Newsletter: Issue 2
Thursday 17th February 2011

It’s very pleasing to see that staff and students have “hit the ground running” this year. Classrooms already look attractive and students (and staff) are well into their learning. Teachers shared their plans for the coming year at the Information Night on Tuesday evening. If you missed the night and have questions you want answered, please ring to arrange a time to meet with teachers.

Cheers, Dzintra

Information Night
Information Night was very well attended. Many thanks to Valerie Carling and Tamara Pyrke who organised the food and their many helpers who provided salads and helped cook the BBQ.

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.

Pupil Free Day
All of our teachers will be attending training presented by Dr Di Siemen at Wallaroo on Friday 11th March. Together with teachers from across the Yorke and Mid North region, we will have the opportunity to learn about practical applications of current research in Maths education and the Australian Maths Curriculum. The school will be closed on Friday 11th March.

Material & Services Charges 2011
Thank you to everyone who has paid their M&S charges for 2011. A reminder that they are due and payable by 3rd March. School Card forms are available for anyone who requires them. Please ask to have them sent home to you for completion. If you require any assistance with payment, please call to make arrangements.

Internet Use at Home
Some students have used their Ed Login at home for “social networking”. This is unacceptable use of school resources and in future any students doing so will be suspended from use of DECS internet services. Parents are reminded to be aware of how their children are using the internet.

Power Visit
Staff and students enjoyed a visit from Port Power football players on Monday afternoon. Brett Ebert, Michael Pettigrew, John Butcher and Tom Jonas talked about healthy eating and active lifestyles. We enjoyed hearing about their careers and the activities on the oval afterwards. Amazing what you learn! Both Andy Hollingshead (at our school) and Brett Ebert have pet bearded dragons!

Head Lice
Please check your children’s hair. A report of treatment being required for nits has been made by a member of our school community.

Solar Power Generation
Since our solar panels were installed in June 8,608KWh have been generated.

Attachments with this newsletter
• Agenda for AGM
• Student Absence Notes
• Maths for All
• Seasons for Growth Flier

Diary Dates

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BLYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
SMALL SCHOOL- UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES
August St, Blyth, SA, 5462. PH: 88 445 195 FAX: 88 445 021
e-mail: principa@blythps.sa.edu.au www.blythps.sa.edu.au
Sensational Students

Collecting the Mail
Parents who wish to have their children collect the mail from the Blyth Post Office before travelling on the school bus or attending OSHC are asked to put their request in writing – either a letter or note in their child’s diary. They will also need permission to be able to go home for lunch, if the need arises.

Notification of Student Absences
Thank you to those parents who have already used student absence notes or made a phone call to the school this year when children have been absent. A new supply of Absence Notes for 2011 goes home with this newsletter.

Parent Club
Our first informal Parent Club meeting for this year will be this Tuesday 22nd Feb at 1.50pm in the staffroom. We would like to see as many new faces as we can so please join us for afternoon tea & get to know the school. If you have any questions please contact me on 0438445118. We hope to see you there.

Tamara Pyrke (Secretary)

Christian Pastoral Support Worker News
Hello families,

From my day at school on Tuesday:
In my time spent with the JP class, children enjoyed lots of good playing and different activities. As you can imagine, there was lots of packing away to be done. To encourage this to be done quickly and happily, Mrs Silvester plays a track of music. What a great idea!

When I walked into the school yard on Tuesday evening for Information Night, I was impressed by what I saw: the school community spending time together, eating a BBQ tea and chatting, children playing. Thanks to staff and parents for setting the scene for a friendly and relaxing time. I hope those of you who were able to attend enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

Next Tuesday:
I am looking forward to visiting the Parent Club meeting for a short time, where I will talk about my work. Please feel free to bring forward suggestions and questions, which I am always happy to hear. This helps to form and provide the CPS service that is best for our school community.

Take care, Mignon

Rec-Year 2 News
With the first few important weeks behind us now, we are both very pleased with how well all the children have settled back into the routine of school life. Our new receptions are continuing to make great progress, as they gain in confidence, learn new routines and make new friends.

On Monday afternoon we were lucky enough to have some Port Power players visit the school to talk about footy, health, nutrition, etc before getting out onto the oval for a kick with the students. It was great to see some of our students take advantage of the follow-up clinic offered to everyone at the Clare town oval Monday after school. A good time was had by all! Thank you to Sonia and Leo (Andy’s parents) for bringing in Andy’s pet lizard (a bearded dragon), Slash, on Tuesday morning for everyone to see. Apparently he has already doubled in size since Christmas. It was fabulous for the children to be able to see and touch him.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend the Parent Information Night on Tuesday night. If you were unable to attend, please look out for your copy of the information sheets we gave out. They will be sent home with your child.

Until next time,

Regards, Cheryl Pyrke and Gabrielle Silvester.

Week 2

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Year 3–4 News
It was great to catch up with so many parents on Tuesday night.
The MP Class has settled well into their routine.
In Maths we have been playing lots of number games to consolidate addition and subtraction facts. In English we have been learning about nouns and verbs, and using them to write procedures about breakfast. We wrote “How to Prepare a Bowl of Sultana Bran” as a class before students went away to write their own “How to…….” The writing will be edited and published.
Our Breakfast theme has started – we have been learning about the food pyramid and discussing what foods we could eat to have a balanced breakfast. On Tuesday we measured how much sugar we would find in 100 grams of a variety of cereals. We predicted that Fruit Loops and Coco Pops would have a lot of sugar, but were surprised by how much sugar is in Nutri Grain!

Cheers, from our busy classroom, Kate

Year 5–7 News
Dear Parents
Our classroom looks great thanks to the hard work of the students. Their work on Pro Hart is exceptionally bright and detailed.
In Maths we are having a big focus on number and the basic operations. We are using the Smartboard and computer games to cement these concepts.
Science and our topic on earthquakes is great. We will begin to carry out tests and investigations. The Year 5s will make models of the earth and solar system, the Year 6s will make volcanoes and the Year 7s with Mr Catlow’s assistance on Mondays will build a model of a seismograph and mini city. Narrative writing and Persuasive writing are on the class agenda for the next few weeks.
We need volunteers for Enterprise. Your help will be most appreciated. Thank you to all who attended Tuesday for the Parent Information session.

Regards, Jillian

Blyth Cinema
Fri 18th Feb 8.00 pm Eat, Pray, Love (M)
Sat 19th Feb 8.00 pm Accidents Happen (M)
Sat 26th Feb 8.00 pm The Ghost Writer (MA15+)

Fri 4th Mar 8.00 pm The Ghost Writer
Sat 5th Mar 8.00 pm The Social Network (M)
Fri 11th Mar 8.00 pm The Social Network (M)
Sat 12th Mar 8.00 pm The Town (MA15+)

Blyth Tennis Club
QUIZ NIGHT
Saturday 19th February, 2010
Blyth Town Hall
Commencing 8.00pm.

Family night of entertainment including quiz and fun games.

Entry Fee: Adults $10.00
High School $5.00
Primary School & Pre School Free
Family Ticket $25.00

Supper included. Bar Facilities available.
Book a table or just come along and join in on the night.
To book a table contact Tracey Andriske 0428 445168

CHANGE OF DATE
Blyth Tennis
Twilight Social Tennis
On Friday 25th February
(not 4th March due to CHS Continental)
from 5.30pm
BYO BBQ & Drinks
Non Members $3.00. Members Free
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.

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.