Newsletter: Issue 1
Thursday 2nd February 2012

Welcome back to school everyone.
A special welcome to our new students and their families to our community: Holly Cope (Year 5), Brody Walsh (Year 3) and Jasmine Prott in Reception.
We also welcome Sally Rolstone to our staff. Sally comes to us from Clare Primary School and will be taking the place of Heather, who begins long service leave next Thursday. We all hope you enjoy a well-deserved break Heather, especially when your new grandchild arrives.
We begin the year with 49 students.
I look forward to meeting you all at Information Night next Tuesday evening.

Cheers, Dzintra

Information Night
This year teachers again invite you to share a barbecue tea with them on Tuesday 7th 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 pm and 6.30 pm. If your first session is with Mrs Silvester, please ensure that your family arrives at about 5.30pm so that you have plenty of time to eat. We would prefer that people eat outside and not bring plates into classrooms.
Information Session Times:
  Mrs Silvester                   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.

Active After School
It is with regret that we learned this week that swimming would not be possible at the Valley's Lifestyle Centre for Active After School groups this term. We thank Rachel Carling, who has stepped into the breech, and will be offering

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<td>Mon 20th Feb</td>
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Tennis to students after school on Mondays after school. We are also hoping to have Table Tennis on another day but arrangements have not been finalised. A Tennis note goes home with this newsletter and information about our second activity will be sent home later.

Annual General Meeting
The Annual General Meeting for 2011 will be held on Monday 20th February at 7.30pm in the library. We are very fortunate to have as a guest speaker, Dr Deslea Konza, Associate Professor, Language and Literacy, from the Edith Cowan University in Western Australia. Deslea will be working on a research project involving Early Years teachers from several schools in the Yorke and Mid North Region this year. Our school will be a part of this project and Gabrielle and Kate will have their first training days on the 20th and 21st of February in Pt. Pirie.
After Deslea has outlined the scope of her research project you will have the opportunity to hear about the school’s performance and achievements in 2011 and our future improvement priorities. The AGM will be followed by a social time with a cuppa and some nibbles.

Attachments with this newsletter
- Term 1 Calendar
- Permission Forms ( x 3 )
- Governing Council AGM info
- Governing Council Nomination Forms
- Information Night reply
- Invoices for M&S Charges 2012
- Uniform Order - return by 5th Feb
- Active After School Communities Letter & Consent Form
- Scholastic Book Club due by 10th February
Governing Council Elections

Seven vacancies for Governing Council exist. This is a little more than usual because two councillors who still had a year to serve, have moved from Blyth and their children no longer attend the school. We encourage you to nominate for Governing Council. Being on Governing Council gives you the opportunity to learn a little more about school operations and you are able to provide your perspective when decisions are made. If you are unsure about taking this step, have a chat to Gavin McElroy, Greg Toholke, Andrew Clarke, Charmain Angel, Sarina King, Brad Kennett or Fiona Walkey, all of whom were on Governing Council last year.

Elections for Governing Council occur after the annual report has been presented at the AGM. When the meeting closes, a short Governing Council meeting is held to elect office bearers. Governing Council meets on Monday evenings, usually on the third Monday of the month, with two meetings a term.

Material & Services Charges 2012

At the end of 2011, Governing Council decided that the M&S charge be $150 per student for 2012. 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.

Fruit Monitors

Each Tuesday and Friday morning before school, fruit and vegetable platters are prepared for student snacks to be eaten after the Long Run. Teachers purchase the food and students prepare it under supervision in the staffroom. Students are rostered for this task. We have sent the Term 1 roster home with this newsletter to alert you to when it is your child’s turn, and ask that they come to school a little earlier when it is their rostered week.

Continuation and Extension of School Chaplaincy

Towards the end of 2011 the Governing Council applied to Commonwealth Government for the continuation and extension of the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program at our school. The submission was successful and as a result Mignon will now be working at the school on two days a week.

2012 Staff and Classes

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School Assembly

Weekly school assemblies will now be held on Friday afternoons at 3:00pm. We hope you can come along to celebrate our learning and achievements with us.

Parent Club

Welcome everyone to the new school year especially to the new families that have joined our school community. Our first parent club for this year will be held at the school on Tuesday 21st February at 1.50pm. I would like to personally invite everyone to our meetings. We are an informal way to get to know & help the school and meet some of the other parents. I hope to see you at our meetings, if you have any questions, please phone me on 88445118 or 0438445118.

Tamara Pyrke, Secretary

Christian Pastoral Support Worker News

Hello everyone,

From my school days, I remember the new exercise books on the first day back at school, and the experience of writing on the first page. A fresh beginning.

This week is a fresh beginning at school for 2012. I am thinking especially of our new students, families and staff as we all go about settling into a new school year. There are many things to learn,
particularly in this first week. Please ask if you are not sure about something. A small piece of information can make a big difference.

This year, I will be at school on Thursdays and Fridays.

Part of my role is to offer support to the school community in whatever way I can. You can contact me through the front office or at home on 88462164 if you have concerns and would like to chat at any time.

