

# BLYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 2023



### GROWING BELIEVING & ACHIEVING



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#### NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL - TERM 4 WEEK 7

Gday Everybody, welcome to the week 7 newsletter. It amazes me that we are two weeks from the end of the 2023 school year. It really does not feel like it has been two terms since I began at the school. We have a couple of really big weeks coming up. Next Tuesday is our school concert starting at 5.30pm on the grassed area outside classrooms. The following day is a Pupil Free Day. We will be working as a team on our curriculum plan and set up for 2024. Tuesday of week 9 we have a whole school excursion to the Barossa and to finish the school year, a disco on Friday along with a 2.20pm finish. Amongst all of the busyness we see our Year 6 learners head to Clare High School for a two day transition visit in week 8, and we continue our Reception Transition visits this Friday and next!!

Last week was an amazing demonstration from the whole school community with our camp. Firstly, our learners were amazing. they demonstrated joy in their learning and friendships, resilience with being away from home, understanding of their peers and staff around them, friendship and care for each other, and that is to name just a few of the many positive qualities they displayed. Secondly our families demonstrated wonderful trust in our staff to care and educate their children for three days and two nights, and they demonstrated great resilience with this being a first camp for quite a few learners. Thirdly, a huge thank you to our amazing staff who continue to demonstrate support, care and understanding for all of our learners. There was so many wonderful learning opportunities over the camp, and also countless moments where staff/student relationships were strengthened even further. This all flows back into learning and helps to build on what is done in the class and enhance it. Well done to all .

This week we have swimming lessons at Brinkworth with Holly and Ruby. We have hired a minibus to ensure we are still spending learning time at school, and then travel up for our lessons and spend some time with Brinkworth learners at recess and lunch. Its been great to again see our learners enjoying the experiences even with some cooler weather.

Dont forget to check out our updated website which has a range of information, along with a regularly updated term calendar.

Matt Stewart  
Principal

#### DIARY DATES

#### Term 4



**Week 8** - Tuesday School Concert 5:30pm  
Friday Transition 8:30-3:20 (Bring Fruit,  
Recess & Lunch)

Thursday & Friday Year 6 High School  
Transition Visits

**Week 9** - Tuesday Barossa Bowland Excursion  
Friday - School Disco (at school from  
11:00am-1:00pm) Wear Casual Clothes

# THANK YOU TIME



Our School is blessed to have so many different people help and support us. Below is a list that is by no means definitive, but highlights some of the wonderful support we have had this semester.

- Parent Club - Fundraising to help us with; Financial support for Camps and Excursions, Refurbishing the OSHC and Ag room with pinboard material and new storage. Purchasing beehives, purchasing new hats for our new receptions. They also hold regular Tuck Days to provide a healthy and different source of food for learners.
- Simon and Elise Honner for purchasing and transporting fertiliser for the lawns. The oval and lawn area is looking amazing, and Mr Lee does love having green lawns. Mat and Leo Noble delivered 2 loads of sand for the sandpit, which is ready for everyone to bring home in their socks again!
- Nellie Noble for providing lunch orders each week. The learners and Mr Wood love having lunch orders back and tasty.
- Governing Council and Parent Club for providing wonderful support for the school, staff and learners.
- Families for your support with our playground working bees. the softfall has made a huge difference to the safety and look of the playground.



## Thank you

We say a huge thank you to Mrs Brown who has been with us this semester. She has shared wonderful learning experiences with us all. We have been privileged to have her with us. Her experiences have built wonderful connections with learners.

The zoom meetings with Kiwirrkurra learners has been amazing. Hopefully in between travelling next year we will see her back with us sometimes.

## FREE TUCK DAY FRIDAY WEEK 8

Parent Club are offering a free sausage sizzle next week for tuck day for all learners

# JP NEWS FROM THE WARRATAHS



Term 4 has been busy for the Warratahs. We have been practicing our story writing with 'quick writes' each day. The children write about a topic for about 15 minutes without worrying too much about spelling. The results have been really good! We have also learned about telling the time using analogue and digital time. Most students can read o'clock and half past and some can read and write quarter to and quarter past the hour.

All students who went on the camp had a wonderful time and were keen to share their experiences with me.

