



Blyth Primary School Newsletter 2022

Growing Believing & Achieving

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News from the Principal - Term Four Week Three

Diary Dates

Hello Everyone,

It is hard to believe that we are into our last term for the year. Our students have all been doing a great job of keeping the focus on learning and giving their best efforts to try to improve on what they have achieved so far this year. The staff and I are very pleased to work with such a fabulous group of student learners as always!

Transitioning Reception Students

Last Friday our new Receptions for 2023 came for a visit as a start to their transition to Blyth Primary School. We welcomed Iyah, Aria and Thomas, who enjoyed receiving a Red Folder and a Picture Book from their teacher Mrs Spurling. The students will gradually increase the time each week during their visits until they stay for a whole day! Thankyou to all of our Rec-2 class members who have been making them feel welcome already.

Whole School Swimming in Week 6

We have many events planned for this term, with whole school Swimming timetabled for week 6. More information, consent forms and details of costs will be coming home very soon. Fingers Crossed the weather improves in temperature!

Parent Perspectives Survey Results

Each year the Department for Education sends out an email link to families to complete a school survey. This year we have had 12 out of 28 families respond which is excellent as this gives a greater perspective of the views canvassed.

100% of responses strongly agree or agree that people are respectful at our school. 100% of responses strongly agree or agree that teachers and students are respectful. 92% of responses strongly agree or agree that there is enough communication from the school. 100 % of responses indicate that families talk with their child/ren about school. This last one is an important statistic as talking with your child, finding out what they have enjoyed for the day or what they have learnt, or what they are looking forward to for the next day can help to encourage their enthusiasm of coming to school each day.

Book Fair

Thank you to Mrs Jenner and Mrs Agnew for organising the annual Book Fair which has taken place this week. It has been great to see so many students enjoying looking at the books that have been on offer for sale. Blyth Primary School also is given some funds for holding the fair of which new books are purchased for the library. Our students have been enjoying giving their recommendations to Mrs Jenner on what they would like her to order for the library too.

Crazy Camel Fundraising Orders

Please check your children's artwork that is attached to this newsletter and if you would like to purchase please send the enclosed form by the 16th of November.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Lynne- Maree Hastings

Principal Blyth Primary School

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Week 4

7th Nov Parent Club 2.30pm

Gov Council 7pm

11th Nov Transition 8.30-1.40pm

Week 5

14th Nov PUPIL FREE

16th Nov Crazy Camel orders due

16th-18th Nov Yr 5/6 Camp

18th Nov Transition 8.30-3.20pm

Week 6

21st-25th Nov Swimming

Week 7

28th Nov Parent Club 2.30pm

Gov Council 7pm

Week 8

6th Dec End of Year Celebration

7th Dec Tuck Day

Week 9

12th Dec Religious Education

14th Dec Reports go home

15th Dec W/S Excursion

16th Dec Early Dismissal 2:20pm



Blyth Primary has been allocated 30 passes for the National Pharmacies Christmas Pageant on Saturday 12th November. Please contact the front office if you would like to be seated in the community site.

R-1-2 News



Welcome to our 2023 Receptions. We had a great time meeting Lylah, Thomas and Aria last Friday. They come to school on Fridays to prepare for their school journey.



On Thursday, the 20th of October, Jaime and Molly came to school and talked about Viticulture, which means looking after grapes. We did a lot of activities from looking at soil, testing grape juice, digging for worms and learning about phylloxera which is an insect that can harm grape vines. We went on an excursion to a vineyard where Jimmy talked to us about how he cares for the grapevines. We had a fabulous day and really enjoyed the activities and learning we did. Thank you to Agri-tech Education and Innovation for giving our school this fantastic opportunity. The term is going to be a very busy one as we finish off our learning for 2022, and begin our celebrations of a fantastic year with many ups and downs, lots of growth and fun. It is always a tiring part of the year, with many activities happening, so hopefully with early nights, healthy eating and resting we can stay healthy and energized.

Thank you to the Parent Club. They purchased some magnetic shapes for us to build with.



Milly, in the 3/4 class, brought her rabbits to school and invited us to cuddle them. Thanks Milly



Middle Primary News



We are happy and excited to be back at school, ready for all our term activities and learning! We checked the AG area and we were amazed by how much our veggies had grown! The chickens were also very happy to see us, as they have quickly figured out that the children = food.



We were lucky enough to have a visit from Milly's pet rabbits (Sonny & Iris) who were kindly shown to the class by Milly and her Dad, Tim. They were very cute and there were a few children who were planning to ask their parents if they could get their own pet rabbit at home.



In Maths, we have been learning about measurement. We have been focused on developing our skills in calculating perimeter and area. We have an exciting design project that we have begun this week, which will put all of our measurement and design skills into practice.

Murray River

The 5/6 class are writing information reports and creating models of the Murray River. Below are some facts we have discovered.



The Murray River is 2530kms long, 400 of these kilometres are in South Australia (Lachie).

There are 28 bridges across the Murray River (Max).

Murray Cod grow up to 1.8 metres long (Kaleah).

There are approximately 35.4 species of native fish living in the Murray River basin including the short headed lamprey which it needs access to the ocean to complete its lifecycle (Guinny).

The Murray rainbow trout are bad for the river because they dig up the mud (Bryce).

The Murray River is named after Sir George Murray, he was a colonial secretary (Tilly).

The Ngarrindjeri (the traditional owners of the Coorong) call the Murray Marunde (Will).

