



# Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2020



## Growing Believing & Achieving

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### News from the Principal - Term Four Week Six

Hello Everyone,

Last week was both NAIDOC week and Remembrance Day. All classes participated in activities learning about these important events. Our school captains Lily and Coby read the Ode of Remembrance from the poem written by Laurence Binyon- **“For the Fallen” in 1914, as a part of our Remembrance service at 11 am. Students and staff stood in silence to remember all people who have served in the Armed Forces in not only the First World War but also many wars since.**

#### Covid Restrictions

Thankyou everyone for your great assistance on Wednesday afternoon with the news of the 6 Day Lockdown. It was very sudden and the staff and I were able to spend some time with our students helping them to understand the situation before they went home. As you know some children become more anxious about these changes in routine, so **please don't hesitate to contact us if you need some support with reassuring your child** or supporting with their wellbeing. The two Pupil Free Days next Monday & Tuesday allow staff to plan for any online learning that may need to occur and also to review our data ready for the 2021 learning Program.

#### Covid-19 Restrictions Visiting the school

Due to Covid-19 restrictions currently in place we are asking that parents/caregivers do not go to classrooms in the mornings or afternoons to drop off or collect children once school commences. Please assist us by waiting on the small oval at socially distanced intervals to wave to your child as they walk to their classroom or to collect them after the school bell rings.

Please remember if you are coming to the school to collect your child early for appointments, you must still continue to come to the front office and sign in. This is standard practice and a staff member will be able to assist you. It is also necessary to have a list of all visitors to the school and contact details even if only a brief visit.

#### Recent School Parent Engagement Survey

This year a School Parent Engagement Survey was offered through The Department for Education on the views of how parents engage with student learning at our school. At Blyth Primary School we have 35 families of which 19 families took the opportunity to fill in the survey. Thank you very much for providing us with this valuable feedback.

Some of the results indicated that-

**85% agree or strongly agree that “People respect each other at this school” (B.P.S.),** compared with 77% of all schools results.

**89% agree or strongly agree that “Teachers & Students treat each other with respect at this school”** compared with 79% of all school results.

**79% agree or strongly agree that “I feel that my child is important to this school”** compared with 71% of all school results.

95% of responses indicate that parents talk with their child about what happens at school compared to 88% with all school results.

This data has been discussed with staff more completely and will help us with our future planning for improvement.

Keep Safe Everyone and remember once school commences face to face, if your child becomes unwell please keep them at home as this is the best place for them to recover and helps slow the spread of germs. *Have a safe weekend everyone,*

*Take care, Lynne– Maree Hastings* Principal Blyth Primary School

### Diary Dates

Due to the latest Covid-19 restrictions some of these dates may not occur, or, are waiting to be confirmed as to whether they can proceed, or, a change of date to comply with the restrictions. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this situation.

#### Week Seven

23/11/20 PUPIL FREE DAY

24/11/20 PUPIL FREE DAY

26/11/20 Yr6 CHS Trans- To be confirmed

27/11/20 Yr6 CHS Trans-To be confirmed

#### Week Eight

30/11/20 Parent Club 2.30pm- Cancelled

Gov Council 7pm- To be confirmed

01/12/20 At this stage it is unlikely that the school concert may proceed. We are waiting for notification around the Covid-19 restrictions and whether there will be enough students return to school and for practices to occur.

#### Week Nine

08/12/20 Geoff Brock MP presenting

Premiers Reading Challenge awards 2.30pm To be confirmed & no parent attendance

10/12/20 Beach Excursion to Port Hughes- students only at this stage to be confirmed

11/12/20 Early Dismissal 2.30pm

#### 2021

#### Week One

Wednesday 27th of January

School Commences for students

### Lily and Coby read the Ode of Remembrance



# JAPANESE GARDENS

In Japanese Cultural Studies the students have been learning about the design & features of Japanese Garden. Students have learnt about the cultural connection to the gardens and various events associated with the seasons. Students in the 3-6 classes had to prepare an information report, a map listing features and do a model of their gardens. The Reception—Year 2 class have been learning about celebrations in each of the seasons.



## Our School Bell is Back!

After many months of being in storage whilst some of our building works have been happening our School Bell is back with students very happy to have a turn at ringing it again. Wow what a difference in the asphalt also!

