



Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2022

Growing Believing & Achieving

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News from the Principal - Term Three Week Three

Hello Everyone,

The start of this term has been very busy, and it is wonderful how all of our students have bounced back with enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. We have had many changes in routines with staff absence but really appreciate the manner in which students have been able to accept the situation and continue on with their learning and friendships with each other.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to families for coming to our recent Parent/Teacher Interviews. It was great to be able to catch up, clarify and celebrate the learning journey your children have been taking this year so far. Please remember if you have any matters you would like to raise, or even have a question about what your child is learning, **that in the first instance you can contact your child's teacher for further information.** The staff and I are only too pleased to be able to assist.

NAPLAN

This week NAPLAN results have been sent for site leaders, and at a very preliminary glance the Year Three & Five students have achieved some great results once more this year. Our students have all worked very well and congratulations for your achievements. As soon as the parent information packs are sent to the school, they will be sent home for families.

SA Water Grant

It is very exciting news that Blyth Primary School has recently won a grant from S.A. Water for the use of an Aquaponics system to grow our vegetables. Many thanks must go to A.J Wood for applying for the grant. It has been amazing how much the students have learnt this year, and the process of using Aquaponics is further going to enhance the understanding of ecosystems and the best solutions for growing nutritious foods.

Thankyou

Many Thanks to the Governing Council and Parent Club for surprising the staff and I with some yummy biscuits, slices, cakes, chocolates and flowers for **"Principal's Day"** and as a special surprise of appreciation for the work staff are doing during this pandemic year, especially keeping OSHC available for families to access rather than closing whilst Deb has been absent. It was very appreciated. We are all very pleased to see both Deb and Julia back at work too.

Blyth Fair

This is a new event planned for the end of this term, on Thursday September the 29th with an opportunity for all families and community members to attend to celebrate the wonderful work that our students are doing and acknowledge the **first year of Agricultural Science being taught. There will be displays of students' artwork and learning, stalls with products that the students have made for sale, tours of the school agricultural areas, machinery to view, food and drinks to purchase, competitions and other activities also planned for the event.** More information will be coming home shortly, but in the meantime please pop this date into your diaries!

Have a great weekend everyone, keep warm!

Lynne- Maree Hastings

Principal Blyth Primary School

Diary Dates

TERM 3

Week 4

Mon 15th Aug Parent Club & Gov Council

Thurs 18th Aug Bookclub

Week 5

Mon 22nd Aug RAA Street Smart Education

Thurs 25th PJ Day/ Book week

Week 6

Mon 29th Hot Shot tennis yr3-6

Thurs 1st Sept Assembly 2.30pm

Week 7

Mon 5th Sept Show Day School Closure

Tues 6th Sept Pupil Free Day

Week 8

Tuesday 8th Sept Team Colours Day

Week 9

Mon 19th Sept Parent Club & Gov Council

Thurs 22nd Sept Sports Day

Week 10

Thurs 29th Sept Blyth Fair Day

Fri 30th Sept End of Term 3

Early Dismissal 2:20pm

AG veggie garden

Look how well the veggies are growing!



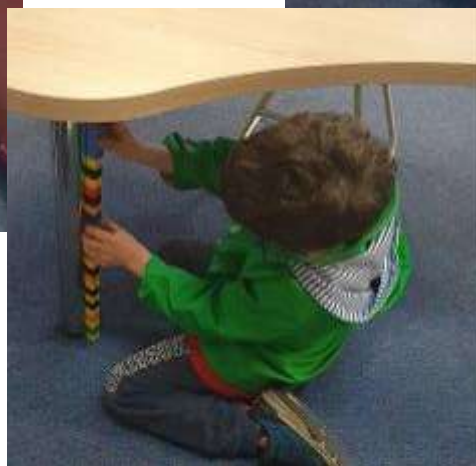
R-1-2 News

We were excited to model our Blyth Beans. We have had some very cold weather lately so the beanies came just in time to keep us warm. They look great!