Swimming has been fabulous at Brinkworth. It's amazing how quickly the children improve! We Zoomed with Kiwirrkurra School in weeks 3 and 5. In week 3 we talked about farming on the Blyth Plains and our students shared their knowledge through photographs of their farms and various farm machinery. The Kiwirrkurra students introduced us to Teddy the ruumiya (Sand goanna).

Our final Zoom was Wednesday of this week. We shared what we like to do after school. Most of the Kiwirrkurra students like to swim in the Tjakamarra Dam while our students love to play sport, dance, paint and jump on their trampoline. The whole experience has been so beneficial for both groups of students.



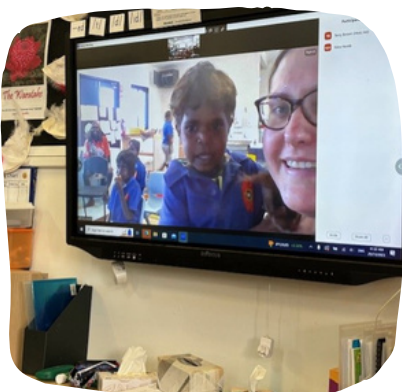
Organising which farming toys to show on Zoom.



Explaining how the tractor is used on the farm.



George showing us Teddy the Ruumiya



Joelius likes to swim at Tjakamarra Dam



Delia told us she likes to swim.



Miss Nungarrayi and her class.



I am brave

## Our Capable Kids!

I have been so impressed with the resilience and positive mindset that our class has displayed over the last few weeks. We have shown that we are a capable of being brave and independent on camp, as well as in organising ourselves during swimming lessons. I am always amazed by our Blyth Primary School students, who always receive positive reports about their manners, behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. We are busy enjoying all of the end of year activities and our students continue to take it all in their stride!

### resilience

Nurture a positive view of yourself  
Move towards your goals

Make connections

accept that change is a part of life

take decisive action



## **SOME OF POWERFUL LEADERSHIP LEARNING ON CAMP**

MANY STUDENTS SHOWED EMPATHY AND KINDNESS TO THOSE FEW, WHO MOMENTARILY, WERE MISSING HOME.

A HANDFUL OF UPPER AND MIDDLE PRIMARY STUDENTS CONTINUALLY OFFERED TO CARRY BAGS FOR STAFF, HELP IN THE KITCHEN, WASH DISHES, CLEAN TABLES AND HOLDING DOORS OPEN FOR THE WHOLE GROUP.

THEY ALSO SUPPORTED YOUNGER STUDENTS MOVING FROM PLACE TO PLACE BY HOLDING HANDS , DOING THEIR HAIR AND LOTS OF GENTLE ENCOURAGEMENT



On their own these little moments of initiative, responsibility, positive communication, emotional intelligence, enthusiasm and confidence may not seem like much, however added together these little moments are the glue that demonstrates leadership qualities that support the positive feeling of the school community and the success of the camp.

# UP NEWS-CAMP RECOUNTS



Surf lifesaving was really cold, and the water was too. Before we got in the water, we met our instructor her name was Diane, she told us to call her Di. She showed us all the danger and how to be safe around the water. When we were about to get in the water, we saw two jellyfish. We got some surf boards and took them down to the water. We set up some landmarks so if we drifted away, we didn't get lost.

George

In the morning we travelled to parliament house, and it was raining. Every student and teacher had to go through security and a few teachers had to get scanned down. Then we met Fraser Ellis and went into the official rooms, which were really interesting. We learnt about all the positions in parliament. We went through librarys, upstairs and into a room where we had morning tea.

Milly

On Thursday we went to AFL MAX there was rock climbing and a trampoline park it was fun I learnt that Mr wood and Mr Stewart were good at jumping.

Peter

Last week on 22/11/23 we went to surf lifesaving at Glenelg beach to learn more rules about the beach. We used surfboards to swim on the water and used strap things to save people in the water.

