

## MOUNT BLOWHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### Our School Vision

Our School Vision is to ensure that all students achieve their academic, social, emotional and physical potential in a supportive and purposeful learning environment, where our school values of Respect, Responsibility, Excellence and Kindness underpin all interactions. Our school believes in high expectations for all students in an atmosphere of care and support. We are committed to preparing our students to be creative, adaptable and responsible citizens of both their local and global community.

### ACTING PRINCIPALS REPORT

#### Book Week Parade and Grandparent's Day

Our Book Week celebration was an amazing morning and great opportunity to come together as a school community to celebrate literature. The school gymnasium was full of parents, grandparents, and special guests. The children looked amazing in their costumes as they paraded and then informed the audience of their character and book. One of the highlights was the opportunity for our guests to complete Book Week activities in the classrooms with the children. The morning tea provided by Parents and Friends provided the chance for everyone to mingle!



#### School disco

With virtual the whole school in attendance and dressed for disco, the evening was a huge success! It has been a little while since we've been able to have a whole school disco, but we sure brought it back with a BANG! Our fluoro disco was a huge hit. The children all looked fantastic and danced up a storm! Thank you, families, for providing the food, and a little something special provided for the evening by Emma Arnel (Em's Handmade Crafts) and Venessa Grogan. Thank you!





### **Wildlife Warrior**

Wildlife Warrior alert! The school is very proud of Catherine and her passion for animals and conservation. Catherine recently received a framed certificate in recognition of her fundraising efforts (cupcake sale at MBPS). The monies raised enabled three privacy screens to be purchased for koala rehabilitation enclosures. Well done, Catherine and thank you students and families for your support.



### **Students of the Fortnight**

Student of the week certificates acknowledge the individual strengths and positive efforts and behaviours of the children. Well-done, everyone!

### **Principal's Award**

**Oliver Kramer:** For his continuous support of a younger student during the swimming program.

**Jack Joiner:** For consistently demonstrating the school values.

### **Robert Walsh - Acting Principal**

## **NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM**

### **Prep**

Happy Week 9! I can't believe we are almost at the end of Term 3. In Reading, we have been reading a book called 'Slug Needs a Hug.' We have done lots of talking about people's features and how they make people unique. This is the theme of the book. We created a page in our class book where students wrote about their favourite part of themselves.

In Maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes. We made our own cubes and spheres and have been describing them each day. We also sorted shapes into 2D and 3D shapes.

We have also been enjoying Kelly Sports session on a Thursday now that swimming it finished. Coach George has been teaching us some footy skills like handballing and kicking. We can't wait for our last session this week!

Well done to everyone for dressing up and dancing at the disco! It was SUCH a fun night with lots of sugar and glowsticks.

### **Students of the Week:**

**Abby** for writing 'because' sentences in her independent writing activity.

**Isaiah** for working hard to improve his cutting skills.

### **Mrs Barendsen**

### **News from our 1/2 Classroom**

What a third term we are having! Students have been learning lots and having heaps of fun.

School Disco was incredibly fun! We played just dance, did the Macarena and had some delicious food. Thank you to those that brought along some lovely treats for the night.

We have been reading Edwina the Emu in Reading. After some research and study, students each wrote an information report about Emus. They also did some writing about their dream job.

A reminder that reading rewards is just around the corner! Have you done 35 nights of reading?

See you next term!

### **Students of the week**

**Paddy** for his resilience with moving dots and tables.

**Matilda S** for her positive attitude coming back into the classroom after her holiday.

**Miss Allen** 😊



## Year 3/4 Newsletter Report

It's been a very productive fortnight in the Year 3/4 classroom. We have almost completed our whole class novel, 'The Firework-Maker's daughter'. It is a seemingly simple story, but offers lots of rich discussion. We focused on how the author constructed the story and why he included certain word choices, similes or analogies.

In Writing, the class has been working on narrative writing. We have also been learning to type short passages on the laptops. This included how to create a new document within a folder, edit text and delete/recover files.

In Maths, we have been learning to estimate using rounding, before calculating, to check that the answer is reasonable. Maths daily reviews also continue to build fluency, and this week the class are also doing some problem-solving as part of their review. I have created new versions of some of trickier type problems from the Maths Mates this year, for students to gain some repeated problem-solving practice.