Measurement in Maths

We have been learning about measurement. We weighed things using balance scales, compared the length of things and measured our vortex throws.



Vortex throw		
Jimmy	11m 10cm	14m 80cm
Patrick	9m 80cm	12m 20cm
Leni	7m 75cm	9m
Hugo 😊	17m 90cm	16m 60cm

We have really enjoyed learning about the Commonwealth Games. We investigated the use of measurement in the Commonwealth Games. We noticed time, length and weight were used a lot of the time. We even thought the chefs at the Commonwealth Games used measurement to cook. We recorded our measurements when we threw a vortex.

Vortex throw		
Wil	12m 80cm	9m 😊
Frank	9m 80cm	7m 30cm
Lexa	5m 80cm	4m 20cm
Estelle	5m 80cm	5m 30cm
Carter	8m 80cm	8m 30cm
Alexis	7m 20cm	7m 30cm

Vortex throw		
Kyson	10m	9m 60cm
Annie	11m 80cm	10m 50cm
Billy	14m 20	11m 30cm
Elsie 😊	12m	14m 10cm
Jeremy	10m 40cm	8m 60cm

Longest throw was Hugo's with 17 m 90 cm

Middle Primary

Fluency Reading

Children who can read fluently can read in phrases, and add intonation appropriately. Their reading is smooth and has expression. Fluency is the ability to read with speed, accuracy and proper expression. In order for children to understand what they read, children must be able to read fluently.

In the 3/4 class, we practice our fluency reading every day. We also do whole school reading together on Fridays. We read different types of texts (fiction & non fiction) and read with different partners. There has been a noticeable improvement in everyone's fluency and we really enjoy this time together.



"There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. A love of books is best of all"



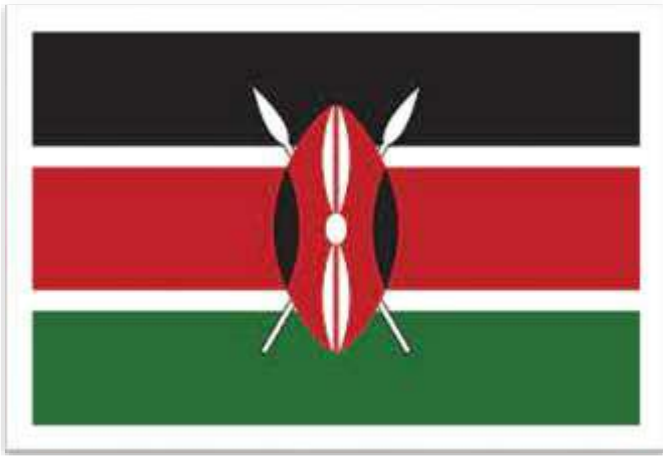
**"A book is a gift
you can open again
and again"**

**"A child who
reads, will be-
come an adult
who
thinks"**



**"Reading is
a gateway
skill that
makes all
other
learning
possible"**

Kenya's athletes and medal tally



There are 16 competitors from Kenya. Kenya's medal tally has 6 gold medals, 5 silver medals, and 10 bronze medals, all from the 2022 Commonwealth Games. The only sports that Kenya competes in are athletics.

By Bryce

COMMONWEALTH

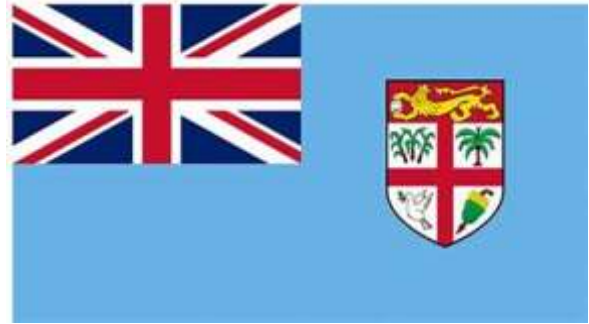


Cameroon

There are 36 competitors, 17 men and 19 women, in 9 sports that have come from Cameroon to do the Commonwealth Games.

