

# BLYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2023

## GROWING BELIEVING & ACHIEVING



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### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - TERM 3 WEEK 7

Gday Everyone,

Welcome to our Week newsletter. Its amazing to think we are over half way through this term already. Each day there is so much learning occurring. It is a privilege each day to be involved in the development of our learners, and see the way in with they are growing socially, emotionally and in their work.

Reading is such an important skill to have for life and is ingrained throughout schooling. Having the opportunity to read out loud is invaluable. This week we welcomed back Kate, Marie and Narelle as our first volunteers post Covid to listen to learners read. It was an awesome feeling to pop in and see the engagement between our friends and learners sharing this skill. We are lucky to have Alycia joining us next week. If you would like to be part of our reading program, just get in touch and let me know. Spending 5 or 10 minutes each day listening to your child read has wonderful benefits for you and your learner. I helps to build vocabulary, comprehension, and develop an understanding of the world around us. For parents and carers it can also be a mindful time to sit, relax, listen and bond with the reader.

Along with the community involvement, i have loved the attitudes of learners to have a go and learn new skills. Around the yard you will notice the tables have a new lease of life. The 4/5/6 learners have learnt about sanding through school and working bee, and also wood care with

the new varnishing. We have spent time at lunch learning safe rotary hoe use. And yesterday the Year 5/6 class spent time discovering a new way to collaborate on work through cloud based documents. Their desire and willingness to learn is a wonderful skill. Our educators are a wonderful role model in this, with their continual professional learning and collaboration. Its wonderful to be be a part of, and observe, the ongoing growth and learning of the educators at BPS. The programs and lessons provided pertinent and contemporary challenges for each learner.

Matt Stewart  
Principal



### DIARY DATES **Term 3**

**Week 8 - Monday**, Parent Club, Gov Council  
-SAPSASA Athletics Yr 5/6

**Week 9- Friday**, Assembly @ 2.30pm

**Week 10 - Thursday 28th Sept-** YP Field  
Days Excursion

**Friday** -Early Dismissal @ 2.20pm

# JP NEWS FROM THE WARATAHS



It's been a very busy three weeks for the Waratahs since the last Newsletter - so much has happened. It was good to talk to so many parents during the mini chats earlier this term. Having the opportunity to meet you face-to-face to discuss student progress was such a good experience. Please know you are welcome any time to come and have a chat.

The class enjoyed their visit to Brinkworth Primary School for the Taiko drumming. We enjoyed dressing up for Super Hero day and Book Week as well as joining in the excitement and action of Sports Day. The students represented Blyth Primary School so well!



Carter and Wil worked well together estimating how many blocks could fit around the perimeter of their shape. They then created their castle.



Sophia taught us the alphabet in Auslan.



The whole class loves Art. The students created a pattern a repeating pattern that increased in size. It's a work in progress but the product is looking excellent!

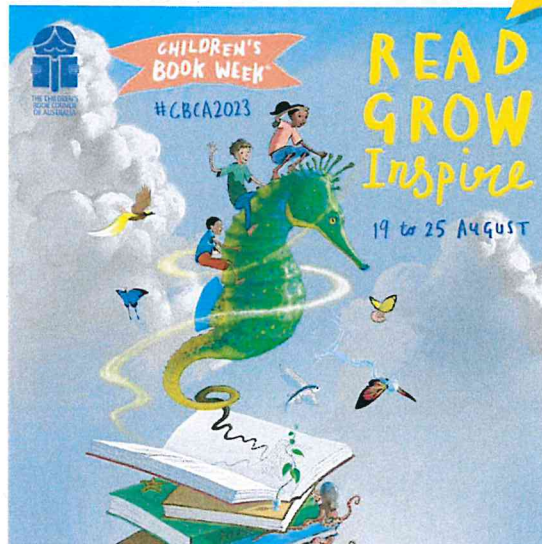




The Middle Primary, along with the rest of the school, had a wonderful time dressing up as our favourite character from a book for Book Week 2023



**BOOK WEEK  
DRESS UP 2023**





## CELEBRATING OUR FABULOUS SSO'S!

WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU?



WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU?

PLUS MRS JENNER AND MR LEE

The students think....

In Maths everyone would be lining up for Mrs Jones help and it would be really busy  
The board out the front wouldn't get updated

The teachers would be way busier and they they'd have to write their own notes  
We wouldn't know our words in middle primary because Mrs Jenner teaches us what they mean.

