



Blyth Primary School Newsletter

2018

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News from the Principal

Term One Week 6

Diary Dates

Hello Everyone!

Just a reminder that next week after the long weekend our school has a pupil free day on Tuesday the 13th of March. On this day the staff and I will be working on our action plan for this year, and reviewing student progress for the first 6 weeks this term. We will also be focussing on the approaches used to assist students how to understand their learning achievement in order to work on what to do next for further improvement.

Last week on Wednesday after school our teaching staff attended "Network Learning Groups" at Clare High School where they were able to work with other teaching staff from different schools in the Mid North. Our staff were in groups discussing Mathematics, Early Learning, Technology and Positive Education.

On Tuesday this week we have had Mrs Jane Weatherill working with Mrs D'Cruze and her class on 3D Printing. This has been very exciting for everyone and I know the students in the 2-4 class can't wait to start working with the other classes in our school teaching everyone to program and use the 3D Printer.

Thank you to Emily Gill our Pastoral Care Worker who works wonderfully with our students on Mondays and Wednesdays. Emily has planned a fabulous morning for Harmony Day on March 21st, around the theme of "Growing Together in Harmony" which will culminate with students and families planting some small shrubs and trees at our school.

I have observed our students this year "growing together" as learning classes, and as a student community at lunchtimes and recess. Many students will assist others by demonstrating how to make an object (such as Paper Cranes in Japanese), or discuss how to solve problems using another method in Mathematics or Technology. Students invite others to play games at lunch and ensure that they share turns on equipment in the yard during play times. It is wonderful that the older students are also learning how to care for the younger students by encouraging them to play sensibly. Our students are working well to help each other to become independent and resilient learners who are upholding our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Collaboration.

The mid term Student Snap Shot Reports were sent home last week from Year 1 to Year 7, so that families could gain some information about how students were progressing with their personal skills and dispositions toward their work for the start of this year. The staff will have follow-up discussions during parent/teacher interviews later this term, but as always please feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you need any information.

Best wishes & I have a safe fortnight everyone,

Lynne-Maree Hastings

Principal Blyth Primary School

- 12/03/18 Adelaide Cup
- 13/03/18 Pupil Free
- 14/03/18 STAR Breakfast
- 19/03/18 Kytons orders due
2.30pm Parent
Club in OSHC room
7pm Gov Council
- 21/03/18 STAR Breakfast
Harmony Day
Bookclub orders due
- 22/03/18 YEL-Clare PS
- 23/03/18 Assembly: Hosts
Jack Henderson
& Charlie
- 28/03/18 STAR Breakfast
Kytons orders
collected pm
Religious Ed-Easter
(To be confirmed)
- 29/03/18 Clean Up Aust Day
- 30/03/18 Good Friday
- 02/04/18 Easter Monday
- 03/04/18 Interviews
- 04/04/18 STAR Breakfast
Interviews
- 06/04/18 Assembly: Hosts
Tyler & Jayde
- 11/04/18 STAR Breakfast
- 12/04/18 2.30pm Community
Assembly
- 13/04/18 Casual Day
2.30pm Dismissal
- 30/04/18 Term 2 begins

We are doing a great job of building our resilience and stamina, and are coping really well with the demands of coming to school everyday. We have learnt words in English to help us read and write, and we have also learnt some words in Japanese. We are learning about the weather in Science. We have looked at clouds and the weather forecast. We think it would be an interesting job to be a meteorologist!

Have a great, restful extended weekend.

Mrs Spurling and the R/1 class

Dear Parents

On Tuesday, Jane Wetherall, a teacher from Clare Primary joined the 2-4 class to teach the children and myself all about 3D printers. Mrs. Agnew joined us for part of the day lending her invaluable technical support to our class.

We went through the design process of creating on paper, making a 3d model, discussing and critiquing and then tweaking our models. When the printer program is fully functional the children will be able to print their work. All the children have been given a password and all work will automatically be sent to my account. They can log on at any time to work on their projects.

In term three, the children will be involved in developing a unit of work using the printers.