Results: 1 gold, 1 silver, and 1 bronze.

Cameroon is in Africa. They speak French and English.



Fiji

Fiji has sent 64 people, 28 women and 36 men, to compete in the Commonwealth Games 2022.

Did you know that one of the islands is the shape of a love heart?

There are only 896,443 people in Fiji.

Fiji is made up of multiple islands.

By Tilly

Jamaica

Jamaica sent 136 people, 73 men and 63 women, in 16 sports for the Commonwealth Games.

Jamaica is home to the four biggest mountain ranges in the Caribbean.

Jamaica actually sits on top of a large underwater mountain.

In Jamaica, you would drive on the left side of the road.

Jamaica is home to one of the largest butterflies in the world.

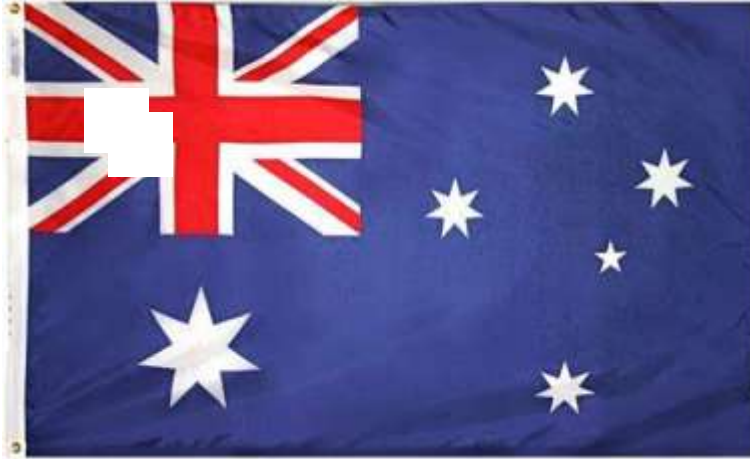
There are 250 species of birds that call the island home, in Jamaica.

Jamaica won 6 gold medals, 6 silver medals, and 3 bronze medals.

By Mikayla



Australia's final medal tally
GOLD 67, SILVER 57,
BRONZE 54, TOTAL 178



Singapore

The Singapore team has 67 athletes, 33 men and 34 women competing in 9 sports.

Singapore have 4 gold, 4 silver, 4 bronze and a total 12 medals. Singapore placed 14th out of 72

Singapore is the tenth richest country in the world. Singapore have \$462.304 billion. Singapore is so rich because they have zero debt.

By Lachie



Canada

They got 92 medals: 26 gold: 32 silver and 34 bronze.

They had 126 boys and 142 girls go to the Commonwealth Games.

Canada has 38 million people.

Canada is the second largest country by size.

By Max



Papua New Guinea

34 people entered the Commonwealth Games for Papua New Guinea.

PNG Medal Tally

gold 5

bronze 2

silver 7

total 14

Australia is about 17 times bigger than Papua New Guinea.

By Will



Japanese Connections



Our Year 3-6 Japanese class were lucky enough to be able to connect online with a group of Year 3 children recently. The class were at Nagi Elementary School, in the province of Okayama, on the main land of Japan. Our children were able to use the introductory statements they had been practicing about themselves, as well as asking and answering questions about food, sports and animals that they like. They even played rock paper scissors, or jan ken as it is known in Japanese.

The children were curious to explore the similarities and differences between the classes, asking questions about how long their lessons go for, what time it was, and whether we wear shoes inside. You can see the footwear comparison picture, slippers for those in Japan, sneakers for us! Experiences like this bring our Japanese learning into a practical light and give real life application. It was such a pleasure watching the children enjoy it!



Pastoral Care Corner T3, Week 3

Welcome back to term 3.

Have you ever messed up? This happened to me this week. I accidentally booked flights to Melbourne for the wrong weekend. This was brought to my attention by my friend in saying "see you this weekend".

