**Welcome**

Welcome back everyone. We have some special welcomes to make. Firstly to our new Reception students: Thomas Reljich and Charlotte Welke. They tell me they have enjoyed their first days at school and we hope that they continue to learn and thrive with us.

Welcome also to Alex Lewis and his family who have returned to Blyth after living in Queensland for a while. It’s great to have you back with us.

Cheers,
Dzintra

**Term 1 Attendance**

The average attendance of students in Term 1 was 94.19%, which is a pleasing result. When attendance patterns were examined it was noticed that there were far more days lost to family matters than to illness. 24.5 days of absence due to illness and 111 days for family reasons.

While children learn much from family outings and events, they sometimes find it difficult to catch up on work missed while away. Please consider your child's best interests when making plans.

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**Diary Dates**

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**Woolworths Earn and Learn 2013**

Please collect Woolworths Earn and Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths until Sunday 9th June 2013. We will redeem these for valuable educational resources for our school. For every $10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a Woolworths Earn and Learn Point. Pop them onto a Woolworths Earn and Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem.

**Attachments with this newsletter**

- **Term 2 Calendar**
- **Tuck day Order Form**
  - Due back Mon 6th May
- **Book Club Order Form**
  - Due back Fri 17th May
- **Active After School Golf Form**
Sensational Students

Term 1 Principal's Awards

😊 Sorayah White
😊 Summer Kaeding
😊 Marcus Mourant
😊 Kasey Bigg
😊 Kelsey Hayes
😊 Carmel Pyrke
😊 Charlotte Jacka

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au

SAPSASA (South Australian Primary School Amateur Sports Association)

As this newsletter goes to print, the SAPSASA Winter Hub day for netball and football is taking place at the Blyth Oval. We hope that all of the students attending have a great day, but especially so, Ruby Jacka, who is the only student from Blyth attending. We also wish all of the students attending SAPSASA Cross Country running at Burra on Friday 10th May the best of luck and fine weather.

Active After School Communities

Active After School Golf will begin on Monday 13th May. Mrs Zweck is unable to take the following week's session on the Monday, so just for Week 4. Golf will be on Tuesday 21st May. Golf will be the only activity offered after school this term.

School Camp

Bookings for accommodation, travel and catering have been made for the school camp to be held between Wednesday 19th June and Friday 21st June. We will be staying at the Pt Lowly Lighthouse Keepers’ Cottages and visiting sites of interest in and near Whyalla, Iron Knob and Port Augusta. Our curriculum focus will be Geography and History in a part of the state which is quite different to Blyth. Invoices will be sent home with students once the final itinerary has been finalised.

Absence Notes

Absence notes are available at the front office. Please ask if you need more. All absences need a signed note or phone contact to the school.

Don't forget to sign your child in or out at the front office if you are picking them up early or they are arriving late.

Second-Hand Uniforms

We have lots of second hand jumpers for sale and some second hand T-Shirts as well. Prices are low and negotiable. We would like to create some space on our shelves and would appreciate some stock moving out.

Rec-Year 1 News

Dear Families,

Well we are working so hard as the children came back really refreshed.

Welcome to Thomas Reljich and Charlotte Welke.

Today we showed/talked to the whole - school about Our School Camp to Whyalla in June 19/20/21. We will stay in the Point Lowy Lighthouse Cottages.

This camp will be the basis of our learning this term.
So we will be learning about mining, water, history, geography and the local Aboriginal perspective and dreaming stories. You will receive a detailed camp plan when all bookings are done.

Meanwhile English and Maths continues but this will link into our camp where possible.

Gabrielle Silvester

**Year 2-4 News**

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2 and to Miss Toni Channon who will be with us this term. Toni is a 3rd Year Teacher. This term our focus is on water and its importance to us all.

In our English program we will work on Narratives and Comic Strips; and the associated language and punctuation. In Spelling we will be revising silent ‘b’, ‘w’ and ‘k’. Sentence structure and grammar is important for all our work and this will be a major area of work this term.

In Maths, we will revise plane shapes, addition, subtraction and multiplication. The students will be introduced to 3-d shapes and division over the next few weeks.

Our Science program is looking at the importance of water; how we get it; use it; and how we can conserve it as well. We will be conducting experiments and building a mini biosphere to explore the water cycle.

