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Wednesday 27th March 2013

Even though the end of term is fast approaching we continue to remain busy until the very last day. Teachers will be attending Jolly Phonics training tomorrow at Snowtown Primary School with teachers from within our region. Students will be consolidating their learning by visiting the Zoo and Migration Museum in Adelaide next week and we welcome two University of South Australia student teachers - Stacey Evans and Toni Channon as they begin their familiarisation visits prior to spending more time with us next term.

Thank you to all parents, students and caregivers who were able to attend interviews with teachers this week. Your interest and support is truly appreciated. I hope that you can make the time to attend the Community Assembly in the last week of term when we celebrate the learning achievements of our students this term.

Cheers, Dzintra

Pupil Free Day Tomorrow
Governor Council has endorsed a Pupil Free Day tomorrow. Teachers will be at Snowtown Primary School, participating in Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar training. For this reason, the newsletter goes home on a Wednesday this fortnight.

Welcome
A warm welcome is extended to Tkhia and Shakeena Alberts-Peaty. Tkhia is in Year 7 and Shakeena is in Year 6. We hope that you and your family enjoy your time at Blyth Primary.

Overdue Fees
If you have not Paid, made arrangements to pay by instalments or lodged a form for School Card your fees are now overdue. Please pay the as soon as possible so that no further action is required.

Diary Dates

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Adelaide Excursion
Excursion Money is past due. If you have not yet paid for your child/children's excursion to Adelaide on the 5th April please send the money in ASAP to prevent your child from missing out on this fantastic opportunity.

Attachments with this newsletter
- Financial Statements
- Book Club Due back 5th April 2013
- Healthy Lunchbox Ideas
- Australian Guide to Healthy Eating Magnet

STOP PRESS
Congratulations to Kerry-Lee and Scott Welke on the safe arrival of Violet.
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.

Sensational Students

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<td>Scott Agnew ☺</td>
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<td>Matthew White ☺</td>
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<td>JP Class ☺</td>
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Parent Club
At the last parent club meeting we looked at the surveys returned and from the times marked we have decided to try meeting on a Tuesday night at 7pm. Our next meeting will be on the 21st of May. Children are most welcome to come with you if needed and we will have activities for them to enjoy. On saying that we desperately need a president to be able to continue otherwise we will have to put parent club into recess. If you are interested in this position please contact me. A big thank you to those parents who returned the parent club surveys.

Thank you to the families who are able to help out at the races. If you are able to give a couple of hours to help please let me know.

Just a bit of info - ice creams and ice blocks which currently meet the Rite Bite criteria are: 97% fat free Golden North vanilla ice cream tubs, Chocolate & Strawberry Swings, YogNice, Bulla frozen yogurt on a stick, Bulla frozen yoghurt tubs, Bulla fruit n' yoghurt minis multipack, 98% fat free Bulla vanilla ice cream cups, GoGurts, Streets Paddle Pops - Banana, Chocolate, Rainbow, Hero, Villain, Billabongs - Chocolate, Triple, Swirl, Quelch Juice Sticks (Berri), frozen juice cups - Nippys & Berri.

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Tuck Day
Very popular this month with all children enjoying the pizzas and chocolate nests. Thanks to this month’s coordinator Kylie Williams and her helpers Tash Truscott, and Pamela Kaeding.

Rotary Club Donation
Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Clare for donating the books 'MacMillan Australian Primary Dictionary' and 'Essential Facts and Tables' to our Year 3 students. Your generosity is truly appreciated.
Rec-Year 1 News
Dear Families,
We are working so well and the children “persist and focus” on their work. It is all a bit exciting with Easter and a Zoo Trip after that! We enjoyed Harmony Day, about Diversity in Australia and the World. It is really lovely when we have cross aged groups. Lovely chatting to you all at the Interviews.

Cheers, Gabrielle Silvester

Year 2-4 News
Dear Parents,
Thank you for attending Parent - Teacher interviews as this exchange of information is valuable for all concerned.
Our science research on the Zoo animal is progressing and we will have our projects ready for our excursion. We have also conducted experiments on viscosity using oil/detergent/water.
We have started our topic on fractions and while the Year 2’s look at parts of a whole; the Year 3/4’s will be adding and subtracting fractions.
In Literacy, the Year 3/4’s will focus on Advertising, ‘House for Sale’ a persuasive writing task and the Year 2’s will focus on sequencing, ‘An animal life cycle is their brief.
I have retested children in their reading levels and most children have shown pleasing progress. Please continue to hear your children read nightly.

Regards, Jillian MP Teacher.

Year 5-7 News
The year seven students attended The National Young Leaders Day last week. It is important that as a school and community we can help young people develop great leadership skills. The days aim was to inspire students and to challenge students to achieve their goals.
Students were also encouraged to make a positive contribution to their communities and their world. Please see the attached student’s reflective recounts of this day.
It was lovely to catch up and meet with both students and parents at the interviews this week. This is an important time to discuss strengths and areas that need development in each individual child’s learning. Students have now begun to make their targets and goals to improve areas that they need work on. Also these meetings are a time to celebrate the achievements and successes students have had throughout this term.
Year 6/7 students that have shown interest have been given a district trial selection for SAPSASA football and netball. The form needs to be returned to me by tomorrow or alternatively you can email the person running the carnival themselves. These trials start next Tuesday 2nd April.
Have a safe and enjoyable with your families.

