



# Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2018

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## News from the Principal- Term One Week Three

*Hello Everyone,*

*Welcome back to the 2019 School Year.*

What an excellent start to the term all students and staff have experienced. This year our newsletters will be every three weeks as previously advised in week one of this term, and if there are any other notes of importance in the meantime, they will be sent separately. FlexiBuzz continues to remain the school communication for news, updates and reminders. We also have a calendar function on Flexibuzz that will enable you to look for dates of upcoming events as they become known to us, so that you may plan ahead. Please ask Julia for assistance if you need help to download this app onto your mobile, as this is another method in which you can find out information.

We welcome new students to our school this year- in Reception Isla Zweck, Isaac Wood, and Mason Reljich, in Year One, Harry Silvester, in Year Two, Jake Tindal, and starting from next Monday Charlotte in Year Four, and Jackson in Year Six. Our student numbers have increased slightly this year to 58, so we are very pleased to have our new students join into our school community.

Our new staff this year include Mrs Cheryl Pyrke teaching the 2/3/4 class, and Mrs Penny Drew teaching Design & Technology, so we welcome them also.

This year our staff are being very creative with our teaching format, sharing classes for different curriculum areas, and after a quick indication from students, the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Each classroom teacher has a specialist Reception to Year 6 area as listed below-

Mrs Spurling - Health & P.E.  
Mrs Harvey - Performing Arts & Digital Technologies  
Mrs Pyrke - Science  
Mrs Hastings - Humanities & Social Sciences.  
Mrs Murrie - Japanese.

We have also scheduled in some whole school reading groups with students and staff working together on improving and stretching the Literacy skills of our students.

The BPS Parent & Fundraising Committee met last week, with Mrs Simone Bigg becoming the new Chairperson for this committee. Congratulations & Thank you to Simone for volunteering for this role. Thankyou to Mrs Connie Reljich who did an enormous job last year leading the committee in the various events that have contributed to the wellbeing of the students, and raised a significant amount of funds for the school. Thankyou to all other members from last year also, as your work and volunteering has been greatly appreciated.

A reminder that families are invited next Monday evening for our **Acquaintance Night at 5.30p.m for a BBQ and to then go to your child's class to hear teachers speak about the routines and work for this year.** The AGM will start at 7pm. We would love to see you join us for this evening.

Have a great 3 weeks everyone,

*Lynne-Maree Hastings*

Principal Blyth Primary School

## Diary Dates

- 18/02/19 Gov Council AGM & Acquaintance Night from 5.30pm
- 22/02/19 Book Club Due
- 05/03/19 Port Adelaide Football Club 2-3pm
- 08/03/19 Assembly 3pm
- 11/03/18 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 12/03/19 PUPIL FREE DAY
- 18/03/19 Parent Club 2.30pm  
Governing Council 7pm
- 19/03/19 School Sport SA Summer Hub Tennis & Cricket @ Clare
- 21/03/19 Grip Leadership Adelaide-Yr 6
- 29/03/19 Assembly 3pm
- 03/04/19 School Sport SA Athletics @ Riverton
- 11/04/19 Community Assembly 2.30pm
- 12/04/19 End of term 1 –2.30pm dismissal

## School Captains for 2019

This year our students in year 6 that were interested in applying to be a School Captain had to write a formal application including the names of two referees, prepare a speech to deliver to the whole school, and be shortlisted for an interview. The students were given some time to prepare for two answers to discuss at their interviews with a panel of three staff members. It was a very difficult decision for the panel as all of the students were able to provide excellent answers and displayed leadership qualities.

Congratulations to Sam Kennett and Will Bernhardt, our two School Captains for 2019.



## Student Action Teams

This year students will be able to volunteer to be on a Student Action Team.

Congratulations to our following students for submitting an application to lead these groups.

- ◆ Caitlin for being our leader of the Wellbeing/Positive Education Team.
- ◆ Seth, Coby & Alyssa for being leaders on the Environmental/School Grounds Team.
- ◆ Brianna, Lily & Charlotte for being leaders on the School & Community Events/Assembly Team.



## SPORTS CAPTAINS

Congratulations to Sorayah & Mackenzie on winning the position of Sports Captains and Dylan winning Vice Captain for the year 2019.

The students are going to be working with Mrs Spurling throughout the year helping with weekly PE tasks, and will lead the school at Sports Day and Swimming Carnival.

