



Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2019



Growing Believing Achieving

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News from the Principal- Term Four Week 6

Hello Everyone,

What a very busy week we have had this week 6 with our School closure on Wednesday due to the Catastrophic Weather Forecast. Thank you to all families for your support of this, to ensure that both our students and staff were safe on this day.

Attached with this newsletter is our Blyth Primary School Bushfire Action Plan for the 2019/2020 season. The students and staff practice evacuation procedures and the staff frequently talk with students about what we are expected to enact if there is a need.

Swimming lessons have been amazing this week with our students enjoying the warmer water temperatures. We are organising for our missed lesson from Wednesday to be caught up either later this term or early next year.

Remember next Friday afternoon we are having our Blyth Primary School Swimming Carnival. There is also a carnival program attached, and we hope that families are able to join us for the afternoon.

The students have done some remarkable learning with our Reading Groups and class swaps this year, and as a result we have been able to give every student their own book to keep as a thankyou for their commitment to their learning. Some of the student feedback about their learning in Reading Groups is included in the class news for this newsletter.

Our three new ITV's have arrived and been installed this week replacing the smart boards in some classroom spaces. We are very grateful to The Department for Education for assisting us with the purchase of these fabulous devices and it has been sensational to see how well our students this year have used the digital technologies in their learning.

Just a reminder even though we are getting toward the end of the year, can you please notify us if your child/ren are going to be absent from school even for part of the day. If you are planning to start a holiday earlier than the last day of term, can you please notify us for extended absence so an exemption form can be filled in if necessary.

Last week our Attendance rate was up to 97% which is excellent, with our overall Attendance rate this year at 92%. We understand that when students are ill, the best place is being at home to get well, and that many family holidays bring a wealth of new experiences and learning to broaden perspectives. Apart from these times a regular routine attending school assists students as a vital facet of both their social and academic learning.

The Material and Services Fees notification for the 2020 school year is included with this newsletter. Just a reminder to families if you would like to discuss these further, you may attend the first part of our Governing Council meeting next Monday at 7pm.

Just a reminder to keep an eye out for the snake that has been appearing recently around our toilets!

Enjoy the last three weeks of the school year everyone, I look forward to seeing as many families as possible at our School Concert on Monday the 9th of December!

Lynne-Maree Hastings

Diary Dates

- 25/11/19 Parent Club 2.30am
Gov Council 7pm
- 29/11/19 Swimming Carnival
- 04/12/19 Religious Education
- 06/12/19 Tuck Day
- 09/12/19 End of Year School
Concert
- 10/12/19 Whole School Beach
Picnic Day
- 13/12/19 End of Year Early
2.30pm. Dismissal

AT BLYTH PRIMARY
SCHOOL-

WE LOVE READING!

All students R-6 received a book for their efforts and improvements in Reading for 2019. Congratulations everyone!





Some of our very proud
2020 receptions with
their new red folders.

R/1 News

We have had a very busy few weeks checking the knowledge we have gained this year. Growth in learning can be measured in lots of ways, and all children have shown growth in their emotional, creative, social and academic selves. Well done to all parents and caregivers who have helped their children to grow.

Swimming week is always busy and this year is no exception! We had two beautiful days, and a cold day but with warm water! We have had the new receptions visit and have been getting organised for the end of year concert; dancing and singing are our favourite things! Not long now and the Christmas craft will be making an appearance!

Isaac and Oliver worked together
to make a transformer!



Swimming is so much fun!





Mrs Pyrke's MP Class

Term 4, Week 6



This term in maths we have been learning about time, data, graphing, shapes (both 2D and 3D) and symmetry.



It's starting to look a lot like Christmas!! The class decided they would like to make a class tree, collecting sticks to make it. We then made sequin balls to decorate it! Some students have also designed 'anti-bullying' canvases.



In Week 4 we were lucky enough to have the 'Book Fair'. There was so many great books on offer, with many students taking advantage of the reduced prices and stocking up on a bargain! Our class even helped Mrs. Jenner select some for the school to buy as well!!