### **Students of the week:**

**Seth** for his descriptive narrative writing.

**Sylvia** for her excellent use of direct speech in her narrative

**Mr Nettelbeck**

## Year 5/6 Newsletter Report

It has been a busy fortnight across the school this last couple of weeks. In the senior class we loved the Book Week dress up day. We saw great costumes and excitement from all the students.

In Year 5/6, students read Frank's Red Hat and created gorgeous little penguins out of air dry Magic Clay. Thanks Mrs A for organising!

The excitement continued on Wednesday, when some of the 4, 5 and 6 students participated in an interschool Basketball competition at Selkirk Stadium. A huge congratulations to all the kids who took part and conducted yourself with wonderful sportsmanship and gave 100% effort on the day. Well done to the kids who stayed back at school. Thanks for your hard work and good behaviour in the younger classrooms.

We had some great buddy sessions over the last week preparing for Father's Day! We hope all the dads had a great day and enjoyed your goodies!

We finished reading our class novel and wow it was good! Make sure parents, you ask your kids about it! We have now started creating our favourite childhood picture book to increase our descriptive writing and to include some poetry!

### **Students of the week:**

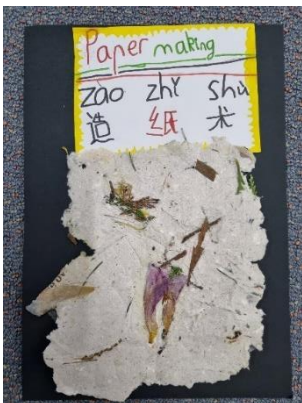
**Molly** for being a good role model and helping out in the classroom to organise events.

**Jack S** for writing a well thought out persuasive piece with a lot of emotive language.



**Mrs Box** 😊

## CHINESE



We have been super busy in the Chinese room. The Foundation students have learned to count and write numbers 1-10 in Chinese. They enjoyed playing the number-matching card and word-searching games and handwriting worksheets.

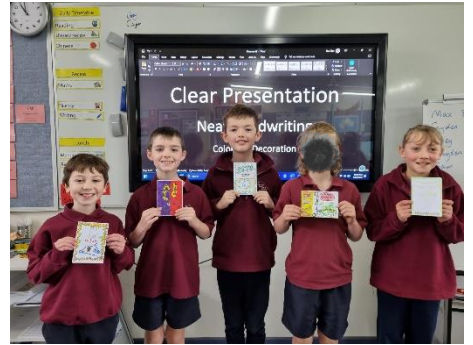
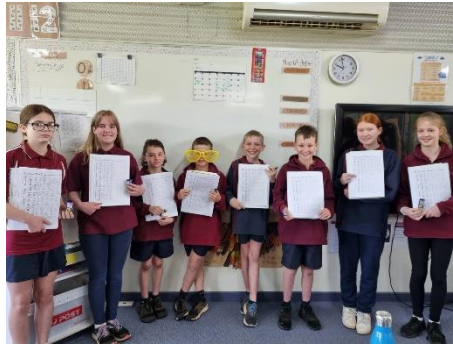
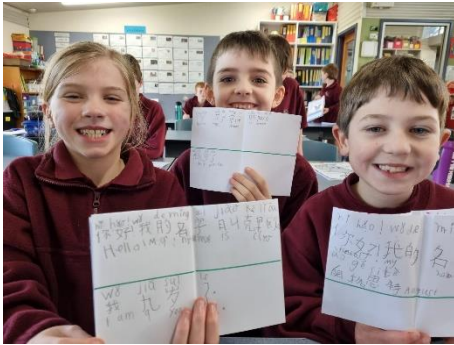
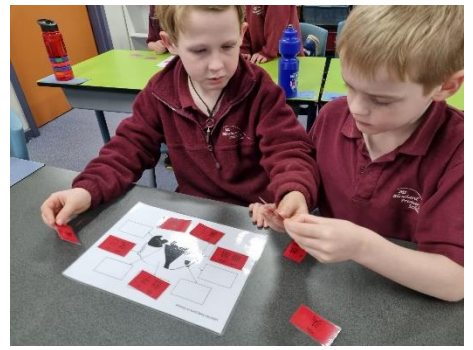
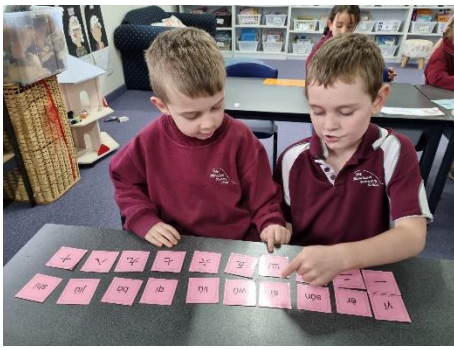
Year 1/2 students have focused on developing their listening skills when learning panda body parts in Chinese. They enjoyed listening to me read Chinese words while finding out the corresponding characters.

