



Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2021



Growing Believing & Achieving

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News from the Principal - Term Two Week Three

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our first Newsletter for Term 2! As you will see there have already been many events even though it has only been three weeks back this term. This week our Year 3, 5 & 7 students did their NAPLAN tests online and I must congratulate them all for trying their best. The results will be back later in the year which families will receive.

Just recently our school has purchased some new Laptops which means that there will be now enough for each child Reception to Year 7 to access for their learning.

WORKING BEE

A working bee is planned for Sunday June the 6th at 1pm. This is to be able to start the front garden redevelopment and do some small tasks around the school that need completing. If you have any spare time on this afternoon it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to join us, please bring your own gardening gloves, shovels, wheel barrows and rakes. We also require some outdoor cobweb brooms to sweep down the walls and verandah areas of the classrooms and buildings. Once the garden beds are prepared we are planning to plant some shrubs and various plants so please bring anything else you feel you may need to assist. I do understand that families are very busy, however any time you can give will be an excellent contribution to our beautiful school.

YEAR 6 & 7 TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

For those Year 6 & 7 students transitioning to high-school in 2022 you will find with this newsletter, an introductory letter and pamphlet that assists parents with enrolling their children. Please ensure that you have completed the necessary details by May the 21st- Friday next week. If you are intending to send your child to a private school you will also see a link for you to follow and complete the necessary details. These letters will also be emailed out to families. Clare High School transition dates this year will be week 8 Thursday the 2nd & Friday the 3rd of December in Term 4. Clare High School staff will also be visiting with some past students next term to allow our students who are attending CHS to ask all their questions and find out some information about secondary life first hand.

Just a reminder on Monday it is a Pupil Free Day which means students are to stay home with families for the day. The staff and I will be reviewing our Site Improvement Plan progress and planning our next steps.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Lynne- Maree Hastings

Principal Blyth Primary School

Diary Dates

17/5/21	PUPIL FREE
4/6/21	Assembly—Hosts MP Class
6/6/21	Working Bee 1pm
14/6/21	Public Holiday
21/6/21	Parent Club 2.30pm Gov Council 7.00pm
25/6/21	Assembly—Hosts UP Class
2/07/21	End of term 2 early dismissal 2.30pm

Recycling at school

Please collect all your bread bags & bread tags & return to the boxes in the front office at Blyth Primary School.

Help Wonder turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**

It's simple...

- 1 Collect your empty bread bags and tags
- 2 Neatly store at school in Wonder's special collection bins (found in the front office)
- 3 We'll send you points to collect some special prizes for every bag you drop!

Our school is in the draw to **WIN 1 of 5** exercise circuits made from recycled plastic we collect!

LET'S GET RECYCLING!

Tag Wonder on social #wonderrecycling
to share all your recycling champion stories!

Wonder
The Golden Standard



News from the Rec - Yr 2 Class

We celebrated and learnt about ANZAC Day during week one and two. We read the story ANZAC Ted by Belinda Landsberry. It is a beautiful story about a teddy who went to war as a mascot for the soldiers. He is now very old and very worn but is still very loved. We did some fantastic paintings of Anzac Ted and learnt some new words like foe, mascot and disguise. We wrote a story about a journey our own teddy went on. We made yummy ANZAC biscuits.



Paired reading is a great way to practise fluency when reading aloud. The children read for 5 minutes each and listen attentively when not reading. Learning to read is a very complex task. We need fluency with blending and high frequency word reading.



We have some new problem solving games that we love to do. Puzzles are a great way to build Maths concepts like rotate, turn, flip and spacial awareness.



Mrs Pyrke's Year 3/4 Class



Term 2, Week 3

This week we started our Genius Hour research. We would like to share with you a small snippet of the information we have discovered so far!



