



# Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2021



## Growing Believing & Achieving

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### News from the Principal - Term One Week Three

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our first newsletter for the year. It has been a wonderful three weeks back to school for 2021, and the staff and I have commented on how relaxed and happy the students all seem to be in their new classes. As always we miss all of our past students who have gone to middle school this year, and equally so have really enjoyed our new school learners in reception— Hugo, Lenni, Jimmy, Patrick and Bentley becoming part of our student group. Our new receptions have certainly joined in very well to our school culture and I love the fact that our older students have been making sure our new younger students have been feeling safe and enjoy playing in the yard at recess and lunch.

All of our students Rec— Year 7 have been working hard and as previously communicated there is now a scheduled time for fruit, water and a walk or quick run to re-energise during the learning day. This not only assists students to focus back on their learning, but is a great wellbeing opportunity to get some fresh air and take some deep breaths for keeping calm.

This year Mrs Jamieson has been working very hard with our year 6 & 7 students on leadership skills. Later in the term all of our year 6 & 7 students will be going to Adelaide to do a leadership course and learn more about leading in the future. After our students undertook an interview process, reading a speech out at assembly and a student vote we have announced our school leaders for this year. All of our 6/7 students did an amazing job and are to be commended for the manner in which they displayed a very mature approach. Our School Captains for 2021 are Charlotte and Harry J, with our Vice— School Captain being Hannah. Our Sports Captains for 2021 are Henry and Billy W. with two Vice-Sports Captains Jack and Simone. Our two Elders this year are Cody and Brianna and they will be working with both the School Captains and Sports Captains, along with taking some responsibility working with staff on our wellbeing and school culture building. The staff and I are so very pleased and proud to be working with our new leaders for 2021. Congratulations!

This week we had our Acquaintance Night and it was fabulous that families could join us to find out the routines and expectations for each class from the teachers. Thankyou to everyone for attending as I know sometimes it is difficult with other **commitments. If you missed the evening please feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions** about the learning year. Thankyou to Julia for organising a delicious BBQ for everyone also.

Thank you to all parents that have been using the QR-Covid Code system when entering our school. There are now Hand Sanitising Stations at the front and rear door of the Admin building, so please feel free to use these also. Some of our students have already given it a try and like the fact that it is an automatic squirt, rather than the pump action!!

Just a reminder as previously advertised, next Monday afternoon is our Parent Club Meeting at 2.30 pm, and in the evening at 7pm is the AGM. Please ensure that you send in the return slip/s previously sent home if you are planning to attend so that we can ensure that there are enough seats socially distanced for everyone.

I am looking forward to working with all families and the extended Blyth School Community again in 2021.

*Have a lovely weekend everyone, Lynne— Maree Hastings* Principal Blyth Primary School



### Student Leaders 2021

Congratulation to the Student Leaders for 2021.

#### Week Four Diary Dates

- 15/02/21 Parent Club 2.30pm
- Gov Council AGM 7pm
- 19/02/21 Bookclub orders due
- 05/03/21 Assembly 2.45pm MP class hosts
- 08/03/21 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
- 2/4/21-5/4/21 Easter
- 9/4/21 End of Term 1
- 26/04/21 Anzac Day Public Holiday
- 27/04/21 Start of Term 2

## Reception, Year One and Year Two Class Mrs Spurling

What a crazy three weeks we have had. We have 12 beautiful little people in our class this year. The children have been working hard on their care for self, care for others and care for the environment. We have talked about all of the things that make us safe and to be the best we can be at our learning. The children are full of questions and want to be busy and learning. We read the book 'The Rainbow fish'. The book is about how The Rainbow Fish thinks he is much better than all of the other fish in the ocean. He becomes sad because he doesn't have any friends. The wise octopus tells him to share his beautiful scales with the other fish and to ask nicely to play. This made the Rainbow Fish so happy because he stopped boasting and became friendly. We really enjoyed the story, and we are sharing and being friendly, just like the Rainbow Fish.

Thankyou to everyone who came along to Acquaintance Night to listen to me and ask questions about our classroom and learning programmes.

We had a visit from the Blyth CFS in week 2. The children were beyond excited, and really enjoyed learning about fire safety and how the fire truck works.