## Health & PE News Dates for the diary

The calendar is out for all sporting events this year. SAPSASA/Hub events for term 1 are as follows:

- Summer Hub - Tennis & Cricket at Clare, Tuesday, 19th March
- Athletics Day at Riverton, Wednesday, 3rd April

Athletics Day will be attended by the children who can meet the SAPSASA standards in practise. This has come from the district meeting.

For your information, Winter Hub will be at Blyth again this year. There will be a discussion around the state of the oval closer to the date. I am hoping it will rain by May! Winter Hub will be held on Tuesday, the 21st of May. The Parent Club will be doing the catering again this year, so support from the school community will be greatly appreciated at the time. More on this closer to the date!

Our sporting schools grant will be used to introduce the children to Orienteering in term 1. The children will learn how to use an app to map the school and set courses for the school to use, and of course run and have fun! This will be happening in school time, later in the term.

Hopefully, we can have a healthy and active year from a Health and PE perspective!

Tricia Spurling

## ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT BBQ & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The night will commence at 5:30pm. With a BBQ- Sausages and Patties will be provided, and could all families bring a salad and sweet to share please.

Mrs Spurling 6.00pm, Mrs Harvey at 6:15pm, and then Mrs Pyrke at 6:30pm.

Our AGM will be in the 140<sup>th</sup> building commencing at 7pm, followed by a short Governing Council meeting for newly elected councillors following to vote for office bearers for 2019.

## Finance

The invoice for M & S fee for 2019 has been sent home. If you would like to apply for school card you can contact the front office or go on the website :[www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) under the heading Education, Skills and Learning.

**Accounts for school invoices can be paid by cash, cheque or direct into the bank account.**

**BSB: 105 030**

**Account: 140363740**

**Blyth Primary School Council Inc**

If you are using the OSHC and would like bank details, please see Julia to get this information.

# R/1 class news

Welcome to the 2019 school year! We have had a busy start in our classroom, welcoming 4 new children. Isla, Isaac and Mason are our new receptions and Harry is our new year one. We have tried to make them feel welcome and have established a buddy system for them. Buddies are a great help, making sure hats are on, lunches are with the children and toilet breaks are safe. The first two weeks were hot and tiring! We made it through with an ice block or two! Now in week three we seem to be sharing a summer cold around!

Isla, Isaac and Mason happy to receive their new red folders.



We are feeling great!



Welcome Harry

## Our poem for the week first two weeks!

**IT'S HOT**  
by Shel Silverstein

*It's hot!*  
I can't get cool,  
I've drunk a quart of lemon-ade.  
I think I'll take my shoes off  
And sit around in the shade.

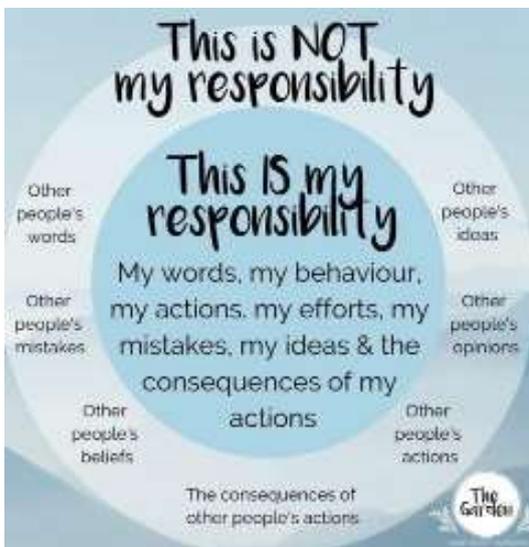
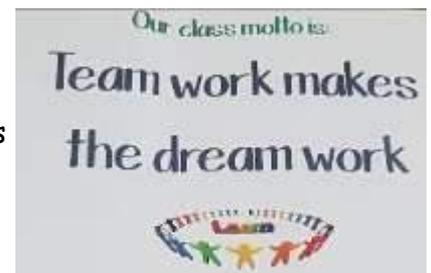
*It's hot!*  
My back is sticky.  
The sweat rolls down my chin.  
I think I'll take my clothes off  
And sit around in my skin.

*It's hot!*  
I've tried with 'lectric fans,  
And pools and ice cream cones.  
I think I'll take my skin off  
And sit around in my bones.



We spent the first two weeks learning about our school values of Respect, Resilience and Collaboration.

We decorated shields with picture that represented the school values. We talked about our class motto for the year and thought that this was a great motto for our classroom.



We made posters of how we can be respectful. We think respect includes respect for self, respect for others and respect for environments.