Lachie; (Cattle) - Cattle eat corn

Max; (Motorbikes) - The world's biggest motorbike jump is 108m long

Ben; (Power) - The most dangerous form of energy for humans is coal

Eddie; (Famous Shipwrecks) - There were only 30 survivors from the Britannic

Edmar; (The Philippines) - The Philippines is made up of lots of islands

Eliza; (The Royal Family) - The Queen owns thoroughbred horses only

Josh; (Vehicles) - there are 1.42 billion cars in the world

Lucy; (Birds) - Male budgies have blue beaks

Oliver; (Tigers) - There are only 3,900 tigers left in the wild

Peter; (Butterflies) - Butterflies use their wings to fly

Sam; (Crystals) - Jet is really light

Savarna; (Penguins) - Penguin's waddle because their legs are designed for swimming

Violet; (The Army) - The Army emblem (The Rising Sun) represents the spirit of the ANZACS

Harper; (Giraffes) - Giraffes are the tallest living animal in the world

Harry; (Hydraulics) - Hydraulics creates motion or force

George; (3rd World Countries) - Not many people in 3rd World Countries have houses with walls and roofs



Upper Primary News



Mother's Day Poetry & Frames

The Upper Primary class have been writing their own poetry. The students have spent time learning to write using different types of poetry (simile, acrostic and senses). They then used these techniques to create a poem that describes all the wonderful things about their Mothers and Grandmothers.

After we had written our poems we came up with an individual design for our wooden frames. Each student decorated their frame in a style they thought their mothers would like. This included some with beach themes, roses and a galaxy theme. When we had finished the frames, we put our poems inside and wrapped the frames ready for Mother's Day on Sunday 9th May. We hope that the Mothers liked their presents!

Sapsasa Cross Country

On Tuesday 4th of May, Will, Bryce, Max, Billy and Nathan represented the school at Sapsasa Cross Country. The event was held at Clare High School and was run through on their oval and through their vineyards. All of the boys gave their best efforts and finished the 3km races (2km for Max's age group). Billy, Nathan and Max finished in the top five, which means the move through to the next round at Oakbank on the 10th June. We wish them all the best for this day!



Pastoral Care Corner T2, Week 3

Greetings everyone and welcome back to term 2!

To all the our Mums and Mother figures in our lives. I hope you enjoyed celebrating Mother's Day last Sunday. Keep being the wonderful Mum's you are, and I hope you got spoilt with love, big hugs & kisses.



Get your Hot Milo's Here! During Term 2 & 3, Hot Milo Monday's has returned. Student voice requested this. Milo's are served on even weeks at lunchtime, by the STAR Team.

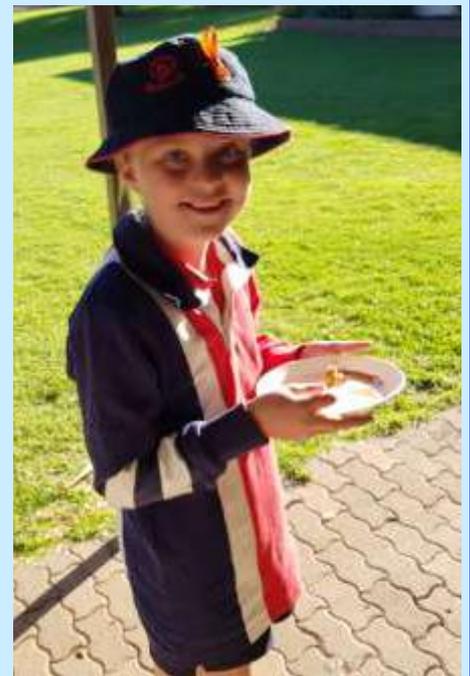


During our lunchtime, I have had music playing. Students are dancing up a storm as they request their favourite songs. And take it in turns leading the others in movement and dance. One student in particular has a love for music and dance. Edmar showed great confidence in leading others in a whole dance routine to the song, "Best Song Ever" by One Direction.



STAR Breakfast is a great way for students and their families to come together with the rest of the school community in a relaxed environment. If you would like to pop in and join us for a quick

bite to eat you are more than welcome. Breakfast is on Thursday mornings from 8:30am till 9am. We look forward to seeing you soon.



