



Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2018

Small School – Unlimited Opportunities



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News from the Principal

Term One Week 2

Diary Dates

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the 2018 school year. A special welcome to our new families and new Receptions. This year we have 61 students, and it has been great to see how they are all settling into their classes and learning with enthusiasm and energy. Thankyou to the many parents that have stopped in to say welcome, I am looking forward to our Acquaintance Night BBQ and AGM to hopefully catch up with more families on the 20th of February. This is an opportunity for parent/caregivers to also hear from the teaching staff about their class routines, learning programs and expectations for this year.

Staff Team– For 2018

Tricia Spurling - Rec/One teacher

Jillian D’Cruze – 2/3/4 class teacher

Kate Harvey – 4/5/6/7 class teacher

Emma Gardner – Health & P.E plus the 2/3/4 class & the 4/5/6/7 class 1 day per week each.

Anne Murrie – Japanese Language teaching

Julia Agnew – Front Office Administration

Shirley Jenner – Library & Class Support

Charmain Angel – Class Support

Karen Watkinson – Class Support

Wayne Lee – Grounds & Environment

Emily Gill – Pastoral Care Worker

Deb Noble – OSHC Director.

I am very pleased to be working at Blyth Primary School with a dedicated staff team to ensure that all students achieve their best in both their wellbeing and learning.

Blyth Primary School truly is a small school with unlimited opportunities for every child to be successful. The staff and I value the partnership with families in assisting our students to become independent, resilient and resourceful learners that develop confidence in their achievements.

It looks to be an exciting year of learning with participation in Wakakirri, Tree Planting, Enterprise Activities, we have a swimming carnival in Term 4, all students will be learning a new language – Japanese & making Peace Cranes to go to Hiroshima as part of a world school display, and some students will become Youth Environment Leaders teaching others aspects of protecting and sustaining our environment.

Have a fabulous fortnight everyone.

Best wishes Lynne-Maree Hastings

Principal Blyth Primary School



16/02	Book Club due
20/02	Acquaintance Night 5.30pm BBQ 6pm Gov Council 7pm
23/02	Assembly: Hosts Matthew & Nathan

Acquaintance Night 20/02/18

Please come & join us at Acquaintance night. The night will start at 5.30pm with Tricia, 5.40pm with Kate and then Jillian at 5.50pm with teachers speaking for 10 min in their room to talk about the year they have planned with your children. Then a BBQ at 6pm to be able to meet staff and other families. Please bring a salad & a sweet to share. Following at 7pm the Governing Council AGM will commence. If you would like to be active in your school community please nominate. Six positions are vacant (the forms are in with the newsletter on pink paper). This is a great opportunity for anyone who wishes to be involved to find out what is happening in our beautiful school.

We would like to thank Bec Jamieson for all her hard work as Governing Council Chairperson. Due to other commitments Bec is not going to nominate to be Chairperson, but will continue to be on council.

WOW! What a start to the 2018 school year!

Thank you for all the positive feedback about our learning space. The children really love our classroom. We have started the year talking and learning about how to care for ourselves, care for our environment and for care for others. We read the Rainbow Fish story and started talking about how to be a good friend to others.

The hot weather is making us very tired! We are hoping for a cool change for next week!

Mrs Spurling and the R-1 children

Hi parents

Welcome to the beginning of 2018. As usual, the holidays have flown by and we all find ourselves in the middle of February wondering what on earth happened! The Year 4 - 7 Class is continuing to settle and adjust to new surroundings, new furniture, new classmates, and, of course, for some, a new teacher or even two new teachers! This is a dynamic and diverse group of students, and I think that we are going to have a great year together. We have been focussing on establishing relationships, routines and expectations, and have begun our units of work in most curriculum areas. I have been trying to touch base with families as I see you, just to let you know how your child is settling in. Parents should already have received a little brochure with a brief overview of the term's focus, and I look forward to sharing some more information about our class on Acquaintance Night.

Cheers Kate

Dear Parents

Welcome to 2018, its going to be a fantastic year! We have had a sizzling start to the term, both with the weather and the positive attitude of the children in the class.

We have worked on our class rules and expectations and put them under the headings of Resilience, Collaboration and Respect, our school values. We also discussed the importance of all the children taking more responsibility for themselves and their learning. Over the next few weeks we will set some SMART goals.

This term we are learning about Australia and are also are studying the culture of India. We are looking at the food, architecture, people, animals and art of our Asian neighbour. The Year 4s will undertake an individual country project, and the Year 2s and 3s will complete a study of the Bengal tiger.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Acquaintance Night and giving you more details about the organisation of the class. If you have any concerns in the meantime, please do not hesitate to come and see me.



Pastoral Care with Emily - Term 1 Week 2

Welcome back to everyone. It was lovely to see so many smiling faces. Children running to connect with their friends that they hadn't seen during the holidays. There was a sense of relief and sadness for some parents as they watched their young ones leave the nest and settle into school life. I was lucky enough to spend the first week getting to know our new students and reconnecting with others during class and breaks times.

At recess and lunch, the children have been dancing to music using pom poms and ribbons or colouring in beautiful mandalas in the undercover area. I have attached some pictures for you to enjoy.

Our R.A.T.S (Resilience Ambassador Training Students) breakfast team is in full swing on Wednesday mornings. This week we enjoyed pancakes cooked on the BBQ. Our R.A.T.S team are learning how to be good mentors to our younger students. We have some brilliant up and coming leaders within our school.

I will be at school on Mondays and Wednesday mornings. I can be contacted through the school front office or pop in and see me at school for a chat. I am really looking forward to working with everyone in building strong relationships between student, staff, families and the community.

Have a fantastic week,

Cheerio, Emily



Swimming

Please note the Swimming Carnival that was to be held on the **27th February has been postponed.**

We will now hold swimming carnival on the 30th November from 12.30-3.30pm. This will be after swimming lessons that are being held in Week 6 (19th -23rd November).



M & S Fee

You will also find your invoicing for your child's M & S fee in with the newsletter. If you would like to apply for school card you can collect the forms from the front office or you can now apply online at sa.gov.au.

If you would like to organise a payment plan please contact Julia in the office.

Photos from the first couple of weeks



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OSHC is available every school day from 3.45-6pm at Blyth Primary School. If you would like an enrolment form or further information please contact Deb or the front office.



**Woodville District
Cricket Club**



Wednesday 31 January 2018

WOODVILLE DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB – RAY SUTTON SHIELD SQUAD 2018

We would like to extend an invitation for talented primary school aged cricketers in the Mid North to attend Woodville District Cricket Club's Ray Sutton Shield 2018 Squad Trials.

Ray Sutton Shield is the Premier One Day Cricket competition for primary school aged children, played over five Sunday afternoons at the beginning of next season (October - November 2018).

Trials will be held:

Sunday 25 February 2018
10.00am – 12.00noon
Jamestown Indoor Centre

Please confirm your attendance by emailing WDC Junior Coordinator, Neil Holton at nholton@bigpond.net.au