One-third of Australia's food is grown in the Murray Darling Basin (Mikayla).



Peas Class



AG Update

The students continue to be very busy in the last term of the year. We harvested a lot of vegetables a couple of weeks ago, which the students were very excited to take home with them. Harvesting all these vegetables has now provided enough space in the vegetables beds to plant some summer vegetables. We will hopefully do this next week, weather permitting.

The students in the first week of the term were extremely lucky to have the Team from EXCITED 4 Careers in Agriculture join us at the school. The whole day was based around careers in the Viticulture industry and activities related to growing grapes and what they can be used for. The students participated in a range of different activities, which allowed them to get their hands dirty, show of their creativity side and even had the opportunity to go to a vineyard and dig for worms.

In the classroom the students have been learning about soils and what makes up the different soil types we have all around us. The students have been investigating how the different properties of the soil have both positive and negative impacts on how they interact with the water and plants in the ecosystem.

During the holidays the new Aquaponics system was installed at the school. Big thanks to SA WATER for the sponsorship towards establishing this system. We will continue to learn how to best use this system and will get the system up and running in the new year once we all return from the summer holidays.



Today I had my first Japanese lesson and we got to see the Japanese teacher in person. Our class made onigiri which is a ball of rice with seaweed on the side. The rice was very sticky. This lesson was very fun and delicious.

Milly



Phi and Minori Sensei came to school and we made onigiri. We made characters on the onigiri. Onigiri is made of rice and seaweed, you can also put topping on the onigiri.

Isla



Onigiri—Japanese Teacher's Visit Thurs Sept 15th

I enjoyed making the onigiri and it was fun customizing our onigiri. It was kind of messy and sticky enough to stick on my leg.

Lachie



Today we made onigiri with Minori Sensei. It was so delicious. We also had a go at onigiri origami. It was difficult. Overall it was a fun Japanese lesson.

Tilly





Minori– Sensei told us about Onigiri Action, a charity by Table for Two. For every onigiri photo posted to their website, they donate 5 meals to school children in need in third world countries. Check out their website, and if you make onigiri at home, be sure to upload your pictures! [Onigiri Action – Table For Two \(tablefor2.org\)](http://Onigiri Action – Table For Two (tablefor2.org))





Pastoral Care Corner T4, Week 3

Greetings everyone,

We all deserve a great big pat on the back as we had another successful drive for Operation Christmas Child. Thankyou to my helpers from Blyth Community Network who worked alongside our students to pack 39 boxes of love. None of this could be possible without the kind donations that came from our school and town community. I'm sure the recipient's of these carefully packed boxes will be forever grateful as I am.



STAR Team loading the boxes into my car ready for delivery to the collection center in Clare.



Blyth Community Network helpers, Alex Welke, Mignon Ottens, Narelle Roberts and Faye Welke.

Is there anything better than feeling the warmth of the sun on your back on a cloudy day, or the feeling of sand on the soles of your feet as you walk along the beach. Or the smell before it starts to rain, or the tastes of your mother's cooking. It's hard to think so...

But everyone has a unique sensory system and no one is the same. We all experience things differently when we encounter them. These senses help shape how we feel and behave, and they can also impact our learning, social skills, emotions, behaviours, and how we participate in everyday life.

Do you know all the senses? There is 8. Most of us can list off touch, sight, sound, smell and taste. But there is also body awareness. This is sensed through our muscles, tendons and joints, which help us to be aware of our bodies and direct pressure and force. There is also balance and movement, these are sensed through our inner ear, which helps us recognise our body composition and allows us to stand upright. The final sense is internal body cues, this tells us that we are either hungry or thirsty, while reminding us when we need to use the bathroom!!

Practise connecting with your senses, it will help you understand and connect to your body and its feelings. Developing these skills will promote self-management, enabling us to lead more enjoyable life experiences.

With warm blessings, Emily



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OSHC news

Blyth OSHC provides creative leisure and fun after school activities.

The children have been enjoying many craft and play activities including Slime making, Spooky halloween houses, hamma beads, animal mosaics, plate mates, beading, kinetic sand and plaster animal painting. Outdoor play has included sandpit play, nature play, outdoor mud kitchen and sport daily when weather permitting.

Thankyou to all those families who continue to support our OSHC service.

Deb Noble (Director)



Blyth OSHC Term 4 Program 2022



Week 4 Monday Salt art Outdoor play Snack- Custard cups	Tuesday Free play Plate mates Masks Snack- Crackers and cheese	Wednesday Baking soda eruption Nature play Snack- Scones	Thursday Free play Recycled craft Snack- yoghurt and fruit	Friday Smiley biscuits Hamma beads Snack - Fruit muffins
Week 5 Monday Scratch art Nature play Snack- Custard cups	Tuesday Slime Smiley biscuits Snack- yo-yo-ghurt & fruit	Wednesday Pasta Tower Leaf creatures Snack- Crackers and cheese	Thursday Salt paint Slime Snack-Fruit & veg platter	Friday Loom bands Recycled craft Colour me mag-net
Week 6 Monday Outdoor play Tree art Snack- Custard cups	Tuesday Outdoor play Sensory bottles Snack- Yo-ghurt and Fruit	Wednesday Paper bag puppets Etch animals Scratch art Snack- Fresh fruit	Thursday Bookmarks Colour me mag-net Snack-Crackers and cheese	Friday Baking soda eruptions Snack- Fruit and yoghurt



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