STAR TEAM MENU

Week 4 – Toasted English muffin with Jam or Vegemite & OJ

Week 5 – Breakfast Muffin & Apple Juice

Week 6 – Bacon and Egg sandwich with OJ

Japanese Children's Day- Kودومو نو hi- こどもの日

Last Thursday we celebrated Japanese Children's Day. This day is a national holiday in Japan that focusses on respecting children's personalities and wishing for their health and happiness. Our Japanese teachers, Rayna sensei and Melissa sensei were with us for the day which made it extra special. With them we made Japanese carp, Koi no bori, 鯉のぼり, which are the symbol of Children's Day. What do your children say when you ask them why koi are the symbol of Children's Day? (Hint- it's to do with swimming upstream!) We also did some cooking to celebrate our day and made okonomiyaki, which are a savoury Japanese pancake... it was pleasing to see that most children had a go and tried the pancake, with judgement ranging from 'oishii' (very tasty) to "it's not my favourite!"



Okonomiyaki お好み焼き

Savoury Japanese Pancake

Ingredients

- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- ½ cup dashi stock (use chicken or vegetable stock if unavailable)
- 1 - 1 ½ cups plain flour
- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- 1 small carrot, grated and excess liquid squeezed out
- 10 green beans, finely chopped
- 2 shiitake mushrooms, finely chopped
- 3 spring onions, roughly chopped
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 tsp sesame oil

Method

In a large bowl, whisk together the eggs, soy sauce and stock. Gradually whisk in the flour, ensuring there are no lumps - the batter consistency should be like that of thickened cream.

Add the cabbage, carrot, beans, mushrooms and spring onions to the batter and fold to combine.

Heat the oils in a small frypan and add some of the mixture to make a large pancake. Flatten with a spatula then cover with a lid and allow to cook for 3-4 minutes. Flip the pancake over and cook on the other side, uncovered, for 1-2 minutes. Repeat this process with the remaining batter.

Serve the okonomiyaki with a drizzle of sauce, kempie mayonnaise and top it with bonito flakes and pickled ginger. Add a soft-boiled egg, if desired. You can substitute any vegies you like in the filling.

Okonomiyaki Sauce

Combine 2 Tbsp tomato sauce, 2 Tbsp Worcestershire sauce, 1 Tbsp Oyster sauce, 1 teaspoon sugar, or honey.



OSHC News

Blyth Oshc provides creative leisure and fun after school activities. Welcome back to a new term 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. Over the past few week we have been making slime, painting plaster woodland animals, designing our own flags, doing scenic painting, making Mothers Day crafts and cards and much, much more. Our bookings have remained at the same great numbers as last term and I am looking forward to another great term.

Deb Noble (Director)



Blyth OSHC Term 2 Program

Week 4-6



Week 4 Monday Kinetic sand Basketball Snack- Fruit muf- fin	Tuesday Marble Maze Plate mates Snack- Custard cups	Wednesday Outdoor sports Leaf creatures Snack- Cheese & crackers	Thursday Free drawing Free play Snack- fruit muf- fin	Friday Colour jigsaw Outdoor play Snack- Sandwiches
Week 5 Monday Scenic painting Scooter boards Snack- Fruit plat- ter	Tuesday Rock painting Hamma beads Snack- Fruit muffin	Wednesday Paper plane craft Make a marble maze Snack- Custard cups	Thursday Deco foam craft Soccer Snack- Muffins	Friday Paper cup animals Scooter boards Snack- Fruit plat- ter
Week 6 Monday Puffy paint Free play Snack- Sandwiches	Tuesday Pom Pom craft Nature play Snack- Raisin toast	Wednesday Portrait painting Outdoor sports Snack- Fruit platter	Thursday Hamma beads Leaf creatures Snack- Cheese and crackers	Friday Tech time Circle art Snack- Custard cups



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

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1

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2

Recycle them at school
at Wonder's job.
Collect for free!
There's a special note
inside.



3

We'll award school points
to collect more quality
equipment for every
"Big Kid" that!



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**BE A HERO FOR
HEARTKIDS!**

**FRIDAY
18 JUNE 2021**



HeartKids

[HERO4HEARTKIDS.ORG.AU](https://www.hero4heartkids.org.au)

Dress up as a super hero or wear a cape

Make a gold coin donation on the day

or donate to the fundraising page

<https://www.hero4heartkids.org.au/>

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