



Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2020

Growing Believing & Achieving



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News from the Principal - Term One Week Six

Hello Everyone, Welcome to the Mid-Term newsletter!

It has been amazing how fast our learning term has gone!

This week I have had a wonderful privilege to attend the Grip Student Leadership Conference in Adelaide with Kate Harvey and our thirteen Year 6 students. It was one of those times that gave me great confidence in our future society, observing the manner in which our Blyth Primary School students interacted and learnt with others about leadership, and **how they can "Lead the Way" and bring ideas they may have to life. Our** students were given time over the day to think about how they can serve others and help those that are in need the most by working together as a team, and at the same time develop their personal leadership skills.

I was so very proud of the way our students used optimism and thought of some excellent ideas. The outstanding behaviour and work from our Year 6 students is to be commended. Kate and I are looking forward to hearing more from our Year 6 students next week during their interviews for school leadership positions.

I have recently asked a small group of student representatives from each class help choose the colours for some of our new library furniture. The students enjoyed discussing the fabrics and what they considered **would last the longest. Like the students and Mrs Jenner, I can't wait** until our new look library can be used as another excellent space for students to enjoy their learning.

Whole School Reading

If you have not already done so, please come in to our front office and **view the Reading Display and our students' goals for their learning. I am** hoping very soon for another exhibition to be ready indicating what **success looks like in meeting those goals from the students' perspectives**, as it is one matter to set a goal, but knowing whether it has been achieved and celebrating this, is a very important step in learning too. Thank you to families who are able to share some time at home reading for enjoyment and pleasure with children as being enthusiastic about hearing a story is the first stage in promoting a love of literature and wanting to read.

Reminders

- Tuesday is our Pupil Free Day, all students are home for the day.
- Please feel welcome to put your name forward to become a Governing Council Representative as we still have some positions available, and it would be great to have you join us twice per term and be involved in sharing your ideas for the school.
- Harmony Day Breakfast on the 19th of March.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Lynne-Maree Hastings Principal Blyth Primary School

Diary Dates

09/03/20	Public Holiday
10/03/20	Pupil Free
13/03/20	Ride to school
16/03/20	Parent Club 2.30am Gov Council 7pm
17/03/20	SAPSASA Girls Footy
19/03/20	Harmony Day Breakfast 8.30am Bookclub orders due
20/03/20	Snapshot reports go home
25/03/20	Tuck Day
26/03/20	Badminton
27/03/20	Community Assembly 2.30pm
02/04/20	Badminton
08/04/20	Tuck Day
09/04/20	End of term early dismissal 2.30pm
10/04/20-26/04/20	School Holidays
27/04/20	Term 2 starts

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AT THE GRIP CONFERENCE IN ADELAIDE. Our Future Leaders.



CONGRATUALATIONS TO WILL FOR PARTICIPATING IN A SURFING COMPETITION



Whole School Reading Groups

Our whole school reading groups have been going really well. In response to student feedback at the end of last year, we have implemented a whole-school reading session, to give students time to consolidate their learning and enjoy reading.



Thank you to all the parents who continue to support us by reading at home.

News from Our Class Reception to year 2 Mrs Spurling



In Maths, one of our rotation activities was to build a structure and work out the value of it using thousands, hundreds, tens and ones. We have been looking at shapes and their attributes. Some children have been exploring multiplication and skip counting.

In Visual Arts, we have been looking at photography. We took some great nature pictures with our Ipad.



In Technology, we have been using Ipads to experiment with iStopMotion. This is an app that takes photos of an object that can be moved, making a short animated movie with the still photos.



English

The year two's have been looking at commas and how to use them in sentences when listing items and how to use speech marks in our writing. We have identified verbs, adjectives and nouns and are trying hard to use them in our descriptive writing. The Dolphin spelling group have been learning about digraphs like sh, ch, th, qu. The Reception are learning lots of letters and the sounds they make. They have discovered Gg has a tricky sound as sometimes it makes a J sound like in George. In whole school Reading Groups we have been exploring inference using pictures.



Mrs Pyrke's Year 3/4/5 Class



Term 1, Week 6

In Health we have been looking at Protective Behaviours, which includes teaching students how to deal with bullies, how to show empathy and how to be a good friend/classmate. We have discussed different 'safe people' for the students, as well as 'safe places'.



In Art, we have been using acrylic paints to create some swirl art. We diluted the paint down and then chose 2 or 3 colours to pour in to a small cup. We then put the cardboard on top of the cups before turning the cups over. We were very pleased with how they turned out.



In Science, we have been looking at micro-organisms, and their presence in yeast and bread-making. We conducted experiments to test the level of gas emitted from yeast when it reacts with other ingredients such as sugar and water.



Don't forget Harmony Day is coming up!

Grip Leadership Conference





Reflecting on Grip Leadership...

Loud, inspiring (Alyssa)
Responsibility, respect and creativity (Anna)
Leadership, exciting (Brianna)
Generosity, extraordinary (Caitlin)
Generosity, ideas, joyful (Charlotte)
Resilience, colourful (Coby)
Exciting, strange (Cody)
Ideas don't have to be expensive (Denby)
Bring your ideas to life (Jayde)
Confidence, generosity (Lily)
Sacrifice and significance (Lucious)
Extraordinary, joyful (Seth)
Lifetime trip (Tom)



Pastoral Care Corner T1, Week 6

Greetings everyone,

This week I wanted to share with you the importance of family time. Especially with the long weekend approaching. This can be a valuable opportunity to grow and strengthen the family unit.