We wouldn't be able to get work done efficiently.

It would be more difficult every day, and people would get frustrated.  
We wouldn't get our work done because there wouldn't be as much as much help.

The receptions wouldn't learn sounds with Mrs Angel

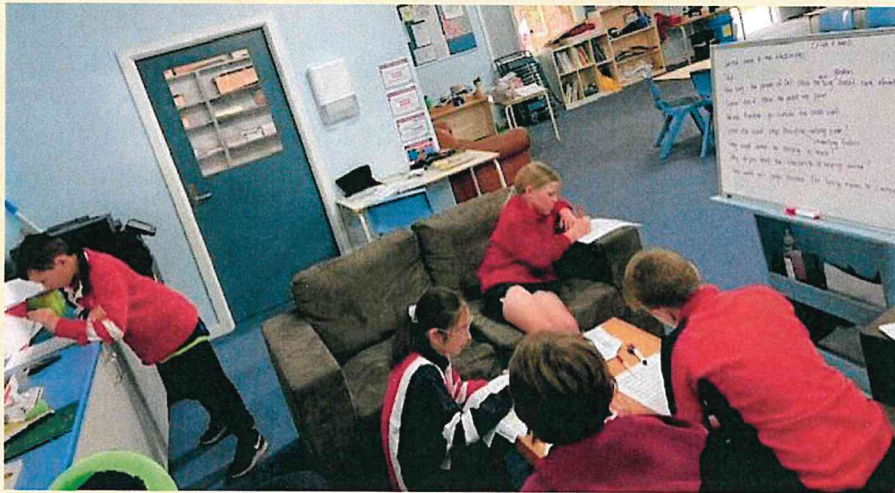
We wouldn't have yummy breakfasts

The school bills wouldn't get paid.

The garden would be weedy!



## ORBIS READING PROJECT



Beginning in May I have been learning about the latest literacy teaching research through ORBIS, as supported by Melbourne University. After some initial learning and exploration of current best practice literacy teaching, I began an Applied Learning Project. The focus of this project is to **develop deep comprehension and understanding through students creating their own evaluative questions**. This is in line with our school site improvement goal to “increase high band reading achievement”. **Research shows that there is a slowing down of comprehension in mid primary school and that students need explicit instruction to justify their opinions, argue for a particular point of view, critically analyse content and determine the position of the author.**

Over a series of lessons which included re-reading a section of a familiar class text (The Forests of Silence by Emily Rodda) students have learnt how to create their own evaluative questions by using question starters (in red below) and my gradually decreasing support.

On September 13th I will present the findings of this project at ORBIS in Hindmarsh, along with the other local teachers. Below are some of the questions students have created.

**What would happen if Jarred didn't escape?**

**Do you think Prandine is lying?**

**Do you agree Prandine is hiding something?**

**How would you help the people of Del?**

**If you were Jarred what would you do?**

**How would you judge Prandine for pretending Jarred had a hidden knife?**

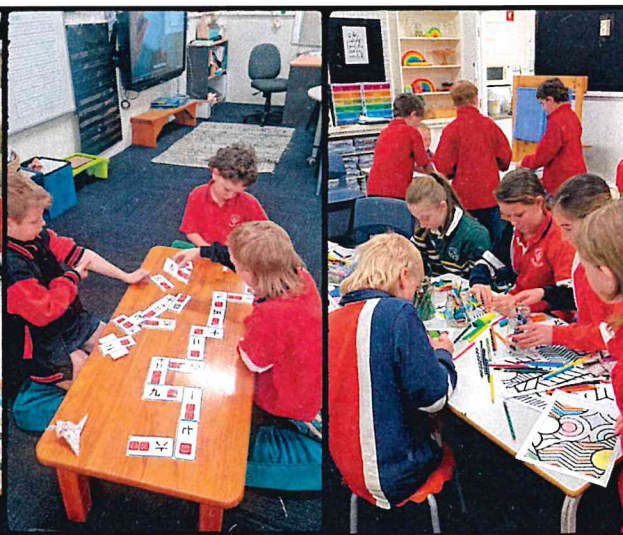
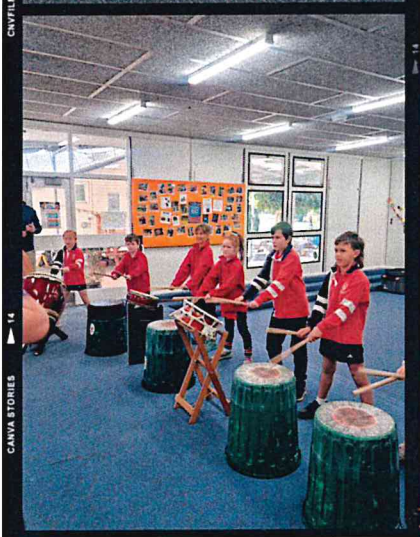
# WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