Stretchy Lycra to build our hand muscles.



A little bit of Ipad group work. It is fantastic to have experienced users showing newbies how to use technology.

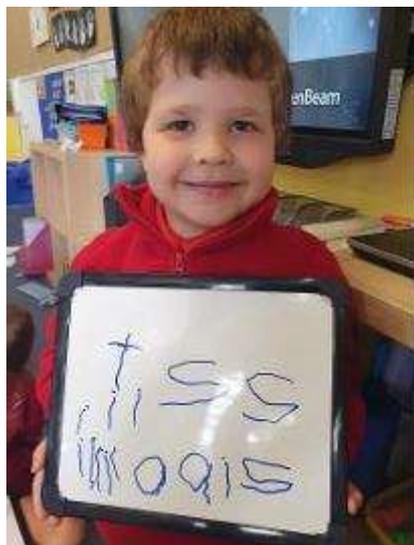


Nature Play cubby building and interior designing.



The year 2s made a shadow puppet box. They had to follow the instructions and work as a team.

Bentley and Patrick did some gorgeous writing. I am so proud of the new receptions. They are all doing some great thinking and questioning.





# Mrs Pyrke's Year 3/4 Class



Term 1, Week 3

*Welcome everyone to the MP class of 2021! We have had a smooth start to the year, with students ready and eager to transition. Please notice the winning Class Logo (at the top of this page-artist is Eliza), and the 2 winning Class mottos (bottom of this page-artists are Lachie & Eliza)*



LACHIE; I'm looking forward to learning more stuff.



MAX; I am looking forward to Sports Day.



BEN; I'm looking forward to Genius Hour.



EDDIE; I'm looking forward to learning lots of AUSLAN.



EDMAR; I'm looking forward to school camp.



ELIZA; I'm looking forward to Genius Hour.



GEORGE; I'm looking forward to doing my times tables.



HARRY; I'm looking forward to maths.



JOSH; I'm looking forward to Genius Hour.



LUCY; I'm looking forward to drawing and learning art skills.



OLIVER; I'm looking forward to learning my times tables.



PETER; I'm looking forward to my times tables, using a computer and school camp.



SAM; I'm looking forward to my times tables.



SAVARNA; I'm looking forward to doing Genius Hour.



VIOLET; I'm looking forward to my times tables.



*Thank you to everyone that attended Monday nights Parent Acquaintance Night, it was great to match new faces (to me) to children and to catch up with others.*



# Upper Primary

# POWERFUL LEARNER

## UPDATE

CHECK IN BY MRS JAMIESON

Hi school community members,

What an absolute cracker beginning to 2021! If you entered our classroom, you would lie clueless to the disruptions to learning that 2020 held. Minds are firing. Challenges are being met. New routines for us all are becoming more comfortable and exciting, and our TEAM OF POWERFUL LEARNERS are working collaboratively together.

All learners completed a writing piece early in the term to capture their strengths as Leaders in our school. We have an incredible group of leaders amongst our whole class and each of them bring special attributes that can be relied upon as role models throughout the school.

Our Maths lessons have focused on understanding the Story of Mathematics, and unpacking the Five Drawers\*\* to help guide us through problems and tasks. We are noticing more how often we use mathematics in our daily lives, seeing patterns and relationships.

I put our hand up to assist in the creation of the School Magazine for 2021 ... which I know will be a big job for us, but absolutely capable. To begin our *Apprenticeships* we have begun some photography lessons using iPads, focusing on angles and natural lighting. We have created some cracking images, looking at objects in nature in a new light.

During our *First Two Weeks* learning program we unpacked the 6 Pillars of Positive Education. One of these are *Bucket Filling*, so keep an eye out for our leaders completing random acts of kindness ☺

Take care.

\*\* ask one of our Powerful Learners to tell you about the Five Drawers and see what they can remember.

RRRRRIIINNNGGGG as the class lost their concentration by the extremely loud bell. We all walked to our evacuation point on the oval confused. But little did we know the booming fire truck coming to our oval with the siren on was for us to have a look at the fire truck.

