We were saddened to hear that both Mrs Vera Hentschke and Mrs Ina Roberts passed away during the last two weeks. Their contributions to the Blyth community and to our school in particular are truly valued. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families.

A very warm welcome is extended to Jarrad and Jade who are both newly enrolled Year 6 students. We hope that you and your families enjoy your time at the school and continue to build on the very positive starts you have made.

Many thanks to the Blyth Community Network for providing staff with a very special lunch on Wednesday of last week. It really did “make our day” to be spoilt in such a delicious way and to know that our community values and cares for us.

Cheers, Dzintra

Mid North Sports Day
Congratulations to the Blyth Blue team on their clean sweep on Sports Day in winning the tabloid events, championship running and the shield, and to Blyth Red for finishing second. Team captains from both teams led by example, were organised, patient and encouraging. Students were enthusiastic and were good sports. Thank you to the parents who were volunteer helpers on the day and to everyone who came along and supported the teams.

Jump Rope for Heart
Congratulations to everyone who sponsored students in raising funds for the Heart Foundation. $1178.75 was raised by the school with special mention made for the outstanding effort by Leah Van Ruth and her family. Leah raised $510 and was presented with an individual certificate by the Heart Foundation.

Working Bee
Thank you to the grounds committee and families who attended the working bee on Sunday 25th September. Several pallets of pavers were removed to extend the lawn area adjacent to the playground, new goal posts were put on the oval, cobwebs were removed and the ramp outside of the toilets was painted. Special thanks to Kerrin Rowan and Gareth Ottens of ‘Diggin Australia’, who provided their time and machinery to dig the holes for the goal post footings.

Material & Service Charges 2012
At the September meeting, the Governing Council approved the amount of $150.00 for M&S Charges for 2012. Invoices will be sent out in February next year with a 28 day payment period. School Card forms will be available and can be picked up from the front office early next year or payments can be made in instalments. However there needs to be an instalment plan in place to organise regular payments.

Attachments with this newsletter
- Scholastic Book Club Brochure – orders by Fri 4th November
- Term 4 Calendar
- Mobile Office - (Centrelink) - coming to Clare Tuesday 1st November
- Kid’s Club notice
**Headlice**

There has been a report of headlice by one of the families at the school. Could you please check your childrens’ hair carefully, just to make sure there are no unwelcome visitors.

**Sensational Students**

**Week 10 Term 3**

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<th>Daniel King</th>
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**Week 1 Term 4**

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<th>Jade-Lee Fisher</th>
<th>☺ For being focussed and working hard, especially when reading Big Books and stories</th>
<th>Jasmin McElroy</th>
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**Active After School Activities**

Martial Arts and Teeball have started. There are still spaces available if children would like to participate. Please ask Mrs. Richards for a consent form if you need one.

**German News**

Wow! We have a wonderful Smartboard for our learning area. It will be very useful in language learning.

Term 4 is always very interesting as we look forward to St Martinstag, St Nikolaus and Weihnachten and for activities associated with them. Cheers, Judy Goss, German Teacher

**Parent Club**

Blyth Primary School has 30 tickets to the Credit Union Christmas Pageant. The site we will access is the Credit Union Community Site in Wakefield Street. Please contact Heather at the school if you would like tickets.

Camel Fundraising – Art Calendars and Cards – Please remember to send your orders in by next Monday 31st October.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion**

Thank you everyone who supported the Earn and Learn program. The school achieved just over 7,000 points and has ordered Maths equipment which will be delivered in Term 1 next year.

**Christian Pastoral Support Worker News**

Hello everyone,

Welcome back for the final term of the school year. I hope all goes well for you in what is usually a busy time of year in the lead up to Christmas.

We know to watch out for stress and tiredness, but I find they do have a habit of creeping up on you!

