Welcome back to school everyone. A special welcome to Gabrielle Silvester, who returns to us after sick leave last year. We are so glad to have you back Gabrielle.

We also welcome back Kate Harvey after a wonderful trip to Europe last term.

A warm welcome to our new students: Luke Brown and Mathew Easther in the 5-7 class, Alex Lewis in Year 3 and our new reception students Laura Brown, Drew Bertelsmeier, Tyson Milburn, Matthew White and Jade-Lee Fisher. Our current enrolment is 54 students.

As you will read later in the newsletter, we have maintained nearly all of our staff although some roles have changed. This has led to a very smooth start to the year, despite the extremely hot weather. Students and staff have been keen to catch up with friends and start learning in their new classes.

2011 promises to be a very productive year as we begin to teach the Australian curriculum.

Cheers, Dzintra

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**Information Night**

This year teachers again invite you to share a barbecue tea with them on Tuesday 9th February, before they share their class plans, routines and expectations with you. Supervision of children in the yard will be provided while parents have some time in their children’s classes. Hamburgers and sausages will be supplied and we ask families to provide a salad.

The BBQ will be available between 5.30 and 6.30pm.

**Information Session Times:**

- Mrs Silvester/Mrs Pyrke 6:00pm
- Ms D’Cruze 6:30pm
- Mrs Harvey 7:00pm

Please return the reply slip for your family so that we can cater for the numbers attending.

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**Solar Power Generation**

Since our solar panels were installed in June 8,047KWh have been generated.

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**Diary Dates**

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**AGM**

The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council will be held on Monday 21st February at 7.30pm in the Library. Come along and hear about the school’s performance and achievements in 2010 and our future directions. You will also have the opportunity to hear Ian Roberts and Jillian D’Cruze explain the Community Mosaic Project at Padnaindi Park that will involve our entire community. The AGM will be followed by a social time with a cuppa and some nibbles.

**Material & Services Charges 2010**

At the end of 2010, Governing Council decided that the M&S charge be $140 per student for 2011. Invoices are attached and will be due and payable within 28 days of the invoice date. If for any reason you are unable to meet this commitment by then, please ensure that you make an arrangement with the front office to pay in instalments or with an agreed alternative arrangement.

School Card forms are available for anyone who requires them. Please ask to have them sent home to you for completion.

**Attachments with this newsletter**

- Term 1 Calendar
- Permission Forms ( x 3 )
- Governing Council AGM info
- Governing Council Nomination Forms
- Information Night reply
- Maths for All + Game to complete
- Uniform Order - return by 5th Feb
- Book Club Brochures - return by 5th Feb
**2011 Staff and Classes**

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### School Banking

If anyone is interested in their child taking part in this, please enquire to receive forms to complete to take to the bank to set up an account for school banking, which can be done each Thursday.

### Music Lessons

Mrs Maureen Eime will again be holding piano lessons this year on Wednesday mornings (beginning Week 3, on 16th February). If you are interested, please contact Maureen on 0427 606166.

### Timetable Changes

To make it easier to provide Non-Instruction time for teachers as determined by the Industrial Relations Commission last year, the school timetable has been slightly altered so that two fifty minute lessons are timetabled between recess and lunch as well as after lunch. This means that Eating Time for Lunch now begins at 1.00pm and lunchtime play begins at 1.10pm. Lunch ends at 1:50pm. Start of School, End of School and Recess stay the same.

### Christian Pastoral Support Worker News

Hello families,

I hope you have had a good holiday break, and the beginning of the school year is going well for all of you, especially new students and families. For those new to the school, there are many things to learn, particularly in the first week.

I remember on my first day as a CPSW three years ago feeling daunted about learning everyone’s names! Please don’t be afraid to ask someone if you are not sure about something. A small piece of information can make a big difference.

A little about what I will be doing on Tuesdays at school this term: about half of the day will be spent with the three classes. The rest of the day is available to respond to any needs that come up. This could be one to one contact with students, chatting with parents at school, home visits etc. Usually, I will provide a lunch time activity, such as craft, for students who are interested. This week, we made shell boats. It was interesting to see children make the little boat, then experiment with their own ideas and add their own touches. The older students also did a great job of helping the younger ones.

Part of my role is to offer support to the school community in whatever way I can. I can be contacted through the front office or at home.

### Active After School Communities

**Footsteps Dance Sports** begins today after school. There will be five sessions with the last being on Thursday 3rd March.

**Swimming Fun and Games** begins next Monday at the Valleys Lifestyle Centre and continues on Mondays until 28th March. Please note that there will be no session week 7 (Adelaide Cup holiday). After school, children will have a snack before travelling with Mrs Zweck on the community bus to Clare. The session starts at 4:00pm and finishes at 5:00pm. Children will travel back by bus and should be at the school by 5:30pm.

### Parent Club

Welcome to 2011 to all families especially our new ones. Our first Parent Club meeting for this year will be on Tuesday 22nd Feb at 1.45pm in the staffroom. This will be an informal meeting/afternoon tea getting to know the school and we would like to invite all parents to attend.

If you have any questions please contact me on 0438445118. We hope to see you there.

Tamara Pyrke (Secretary)
on 88462164 if you have concerns and would like to chat at any time.

My best wishes to the school community for a great year of learning.

