

BLYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - TERM 3 WEEK 3

Gday Everyone, Welcome to the first newsletter of term 3. It has been a great start to the term for learners and staff, with a smooth transition straight back into learning. We have Mrs Terry Brown in the R/1/2 class. Terry has worked as a TRT across the school and is well known to all of the learners. She brings a wealth of knowledge to the classroom and staffroom, and is a great addition to staff. Terry spent time with Mrs Spurling with a detailed hand over to ensure there is continuity of learning moving forward for our learners. For myself, it has been a wonderful welcome into the school community. Thank you to parents who filled out a short survey at the start of the term (If you didn't get the link, and would like to respond, please let me know). It was great to see the support for learning and the the school through the parent community. It was also beneficial to hear of ideas people would like us to reflect on.

As you may have noticed, we are changing a couple of ways we communicate with families. Classes are still using Class Dojo, and we are generally always available for a chat before or after school. In addition to this, we have activated a Department app that allows us to send out group SMS to parents and carers. We are also using email in more instances to reduce our paper usage. If you have any questions around communication from the school, do not hesitate to get in contact with me to discuss.

We have a couple of busy weeks coming up. You can see upcoming dates on the front page here, and we have attached a term calendar with everything we know so far for Term 3. With staffing we have made a change to assembly days. These will be Friday of weeks 4 and 9.



We have been fortunate to have Tim Davies with us this week taking photographs and preparing a new and updated website. The photos really demonstrate the enjoyment in learning and wonderful feel of the school. We are really looking forward to the update.

We have a working bee scheduled for 20th August at 10am. Keep an eye on emails for further information.

Matt Stewart
Principal

Term 3

DIARY DATES

- Week 4 - Mon + Tues**, Mini Chats
Tues, Japanese Drumming at Brinkworth
Wednesday, Superhero dress up day and Tuck Day
Friday - Assembly 2:30
- Week 5 - Book Week**
Friday - Book week dress up day
- Week 7 - Monday**, School Closure Day,

JP NEWS FROM THE WARATAHS



Hello. My name is Terry Brown and I have the privilege of teaching the Waratahs this term. I have been in teaching and leadership for many years and have worked in many schools, locations and capacity during my career. Most recently I was the Deputy Principal of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands School, located in remote Western Australia leading and supporting eight campuses, many teachers and students. My husband I and I returned to Armagh in December and have enjoyed being home close to family.

I would like to thank you all for being so welcoming and supportive during my first few weeks at Blyth Primary School. I have been so impressed with the children's capacity to adapt to change and their effort to get to know me and how I work. I can see they love a challenge...as do I. I'm really looking forward to building on their enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

During the first three weeks of term we have been getting to know each other - our strengths and challenges.

We have been learning about Ancient Egypt - the country and the people. We are learning to write an Information Report focusing on the structure and language choices.

We have continued with Jolly Grammar and Reading, focusing on improving fluency and comprehension.

In Maths we are revisiting Place Value so I can evaluate what the students know and can do independently. It has been a whirlwind start to the term but I'm enjoying every moment.



Sophia's Ancient Egyptian pyramids



Leni, Alexis, Estelle, Sophia and Iylah creating their stories.



Patrick, Jimmy, Hugo and Frank solving a domino challenge together.



"I was counting them one by one, but its easier to subitise the counters" Isla



"I was so close to my estimate" Kyson



"It gets easier to win this game and get to 23 first, when you learn the number combinations that will help you to get you there. Like $19 + 4$ will get you the win!" Mason



WE ARE READY TO LEARN!

It has been so great to welcome everyone back to our classroom for Term 3. We have jumped straight back into our learning and are making great progress with achieving our goals. Mrs. Williams attended an Orbis Maths Year 3-5 Training and Development session on Monday 7th August in Adelaide. We have been trying out some of the new and improved Maths games and strategies that Mrs. Williams has learnt through her time at Orbis. We have learnt a new term that we are trying out. The term is to "smart borrow", which means to borrow from other people who have a good idea or strategy for solving a problem. We are discovering good ideas to "smart borrow" when we are reflecting together on they different ways we have achieved our results.



