



Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2020



Growing Believing & Achieving

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News from the Principal - Term Three Week Three

Hello Everyone,

It has been fabulous to see how well our students have enjoyed being back at school these past few weeks of this term. I have been particularly impressed with **our students' information text writing. On the last day of Term 2 each child was presented with a free book to keep and read over the holidays and it has been wonderful to hear from some students and parents on how they have enjoyed reading these.**

SAPSASA Sports have started with our two Sports Captains— Anna and Seth, and our School Captain Coby participating in the HUB Day Football and Netball last week. **Many congratulations to our students, with Coby and Seth's Football team** winning the grand final, and Anna participating in one of two teams in Netball that won on the day.

This week our Year 5 & 6 students participated in SAPSASA Basketball at Balaklava. Congratulations to all teams and students for playing your very best. A very big thankyou to all parents and families for assisting on both of these days, and to staff members Tricia and Julia for the organisation of the events, and Kate for attending the Basketball with the students.

Facilities Update.

I am very pleased to be able to advise families that on the last week of this term our new asphalt and redevelopment of our hard surfaces is going to commence. All of the old asphalt will have to be removed in this process, and access from August Street will be restricted. This will be quite a noisy and dusty process, and as such the Governing Council has approved for us to move our School Closure Day originally for September the 9th to become the last day of the school term— Friday the 25th of September. This will allow the contractors to commence their excavation of the asphalt without anyone being on site. The staff and I are planning a whole school excursion for the Wednesday of week 10 to Bundaleer Forest- more information will be coming home soon. Thursday of week 10 we will be able to access the oval and nature play areas.

Staffing News.

Mrs Kate Harvey will no longer be with us next year, as she has applied for her country to city guarantee transfer for family reasons and the next steps in her career. I sincerely thank Kate for her dedication toward the students at Blyth Primary and wish Kate all the very best for her new pathway. I know that she will be very missed by the staff, students and Blyth Primary School Community. At this stage it **is not known who Kate's replacement will be.**

Don't Forget...

PUPIL FREE DAY this coming Monday the 10th of August.

The Flexischools app has replaced Flexibuzz please download via Flexibuzz & any problems at all, please telephone Julia to assist as this is the main form of communication we can use to ensure everyone receives important messages.

If you have changed any contact details from First Term, Please ensure that these are up to date with the office in case of the need to contact you in an emergency.

PLAYGROUP is now meeting every Friday morning at 9am- All welcome, please come to the office to sign in first.

Have a great weekend everyone, keep safe, and warm.

School resumes next week on Tuesday the 11th of August

Lynne-Maree Hastings Principal Blyth Primary School

Diary Dates

10/08/20 Pupil Free Day
12/08/20 Tuck Day
28/08/20 Assembly week 6
11/09/20 Sports Day at Blyth Primary School
23/09/20 W/S Bundaleer excursion
24/09/20 Last day of term 3
25/09/20 School Closure Day

Updates to Blyth Primary School Behaviour Development & Anti-Bullying Policies are included with this newsletter.



SAPSASA HUB

Above: Seth & Coby played in the hub winning football side



Right: Anna played in the Netball team

Tilly, Charlotte M & Mikayla played in the under 10 Min/Man netball carnival in Clare and their team won.



Reception, Year One and Year two Focus on learning

We are not really sure where the first three weeks of term three have gone, but we have been very busy! We have had a few illnesses creeping in already this term, so we need to keep eating healthily, going to bed early, washing our hands and covering our sneezes and coughs.



Some of us are into solving jigsaw puzzles. We started looking at puzzles in Maths as a part of the concepts rotate, flip and slide.

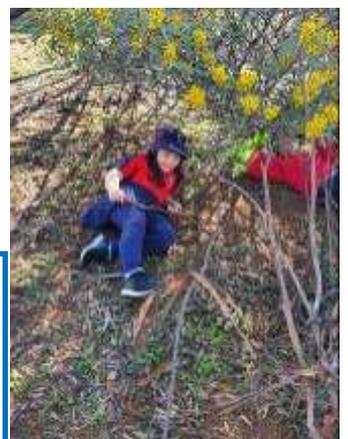


Some of our early Picasso inspired artworks

In art, we have been looking at Picasso as an artist. He was an impressionist artist and we love his art because you get to be a little crazy, taking something real and doing a few different things with it.



We spent a beautiful morning in the Nature Play area at the end of week one. We did have a visit from a very unfriendly inch ant! We learnt that an inch ant bite is extremely painful. An amazing insect, but we do not want a visit from him or her again!





Mrs Pyrke's Year 3/4/5 Class



Term 3, Week 3

Welcome to Term 3!! It was great to catch up with everyone at parent-teacher interviews last week and have the opportunity to share with you all the great work that the students have been doing.