Regards, Jacqui Kenny

German
We are doing some making tasks to help us to apply our vocabulary and language knowledge. Some students decorated foam eggs for an Osterbaum (Easter tree), some made an Osterkorb (Easter basket) and others an Osterkarte (Easter card). Games are another way we use to try to encourage the memory of the new words and phrases.
Equinox in the northern hemisphere means their days are getting longer and spring is on its way, though apparently it is not yet much warmer! The signs of new life would be amazing after a bleak winter. I always find it funny that we too look for those early signs green after rain (well maybe it will rain?) at this time of year on the other side of the world. We all have much in common.

Frohe Ostern, Judy.
National Young Leaders Day

On the 18th of March, the four year sevens went to Adelaide with our teacher. There were five speakers. They were Mike Martin, Creel Price, Commissioner Gary Burns, Natalie von Bertouch and Ruben Meerman.

The day was very beneficial, I was most inspired by Commissioner Burns. He said that even as we get older, leadership doesn't get easier or doesn't change. Gary told us that being a leader is about making decisions, even if those decisions don't seem right, or are hard they are usually the best ones. He also said that to be a leader you shouldn't just keep going with an idea that isn't working, you should learn to take on others suggestions.

Natalie is the captain of the Australian netball team, The Diamonds.

Creel Price is an Entrepreneur that has done charity work in Zimbabwe.

Commissioner Burns is the head of the South Australian Police Force.

Ruben Meerman is a surfing scientist.

The day was just fantastic, there were even two dance groups that were amazingly good. The dance groups came on after the two breaks that we had, they were really fun to watch.

By Emilee Pyrke

On the 18th of March we went to Adelaide for National Young Leaders Day the speakers were 
- Mike Martin
- Creel Price
- Commissioner Gary Burns
- Natalie Von Bertouch
- Ruben Meerman

It was at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre we woke up really early to get there on time. We were rushing to get in the door, but when we got inside we waited a long time. The most in spiring person to me is Ruben Meerman because he is a brilliant scientist.

I learnt that being a leader is not about being the boss of everyone. Being a leader means being kind to everyone, listening to people, try to be a good role model and you need to be persistent.

By Mathew Easther

On Monday the 18th of March all the year 7’s went down to Adelaide for Young Leaders Day and we learnt about being leaders. We had five speakers and the one that inspired me the most was the netballer, Natalie Von Bertouch.

Natalie talked about not yelling at people, don’t take short cuts, don’t turn a blind eye, work together as team and talking together will help you in life, now and later on. She said yelling and shouting is not going to help any situation. She also said to practise complicated conversations.

By Maddison Ciardiello

On the 18 of March, the Year 7’s from all different types schools throughout SA, gathered at the Entertainment Centre for an exciting day of listening and learning how to be a great leader in our school!

The speakers that came and talked to us at this advent were...

Mike Martin- he spoke to us mostly about, ‘What is leadership?’ he was really encouraging towards life and school. His words really taught us about what we are expected to be like and how to help others be well behaved.

Creel Price- Mr Creel Price was telling us if you follow your dreams and you can achieve anything. But his main teaching was, ‘Teaching others leadership.’

Commissioner Gary Burns- he got the hero award and some other awards in his career, and taught us about that it may not be easy being a leader, but it is a responsibility that we must face. His teaching was, ‘Never give up!’

Natalie Von Bertouch- Natalie is the captain of the Australian netball team, and also was the captain for the Diamonds and Thunderbirds. Her words really inspired me and they were like talking to me.

Natalie’s teaching was, ‘There are no short cuts in life and leadership and also to work together with friends and people unknown.’

The last speaker for the day was Ruben Meerman/ the surfer scientist- Ruben’s slides and videos made sense. He was telling us that if, ‘one leads everybody follows! And also that if you’re a bystander you’re most likely to not be a leader.

It was a long day but in the end it was one of the most inspiring days I have ever seen! Everyone was excited and it was nice to eat without a teacher watching you! (the teachers were having their own food somewhere else!)

Thank you to Ms Kenny for taking us there and enjoying the day with us!

By Caitlin McElroy
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG) ★★★★.5
Sat 30th Mar 6.00pm

The Songcatcher (M) ★★★★
Wed 27th March 6.30pm

Skyfall (M) ★★★★.5
Sat 30th Mar 8.00pm - Daniel Craig as Bond
Wed 3rd April 7.30pm
Fri 5th April 8.00pm

The Intouchables (M) ★★★★
Sat 6th April 8.00pm - com/drama - most popular ever French Film
Sun 7th April 2.00pm
Tues 9th April 2.00pm
Fri 12th April 8.00pm

Valleys Futsal

Tuesday Nights 6:15pm onwards
Starting 30th of April 2013
Year eight and over welcome

Its back once again! The Valleys futsal competition 2013 winter season is just around the corner. Don’t miss out on having fun with your friends. Each team must provide an umpire, a scorer and each team to consist of 5 or more players

Held at the Valleys Lifestyle Centre each Tuesday in the indoor stadium.

Please register your interest on the Valleys facebook page, give us a call on 8842 3999 or come in and see us at the centre.

Team registration or individual interest by the 12th of April 2013.