Xavier

# DONT STOP READING!



The **MORE** that you  
**READ**, the more things  
you will **KNOW**.  
The **MORE** that you  
**LEARN**, the more places  
you'll **GO**.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE A  
GREAT TIME TO GET INTO  
BOOKS!  
HERE ARE SOME IDEAS  
FOR HOLIDAY READING

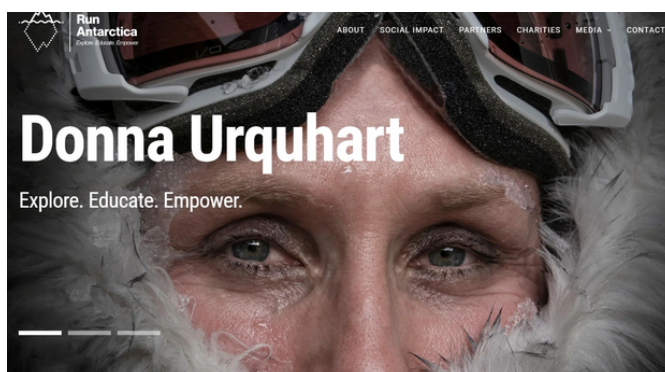


## UPPER PRIMARY FAVOURITES:

WINGS OF FIRE SERIES  
MUSTER DOGS  
DEADLY WATERS  
DIARY OF A WIMPY KID SERIES  
INSIDE TELEPHONE  
INSIDE TELEVISION  
KING ALFRED THE TRUTH TELLER  
ICEBERG  
STORM HORSE  
THE LORIKEET TREE  
MARCIE GILL AND CARAVAN PARK CAT  
ANYTHING BY DAVID WALLIAMS  
DAY OF THE WHALE  
ASH BARTY  
THE MAZE RUNNER  
THE GIRL WHO ROWED THE OCEAN  
DELTORA QUEST SERIES

FIND OUT ABOUT **DONNA  
URQUHART AND THE RUN  
ANTARCTICA PROJECT!**

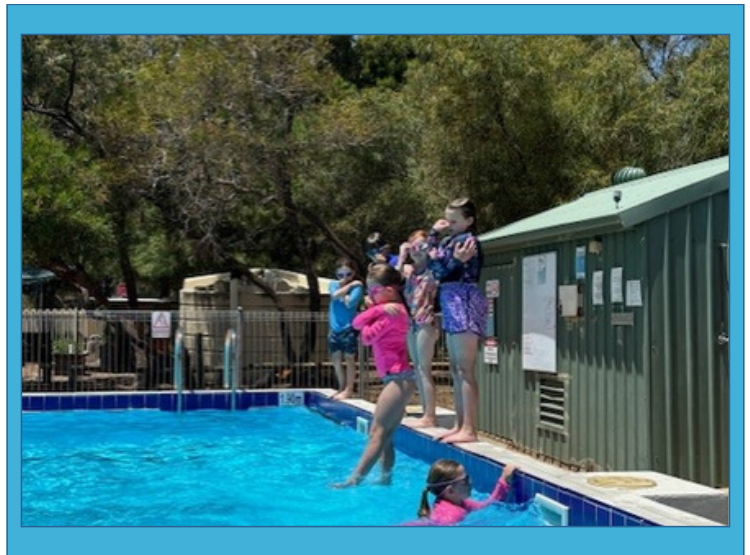
DONNA IS GOING TO BE IN THE  
NEWS AS SHE ATTEMPTS TO BREAK  
A WORLD RECORD BY RUNNING  
1300KMS IN ANTARCTICA FROM  
14/12/23





# Swimming Lessons

WE HAVE BEEN TRAVELLING TO BRINKWORTH EVERY DAY IN WEEK 7 FOR OUR YEARLY SWIMMING LESSONS. THANK YOU TO BRINKWORTH PRIMARY FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THEIR POOL, THANK YOU TO MR. STEWART FOR DRIVING THE BUS AND A BIG THANK YOU TO HOLLY OTTENS AND RUBY STRINGER FOR BEING OUR AMAZING INSTRUCTORS FOR THE WEEK 🙌







# Swimming Lessons



# PASTORAL CARE CORNER

Greetings everyone,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas around here. Children doing Christmas arts and crafts, the Christmas tree is up in our front office and the warm buzz of children, preparing for the end of year concert. Which I am looking forward to seeing.