Best wishes to the school community for a happy, healthy and productive year in 2012.

Take care, Regards, Mignon

Rec-Year 1 News

Happy New Year!
Beware of the stampeding dinosaurs in the JP room!! Jasmine Prott is our new reception with 3 big receptions and 8 year ones. We are back busy and brilliant! The children are revising sounds, letter formation, sounding and some sight words and starting to learn some dinosaur information.

Home Readers will be home soon...........with a new diary format. Please use page attached inside the diary to write me notes and/or sticky notes joined to the page. There is some info at the front (and all the way through) on making best use of this diary and you and your child’s reading time. I think it is useful.

Thanks to Tania Bertelsmeier who helped turn a normal photo of your child into a DINOSAUR. The children loved it come and have a look. We are all happy, and it sounds like the children were all fortunate in having a great holiday. Lucky children in a lucky country! I am sure it will be a great year!

See you at the Parent Information night.

Cheers
Gabrielle Silvester

Year 2-4 News

Hi everyone, and welcome to the new year!
The wonderful students in the Middle Primary Class have already shown that they are hard workers, with a love of learning and a positive co-operative spirit, which is lovely to witness!

This term, our major learning will be about life cycles, growth, and development. We will be watching our new classmates (yabbies, leaf insects, mealworms and a ‘mystery pet’) as they grow and change throughout the term. There is lots of exciting learning ahead, and I look forward to sharing this with you at Information Night.

Cheers, Kate

Year 5-7 News

Hi Everyone
Welcome back to 2012. It’s going to be an exciting year and I am extremely pleased to be back in the classroom five days a week.

A special hello to Holly Cope who has joined the 5/6/7 class. We have lots of girls in our room. I look forward to meeting with all the parents at the Information night on Tuesday.

See you then.

Regards, Jillian

Music Lessons

Maureen Eime will be teaching Piano lessons again this year on Wednesdays, beginning week 3 (13th February). If your child is interested in learning please contact Maureen on 0427606166.

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| 4    | Ms D’Cruze | Jake, Eli, Gage, Scott |
| 5    | Mrs Pyrke | Jasmin, Matthew, Luke, Wade |
| 6    | Mrs Harvey | Jade, Maddi, Angus, Daniel |
| 7    | Mrs Silvester | Brayden, Barnaby, Bianca, Brody |
| 8    | Ms D’Cruze | Jarrod, Carmel, Lachlan, Charli |
| 9    | Mrs Pyrke | Emilee, Chloe, Blake, Kasey |
| 10   | Mrs Harvey | Caitlin, Ruby, Jeska, Julique, |

Blyth Cinema

Bryan, Stupid Love(M)★★★★
Sat 4 Feb 8.00 Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone
Fri Feb 10th 8.00pm
**Bank SA Accounts**

$10 Gift Voucher for all new Bank SA Accounts

For the start of Term 1, Bank SA is offering all students who open a new Incentive Saver A/c via the school a $10 gift voucher, which will be deposited into your child’s account once opened. All children under 13 years who open an account with Bank SA will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, Littlesavers Calculator, Littlesavers Library Bag and a School Bank Wallet. Littlesavers is BankSA’s special saving club for kids and it’s all about having fun and learning how to save! Take a look at the LittleSavers website littlesavers.com.au

This offer is available until 30/3/12 and is for new customers only. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.

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**Australian Red Cross Blood Service**

The Blood Service is visiting the Clare Sports Club Inc, Main North Road, Clare on

- **Monday** 20th February 12.00pm - 5.30pm
- **Tuesday** 21st February 12.30pm - 8.00pm
- **Wednesday** 22nd February 12.30pm - 8.00pm
- **Thursday** 23rd February 7.30am - 2.00pm

Before you donate eat something, drink 4 good-sized glasses of water & bring photo ID.

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**“Arabesque Dance Studio”**

Balaklava
2012 Registration Open
Children 18months - 18years
All styles of Dance
0457714419
arabesquedancebalaklava@gmail.com

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**Burra & District Tennis Association 2012 Junior Tennis**

To be held on Sunday 12th February 2012 at the Burra Tennis Courts

Please ask at the Front office if you require any Entry forms - to be returned by 8th Feb 2012

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**Balaklava Tennis Club Junior Tennis Tournament**

Sunday 26th February 2012 at 8.30am at Ralli Park Courts

Doubles and singles events for boys and girls aged 10 - 17yrs

Entries and fees to be received by Friday 17th February 2012

To Tania Allen
P.O. Box 262 Balaklava 5461
Ph 88622212 or Mb 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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**Shed Church**

Brinkworth Safety New & Blyth Community Presents - Guest Speaker

**DR SEAN GEORGE**

‘From Death to Life’

Saturday 18th February 6pm onwards for tea
7pm Worship & Guest Speaker

Where: Kevin & Mardi Pratts Farm –”Boskey Dell” Cnr Blyth Snowtown & Blyth Lochiel Roads

$5 oer family
Sausage sizzle & soft drinks included - BYO chairs

For more information contact
Brian Wundke 0428462027 or
Graham Jenkin 0428622185