**Brianna**

We were all focused on our work and suddenly the fire alarm went off, and then ... a fire truck appeared out of nowhere and everyone was confused! We all thought there was an ACTUAL fire but then we realized it was a more complicated fire drill than all the other times we have done it before. **Nathan**

Ring ring ring ring ring!  
WORRIED!  
CONFUSED! SCARED!  
Wooo wooo wooo wooo  
wooo wooo!  
Pencils down. Out to the oval NOW.  
**Tilly**

BAMMMM! Fire alarm goes off as our concentration was broken. As the teachers told us to stay calm you could still hear students yelling and we could see them running to the evacuation point. We stood there in our class lines ... Then WWWOOOOHHHH! the town alarm echoed through the town. We turn and see the firetruck coming on to the oval with the siren on. The firemen got out of the truck and explained it was just a visit. PHEW!  
**Charlotte**





The blinding red and blue light beamed around the oval. All the kids got put in three groups. There was hoses that could spray 10m BUT THE PUMP WASN'T WORKING!!!!!! We could hear the water splashing in the tank. In the cab there was be a radio and button for everything. There would have been a least 15 radios! It was exciting being able to be in a fire truck.  
**Billy**

Ring, ring, ring, ring, went the fire truck siren. "What's going on?" asked the kids. "Why is the fire truck here?" They were all confused and surprised when they saw the fire truck park on the grass. Still unsure, they didn't know why until the children got into groups and went to different parts to explore the truck. The Upper Primary were shown the equipment by Hannah's dad, which was a total surprise! The pump didn't work so it was lucky it was just a drill. The other classes had Tyson and Craig show them around on the spray deck and have a look up there. All the students got to go into the cab and press the siren and say something on the walkie talkies. It was so much fun.  
**Hannah**



SHAKY! NERVOUS! SCARED!! That was Harry as he overcame his nerves to make a 000 call. The person on the other end of the phone asked a lot of questions such as "What's your emergency?" and Harry replied with "There`s a fire!" Harry's voice was shaky and the speaker was crackly so it was hard for the children to hear. The scenario that he had to imagine was that there was a fire in the staff room, it started out smoking but it caught flames. When Harry came and sat back on the floor he was still shaking ... until recess.  
**Harry**



## Pastoral Care Corner T1, Week 3

Greetings everyone and welcome back to an exciting year, full of kindness and hope.

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new Japanese teacher Amy Wright. Amy comes with a fountain of knowledge on the topic. Amy spent a year in Japan teaching English and embracing their culture. Also a very warm welcome to our new receptions. I have already had the privilege of working with this group. They are brave individuals and excited about learning new things and sharing in their journeys.

This year I will be working at school on Monday 9am till 2.30pm and Thursday 8.15 till 1.45pm. As your Pastoral Care Worker, I help build connections through positive engagement. I work alongside children, teachers and families, focusing on their skills and strengths. I promote great relationships that create good core values, giving hope, meaning and purpose.

On Thursday mornings, STAR Breakfast is available to students. The year 6s have been keen to develop their skills in leadership and role modeling for their peers. Please find this terms menu below.

If you are requiring pastoral care, I can be contacted through the front office or alternatively on [emily.gill394@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:emily.gill394@schools.sa.edu.au). I will ensure to make a suitable time with you to catch up.

Cheerio, Emily



### STAR TEAM TERM 1

**Group 1 - Simone, Jack, Harry & Hannah**

**Week 4 - Toad in a Hole & milo**

**Week 5 - Sausage in bread & Apple Juice**

**Group 2 - Henry, Charlotte & Billy**

**Week 6 - Breakfast muffin with Berry smoothies**

**Week 7 - Waffle with OJ**

**Week 8 - Bacon & Eggs Cups with Milo**

**Week 9 - Rice bubbles, Peach Cup with Vanilla yoghurt with Apple juice**

**Week 10 - Toasted English muffin with Jam or Vegemite & OJ**

**Week 11 - Sausage in bread & Apple Juice**

# Japanese

Japanese was exciting this week! Our Open Access teachers Melissa sensei and Rayna sensei came for a visit to get to know us. We played games so that our sensei can remember our names. They brought lots of Japanese items for us to look at and challenged us with some traditional games that Japanese children play called Hanetsutki and Kendama. We learnt Japanese words for do your best "gambete" and when we succeed "yatta"! We look forward to seeing our sensei on the big screen next week for our first online lesson!