## Taiko Drumming at Brinkworth Primary School

On Tuesday 15th August, We travelled to Brinkworth to learn how to use a Taiko drum. We had a wonderful time engaging in many Japanese activities and enjoyed playing outside with our Brinkworth friends. We are hoping to continue to build the bond between our two schools, in the future.

The Taiko is a traditional Japanese drum. The Taiko workshop gives the students the opportunity to learn basic Taiko skills. It is a fun, exciting, and physically demanding activity. We had to be very disciplined to participate properly with strict instructions from our Taiko Sensei. We all did a fantastic job!



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"Success best when shared"

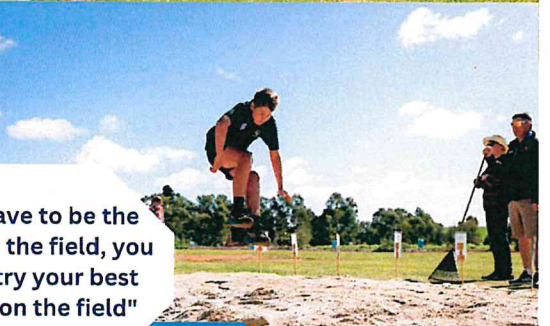
## 2023 SPORTS DAY AT SADDLEWORTH



"Victory is in the quality of the competition and not the final score"



"You don't have to be the best player on the field, you just need to try your best when you're on the field"





## VISIT BY THE JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS BY ELIZA HONNER

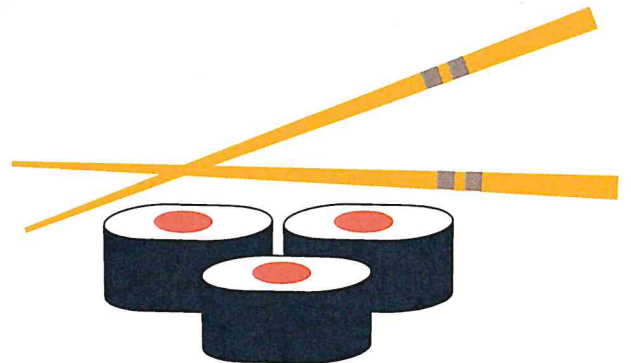
On Tuesday 22nd of August, 10 Japanese children and 3 teachers came to visit us from Japan. Li Sensei our online Japanese teacher came to help run the lessons that they were here for. They arrived at 1:30pm. Before we went into class we showed them how to play 4 square and how to kick an Australian Football. After this, we took them around the school. We showed them our chickens, vegetable gardens and nature play. At the vegetable gardens they tried some celery. They all seemed to like it very much.

After we toured outside we came into the 3/4 class room to do some Japanese tongue twisters. We passed all 4 levels. The other 2 were a big challenge for most. After this we tried have a conversation with some of the kids. We pared up and shared some information about ourselves. We asked questions like how old are you? what is your name? where are you from? We have been learning how to ask these questions with Li Sensei and Williams Sensei.

Mrs. Jones then kindly made some vegemite sandwiches and saladas, some with cheese as well. Not all of them liked it (just by looking at there faces) but they ate it anyway so they were not being rude. Max and Eddie (because Lachie was away) said "thankyou for coming we hoped you enjoyed it." They said thankyou back and Li Sensei translated it so we could understand it. He did a lot of translating. He was a great help [and good at the tongue twisters].

It was a lot of fun and the entire school and teachers and all really enjoyed it.