Take care, Mignon

**Rec-Year 2 News**

Welcome to 2011!! We are very excited to be back, and hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break. The children all seem to have grown over the holidays, both in height & maturity - Gabrielle in particular noticed this!

This term we welcome five new reception students to our room; Jade-Lee Fisher, Matthew White, Tyson Milburn, Drew Bertelsmeier and Laura Brown. This takes our class numbers up to 17 this term. Our new receptions have all settled in well, and are quickly learning class and school rules. Once again, it's been great to see the rest of the class (and school) eagerly help our new students to feel welcome!

For term one, Gabrielle Silvester will be in the classroom on Mondays and Tuesdays, with Cheryl Pyrke doing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Cheryl will also be covering both the Junior Primary and Middle Primary classes for NIT (Non-Instructional Time - ie programming, etc) on Tuesdays. She will be in the Junior Primary classroom all Tuesday afternoon, so this will provide great continuity to the class.

This term we will be focussing on a “Summer” theme, starting off with holiday news and the beach. Science will tie into this by looking at seashells, and developing some explorative questions. In Maths, we will be collecting and interpreting data, as well as looking at number in depth. English, Art and SOSE (Society and Environment) will also relate to our theme.

Please write a note or come and see us if you’d like to chat or ask questions.

Until next time,

Regards, Cheryl Pyrke and Gabrielle Silvester.

**Year 3-4 News**

Well, it is wonderful to be back from freezing in a European winter (although this hot weather is a bit of a rude shock!)

The Year 3s and 4s have had a wonderful start to the year. I am impressed by the way the Year 4s have stepped up to be leaders, now that they are the ‘oldies’ and the way the Year 3s have adapted to a new classroom routine so quickly.

The Middle Primary Class is lucky to have a variety of fantastic teachers this term. Mrs Richards will be in the classroom on Monday to Thursday, with Mrs Bray teaching on Fridays. It will be great to catch up with parents in week 3 at the Parent Information night.

Hope to see you all then.

Regards, Jillian D’Cruze

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Blyth Cinema**

Fri 4th Feb 8.00 pm Charlie St Cloud (M)
Sat 5th Feb 6.00 pm Legend of The Guardians: The Owls of Gahoole (PG)
Sat 5th Feb 8.00 pm The Girl Who Played With Fire (MA15+)
Tues 8th Feb 8.00 pm The Girl Who Played with Fire

Fri 11th Feb 8.00 pm The Girl Who Played with Fire
Sat 12th Feb 6.00 pm Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Gahoole (PG)
Sat 12th Feb 8.00 pm Eat, Pray, Love (M)
Fri 18th Feb 8.00 pm Eat, Pray, Love (M)

**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 Centres will run at Richardson Park Oval, (Seven Hill), starting on Saturday 5th February from 9-10am and will run for 6 weeks
The cost of the Program is $50 per NEW participant. Every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, activity booklet and lots of other goodies.
To register visit www.in2crickeet.com.au and search using your postcode.

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**Burra & District Tennis Association**

2011 Junior Tennis Tournament
Round Robin Competition

Sunday 13th February 2011
(Arrive 8.30 am, play commences 9.00 am)
at Burra Tennis courts

All entries to be lodged with
Junior Coordinator
Michelle Cousins, 6 Hill Street
Burra SA 5417 Ph/Fax 88922108

Entries close 8th Feb, 2011
Refreshments on sale at Clubhouse
Sausage sizzle lunch available
Please be Sun Smart

Thankyou kindly to the 2011 Sponsors of the Burra & Districts Junior Tennis Tournament
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Please ask at the front office at Blyth PS if you require an enrolment form for the Burra Tennis tournament

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**BALAKLAVA TENNIS CLUB**
**JUNIOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

Sunday 27th February 2011 at 8.30am
at Ralli Park Courts

Boys and girls singles and doubles competition

Entries and fees to be received by Friday 18th February 2011
To Tania Allen
P.O. Box 262 Balaklava 5461
Ph 88622212 or Mob 0419 034 096.
All interested players to ring or txt the above numbers with your name/address and an entry form will be posted out.

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**BLYTH SNOWTOWN NETBALL CLUB**
**JUNIOR TRAININGS**

Come ‘n’ Try Night – Everyone welcome
Thursday March 24, 5pm at Snowtown Courts
Followed by BBQ for juniors & parents.
All attendees will receive a free lip gloss.
REGISTRATION NIGHT (subs accepted): Thursday, 31st March, 5pm, venue to be determined. A roster will be provided at the Come & Try Night for future trainings.
MORE JUNIORS STILL REQUIRED – If you know of any children wishing to play netball, please contact us. It is a great way to make friends and a great experience to be part of a team.
NET-SET-GO
Available for all girls aged 5 – 7
Please register you interest with Simone Bigg on 0412 755 748

NOTE CHANGES TO SUBS: Junior & Senior players who pay their subs at the prior to or at the Registration nights will go into the draw for a variety of prizes. The discount now expires on the day of the first game and players must be paid before the 3rd game.
COACH APPLICATIONS – Round 2
Coaches are still required for: SENIOR: B1, B2, C1 & a Masters Coordinator
JUNIOR: J3, J4 (depending on junior numbers only 1 junior coach may be required)
Applications must be in writing and received no later than 4th February 2011 with coaches being appointed around the time of our General Meeting. Register now to be part of the grading and selecting of teams.