# OSHC news

Blyth OSHC provides creative leisure and fun after school activities.

Welcome back to a new year everyone. Over the past few weeks the children have been enjoying loads of outdoor play as well as completing various art and craft activities and other learning experiences. This week we have had different sensory activities using

Kinetic sand and shaving foam which the children seemed to really enjoy. Craft activities have included recycled craft, pom pom craft, hamma beads, loom bands, calico bags and aprons to name a few. Thankyou to all those families who continue to support our OSHC service. Our permanent bookings are looking fantastic for this term.

Deb Noble (Director)



# Blyth OSHC Term 1 Program



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>15th February</b> Outdoor play Leaf creatures Pop stick craft Snack- fruit platter	<b>16th February</b> Free play Beading Board games Snack- Crackers and cheese	<b>17th February</b> Deco Foam Sand art Homework Snack- Yoghurt and Fruit	<b>18th February</b> Movie night Masks Plate mates Snack- Veggie sticks & Dip	<b>19th February</b> Free play Finger puppets Sand art Snack - Fruit muffins

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>22nd February</b> Symmetrical patterns Sensory play Snack-Fruit & veg platter	<b>23rd February</b> Ice play Pom poms Snack- Yoghurt and Fruit	<b>24th February</b> Free drawing Japanese fans Snack- Crackers and cheese	<b>25th February</b> Nature craft Rubber band balls Snack-Fruit	<b>26th February</b> Evacuation Practise Paper bag puppet Loom bands Snack-Fruit and yoghurt



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1st March</b> Homework Gloop Mosaics Snack- Cheese grills	<b>2nd March</b> Deco foam craft Beados Outdoor sports Snack- Yoghurt and Fruit	<b>3rd March</b> Still life art Nature play Free choice Snack- Fruit platter	<b>4th March</b> Slime Mirror portrait Free play Snack-Raisin toast	<b>5th March</b> Technology time Mirror portrait Nature Play Snack- Fruit platter



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

# PE & Health NEWS

Welcome back to the year with a sporty focus. We have already had three children attend Summer Hub trials for cricket and tennis. Billy Wandel and Harry Jamieson tried out for tennis and Jack Hayes trialled for cricket. Summer Hub is on Tuesday, the 2nd of March. At the time of print, the children had not heard about selections. We have a whole school PE lesson on Wednesdays, lead by Mrs Jamieson and supported by Mrs Spurling. We look forward to a healthy, active year at school. Stay safe.



## CALLING ALL GIRLS!

- Make new friends and get active playing all-girls junior cricket
- Adelaide Strikers Girls Cricket League is a fun and social competition for girls aged 10 to 16.
- Discover how cricket can boost your confidence, develop your skills and grow your friendships today!

CLARE HIGH SCHOOL - Mon 15th Feb & 1st March

4:30pm to 7:30pm Cost: \$5

Srch Clare CC- Girls Strikers @ [playcricket.com.au](http://playcricket.com.au)

FIRST 30 registered will receive a free Helmet

For more info: Peter Brown 0419 921 933



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## BLYTH SNOWTOWN NETBALL CLUB

### JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED

We would love for...



All Junior players turning 5-13 years to join us for a

COME & TRY NIGHT  
5pm - 6pm

Thursday 18th March Blyth Netball Courts  
Thursday 25th March Snowtown Netball Courts



ALL NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Please contact Bernie Altmann for more info 0438780206  
[blythsnowtownnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:blythsnowtownnetballclub@gmail.com)



Blyth Snowtown Netball Club Member



[blyth\\_snowtown\\_cats](https://www.instagram.com/blyth_snowtown_cats)

FREE ZOOPEE DOOPER & ICRUNCHIE

If transport is an issue please don't hesitate to contact us to see how we can help!

# HAVE A BLAST!

GIRLS ONLY (5-10 YO)

COLOUR BLAST

Clare High School Oval  
Monday 1st March 4:30-7:30pm  
\$30

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