Thankyou for reading my recount,  
Eliza Honner

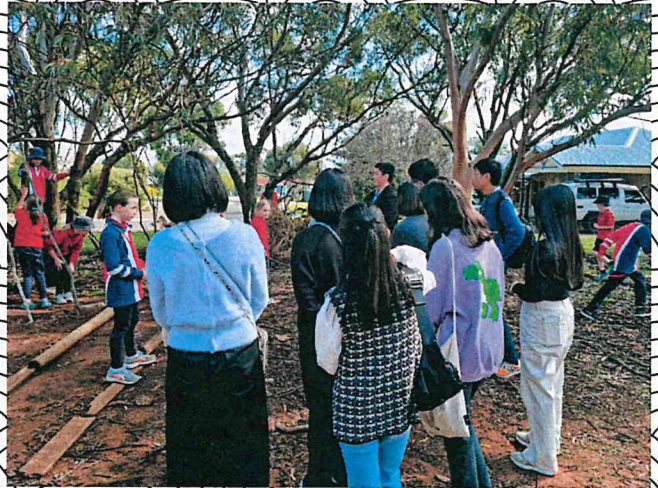
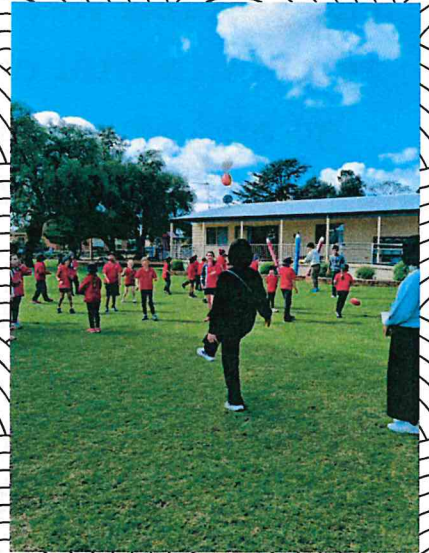




# JAPANESE



## VISIT FROM JAPANESE EXCHANGE STUDENTS





The past few weeks the 3/4 and 5/6 classes have been preparing to put in a fruit orchard. We marked out where they are going to go and what where going to plant. The mushroom kits have started growing and soon we will get to eat lots of mushrooms. We make sure we weed our vegetable gardens and feed the fish every lesson. The fish love their food that they splash whoever is feeding them!

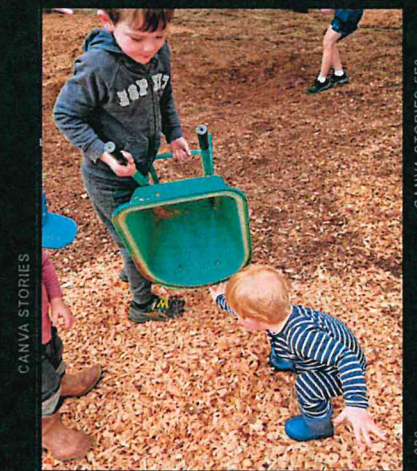
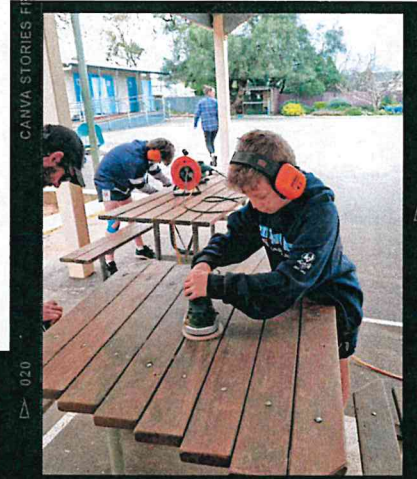
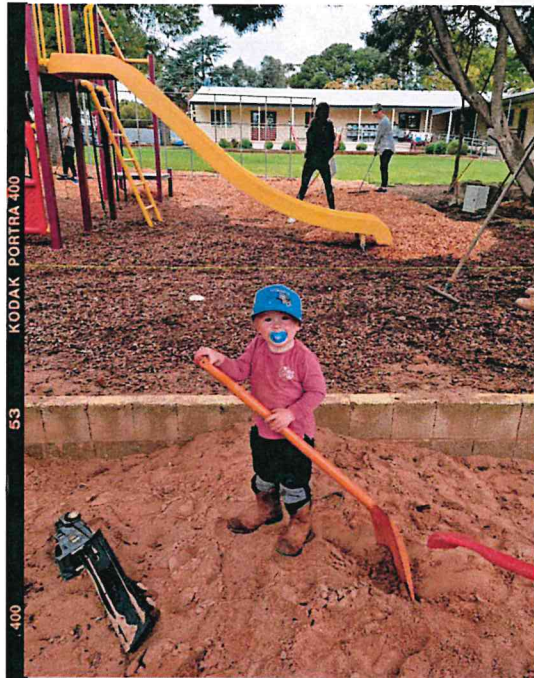
The R/1/2 class have planted some plants in the plant bed as you enter the school to make it more inviting. They have also been busy checking there vegetables and feeding the chickens.



