



Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2020



Growing Believing & Achieving

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News from the Principal - Term One Week Nine

Hello Everyone,

Firstly Thank-you to all of our families for the support and understanding given throughout the Covid-19 changes to our events and some school processes.

This week as we were unable to have our usual end of term Community Assembly, our classes have added in some extra news and photos to this addition of the newsletter.

Along with this newsletter is a "Crafty Ideas" Pack, that has been put together for each child to use over the holidays. It is a piece of Calico material with an assortment of buttons, ribbons, material strips and wool that we would like each child to use to create a piece of work on their calico depicting one happy moment that they have enjoyed about being home during their holidays. When school returns we ask that each child brings their creative work back so that all the calico pieces can be sewn together to make a wall hanging for us to display in our Admin Hall Area. There is also a piece of iron-on fuselage that parents may use if they wish to assist children attaching the materials to the calico after shapes have been cut out. Glue sticks can be used if parents prefer. Text decorations can also be added if required.

The staff and I are looking forward to seeing students' creations and we can't wait until we join up our "Happy Crafty Holidays" Wall Hanging.

Facilities Holiday News

Our old staffroom is being removed during the holidays, so shortly before the end of this term there will be temporary fencing placed from the normal school entrance through to the front of the toilet block. This complete area will be out of bounds for everyone. If you are bringing students to school you will need to walk along Wakefield Street (Blyth) and go through the grass area near the Sports Shed and Playground. Once our asphalt is also replaced we will have a new entrance replacing the old fenced opening to the front of the school (August Street) that students, parents, visitors and staff will be able to gain access through again.

During the holidays we ask that no-one comes into the school grounds whilst the demolition is occurring.

Harmony Day Breakfast

Thank you to Emily Gill our PCW, for her work in organising our Harmony Day Breakfast this year. The students were able to enjoy bacon, eggs, toast and juice. This year we could not have our Community Breakfast, but it was still great to know that the students enjoyed the morning even if organised a little differently. Each class also participated in other activities and Outdoor Play after the breakfast.

MANY THANKS to the Ciardiello Family who kindly offered to take our Budgies to look after during the demolition and holidays. We very much appreciate your offer.

Have a great weekend everyone and keep safe,

Lynne-Maree Hastings Principal Blyth Primary School

Diary Dates

30th/03/20- Gov Council 7pm.

09/04/20- End of term early dismissal
2.30pm

10/04/20- 26/04/20 School Holidays

27/04/20 Term 2 starts

COBY BIGG SAPSASA CRICKET

Congratulations on making
the Grand Final



SCHOOL CAPTAINS & LEADERSHIP TEAM



NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY



From Mrs Spurling's Class



Reception, Year One and Year Two Class—Mrs Spurling

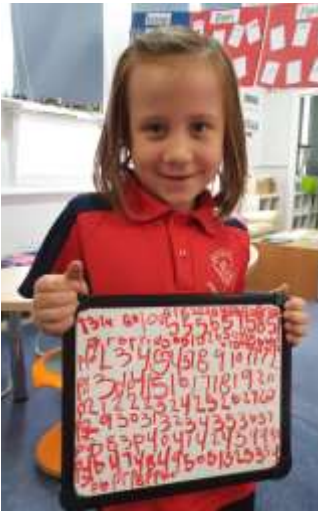
What a crazy three weeks we have had. The long weekend was enjoyed by all and provided a much needed rest for our youngest members of the school. The children have been working hard on their learning, regardless of what has been going on around them at school and at home. It is a challenging time for the world.

If school does close, the children in the reception, year one and year two class are very good at self directed learning. They will be able to justify whatever they are doing with a fabulous learning intention; they are very persuasive!

Until this time, we will be continuing with our learning program With lots of interactions with each other. In Week 11, we will be doing lots of fun activities around Easter and how we celebrate.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns about your child's learning or their mental health throughout this challenging time; they may be little but they hear lots of things.

A big thankyou to Sam's Oma and Opa for coming into our school and talking to us about The Netherlands. It was very interesting and we made some great connections between our country and The Netherlands.



From Mrs Pyrke's Class





Mrs Pyrke's Year 3/4/5 Class



Term 1, Week 9



In Design & Tech, we are all working hard on our ice boxes, getting ready for the class ice box challenge at the end of this term. We have all researched what materials are good for insulation and so now we are using that knowledge to make our own. Mrs Pyrke is going to put an ice cube in each of our finished ice boxes to see who has made the winning ice box (whichever box keeps the ice frozen for the longest)



We were lucky enough to have Jack's Oma and Opa come and teach us all about their home country, the Netherlands. We all learned a lot and had lots of questions. They gave us all a toffee that they had bought out for us from the Netherlands. We were very grateful.

For Harmony Day we did some Nature Play. Some great constructions were made from sticks, leaves and stones. Here are some of them.



In Art, we have been learning how to sketch, using various grades of lead pencil to achieve different shading techniques



Mrs Pyrke's Year 3/4/5 Class

Term 1 Design & Technology



In Design and Technology, we have been learning about early types of refrigeration and looking at what materials and design features were used to keep food cool.

The students then used this knowledge to design an ice box for themselves. They each chose what materials would be best to use to construct their designs.

At the end of this term we are having our 'Ice Box Challenge' where an ice cube will be placed inside everyone's completed ice boxes, and we will test who's ice cube takes the longest to melt.

Hi parents!