Year 3/4 students made a mini book to introduce themselves. They learned to publish their stories by adding illustrations. Students enjoyed reading books to their partners and were keen to show their mini books to other peers and parents.



Year 5/6 students explored the history of papermaking. They enjoyed making paper and experimenting with the process of papermaking. Students also ran a handwriting competition. They voted for the top eight best handwriting pieces, with a bar of chocolate as the prize. The whole class was able to get encouragement lollies at the same time.





# Art News

Students have created some wonderful creations in Art recently. Last week we had Book Week where students completed activities linked to the shortlisted CBCA books. Students enjoyed having Grandparents and loved ones in their classrooms and completing activities with them. Huge thank you to everyone that was able to come and join in with the activities! The junior students also looked at the book 'Snap' and made springy frogs. Students made Father's Day presents during Art this week. They all put in a wonderful effort and were very impressed with their completed products. We hope everyone loves their gifts and has a fabulous day. Looking forward to more fun times in Art- Mrs Ackland

5/6's made penguins using magic clay based on the book 'Frank's red hat'.



3/4's made beaded dogs based on the book 'Lionel and me'.





1/2's made birds based on the book 'Bev and Kev'.



Preps made Giraffes based on the book 'Bev and Kev'.



## PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Come Join Us!

If you would like to join the P&F Committee, to help with school fundraising, organisation of social events and extra curricula activities, as well as getting to know other school families, please come along to our next meeting. Meetings are held at the school on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Catherine Chibnall on Ph 0437075112.

### MT BLOWHARD COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

**\*\*IMPORTANT** For Playgroup to continue into 2024 we are looking for a Co-Ordinator to organise and run Playgroup once a month during the school term. We are an informal group of mum's and it's a great opportunity to introduce new mums/parents/carers and have a cuppa and chat while the kids socialise and enjoy playing with each other. It really isn't a hard commitment and there is always someone who will help if you are unavailable.

The Blowhard Community Playgroup is a brilliant, volunteer run group that meets here at in the MBPS meeting room. Anyone is welcome to come along to the playgroup, you don't have to be a current parent of the school! If you would like more information on playgroup, please contact Anita on 0466 698 703. The upcoming dates for playgroup are:



#### Term 3

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September – 9.00am

#### Term 4

- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 9.00am
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - 9.00am
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 9.00am

## 2023 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Last swimming session for years 3-6  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Footy Colours Day & special \lunch  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2/3/4 Cave Hill Creek Camp  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Playgroup – 9.00am.  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> last day of Term 3 – 2.30pm finish

### OCTOBER

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Term 4 commences  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Parent Forum (WebEx), 'Pathways to a Healthy Mind'  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Playgroup – 9.00am.

### NOVEMBER

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day (pupil free)  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Art Show (3:30pm-5:30pm)  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Cup public holiday  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Playgroup – 9.00am.  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Curriculum Day (pupil free)

### DECEMBER

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, Walkathon  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Playgroup – 9.00am.



THANK YOU!

Our school Father's Day event, "Dads, Dinner & Dodgeball" was fantastic on Friday night. It was made all the more special with the added contribution of our photo back drop made by the Learmonth Skills Shed.

On behalf of the Mt Blowhard School and Parents & Friends Association, thanks to you, Geoff and everyone else who volunteered their time and creativity to make it!



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They are suitable for all ages. Great to handle. They can grow up to 120mm

You just need to mist them with water each morning and change their leaves (Eucalyptus (Gum), Acacia (Wattle) and paper towel each week.

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### Term 4 School Tours

**Are you considering school options for a 2024 Prep student?**

We have lots to offer! Come and see our evidence based best practice teaching in action.



Wed 4th October

Wed 11th October

at 9:30am

Book online via our website

**Have you seen our virtual school tour?**

Visit our Facebook page or school website to view it.

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**Our Transition Program begins**

**Wednesday 15th November.**

Session 1 - come and try

All children welcome