Studies have shown that, children who spend quality time with their loved ones have self-confidence. They are more sociable, because they have a sense of being valued.

Also, they will find it easier to build relationships with others. Spending time together will also help to strengthen family ties, and will allow you to teach your children valuable life lessons and promote and develop positive behaviours. You will also have the chance to create meaningful conversations and make beautiful memories together. Did you know that chatting with your loved ones has also shown to help reduce your stress. And we all could do with a bit of that.

I have been talking to the children about families and how the school community can also be seen as our wider family. **We have created a lovely piece of art to be displayed at our up and coming community breakfast in celebration of Harmony Day. We would love to see you on the 19th of March @ 8.30am for a cooked breakfast of bacon & eggs, fruit, with tea, coffee and orange juice supplied. We look forward to seeing you there.**

Right is a collage of the students creating this wonderful piece of art.

Have a safe long weekend.

Cheerio, Emily



Blyth PE News

Seth Angus and Coby Bigg participated in the Hub Day Cricket in week 3. They had a great day making runs and taking wickets. Coby was selected in the SAPSASA Cricket team as the wicket keeper. He will participate in the SAPSASA Cricket Carnival in Adelaide during week 8. Well done Coby.

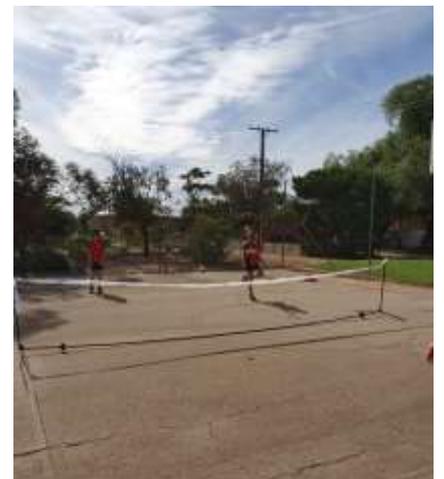
Lily Stirling participated in the try outs for SAPSASA Cricket. Lily wasn't selected but had fun and tried her best.

On Tuesday, the 17th of March, the year 5 and 6 girls will travel to Clare to participate in the 9 a-side Girls Only Football Carnival. We will join with Spalding, Brinkworth and Snowtown to make two teams on the day. GO Girls!

In PE, the children have been building their tennis skills. We have done lots of drills and played mini games. In week 9, we will have two sessions of badminton with a coach who is coming up from Adelaide. This is another interesting sport we get to try thanks to a grant through Sporting Schools.

ADVANCED NOTICE

Winter Hub will be held at Blyth Oval on Thursday, the 30th of April. The Parent Club are catering on this day to raise much needed funds for our school. Please support this event by offering to help out on the day.



OSHC NEWS

Blyth OSHC service provides childcare with a focus on creative leisure and fun. The children have been enjoying much outdoor time in the fresh air with the wonderful weather of late playing sports, competing in sack races, using scooter boards and sandpit play. Arts and crafts are enjoyed over the term and some favourites have been Egg carton animals, pom pom animals, Hamma beads, beading, mask decorating, sun catchers, windchimes, sandart and many more. Children have been experimenting with different types of slime over the term some being more successful than others. The last few weeks have seen many of the children very enthusiastic to complete their homework with regular homework club times over the week while attending OSHC. In the weeks coming there will be many new art and craft projects for the children to complete. Thankyou to all the families that continue to support our OSHC service.

Deb Noble (Director)





Blyth OSHC Term 1 Program



Week 7
Monday
 Public Holiday

Tuesday
 Pupil Free Day

Wednesday
 Fluffy slime
 Scooter Boards
 Snack- Fruit platter

Thursday
 Modelling Clay
 Free play
 Snack- Raisin toast

Friday
 Water diffusing art
 Outdoor play
 Snack- Custard cups



Week 8
Monday
 Plaster painting
 Construction play
 Snack- Fruit platter

Tuesday
 Pine cone gnomes
 Basketball
 Snack- Fruit muffin

Wednesday
 Sandpit play
 Pom Pom launcher
 Snack- Custard cups

Thursday
 Comic drawing
 Outdoor sports
 Snack- Cheese & crackers

Friday
 Hamma Beads
 Free play
 Snack- Fruit platter



Week 9
Monday
 Ice play
 Free play
 Snack- Cheese & crackers

Tuesday
 Marble painting
 Nature play
 Snack- Raisin toast

Wednesday
 Cricket
 Bead ninjas
 Snack- Fruit platter

Thursday
 Sand art
 Sandpit play
 Snack- Fruit muffin

Friday
 Tape painting
 Outdoor play
 Snack- Custard cups



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



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2/3/20



COMMUNITY HARMONY DAY

#EveryoneBelongs

Everyone
is Welcome

Please join us at
8.30am on
Thursday the
19th of March at
Blyth Primary
School
for breakfast.
There will be
bacon & eggs,
juice, tea &
coffee.

Feel free to wear
something orange



Thank you to Brianna and her family for
supplying a fresh watermelon for all
students to share at lunch.

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.