**Christmas Hampers**

Traditionally during term 4, our school community donates non perishable food for Christmas Hampers, an initiative of the Clare Valley Christian Outreach Financial Counselling Service. They work with Uniting Care Wesley to provide 30 - 40 hampers each year to families in difficult circumstances. Last year this included families affected by the flooding at Tarlee.

Kathy Jenkin from the Financial Counselling Service has suggested our school could provide the custard for the Christmas puddings this year. So we are asking each family to donate a litre carton of long life custard, if you would like to do so. Other non perishable food would also be very much appreciated.

Items can be left under the Christmas Tree in the Front Office area before the end of term.

Take care of yourselves and each other, especially in the busy times.

Regards, Mignon

**Rec-Year 2 News**

Hi Families

We have “hit the ground running” as we have the same class as last term - 18 lovely children.

I am now doing a 9 day fortnight as my health is great and I’m getting fitter. Lucky for us Cheryl continues to be flexible and a “constant presence” in the children’s school life. Our theme for this term is Maths, so we are linking Maths to stories, art and in every way we can.

The children are working hard - we try to fit so much into the day.

We will have swimming in Week 6.

Cheers, for now,

Gabrielle Silvester & Cheryl Pyrke

**Year 3-4 News**

Hi families,

Welcome to Term 4, which is shaping up to be busy and exciting. The Middle Primary Class have hit the ground running, that’s for sure...

Our theme for this term is The Wizard of Oz - we are busy practising our acting, singing and dancing for the school concert, as well as creating artwork about the main characters. In
Design and Tech/ICT, students will be designing their own version of The Emerald City and creating it on the computer using a 3D design program called Google SketchUp. They have begun to write articles for their own newspapers, The Ozmopolitan. Science will incorporate the theme by investigating Chromotography (the study of colour) and Rainbows.

Maths is looking slightly different this term, following our fantastic training by Ann Baker in the Natural Maths Strategy, which focuses on teaching Maths content through a range of open-ended problem solving activities. So far students have learnt strategies such as Elimination, Guess Check and Improve and Working Systematically. They have been extremely engaged in this 'new' maths, and it is inspiring to see the achievements of students and the self-confidence they have gained. Until next time, Kate

**Year 5-7 News**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4, a very busy and exciting time for all of us.

A big hello to Jarrad and Jade, our two new Year 6 students who have joined us this term. Our focus this term will be Earth Sciences and we will be exploring renewable and non renewable resources. We will be planning and carrying out investigations on the 'water cycle'.

In English, I am assessing the students' knowledge on areas covered this year. So far we have covered recounts and conversations.

We are watching a programme called "Horrible Histories" and conducting research on whether the articles are factual or fabricated.

Our Maths programme for the Year 7s is Algebra, graphing and individual revision. Year 5s and 6s are covering graphing and using the Excel program and continuing with their revision.

Our focus for the Arts this term is on Drama and Dance.

Regards, Jillian

**Blyth Netball Club**

The Blyth Netball Club is looking to hold a Junior Deb Ball sometime next year and seeking interest from local girls. Even though it's a Blyth NC fundraiser we are opening it up to all Blyth-Snowtown girls.

**Are you finding Parenting really hard work?**

Wonder how you will thrive rather than just survive the summer holidays?

Come along and reinforce the good work that you do and learn a few tried and true tips.

- How to improve behaviours and understand "Who owns the problem" and why
- How to understand and manage emotions e.g. anger & anxiety - theirs and yours
- How to enhance your child's self esteem
- How to get your children to listen to you and enable you to feel more connected to them

**WHEN:**

Session 1 - Tuesday 15th Nov 2011
Session 2 - Tuesday 22nd Nov 2011
Session 3 - Tuesday 29th Nov 2011

Two separate workshops covering the same material. Choose either mornings or evenings

**WHERE:** Clare R.S.L. Community Centre - Burton St Clare

**TIME:** Day 9.30-11.30am or Evening 7-9pm

**COST:** $20 per session/per person

$10 unwaged

**PHONE:** DONNA McKINNON on 0417805776

Parent educator and counsellor B. Soc.Sc. Cert in Narrative Therapy

Numbers limited, so be quick!