It was very exciting and the children were very enthused and cooperative throughout the whole day. I will try to organize a night where the parents can go through the same process and learn about the technology.

Regards Jillian

Hi parents

During the past three weeks Adele, a second-year pre service teacher joined the 4-7 Class for placement. Her comments were extremely favourable in regards to the students and the school. Thank you to parents for sending in food for our 'Adele Farewell', and especially to Belinda who came in to school early and helped me to prepare!

This week we have begun our viewing unit by looking at the concept of 'inference', and analysing how we can combine visual clues with our 'schema' (what we already know), to draw conclusions (called inferring). Thinking about how we think can be quite challenging, but is a valuable skill to develop and a fundamental aspect of higher order thinking skills.

We are about to begin a unit on persuasive writing, which is our new focus in the Brightpath Trial. To prepare for this, we had a whole school writing activity on Friday, which will be assessed according to the Brightpath Scale. Students will be assessed again later in the year. Last year the school used the Brightpath Scale for Narrative writing; we saw significant growth from students during the year, so it is exciting to be able to expand into a new genre this year!

Until next time Kate (and a very happy band of 4-7 students!)

Week 5 and 6 with Ms Gardner

The year 4/5/6/7 class has been working hard on creating their own zoos to study area and perimeter, and have just begun researching Africa.

The 2/3/4 class has been avidly debating different topics with each other and then creating a piece of persuasive writing.

The Reception/Year 1 class have been discovering ways to talk about their emotions with the help of The Kimochis! So far we have met Lovey Dove, Cloud and Huggtopus.

Regards Emma

Pastoral Care with Emily - Term 1 Week 6

Hello everyone,

Our STAR team has been working on their service skills during breakfast. I must report that they all did a super job in their chosen roles. The ham and cheese toasties were a huge success. Erinne prepared the Ham and Cheese toasties. Jack W, worked the toasty machine, Tyler made milo's for everyone. Jack H, was our music man and monitored the students to make sure all the dishes were done. Bonnie floated between all the others STAR's assisting them, and helped me with the pack up. These students have come a long way. Well-done!

Last newsletter I shared with you some ideas to help you show gratitude towards other people. Here are some more ideas to help you:

- You could give them something of yours that you think they would enjoy, and let them know specifically why you want them to have it.
- Think about something they have always wanted to do and invite them to do it with you.
- You could encourage them to try something that challenges them but they haven't yet done it because they're scared.
- Offer to do something for them like, if you know they don't enjoy mowing the lawn do it for them.
- Give them a compliment on a talent, skill, or strength that you admire.
- Give them eye contact and say, "You make the world a better place."

Have a fantastic couple of weeks and I look forward to seeing you at school on Wednesday for our Harmony Day breakfast followed by tree planting

Cheerio, Emily

HARMONY BREAKFAST

On the 21st of March at school, 8.30am.

For a gold coin donation there will be bacon and eggs, orange juice, tea or coffee.

Please wear something orange to join in with a school photo. Followed by tree planting.

Money raised will go towards the
Royal Flying Doctor Service

Clean Up Australia

29/03/18

More information next newsletter.



Parent Club Update

Parent Club is running a Kytons Bakery Fundraiser drive in time for Easter.



Order due 19th March.

Next Meeting - The next Parent Club meeting will be held on Monday 19th March at 2.30pm in the OSHC room. We will be electing our officers at this meeting so if you wish to nominate or become involved, please come along.

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.

M & S Fee

Payments for any school invoice can be paid direct into the school bank account.

BSB: 105 030 ACCOUNT: 140363740

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.

Wakakirri Consent

Included with this newsletter is a permission form that is required by Wakakirri.

Please sign and return ASAP



Year 2-4 Class making designs for 3D printing with Jane

Playgroup at Blyth Primary School every Thursday at 9am during Term time.



WANT TO LEARN GOLF?

DEVELOP SKILLS & GAIN FEEDBACK

JUNIOR & LADIES GOLF CLINICS INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

Sun April 15th & Mon April 16th
Mon April 23rd & Tue April 24th

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