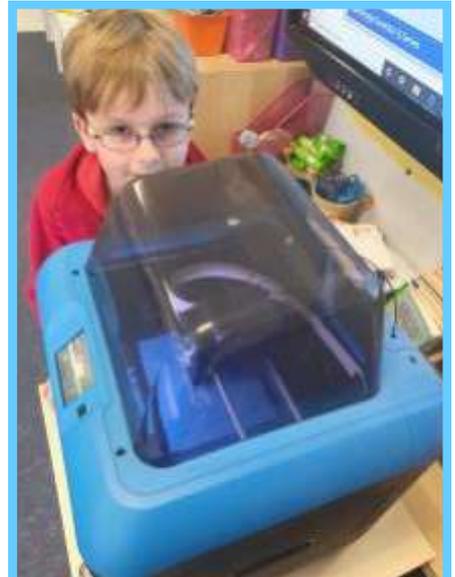


Above: Old asphalt

Right: Look at the difference of the new asphalt with the compass.



## R, 1, 2 Happenings



In Technology, we have been designing 3D ocean exploring machines...but the 3D printer will not cooperate with us!



Brothers, sisters, cousins - all one big, happy JP family



We welcomed Leni, Bentley, Hugo, Patrick and Jimmy to our class for their transition visits.



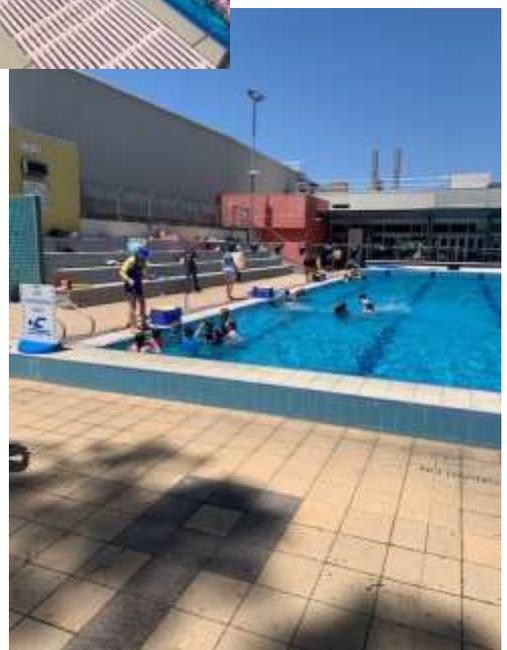


# Mrs Pyrke's Year 3/4/5 Class

Term 4, Week 6



*What a crazy week we have all had!! A big thank you to the students who all coped superbly with all the sudden changes thrown upon us-full credit to you all! Stay safe everyone!*



*We are grateful that we managed to get in one day of swimming-and what a lovely day for swimming it was!!*



Hello everyone,

We have been having a lovely time, being creative during our lunch breaks over the past two weeks. We have made beautiful bright stain glass windows. Although we cannot see through them like a normal window, these drawings still brighten up the day. The students have also created wonderful jig saw puzzles. We have some very talented artist among the group. Their designs can be seen in the picture below.

As a state we have had a little jump in Covid-19. Please remember to stay safe by wash your hands regularly, catching your sneezes, physical distancing and staying home if you are unwell. We all have to work together on this to ensure we stop the spread. If you are having feelings of anxiousness or uncertainty during these times, please feel free to contact me through the front office or alternatively on [emily.gill394@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:emily.gill394@schools.sa.edu.au) and I will contact you back offering a friendly ear and support.

Cheerio, Emily.



## OSHC news

Blyth OSHC provides creative leisure and fun after school activities. It is hard to believe it is nearly the end of another term let alone another year. This term has been productive and the children have been enjoying loads of outdoor play as well as completing various art and craft activities and other learning experiences. The sandpit has been a regular favourite the past few weeks as too has basketball and soccer. The children have been enjoying recycled craft making puppet theatres, silos and marble runs from these recycled items.

Thankyou to all those families who continue to support our OSHC service.  
Deb Noble (Director)





# Blyth OSHC Term 4 Program



## Week 7

Monday

PUPIL FREE DAY

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Hamma beads

Indoor games

Snack- Fruit kebabs

Thursday

Wooden boat craft

Plate mates

Snack- fruit muffin

Friday

Shaving cream paint  
Outdoor play

Snack- Sandwiches

## Week 8

Monday

Spirograph art

Free Play

Snack- Fruit platter

Tuesday

Hamma beads

Ice bug dig

Snack- Fruit muffin

Wednesday

Cloud dough

Puppet craft

Snack- Custard cups

Thursday

Snowman craft

Soccer

Snack- Muffins

Friday

Christmas scratchart

Sandpit play

Snack- Fruit platter



## Week 9

Monday

Christmas cards

Free play

Snack- Sandwiches

Tuesday

Christmas crackers

Nature play

Snack- Raisin toast

Wednesday

Christmas sandart

Outdoor sports

Snack- Fruit platter

Thursday

Christmas pud-  
dings

Christmas bells

Snack- Cheese and  
crackers

Friday

Christmas Craft

Free Choice play

Snack- Party Food



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