# COMMUNITY

## Blyth Primary School Working Bee

The weather was perfect for our Working Bee action on Sunday August 20th at the Primary School. Many hands made light work out of spreading fresh soft fall (bark chips) around the playground areas, as well as sanding and varnishing our outdoor tables. A BBQ to celebrate our achievements was held at the end of the jobs. Thank you to all the parents, children and other community members who came out to help. It has improved our outdoor areas significantly.



# PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Greetings everyone!

The term is vanishing quickly and before you know it, we will be packing our shoe boxes of love. I would love to thank everyone who has already donated towards the cause, Operation Christmas Child. Your kind donations help support our student in showing empathy and kindness towards others, who are less fortunate.

**We are seeking items like soap, clothing, soft small toys and balls to play with.**

We will be packing boxes on Monday, 25th of September (Wk 10). It would be appreciated if your donations could be dropped off prior to this date.

The donation box located in the front office area. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or Shirley in the front office.

If you are requiring pastoral care, I can be contacted through the front office or alternatively by email [emily.gill394@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:emily.gill394@schools.sa.edu.au)  
Cheerio, Emily.

**A special shout out to all the Dads in the world, as we celebrate Father's Day this Sunday.**



**Super Star, Isla!**  
She has made 40 games of Tic Tac Toe to send away in our shoe boxes of love.





## OSHC NEWS

Blyth OSHC provides creative leisure and fun with after school activities. The children have been enjoying many craft and play activities including sand art, tissue paper monsters, biscuit decorating, pop stick craft, hamma beads and beading. Outdoor play has been enjoyed most days with the great weather including nature play, mud kitchen, sandpit play, and many sports and gymnastics. Thank you to all those families who have supported and continue to support our OSHC service.

Deb Noble (Director)



# FATHERS DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

**Blyth Primary School Father's Day Raffle Drawn 31st Aug 2023.**

1. Half a dozen bottles of Johnson's Shiraz, value \$120. (Alison Fuller)
2. WSB Pack, value \$80. (Tim Davies)
3. 1x Box of Cadbury Freddo's, value \$60. (Tyler McKean)
4. Hyundai Icare pack, value \$50. (Darren Hewitt)
5. Hyundai Icare pack, value \$50. (Nathan Zweck)
6. \$40 Mathies Meat Voucher. (Edmar Evangelista)
7. Clare Fashion and Fabrics pack, value \$30 (Iylah Noble)
8. 10oz Yeti Rambler and Beanie, value \$30. (Kerry Walker)
9. 6 Pack of Great Northern, Stubbie holder, key ring, value \$30. (Michelle Francis)
10. Darrell Lee Liquorice Allsorts and Beanie, value \$30. (Tim Davies)
11. The Barber Shop by Kim \$25 voucher. (Edwin Evangelista)
12. Melbas chocolates, cashews and socks, value \$25. (Jordan Baker)
13. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Nathan Zweck)
14. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Shirley Jenner)
15. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Kate Mensforth)
16. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Belinda Angus)
17. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Geoff Angus)
18. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Elise Honner)
19. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Belinda Angus)
20. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Bill Ashenhurst)
21. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Nellie Noble)
22. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Marianne)
23. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Warren Boys)
24. Father's Day pack, value \$15. (Rachel Hewitt)

Congratulations to all of the winners, and thank you to everyone for their support of this fundraiser.

# TERM 3-4 CALENDAR

## Term 3

7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Closure – Show Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strikers Visit</li> </ul>			
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Club</li> <li>Gov Council</li> </ul>				
9					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Packing Christmas boxes</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early finish</li> </ul>

## Term 4

1				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Photos</li> </ul>	
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3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Club</li> <li>Gov Council</li> </ul>				
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5					
6			School Camp	School Camp	School Camp