What is Orbis? A Department run program that is specifically designed to build Teacher's pedagogical content knowledge as well as enhance the ability to design mathematics learning that engages children and builds their ability and confidence in mathematics. It also creates opportunities to learn about developing numeracy skills across the curriculum.



SAPSASA BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Fun and improving skills were the focus of Wednesday's year 5 and 6 Balaklava Basketball Carnival.

Throughout the day students listened to their coaches' suggestions and learnt from watching strong players. A particular highlight was seeing all of the Blyth girls score at least 1 goal. Students showed persistence to keep going even when they were tired. There was great community spirit and inclusion in playing with and against students from other schools. The year 5's are definitely keen to be involved again next year. Thankyou to all the parents who drove and supported through coaching, scoring and cheering on our enthusiastic students.



George- it's hard to only do 2 steps when you stop bouncing

Xavier- I learnt basketball is dangerous.

Eddie- its fun when you get the ball

Josh- I enjoyed meeting boys from Snowtown

Izayah- shooting using the backboard was fun

Edmar- I was subbing the swaps

Harry- running was fun because you had to dodge other people

Max- it was really hard playing because it was hot, windy and tiring

Eliza- it was really fun that we got to play with kids from other schools but also really windy

Violet- it was the **funnest** thing in the world, even though you got tired legs you had to keep going

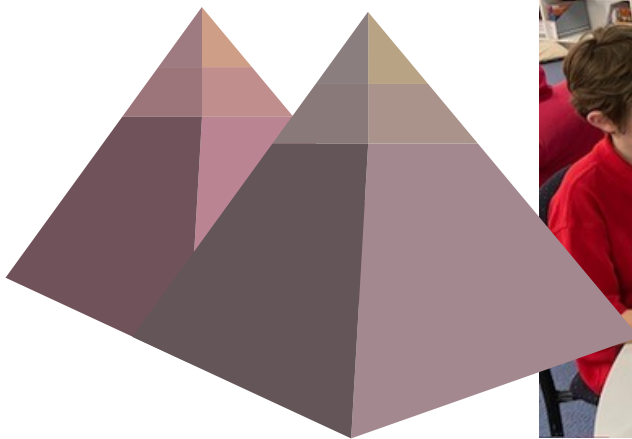
Lucy- it was fun joining the other schools and versing the other schools

UP BOTTLEBRUSH CLASS



ART/STEM

Students are drawing and creating pyramid models using air dry clay. Challenges include making blocks of a similar approximate size and shape, and ensuring they make enough bricks. The pyramids will need to include hieroglyphics.



WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

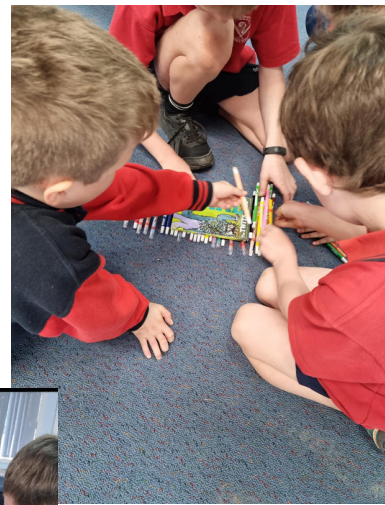


WHOLE SCHOOL WRITING & READING

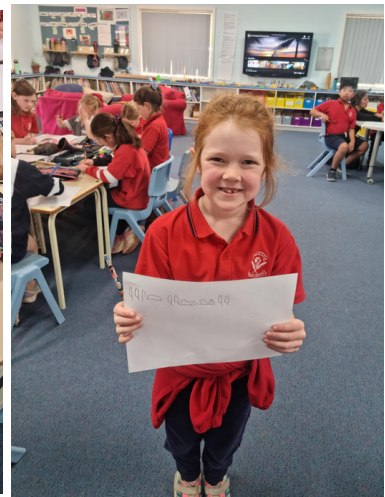
Ancient Egypt has been a popular theme for our Friday Whole School learning. Our writing focus for Term 3 is Information Texts, so we are using our learning about Egypt to learn to research and construct this text type. We are practicing our note taking and highlighting skills, as well as how to put facts into our own words.

