I had many happy times during my Long-Service Leave in Term 1 including my eldest son’s wedding in March, catching up with friends, taking short trips to explore the state and go fishing and having long lunches on most days!

Many thanks to Rebecca Jamieson who acted in my place during a very exciting and full first term. Despite the inconvenience caused by the building projects being undertaken, staff and students have maintained a very positive attitude and are looking forward to what the rest of the year brings.

Thank you for the warm welcome back.

Cheers,

Dzintra

Welcome back Mrs Richards! It is great to have you back in the school again. We are glad you had a relaxing time and enjoyed the wedding and also some fishing and exploring!

Welcome

We welcome Chloe back to the Middle Primary Class and James to the Upper Primary Class. We hope you both enjoy being back at Blyth Primary school.

We also welcome Sandra Magiera who is undertaking teaching practice in the Middle Primary Class during the first three weeks of term and Rebecca Jamieson in her new role as a Maths Facilitator.

While Bec will be travelling between schools and working with teachers in classrooms across two Mid North cluster groups, her “home school” will be Blyth and she will often be here on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

SAPSASA

We wish Hannah Burgess, Brayden Eime, Ryan Smart and Will Pratt all the best when they compete at Santos Stadium next Monday as representatives of the Mid North in the SAPSASA Country Athletics Championships. Congratulations also to Clancy Toholke who has been selected to the Mid North netball team.

Active After School

Golf and Basketball begin in Week 3 of term. Information and the consent form go home with this newsletter as an attachment.

Holiday Building Developments

During the school holidays asbestos tiles in the office area, boards behind old heaters and the cladding on Room 8 were removed and replaced. The building of the Middle Primary class reached the Practical Completion stage and students and staff are very happy in the bigger and brighter classroom. Some minor bits and pieces have yet to be done, with the electronic Smartboard installed today.

Finance Committee

Please note that the date for the Finance Committee meeting has been changed to Tuesday 11th May at 6.00 pm.

Attachments with this newsletter

- Parenting with the Brain in Mind
- Statements for outstanding M&S Charges
- Term 2 Calendar
- Active After School Consent Forms
**Sensational Singers**
On Sunday afternoon the Middle Primary Class played music and sang for the Yorkies Chapter of the Campervan and Motorhome Club while they were staying at the Blyth Oval. The Club has been very generous in giving the school a donation of $100 which it hopes can go towards a library book about Australia – perhaps one that will encourage our students to travel and explore this wonderful land. Thank you Yorkies. Well done Middle Primary singers, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Agnew.

**German**
We have begun the term by looking at how to say the date e.g. the fourth of May is “der vierten Mai”. This means we are saying the ordered numbers to 31st (which is quite a mouthful for the little ones – actually, for all of us): “den einunddreissigsten!!”
We are also revising the months. The Upper Primary students are doing some brief research of a city in Germany, Switzerland or Austria to report back during the term. It will make us want to travel I should think!

Tschüss, Judy

**Christian Pastoral Support Worker News**
Hello Families,
Firstly, thank you to Jillian and the Upper Primary Enterprise class for helping me to achieve some Youth Work study goals in Community Development last term. Special thanks to Bailey Jacka for great work in putting together the powerpoint presentation for Community Assembly.

**Seasons for Growth**
This programme provides support and education about grief and loss in school and community settings. Last year several student groups were run at school as well as a group of adults from the local area, with much success. Brian Wundke and I (adult group facilitators) are willing to conduct another adult group commencing soon. Please contact Brian (0428462027) or myself (88462164) if you are interested in attending.

Happy Mothers Day to all mums for Sunday 9th May. Thanks to mums, grandmas and all who provide mothering to young ones. Have a special day! 

Take care, Regards, Mignon

**Rec – Year 2 Class News**
Dear Families,
We have started learning about India (as a whole school) as it will be part of Wakakirri and also India will host the Commonwealth Games in Term 3. Ms D’Cruze has Indian heritage too. It is a fascinating country with such a rich history.

As the Indians invented the Dice, our Maths will be using the dice in many different ways.
We made poppies with the Year 3-5 children and saw a school computer programme showing clearly how some plans went wrong at the Gallipoli landing. Some very interesting questions were asked and discussed. This week we have Dance with “Jade” who is coming from Adelaide - great exercise, new types of music and movement and we hope to incorporate some into Wakakirri.

Bye from the Rec – Year 2 Class & Gabrielle

**Year 3-5 Class News**
Hi everyone!
As I write this I am outside looking at our NEW Classroom!! It was truly worth the wait and the children are so excited to have space! They have chosen to sit as far apart as possible!

This term has begun with a bang – straight into work. We have begun our studies of India which is a unit being studied across the whole school. In Maths we have begun a unit on Fractions with Mrs Magiera, our student teacher.

Some of the MP Class represented the school singing at Blyth oval on Anzac Day for a group of “Yorkies”, a group of travellers in motorhomes to celebrate their 5th birthday. They were so impressed that they have donated $100 to our school. I am very proud of our singers!

We are looking forward to our dance workshops on Thursday and Friday and are very excited to start rehearsals for Wakakirri next week.

Cheers, Kate
Year 6-7 Class News

We are going to have a very busy term. Wakakirri is on the way and we will have two days of dance workshops on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th April. It should be a lot of fun.

The Picasso Cow (a life sized cow given to us by the Dairy Co-op which will be painted and displayed in Clare at Ennis Park) has now had its base coat. It looks very good.

The R-7 children will be studying about Dairy products and other food groups that keep them healthy.

In Maths we are looking at the difficult topic of Algebra. On Fridays Mrs Pyrke backfills me and covers the areas of Health and Maths with Measurement.

In Science, we are studying Insects and their importance to humans. In the second half of the term we will investigate changes in materials.

The children R-7 are studying India this term.

We will look at art, music, dance, food and the Upper Primary will investigate racism.

Regards, Jillian

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Blyth Cinema

Wed 28th April 6.30 pm - The Pianist (MA15+)
War Drama-3 x Oscar Winner
Fri 30th April 8.00 pm - The Boys are Back
Sat 1st May 8.00 pm) An Education (M) 4 stars
Fri 7th May 8.00 pm) An Education (M) 4 stars
Sat 8th May 5.30 pm It’s Complicated (M)
Sat 8th May 8.00 pm) Avatar (M) 4.5 stars
Fri 14th May 8.00 pm) Avatar (M) 4.5 stars

Private Flute Lessons

If you are interested in learning the flute, please contact Sarina King on 88445332 for enquiries. Sarina is based in Blyth and has been playing the flute for approximately 22 years so she has a lot of experience and has also taught in recent years.