completing his spelling contract</td>
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<td>Luke Brown</td>
<td>☺️ for great social skills in getting along with others</td>
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<td>Caitlin McElroy</td>
<td>☺️ for courtesy and working to a high standard</td>
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**Week 2**

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<td>Every student in the school</td>
<td>☺️ for completing the Premiers Reading Challenge in 2010</td>
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<td>Edward Evangelista</td>
<td>☺️ for a magnificent effort settling in to school</td>
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<td>Riley Stirling</td>
<td>☺️ for a magnificent effort settling in to school</td>
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<td>Carmel Pyrke</td>
<td>☺️ for a tremendous attitude and being helpful</td>
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**German News**
We have begun the term with the theme of animals. Whilst learning the names for many animals we have been doing many craft activities with the younger ones. This has enabled us to also talk about how animals are housed on farms during the winter. Farmers are very busy tending their animals inside where they are protected from the weather.

We are also learning that farm animals sometimes speak a different language - e.g. the rooster says kikeraki, kikeraki! Cheers, Judy

**Parent Club**
Thank you to everyone who came along Sunday and supported our Movie/Pasta tea fundraiser. Special thanks to our "Masterchefs" who prepared the meal while the movie was being shown - Kylie Williams, Lyn Barr, Fiona Walkley and Kathryne Clarke.

The children told me that they all really enjoyed the movie. Thanks again,

Valerie Carling. (President of Parent Club)

**Canberra Trip**
The Year 7s will be leaving on Sunday 14th November to travel to Canberra to visit many places of interest including Parliament House, Old Parliament House, the War Memorial, the High Court, the National Gallery of Australia, The Royal Australian Mint and the National Museum of Australia.

We acknowledge the funding that is provided by the Federal Government to help subsidise our children visiting our national capital for this wonderful educational week of activities.

A reminder to all year 7 parents that all consent/health forms for the Canberra trip need to be returned to school immediately and any outstanding payments sent in to school by Tuesday 9th November.

**CPSW News**
This term much of my time on Tuesday will be spent with small groups; two Season for Growth groups and an Enterprise Ed group as well as reading stories and discussion with the JP class.

It is wonderful to see the children engaged in their learning and working together. I have also been impressed with senior students who come...
alongside younger students to help when needed. This is peer support in action.

“One Day at a Time”

It is hard to believe we are almost halfway through Term 4! At this time of the year we can feel very much under pressure when trying to achieve everything that has to be done, creating stress and anxiety. The phrase “One day at a time” from an old song comes to mind; with a reminder to enjoy our ‘todays’ in the midst of the pressures of life. Support and encouragement from one another helps us to do this, too.

Take care families, Cheers, Mignon

OSHC News

The children have been enjoying craft activities, pom-pom bugs, beaded bracelets, fridge magnets and have been enjoying lots of free play in our new space. We have been decorating some of our pin board space. This term we have welcomed Riley to OSHC.

The OSHC committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th November at 6.00 pm. All welcome.

Deb Tobin, OSHC Director

Rec – Year 2 Class News

Already we are a third the way through the term and working steadily.

Our two new students Edward and Riley have continued to settle in very well. I have been very impressed with the knowledge that they have gained so far!

Our new Maths unit on Time will begin next week as we finish off looking at numbers this week! In Literacy, more and more children are choosing to write their own book as they see others around them doing so!

Monday was a very valuable day, and amongst other things gave us a chance to look at the progress of every child individually so that we can continue to accommodate the individual needs of all of our students. Until next time,

Cheers, Cheryl

Year 3-5 Class News

The Middle Primary class has had a busy couple of weeks. They have done a great job acclimatizing to their two new teachers this term (and all of their new rules - yuck!)

The children have been busy researching the history of Blyth, painting Australian landscapes, preparing works of art for the class art competition (they can win a $25.00 voucher from Sportspower), working on place values in Maths, looking at the life cycle of flowering plants, creating cartoons using software on the internet, investigating common and proper nouns and learning some strategies that they might use to get along with everyone in the class.

In particular they have been learning about three positive habits of the mind, namely: be tolerant of others, think before you act and and play by the rules.

Every Friday the Middle Primary students will be taking home their Friday testing and diary for parents or guardians to sign and they must bring these back in on Monday. As a class we are working towards improving our organisational and time management skills.

Kind regards, Brendan Ackland

And a few words from Lesley........

The Middle Primary class have slowly settled in to the new teacher regime and most have been remembering to have diaries, take home books and spelling homework signed.

We are still working on “The History of Blyth” and next week we will be taking a walk around the town to check out old building locations, photos and historical markers. Please give us a wave if you see us out and about.

Speaking of history, there was a teacher at the school in 1885 with the surname of Bray. The children think that this may have been me - and I’m back here again! I should have gained a lot of knowledge and experience during that time!

Cheers, Lesley Bray

There was a Mr James Bray at the Blyth School from 1983-1986 (Editor)

Year 6-7 Class News

The weeks are flying and the children are working very hard.

They are writing plays for the end of year concert and they are going to be very funny. Our focus for the next two weeks in Literacy is descriptive writing. The Year 7s will also be working on a short report on Australian Parliament in preparation for the Canberra trip.

Money and Decimals will be the focus in Maths.

The students have completed their designs of a town using grids and scale drawings.
In SOSE they will now be conducting their own expeditions using a Cyberquest as a guide. In Technology the children have started making their go-karts and we would still like some help on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Our Enterprise sale will be in week 8 at Ennis Park. We will be selling beautiful plants, jams, pickles, fudge, cakes, beauty products, leather goods, cards and hopefully silk scarves if our materials arrive in time.

Thanks,
Regards,
Jillian

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Blyth Cinema
Fri 29th Oct 8.00 Prince of Persia - Sands of Time (M) Action/Adventure
Sat 30th Oct 6.00 pm How to Train Your Dragon (PG) Animated - $5.00 tickets
Sat 30th Oct 8.00 pm I Love You Too (M)
Fri 5th Nov 8.00 pm I Love You (M)
Sat 6th Nov 8.00 pm The A-Team (M)
Fri 12th Nov 8.00 pm The A-Team (M)

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:
lanlezark@claremedical.com.au