Alyssa and Anna here! This term we did fun activities in our class, we have had such a great year, and we couldn't have a community assembly to show you the wonderful work we have done, so we decided to show a bunch of information and pictures of our amazing work in this newsletter. Now, let's have a look...



Fractured Fairytales:

On week 4 it was fairytale week and we had to make our own versions of a 'fairy tale'. Let's take a look!



Country in Asia:

In week 8 we did a project of a 'country in Asia'.

We found out its currency, flag, type of government, national animal, cuisine, main industries and more. If you want to see come and look!



Now we will have some information for our '3D street building art'. We created a streetscape diorama using recycled photocopied paper boxes.



That was very amazing art right there! Let's now go on to our 'cactus art'!



Magnificent! Let's have a look at our '2D building art'.



Shall we have a look at our 'caught in moment art'? Lovely work!



Very nice! There is lots of fantastic work here, let's take a look at our 'We're Lucky' art!



There is so much brilliant work! We have to see more, right? Let's take a look at our 'all about me t-shirts art'!



These students have done an outstanding job for everything they are showing, let's take a look at our 'air raid shelters' posters, inspired by our class novel.



Wow! Come and see the Japanese Flash Cards all the children have completed!



On the 8th of March it was 'International Women's Day'. During the week we made a poster about a woman who inspires us. Let's take a peek at this amazing work about Rosa Parks!

Captains' Report

Hello parents, this term we have been doing lots of fun activities. All the Receptions have settled in so well – great job to them!

The first activity we did this term was Acquaintance Night. All of the parents at Blyth came in and had the teachers talk to them about the year. We also had a BBQ before the parents went into the classrooms.



The next activity was the GRIP Leadership Conference, at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre. All the year sixes participated.

After Recess on the Monday after Clean Up Australia Day we all slipped off into groups of two or three with a bag and gloves and picked up rubbish that was left flying around the school.

In week 7 all the year 6s had an interview with Mrs Hasting and Mrs Harvey to apply for School Leadership Positions. The **School Captains** are Coby Bigg and Lily Stirling. **Vice Captains** are Caitlin Hayes and Charlotte Welke. The **Sports Captains** are Seth Angus and Anna Williams, and **Vice Captains** are Thomas Reljich and Alyssa Toms. Brianna Ciardiello and Jayde Munchenberg are **School Photographers and Assembly Coordinators**, and Lucious Gill, Denby Munchenberg and Cody Ettridge are our **Environmental Action Team**.

Earlier this term Coby Bigg and Seth Angus tried out for SAPSASA Cricket. They both made the first cut, then they cut it down to a team of thirteen and Coby was selected as wicket keeper for the Mid North Team. In week eight Coby played with his team in Adelaide. They made it to the grand final, sadly they lost but he had a good week.

In week eight we had a big Harmony Day breakfast. Even though the Blyth Community could not join us we had a great time. Thank you to the staff for serving us breakfast and thank you to Emily for cooking and setting up all the equipment.

Stay healthy and keep smiling,

Coby, Lily, Caitlin and Charlotte

Harmony Day 2020





Greeting everyone,

This week I wanted to share with you the importance of Hope. With the recent outbreak of Coronavirus, it can be emotionally challenging for many people. Simple day to day activities changing, events being cancelled, planned holiday's being postponed. People panic buying groceries and the list goes on.

While the coronavirus is of concern, as long as we follow the precautions and guidelines that the Department of Health has issued, we should be able to minimize the transfer of the virus. It is important to remember that if you feel unwell to stay home and isolate yourself. This is where hope comes into it. Most people displaying symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat or tiredness are more likely suffering with the common cold.

Instead of using words of doom and gloom, we should encourage words of hope. Soothing words help comfort your family, friends and community. It encourages them to wish for the best be optimistic. This is quite helpful especially if someone you love is currently feeling overwhelmed by the uncertainty of the future.

I always have hope in my heart due to my faith. My faith guides me, gives me purpose and allows me to release my burdens. This gives me power to also have faith in people. People like our health professionals, who are working tirelessly to comfort the ill. The scientists who are working on vaccines. Our Government along with the Department of Health for keeping us informed and teaching us strategies to protect us and slow the virus down.

So, I will pray for the end of this storm, I will pray for health professionals, I will pray for the people affected by the virus and I will pray for us as a community, because I know there is always a rainbow of hope after ever storm.

Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers, Emily

OSHC News

Blyth OSHC Service provides childcare with a focus on creative leisure and fun . The children have been enjoying many inside craft activities and outdoor play over the last three weeks. Craft activities have included plaster painting, masks, fairy gardens, beading, modelling clay and many more. Outdoors the children have been playing many sports including cricket, football and basketball and the sandpit has been a popular choice. Thankyou to all our OSHC families for your continued support
Deb Noble (Director)





Blyth OSHC Term 1 Program



Week 10

Monday Tape art Scooter Boards Snack- Raisin Toast	Tuesday Sand art Colour diffusing art Snack- Fruit platter	Wednesday Marble painting Plant a garden Snack- Cheese & crackers	Thursday Wind chimes Free play Snack- Fruit platter	Friday Plaster painting Outdoor play Snack- Custard cups
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Week 11

Monday Mosaics Construction play Snack- Fruit platter	Tuesday Outdoor play Sand art Snack- Fruit muffin	Wednesday Outdoor sports Wooden eagles Snack- Custard cups	Thursday Modelling clay Outdoor sports Snack- Cheese & crackers	Friday Nature craft Free play Snack- Fruit platter
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Program is only a guide and is subject to change due to numbers weather spontaneous choices etc