We talked about our responsibilities and worked out what we are responsible for and what we can not be responsible for. We looked at, and talked about this diagram and have found it really useful when talking about things that have gone wrong.

## Mrs. Pyrke's Year 2/3/4 Class

Welcome everyone to the new school year, and I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable break. It's lovely to be returning to Blyth Primary School after being away for 5 years, and to see how much the students have grown since I was here last! We have 17 students in the Middle Primary class this year and they have all settled in quickly and happily.



We have been working on numerous mindfulness activities, so that everyone can feel they belong in a peaceful, engaged classroom that supports their mental and emotional well-being.

We have looked at what makes us a good friend, written a letter to our 'future selves', decided on personal learning goals, collaboratively written our 'Class Code of Cooperation', written in our Gratitude Journals, contributed to our Gratitude Jar, all completed a section of our class mandala, worked on a "Class of 2019" name word search, designed a class logo, made posters about resilience and have made banners all about us.

We have started more of our lessons this week, including Reading, Spelling, Maths, Drama, Health & PE and Science. This is in addition to the HASS, Japanese and Design & Tech lessons that started in Week One.



I'm looking forward to the chance to catch up with all parents next Monday night at the Parent Information Evening and BBQ.

# Year 5/6 Class News



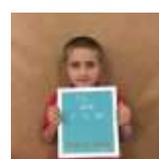
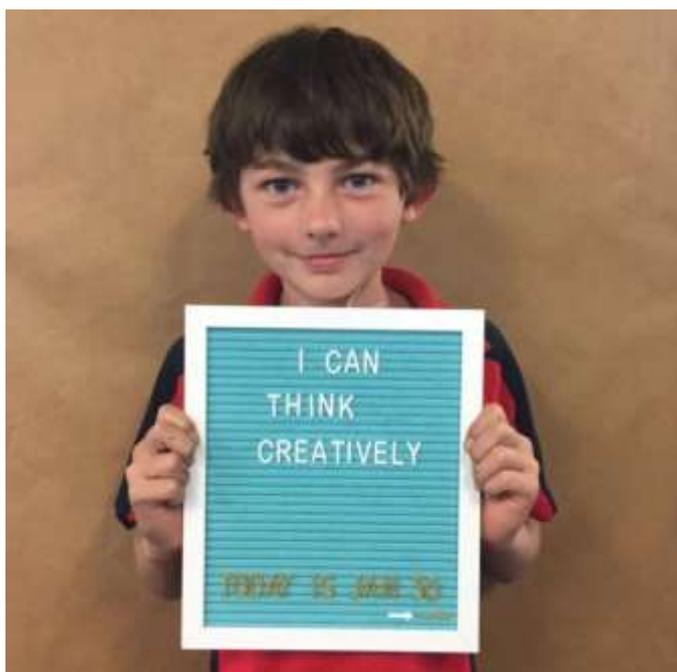
Hi Families and welcome to 2019! The Year 5/6 Class is loving working in the new learning space – we have room to stretch our legs and everything! We began the first two weeks with an alternative program, discussing school values and creating personal and class shields. The students were very interested in learning the *meanings behind their family 'crests', and were able to design shields and mottos that expressed their identity 'in a nutshell'.*

All members of the class (including its teachers!) have chosen a Learning Mantra to say when we have moved from our Comfort Zone to our Fear Zone. This can happen when we encounter new learning, or when we have problems that we are not sure how to solve. We know that we have to find the courage to move through our Fear Zone to reach our Learning and Growth Zones, and our Learning Mantras are a great way to help us to dig deep.



Our class spent time reflecting on a collaborative task (creating geodesic domes in teams), and what collaboration might look, sound and feel like, as well as what it is **not**, and how we can model collaboration as leaders in the school. We have decided that *collaboration feels like 'teamwork, friendship, and never giving up on others'.* Summed up beautifully I think!

I look forward to seeing you all at Acquaintance Night! Kate



## Pastoral Care Corner Week 3 Term 1

Welcome back everyone. We have hit the ground running. I would like to welcome new families and teachers to our wonderful little community. May your transition into Blyth PS be a positive experience that connects and builds a great foundation for the future. This year I will be working at school on Monday from 9am till 1pm and Wednesday 8.15am till 12.15pm.

My passion is wellbeing. I help build connections through positive engagement. I work alongside children, teachers and families, focusing on their skills and strengths. I promote great relationships that create good core values, giving hope, meaning and purpose. Basically, I am here for you.

