



Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2020



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News from the Principal - Term Three Week Six

Hello Everyone,

It has been great to see the sunshine this week, even though the rain has been very **welcome for the crops. Let's hope our farming families have the weather needed for a good harvest this season.**

SSO Week

This week is officially the week that we acknowledge all the excellent work that our wonderful support staff do for our school and students.

At Blyth Primary we thank— Julia Agnew, Shirley Jenner, Wayne Lee, Charmain Angel and Karen Watkinson. Also we include Deb Noble our OSHC Director and Emily Gill our Pastoral Care Worker and thank them for the excellent care given to our students. The teaching members of staff organised a special morning tea and some flowers. The students made cards to give to all of our support staff too. A great celebration of the staff at our school!

Temporary Relief Teachers

At times we have teaching staff that are away either on leave, for professional development or to attend meetings. During this time we have a fabulous group of relief teachers that know our students and are able to continue the learning programs and school routines. We thank Mel, Tessa, Carol, Sue, Nagamma and Kirsty for coming regularly to Blyth Primary when our need arises.

SAPSASA Sports

This week Denby and Jayde are at SAPSASA Hockey and doing an excellent job at playing their best. We have some students attending SAPSASA Cross Country next week also, and wish them all the very best in their pursuits. Most of our 3/4 students are involved in Hot Shots Tennis in Clare on the 1st of September and we wish them an enjoyable day learning about the game and developing some skills.

Sports Day

As previously advertised on the 11th of September it is our Sports Day with the official start time at 9am, and we are hoping that all students can be at Blyth Primary School at 8.45am. to be organised ready for 9am. The full day program is included with this **newsletter. At the end of the day we will be having a 'Colours Run' so if you would like your child to participate you will need to supply an old white or pale coloured T-shirt for the event.** Students will be given some time to change out of their sports tops.

Sports Day will be held on the school oval and grounds and thank you to Mr Lee who is working to ensure the oval areas will be in great form and marked out. Lunch orders for the sausage sizzle can still be sent in to the front office if you have not already done so, and thanks to Mrs Agnew for organising this for us. Cup cakes will now be available for families to purchase at recess and lunch on the day, with many thanks to Alex Welke for supplying these special treats.

Thank you To

- ◆ Mr Ian Roberts for coming and doing an Art class with the 3/4/5 students sharing his knowledge and experience. (More news inside this edition).
- ◆ The Blyth Community Network for doing an amazing job of making our staff feel very appreciated by providing a yummy morning tea on Thursday. It is a pleasure to work with such a great community.

Have a great weekend everyone & take care,

Lynne-Maree Hastings Principal Blyth Primary School

Diary Dates

07/09/20	Parent Club 2.30pm
	Gov Council 7pm
11/09/20	Sports Day at Blyth Primary School
18/09/20	Community assembly 2.30pm
23/09/20	W/S Bundaleer excursion
24/09/20	Last day of term 3
25/09/20	School Closure Day

CONGRATULATIONS to
Julia, Shirley, Wayne,
Charmain, Karen, Emily and Deb
FOR BEING THE BEST SUPPORT TEAM AT
BLYTH PRIMARY
THANK YOU

Jayde & Denby at SAPSASA Hockey



THANK YOU
to the 3/4/5 class for the great art
work for my office!



News from Our Class

Reception to year 2

Mrs Spurling

In Maths, we have been investigating length and area. We measured with rulers, unifex blocks, our feet and pop sticks. We have been exploring multiplication and skip counting and looking for patterns in numbers. We are practising our fluency with counting and addition and subtraction.



In Technology, we have been using Ipads to experiment with Scratch Jr. This is an app that uses coding to move an object, making short animated slides. We have now got our logins and passwords to use Minecraft Education. We are exploring the program at the moment and look forward to working out just how they made the app.



English

The year two's have been learning about present, past and future tense and suffixes and prefixes in grammar. We are working hard to build our sentences to make them interesting and give more information. The year one's have identified verbs, adjectives and nouns and are trying hard to use them in descriptive writing. The Receptions are learning lots of digraphs like ay, ai, oo and the sounds they make. Two letters together making one sound are digraphs. In whole school Reading Groups we have been exploring persuasive texts and the strong language needed to write an opinion or to state facts.



Mrs Pyrke's Year 3/4/5 Class



Term 3, Week 6

We were very fortunate to have local artist Ian Roberts come into our class-room and teach us all about water colour. We learnt about shading and the direction of sunlight, and how this will affect the colours used.



We all painted a cube and had to use the darkest shade for the front face, the middle shade for the side face and the palest shade for the top. We then had to paint a shadow.



We used water colour to paint some sketches that we drew. They turned out really well.



Year 6 News

Hi Parents,

In the past weeks the Year 6 students have been working in groups to complete their own magazines. Each student had to research and write a Feature Article, a persuasive article about a current topic, a print advertisement for a product, and some free choice articles. They worked together to negotiate timelines, due dates, and to edit each other's work. They are in their final stages of publication, and look fabulous!

In Art, we used the Chibi Studio app to create Japanese-style 'chibi' style self-portraits, then used these as a model to copy using two different media – once using paint on white paper, and again using oil pastels on cardboard. It was challenging trying to blend colours to match the exact tones, and the students had to look carefully at their original creations to ensure they had matched the proportions accurately.

SAPSASA

Congratulations to Denby and Jayde who have spent this week in Adelaide competing in SAPSASA Hockey.

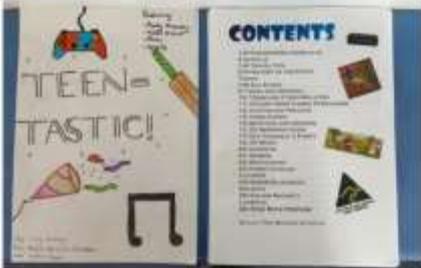
Seth and Denby will be travelling to Burra to compete in Cross Country on Monday, August 31st. We wish them all the best!



Spot the Difference!

Cody and Mrs Angel have spent the term creating this life-size torso of a human skeleton, and learning about the bones in the human body.

Our Sports Captains and Vice Captains were busy helping Mr Lee mark out the lines for Sports Day



OSHC NEWS

Blyth OSHC offers childcare with a focus on creative leisure and fun. The children have been experimenting with many different forms of painting over the past few weeks. They have included marble painting, bubble wrap painting, Puffy paint and they have also painted Chinese blossom trees. Lego construction has been a popular inside choice with the wet weather.

Outside the children have been enjoying the sandpit and many sports.

Deb Noble (Director)



PASTORAL CARE CORNER Week 6



Hello everyone,

On Sunday I had the pleasure of speaking at Blyth Trinity. I gave a short talk on the wonderful things happening at our school, like Kimochis, Star Breakfast, lunchtime activities and Operation Christmas Child.

Term 3 we focus on collecting for Operation Christmas Child. We aim to pack 1 box of love per child. This can only happen with your kind donations. A list of ideas for donations can be found below. We were originally going to pack box in week 10 of term, but with the re-asphalting happening at school we fear we might not be able to access some building. The decision has been made to bring this date forward to **Thursday of week 9 (17th September)**. Can you please make sure all donations are placed in the donation box in the front office before this date. You can never underestimate the power of a simple gift and the joy and love you can give to a stranger. Thankyou for your support. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask myself or Julia in the front office.

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

Cheerio, Emily

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are packing boxes on **17th of September**.

Please make sure all donations are at school before this date.

Thankyou for your support.

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)