**CLARE TENNIS CLUB**

**2011 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT**

**SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER**

**AT CLARE TENNIS COURTS**

**ALL ENTRIES TO BE SENT TO:**

CTC JUNIOR TOURNAMENT,
BOX 1756, CLARE 5453

Under 12, Under 14 & Under 16 Singles & Doubles Events

Entries close 10th November 2011 unless event is filled prior to this date.

**Enquires:** Sue Dobbs: 0417847174 or leave a message on 0888445170 or at Benbournie@activ8.net.au
Clare High School
Clare High School invites you to celebrate
90 years of Excellence in Education
Friday 28th October, 2011 School Open Day
Saturday 29th October, 2011 – Black Tie
Cocktail Dinner at Clare Town Hall
7.00 pm til 1.00 am Music by Tubestaks
Tickets $55.00. RSVP 29th September, 2011
Phone 88427888 for further information

Need some help to get into shape for Summer, why not try

ZUMBA fitness
When: Monday evenings
Time: 6:00 – 7.00 pm
Where: Clare High School Hall
Cost: $8.00
Children 12 & Under $6.00
Bring a towel, a friend/mother/daughter/sister, water & wear aerobic shoes.
Licensed Instructor Mel Kench will guide you through a fun, calorie burning dance fitness workout.
Enquiries can be made to Mel 0409 786 244

GIRLS MORNING IN
Come along, bring a friend and get started with your Christmas Shopping at our Tupperware, Body Shop and Enjo Session
CHILDREN MOST WELCOME
At the same time join in with our “Girls Morning In” and wear some PINK and support Breast Cancer Research
DATE: Thursday 27th October 2011
TIME: 10 am til 1 pm
Demonstrations and Pampering from 10am, Products will stay on for those at work to drop in during their lunch time where possible.
WHERE: The Last Word Inn, 12 Main North Rd, Clare
RSVP: To Maryanne at Clare Valley Children’s Centre on 8842 2483.
Please inform her if you will be attending demos or at lunchtime to assist with planning.
If you are unable to attend but wish to order please collect a catalogue from the reception.
Any queries call Tash Quinton 8842 1483 or 0403 334134

Kaye, Christine, Leeanne
Hi my name is Kaye I am a field worker with the Learning Together at Home program. I have just started working in this area, and am based in the Clare Children’s Centre three days a week travelling to homes in the lower north region.
Learning Together at Home is a free service through the Department of Education. My role is to visit in the home and support families to build on children’s skills and abilities through play. The Learning Together at Home program provides resources, toys, books, and fun activities for parents sometimes I will bring out a fun activity for example painting, bubble blowing, play dough etc. for parents to share with their children.
The Learning Together program supports families with a range of needs which include families in rural areas with limited or no access to other services, children with additional needs or at risk of developmental delay, single parent families, and unemployed, low income families. We support children aged from birth to four years.
Play is the most powerful way young children learn.
Call Kaye: Mobile: 0408 290 807 or Fax: 86324509

Milo Cricket
The Milo in2cricket season kicked off on 22nd October at BPS Oval.
It is open to children 5 years and older, with children aged 8 or over able to ‘graduate’ to Under 16s when they are ready. We encourage girls as well as boys to come and have a go - the emphasis is on skill building and having fun, rather than competitive cricket. We do know of one girl who would play but doesn’t want to be the only one - so girls, we encourage you to come and join in! Sessions are from 9.00 am every Saturday until the end of Term 4. The season costs $60 and participants receive a Milo in2cricket pack. All players should bring a wide-brimmed hat, a large drink bottle and sunscreen. Any parents or friends who want to help will be very welcome.
All enquiries to Jason 0417 848 544 or Emma 0429 334 890."