This term as a whole school we are focusing on **Gratitude**. We are learning about being thankful in the present moment. It's not about just saying thankyou if someone holds the door open or helps you when you fall. It's about saying thankyou for the little things. Like thankyou for my health, food on the table, clothes to wear, a school to learn in, a roof over your head, family and friends. The list just goes on and on. Being thankful is the mindfulness of gratitude. Last week students discussed what they were thankful for and made gratitude spinners and have hung them around the school. As William Arthur Ward said, "Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."

Feel free to contact me through the front office or alternatively on [emily.gill394@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:emily.gill394@schools.sa.edu.au) if you need to make a time to catch up. I look forward to connecting with you during the term.

Cheerio, Emily



Please donate your bottles and cans to our school charity Australia Bringing Hope, Next time you're in at the Clare Bottle Depot. We are helping to build a school in Uganda.

Jake & Mrs Drew



Isla, Harry, Mason & Isaac



Mrs Pyrke



## Welcome to Blyth Primary School 2019

SA Dental Service

*Keep your kids smiling*



Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.  
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Clare School Dental Service Clinic  
Phone: 8842 4196  
[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental)



### The United Archers Inc. Beginner's Archery Course

**Are you between 5-8 years old?**



Clare Scout Group  
Joey Section

Invites you to their  
**Come and Try Night**

Tuesday, February 26, 2019  
6:30pm - 7:45pm

Clare Scout Hall  
Main North Road, Clare  
(by the Oval entrance)

*Please join us for a treasure hunt, games  
and "supper"*

Enquires:  
Jayne 044 777 8594



RSVP: Friday, February 22

Dates: 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Enrolments Close: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Numbers are limited.

Time: 11.00am (depending on temperature)

Duration: 90 minutes

Cost: \$90.00 (includes equipment hire and field fees)

Venue: Blyth Oval (eastern side of Bowling Club and Tennis Courts), Blyth

Contact Details:

Joanne (Club Secretary) – 041 300 4908 or email [unitedarchers@outlook.com](mailto:unitedarchers@outlook.com)

We welcome all ages and abilities.

All participants must wear covered shoes and long hair must be tied back.

Participants under 16 years of age must have a parent/guardian in attendance for the duration of the course.



# HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

## Sign Up Here

INFORMATION NIGHT

SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2019

7:00PM

HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Ages: Year 7 and Older (must be able to pass as a teenager)

Rehearsals will be Tuesday Evening & Sundays

AUDITIONS

SUNDAY 3RD MARCH 2019

FROM 12:00PM

HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

12:00PM: GROUP 1 CHOREOGRAPHY & SINGING (max 15 people)

12:45PM: GROUP 2 CHOREOGRAPHY & SINGING (max 15 people)

1:30PM: GROUP 3 CHOREOGRAPHY & SINGING (max 15 people)

2:30PM: BOOKINGS FOR INDIVIDUAL ROLES (10 Minute Time Slots)

\*audition bookings at information night

For More Information Call Anne Read 0419 760 235

PRESENTED BY BALAKLAVA COMMUNITY ARTS



## Hip Hop Bounce, fresh dance that's all about fun!

DANCE, CHEER, TUMBLE and SING, Hip Hop Bounce are now open for 2019 enrolments in Port Pirie, Jamestown, Clare, Whyalla and Crystal Brook. Come and share our passion for dance; make new friends and have fun whilst getting fit, boosting your confidence and learning great dance technique.

Our growing school is focused on providing lots of options so we can tailor a personalised dance experience just for you - whether you'd like to dance for fun, perform, compete, study or even pursue a career in dance or teaching, we'd love to find the perfect fit for you and watch your dreams come true!

All students are invited to perform at our annual end of year Spectacular at the Northern Festival Centre (or Middleback Theatre for Whyalla students). Everyone is welcome to come and try, no experience necessary.

## Enrolments are now open for our exciting 2019 timetable...

\*New classes with expanded timetables in all campuses.

\*Huge range of styles including Hip Hop, Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Adult's Dance Fitness, and Bounce-Sing (Musical Theatre).

\*Home of the Bounce All Stars Cheerleading program encompassing Stunt, Pom and Tumble.

\*Our very own Little Bouncer Club classes specifically designed to introduce your 2 or 3 year old to the magic of dance.

\*VET dance certification options for school years 9 and up (Port Pirie)

\*Take classes to perform, compete or just for fun; 2 years to adults, beginner to advanced.

Contact Natasha or Kellie for details and to book your place- classes are filling quickly and we would love to welcome you into our HHB family!

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