We have some budding engineers and architects at our school! A group of students have been working through issues of strength and durability when making stick constructions. When using tree sap as glue wasn't strong enough, mud was introduced successfully! Eddie was 'site supervisor' and did a great job of over-seeing construction and keeping his workers on task !!



In art we have been designing tessellations. We started with a 7cm square piece of cardboard, then cut out a shape from one side and transferred it directly opposite to the other side. We then did the same thing on another side, before tracing around our template to join them all together. We then had to come up with an idea to match the shape and transfer that idea to every 'square', alternating colours as we went.

Year 6 News

Hi Parents,

The Year 6 class have hit the ground running this term! Our class text is *Number the Stars*, an award winning historical fiction novel written by Lois Lowry. It is highly suspenseful and the children are enjoying it very much!

The students are using feedback from their Brightpath Information Reports about spiders to set personal writing goals, as well as assessing and adjusting their reading goals that were set last term to ensure they are SMARTAR goals.

In Maths, we have learnt about integers, and have now moved on to division – using mental strategies to partition numbers and learning the formal long division algorithm.

Basketball

On Wednesday of Week 3, many of our students attended SAPSASA Basketball at Balaklava. Our boys and girls teams performed extremely well, with boys winning 3 out of 5 matches, and girls winning 2 out of 6. They showed fantastic effort, determination, behaviour and sportsmanship. Thank you to Simone and Cherie, our team managers, and all parents who transported children, scored games, and attended this great day.



PE & Health News

We have had a very busy start to term 3. SAPSASA is back for term 3! Many children have been involved in various sports over the last three weeks. Soccer and Hockey practises and selections, Football and Netball Hub at Blyth occurred on Friday, the 31st of July and practises continue. On Wednesday, the 5th of August, 17 children were involved in a basketball carnival at Balaklava. I have heard very positive feedback from all children and the parents who attended. Thankyou to Jack Welke who gave up a day of school to umpire the girls team. Thanks JACK!

Cross country at Burra will be held in week 7 on Monday, the 31st of August. More information to follow for parents and children when I know more.

Over the next few week we will be working on our badminton skills and getting ready for Sports Day at Blyth Primary School for this year. We are organising some fun and different activities so put the 11th of September in the diary for our school Sports Day.

Tricia Spurling



OSHC NEWS

Blyth OSHC offers childcare with a focus on creative leisure and fun.

The children have been enjoying many art and craft activities this term. There has been lots of recycled, popstick and pom pom craft creations made over the last three weeks. Marble painting was completed and the children seemed to really enjoy this art activity. Lego construction has been very popular amongst the children so far this term. Outdoor play has included sandpit play, scooter boards and basketball on a regular basis. Looking forward to another busy term.

Deb Noble (Director)



PASTORAL CARE CORNER Week 3

Welcome back everyone,

It has been wonderful seeing the children back at school ready to learn. There has been major excavations being done by the students in the sand pit. They have dug huge holes, big enough to fit two or three bodies in some holes. Maybe even a treasure or two has been found.

Please remember that Term 3 we are collecting for Operation Christmas Child. The list of ideas for donations is below. Boxes will be packed in week 10 of this term. Your donations can be placed in the donation box in the front office. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask myself or Julia in the front office.

During lunchtime we have made gratitude hug bear cards for that special someone. To remind them we care during these strange times. We have also been making windsocks. Watching the windsocks dance in the breeze is very therapeutic for the soul and brighten up your day.

Please remember to keep Covid safe, practice physical distance, wash your hands regularly, catch your sneezes & coughs and stay home if unwell.

Cheerio, Emily



SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

'WOW' ITEM

Soccer ball with pump, doll, soft toy, shoes

TOYS

Toy cars, skipping rope, yo-yos, tennis ball, musical instruments

NON-LIQUID HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrushes, bar soap, hair clips, combs

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils, sharpeners, markers, erasers, notebooks, paper, colouring books, solar calculators

ACCESSORIES

T-shirt, shorts, socks, sunglasses caps, jewellery, watches, torch (with extra batteries in original packaging)

DO NOT INCLUDE

ITEMS THAT MELT OR LEAK: liquid paint; toothpaste; shampoo; aerosol cans; bubbles; crayons; plasticine/playdough

FOOD OR LOLLIES: including medicine; vitamins

USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS: used clothes; old toys

BREAKABLE ITEMS: glass; porcelain; mirrors

SCARY OR GAMBLING ITEMS: war-related items; toy guns, knives; military figures; skull and crossbones; Halloween items; play money; playing cards; dominoes

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE: tracts and Bibles (children are given an Operation Christmas Child evangelistic book at an outreach event)