Oh My! I had booked for the following weekend. I started to freak out. Actually I had a meltdown. Trying to change flights at the last minute is never an easy job. After many phone calls trying to transfer my flights, there was no seats available with that airline. I ended up having to cancel my flights and change carriers with much expense to the management. But, I've now got my flights sorted and looking forward to going.

How do you handle yourself when things don't go to plan? Do you embrace it or find it challenging? You can use these times as a lesson of growth. Life is filled with many changes, and how we overcome, can improve our life and wellbeing. I have attached a note of 'What to do in a Meltdown'. I hope you find it helpful.

Please keep an eye out for any bargains you might for Operation Christmas Child. Each box needs something from each of the 6 categories, listed below. Your donations can be placed in the donation box in the front office.

Cheerio, Emily.

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)

WHAT TO DO DURING A MELTDOWN

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

I CAN SAY...

I CAN DO...

WHAT COULD BE
OVERWHELMING MY
CHILD?

IS SOMETHING BOTHERING
YOU? (TOO LOUD, TOO
MANY PEOPLE ETC)

HELP THEM FIND IDENTIFY
WHAT IS UPSETTING THEM

HOW CAN I REDUCE THE
INPUT?

IT IS REALLY BUSY HERE,
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO TO
A QUIETER SPOT?

LEAD THEM TO
A QUIET SPACE

ARE MY CHILD'S BASIC
NEEDS MET?

ARE YOU HUNGRY, TIRED,
SCARED?

OFFER A SNACK, BREAK OR
HUG

WHAT SENSORY NEED IS
MY CHILD WANTING?

I NOTICE YOUR BODY IS
____. CAN YOU TELL ME
MORE?

PROVIDE A SENSORY
STRATEGY/TOOL FOR YOUR
INDIVIDUAL CHILD.

AM I CALM?

I NEED TO CALM DOWN,
DO YOU WANT TO BREATHE
WITH ME?

MODEL TAKING SOME
DEEP BREATHS

HOW CAN I CONNECT?

I NOTICE YOU ARE UPSET. I
AM HERE WHEN YOU ARE
READY.

STAY CLOSE, REASSURE,
HOLD HANDS, BE PATIENT.

HOW CAN I HELP THEM
CALM?

I NOTICE YOUR BODY
IS GETTING UPSET/OVERLY
EXCITED. LET'S PICK A
CALMING ACTIVITY FROM
YOUR CALM DOWN LIST.

PROVIDE CHOICES WITHIN
THE CALM DOWN LIST THAT
WORK FOR YOUR CHILD.

DOES THE CHILD NEED
MOVEMENT OR INPUT?

I SEE YOU WANT
TO RUN AROUND. LET'S
DO A MOVEMENT BREAK
TOGETHER.

PROVIDE CHOICES FOR
MOVEMENT BREAKS TO DO
TOGETHER.

Blyth OSHC Term 3 Program 2022



Week 4 Monday Paper towel art Outdoor play Snack- Custard cups	Tuesday Tree art Edible soil Snack- Crackers and cheese	Wednesday Balloon people Plaster painting Free play Snack-Fruit platter	Thursday Shaving foam rain cloud Free play Snack- yoghurt and fruit	Friday Kinetic sand Rainbow leaf prints Outdoor sports Snack - Fruit muffins
Week 5 Monday Egg carton craft Free play Snack- Custard cups	Tuesday Rainbow leaf prints Outdoor play Snack- yoghurt & fruit	Wednesday Kinetic sand Season sensory bottle Snack- Crackers and cheese	Thursday Edible soil Outdoor play Snack-Fruit & veg platter	Friday Paper towel art Nature play Pipe cleaner animal Snack-Muffins
Week 6 Monday Edible soil Nature play Snack- Custard cups	Tuesday Paper towel art Fathers day craft Snack- Yoghurt and Fruit	Wednesday Kinetic sand Beading Outdoor play Snack- Fruit platter	Thursday Fathers day craft Sensory activity Snack-Crackers and cheese	Friday Fathers day card Nature craft Snack- Fruit platter



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