Our water theme will link into deserts and how humans, plants and animals have adapted to having less water.

Aboriginal people have been very respectful about protecting our resources and we will look at several Dreaming Stories that depict these values. We watched an animation about ‘Tiddalick the Frog’. We are now attempting to use an Aboriginal style of painting to depict part of the story.

Our Water/Desert theme will also link into our Camp.

Cheers Jillian

**Year 5-7 News**

Welcome to term two. Our class would firstly like to welcome Alex Lewis. Alex is a Year five student who has previously been enrolled at Blyth Primary. Our class now comprises of seven year fives, ten year sixes and five year sevens. We now have thirteen girls and nine boys in our learning group.

This week in History we have focused on ANZAC day. We have learnt about the battlefields of Gallipoli and the dawn attack on Anzac Cove, Turkey 1915. We have focused on the story John Simpson Kirkpatrick and his Donkey (Duffy) through an illustrated picture book.

Congratulations to Ruby Jacka who will be participating in the Clare Hub Netball at Blyth on Thursday.

Next Friday Julique, Kasey, Chloe, Angus, Aidyn, Lachlan and Barnaby have elected to participate in the Cross Country Day at Burra. These students will need a lot of stamina for this challenging course and we look forward to their results from this event.

As part of Enterprise Learning our class is running a Mother's Day stall on Thursday and Friday Week Two. We look forward to your support in our first business venture for this year. Please send along gold coins for your child/children to select a precious handmade gift for Mother's Day. Also for Enterprise this term our class will be looking for parent help on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon to help with baking. The class has shown interest in having a stall selling products for recess on Fridays (muffins/popcorn etc). Please let me know if you're available to help in Week 4 or 6 this term. Any help would be greatly appreciated by the class.

NAPLAN numeracy and literacy tests will be held in Week 3 for the year 5 & 7 students nationally. Next week all students will have the opportunity to practice their skills in using multiple choice test formats.

Times tables is a hot learning topic in our classroom this term. Some extra homework will be included as a part of this learning.

Ask your child if they've got the X-factor?

Regards, Jacqui Kenny

**Parent Club**

I would like to send a big thank you out to Greg Toholke, Phillip Bigg, Tash Truscott, Jasmine Noble, Jess Francis, Matthew Pahl, Mandy & Tom Cross, Carmel & Emilee Pyrke for their hard work at the Races on Easter Saturday and to Greg, Darcy, Shelby & Barnaby Toholke, Bevon Qualmann, Matthew Pahl, Ian, Sam, Bailey, Ruby & Charli Jacka, Ashley & Lachlan Dunsford, Carmel Pyrke, Gage Milic for the clean up after on Easter Sunday. A marvellous job was done by all.
The next Parent Club meeting will be held on 21st May at 7pm at the school. We are trying an evening meeting to see if it suits more parents to attend. Children are quite welcome to come with you if you require. We still require a president though for parent club to continue. If you are interested in this position or would like some more information could you please contact me.

Tamara Pyrke
Secretary
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pyrkie@activ8.net.au

MOTHERS DAY SALE!!!
At Blyth Primary School

In the OLD LIBRARY 8:30- 9:30am

THURSDAY- 12th May 2013
FRIDAY- 13th May 2013

Treat your Mum, Grandma, or any SPECIAL lady you ❤️

Cards + special gifts available to purchase

All gifts will be under $5.00 so no large notes please

Upper Primary Enterprises

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BLYTH GOLF CLUB
Free JUNIOR Green Fees for month of May
The Blyth Golf Club are offering free green fees for junior
Golf players for the month of May only.
If after this time you would like to become a Junior Member for only $25 please contact Janet 88445027,
Otherwise $7 green fee per round per person will need to be paid.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Les Miserables (M) ★★★★★
Wed 1st May 7.30pm
Fri 3rd May 8.00pm
Sat 4th May 2.00pm
Sat 4th May 8.00pm
Tues 14th May 2.00pm

The Hobbit (M) ★★★★
Sat 11th May 8.00pm
Fri 17th May 8.00pm

15 Moore St, Blyth (opposite Medica Gallery)
Bookings PH: 8844 5175
Ring: 10-5 weekdays, 2-5 weekends
Adult Tickets $10, Students/Conc. $7 50, Children $5
Family (2+2) $25, extra children $2.50