HOW DID THEY BUILD THE PYRAMIDS?

We have explored and experimented some of the different strategies that experts believe the Egyptians may have used to build the Pyramids. We think that some of them could have worked.



We have enjoyed translating our names into Hieroglyphics and have created some codes that people need to crack!





As always, the students have been super busy in Agriculture. The upper primary has started the Mushroom in schools' program. This is a program aimed at the 3/4 year levels but due to the school being provided with 5 mushrooms kits, I thought the whole Upper Primary class could participate. The students started the boxes this week and over the next few weeks should start to see some mushrooms start to grow. Did you know that a mushroom double in size every day? The students will also be provided with a lot of theory work to go with this program.

The students have also been working on an orchard task, looking at what fruit trees the school currently has, what fruits trees they would like to grow and the requirements that these trees require to flourish at the school. As part of the planning process, we were lucky enough to have Carrie Hayes come in and have a chat to the students about what the trees need and what we need to do in the space we want to plant them.

The aquaponics is still going well and the students are enjoying feeding the fish.

The Junior Primary class has been planting potatoes and weeding their vegetables patches. The worms are growing in numbers rapidly and the students enjoy checking them each week.



WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Tree Planting

The sun was shining and it was a glorious day to help plant some trees and to help out our local community. All of the Agriculture lessons have been beneficial for developing efficiency and skill in planting. Thank you to the parents who helped us to walk down from Blyth Primary, as well as supporting us in this experience. Thank you to the Wakefield Regional Council for inviting us to participate, we really enjoyed it.



PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Greetings Everyone,

Term 3, we are focusing on empathy and spreading joy and love to others.

This compliments our continuing support of Operation Christmas Child. We have already received many kind donations from families. These gifts have been gratefully received. Thankyou.

Students will also be participating in creating toys and games to help fill our boxes. If you would like to donate, a donation box is located in front office area. Boxes of Love will be packed on Monday 24th of September (week 10) with the help of Blyth Community Network.

This term I have changed my working days to better serve the school community and my family commitments. I will be serving the school on Monday and Thursday until the end of the year.

If you are requiring any assistance or would like to help out at school. I can be contacted through the front office.

Cherrio, Emily



★ The students have welcomed back hot Milo Mondays.



Personal care items

- Toothbrush
- Hairbrush
- Washcloths
- Comb
- Soap

Shoe Box Gift Ideas

"WOW" Items & Toys

- soccer ball & pump
- Stuffed animals
- Skipping rope
- Dolls
- Yo-Yos

School Supplies

- Pens
- Pencils, Sharpener
- Notebooks
- solar calculator
- ruler
- Eraser

Accessories

- Sunglasses
- Hair accessories
- Jewellery
- Flashlight (windup)

Clothing

- T-shirts
- shorts
- Underwear
- Socks
- Shoes



A BIG shout out to the Zertopht family, for their kind donation of sausages and their assistance in cooking them on Thursday. Thank you, we are grateful for your help with breakfast Program.



For more suggestions visit
operationchristmaschild.org.au

TERM 3 CALENDAR



B.P.S Term 3 Calendar

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Club• Gov Council		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5/6 Basketball @ Balaklava		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports day @ Saddleworth
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Science Week• Mini Chats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Japanese Drumming @ Brinkworth• Mini Chats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Superhero Dress up Day• Tuck day		
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hosting Japanese students and teachers.			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book Week dress up• Assembly
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7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Closure – Show Day				
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent Club• Gov Council				
9					
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Packing Christmas boxes				<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Early finish