This year I have been working alongside our years six boy's. They have been working through a Wellbeing program called "The Blueprint to becoming a Man". I am filled with a sense of hope, as they become Warriors. A warrior is someone who is brave, someone who is strong, someone who is adventurous and active in their community They need to be a risk taker to strive in what they believe in, and a fighter in the best way, which means standing up for others who cannot stand up for themselves. And finally, resilient in being a problem solver. Below I have attached their vision statement/goal for the futue. We wish them well as they Head to High School next year.

This year my Christmas wish is for peace. With so much conflict happening around the world from people being displaced from their homes, loss of family and community they could all do with a little miracle. We shared our support for peace by creating some peace doves for International United Nations Day. The pictures are below.

With blessings and gratitude, I look forward to seeing you next year.

Emily.



  
**Max's  
vision**

**Lachie's  
future**



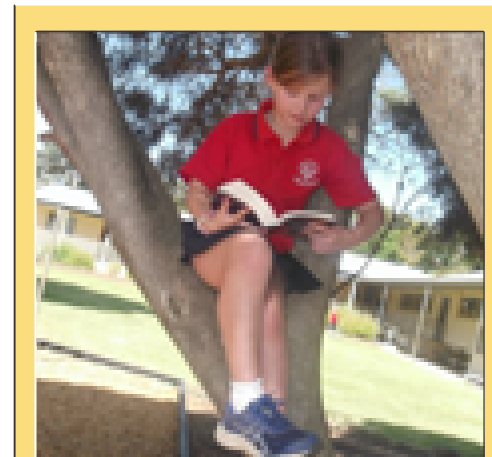
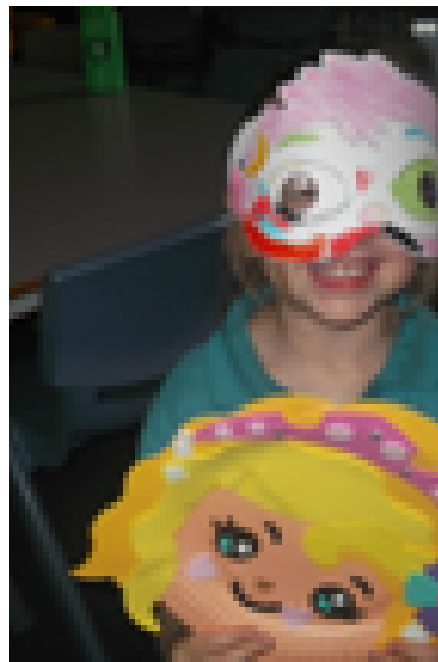
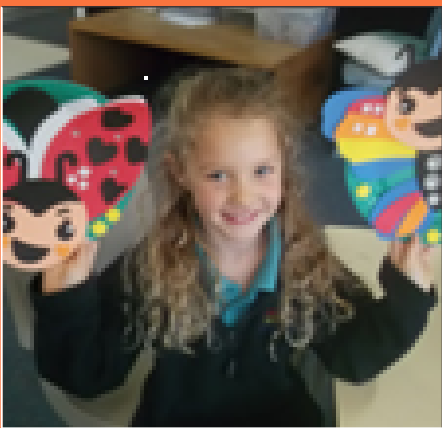


## *OSHC News*



**BLYTH OSHC PROVIDES CREATIVE LEISURE AND FUN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ENJOYING MANY CRAFT AND PLAY ACTIVITIES . INCLUDING PLATE MATES, SENSORY PLAY, MODELLING CLAY, PLASTER ANIMAL PAINTING, AND MASKS. OUTDOOR PLAY AND SPORT IS ENJOYED DAILY WEATHER PERMITTING. THE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ENJOYING FEEDING THE FRUIT SCRAPS TO CHOOKS AND WORM FARM. THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR OSHC SERVICE.**

**DEB NOBLE (DIRECTOR)**





# *Blyth Primary School Concert*



*5:30PM Tuesday 5th December  
2023*

*Held at Blyth Primary School  
Please bring a plate of food to  
share (No Nuts Please)  
All Welcome*



END OF YEAR  
**DISCO**

**FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 2023**

**@ 11:20AM- 1:00PM DURING SCHOOL**

**CASUAL CLOTHES DAY**