A Reflection on Reading Groups

If you asked any student in the 5/6 Class to share something they were proud of this year, I am confident that huge growth in reading has been meaningful for all of them! In our final reading lesson for the year, I asked for some feedback from the students. Here are some of their responses:

What Could We Change Next Year?

Play some more reading games –
Macca
Read outside more – Lily
Have more time to draw our
visualisations – Jayde
Have more time to read – Coby
Make sure we have time to finish our
books – Dylan

Reading Strategies We Have Learned About in 2019:

Using Metacognition
Accessing Prior
Knowledge
Visualising
Summarising
Synthesising
Inferring

What Was Good About Reading Groups?

Visualising – Denby
Reading books that we have never read
before – Coby
I think that it was good that we learned
new words – Caitlin
Learning to summarise – Alyssa
Learning to use prior knowledge – Jackson
That we all had fun together - Sam



How Have You Improved as a Reader?

I have learnt better fluency – Caitlin

I have learned how to sound out bigger words – Coby

I can read out loud confidently- Dylan

I have learnt how to predict while I read – Sam

I learnt to read my test through – Alyssa

By learning some new words - Anna

I learnt to read subtitles – Seth

I learned about thick and thin questions - Jaxon

Student Comments from Other Classes:

I love reading and I have learned to infer – Bryce

You can't judge a book from its cover – Ben

I have learned about thick and thin questions and can pronounce different words – Harry J

I learned different words – Guinny

I have learned to summarise - Nathan

What Have You Learned?

To read fluently - Dylan

To use prior knowledge - Jackson

Metacognition – Macca

To pay attention to headlines and captions – Lily

Metacognition – Alyssa

I have learned to think about what I'm thinking about! – Sam

New words from vocabulary - Anna

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REQUIREMENTS.**

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Pastoral Care Corner Week 6, Term 4

It's not long to go now till the end of term. Over the last few weeks the students from R-4 have been busy learning about 2 more Kimochis. They have meet Bella Rose and Bug.

Bella Rose helps kids learn how to:

- Be compassionate and empathetic
- Share true feelings
- Avoid "masking" feelings with hurtful actions



Bug helps kids learn how to:

- Take positive social and academic risks
- Use positive self-talk
- Be brave and overcome fears



STAR Breakfast Team has been going well. This week was the start of the Boy's team. Unfortunately this week we had to cancel due to catastrophic conditions. I look forward to the Boy's team stepping up next week, to take on the challenge. Pictured : Girls team cooking pancakes for us all to enjoy.

The upper primary class has been enjoyed playing team building games and finishing off some crafts before the end of term.

I look forward to seeing you all at the end of year celebration.

Cheerio, Emily





OSHC ACTIVITIES

Welcoming children from all local preschools and primary schools from age 4 to Year 7



Blyth OSHC Term 4 Program



Week 7

Monday
Modelling clay
Scooter Boards
Snack- Raisin
Toast

Tuesday
Sand art
Pom Pom craft
Snack- Fruit plat-
ter

Wednesday
Tape art
Sports games
Snack- Cheese &
crackers

Thursday
Tape painting
Free play
Snack- Fruit plat-
ter

Friday
Ice play
Outdoor play
Snack- Custard
cups

Week 8

Monday
Mosaics
Construction play
Snack- Fruit plat-
ter

Tuesday
Cooking
Sand art
Snack- Fruit muf-
fin

Wednesday
Outdoor sports
Wooden planes
Snack- Custard
cups

Thursday
Still life drawing
Outdoor sports
Snack- Cheese &
crackers

Friday
Christmas
Free play
Snack- Fruit plat-
ter

Week 9

Monday
Christmas craft
Free play
Snack- Cheese &
crackers

Tuesday
Christmas activi-
ties
Outdoor play
Snack- Raisin
toast

Wednesday
Christmas craft
Scooter boards
Snack- Fruit plat-
ter

Thursday
Christmas cooking
Sandpit play
Snack- Fruit muf-
fin

Friday
Christmas crackers
Basketball
Snack- Custard
cups



Program is only a guide and is subject to change due to numbers, weather, spontaneous choices etc