

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

Welcome back!

Welcome to the final term of the school year. A term packed with learning and extracurricular activities! Looking forward to some sunshine in the coming weeks and term crammed with hard work and fun.

Cave Hill Creek Camp (Years 2,3,4)

At the end of last term, we were blessed with beautiful weather and scenery at Cave Hill Creek. The children participated in many activities, and thoroughly made the most of all the opportunities provided. It was a very successful camp. One of the kitchen staff members took the opportunity to acknowledge how considerate and well behaved the children of MBPS are. Thank you, Mr Nettelbeck, Miss Allen and Mrs Werner for your care and efforts to ensure such a fun and successful experience for all involved!





Golf

On Wednesday, bathed in sunshine, selected students participated in a school golf competition. There were plenty of KMs covered! Harry C, Jack P, Thomas L and Julius H gave their all, played with a smile and encouraged each other. In a fantastic individual performance, Jack P played a great 9 holes and only missed the next level of competition by a single shot!



Ride on Mower

A team effort consisting of a grant from Davies and Rose Rural and Hardware (Creswick), funds from Parents and Friends and the school, and a great deal from Ballarat Mower Centre means the school now has a new zero turn ride on mower!

A \$2 000 grant from Davies & Rose Rural & Hardware Creswick supported us to purchase our zero-turn ride on mower. They also supported Trawalla Primary School and their garden project. Thank you, Jamie Davies, and team!



Glen Brae

The Glen Brae is looking very fresh with lots of new activities to keep students busy at play time. Some new activities include magnetic tiles, racetracks, mega blocks, drawing tablets, art supplies and so much more! Thanks to Junior School Council for funding the revamp with money raised throughout the year and Mrs. Barendsen for setting it up during the school holidays.



School grounds

During the school holidays, I had Bright Lines come and reinvigorating some play spaces. The spaces have been well received and utilised by the children. The colours also provide some vibrancy around the school.



House Activity-MasterChef

At the end of last term, the staff and House Leaders ran a very success whole school cooking experience. Sushi, rice paper rolls and pancakes were on the menu. Well done staff and students, and JSC for the suggestion.



Wanted: kitchen or bathroom scales

If have any unwanted scales in the back of the cupboard, feel free to donate them to school. Students use them in Maths to learn to measure weight. The best type are older scales that give students experience in reading kilograms & grams off a scale, but digital scales are useful too. Please see Jonathan Nettelbeck in the 3/4 classroom. Thank you.



Robert Walsh - Acting Principal

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM**Prep**

We have had a great start to Term 4 in the Prep classroom. In Reading, we have been learning about kings and queens. We have learnt about kingdoms, jobs of the royal family and read some fairytales where the characters were royal. In Writing, we have been learning the structure of stories. We have also been learning about fragments and sentences. In Maths, we have been working on making two-digit numbers by paying attention to place value and the tens place and the ones place. In Science, we have started a new topic learning about the properties of materials. Students brought in a secret object from home, and we guessed what it was using our sense of touch.

Mrs Barendsen

News from our 1/2 Classroom

Welcome to Term 4! We hope you all had wonderful school holidays and are just as excited as we are for the final term of 2023.

We have started the Term with a reading unit learning all about the local community. We have learnt what a community is, researched some local statues and plaques and even heard from some community workers! We have one more week for this reading unit before moving onto the next!

It has been a great start to the term, reviewing the maths skills students have learned earlier in the year. It has been great doing some practice doing the layout for vertical algorithms, ensuring all numbers line up properly and that the mathematical symbols are easy to read.

Looking forward to yet another great term ahead, full of positive attitudes toward learning as well as heaps of fun!

Miss Allen 😊

Year 3/4 Newsletter Report

It has been an excellent first week, with the class settled back in for Term 4. We have started the term with a new history unit about the Vikings. We are learning about who the Vikings were and about Norse culture. Daily life for most Norse people wasn't only about raiding, even though that's what their culture is most famous for! In Writing, the class have been working on persuasive writing. We have been focusing on a range of new single sentence/paragraph skills before we move onto writing whole persuasive pieces next week. In Maths, we have been converting fractions to decimal numbers, and been learning how to measure mass in grams and kilograms. Term 4 Maths Mates booklets went home last week. Last Friday, the class had a problem-solving lesson to teach how to approach some of the more challenging types of questions that will be included in Maths Mates over the coming weeks.

Mr Nettelbeck

Year 5/6 Newsletter Report

It is hard to It has been a pleasure to have the Year 5/6s this week. It is a wonderful experience to come back and see the progress they have made over the year. We have been ticking off some of the fun 'Spring Fete' preparation jobs this week. In Writing, students have been completing donation letters for local businesses to supply materials for their stalls. In Reading, students are continuing to read their class novel 'The 1000 Year Old Boy'. In Maths, we have been learning about integers. We have also been learning about how to represent a remainder in a division problem as a fraction. I look forward to seeing how their Spring Fete works out and wish them all the best for the rest of the year! 😊

Miss McPherson

2023 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Thursday 19th October, School Council
Friday 20th October, Playgroup – 9.00am
Friday 27th October, assembly

NOVEMBER

Monday 6th November, Curriculum Day (pupil free)
Thursday 9th November, Art Show (3:30pm-5:30pm)
Tuesday 7th November, Melbourne Cup public holiday
Friday 10th November, Remembrance Day Ceremony and *We Shall Honor Them* book launch (10:30 am).
Friday 10th November, assembly
Thursday 16th November, School Council
Friday 17th December, Playgroup – 9.00am
Thursday 23rd November, Spring Fete
Friday 24th November, Curriculum Day (pupil free)
Monday 27th Assembly (due to Spring Fete and Curriculum Day)

DECEMBER

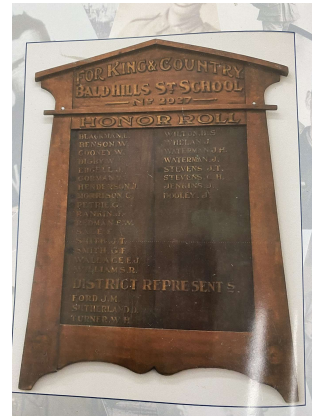
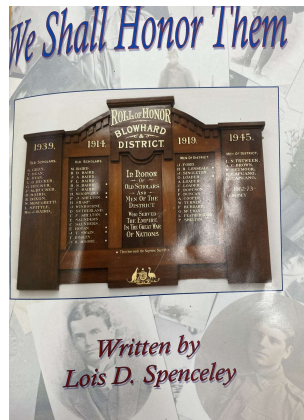
Thursday 7th December, assembly due to Walkathon
Friday 8th December, Walkathon
Monday 11th December, Year 6 treat day
Tuesday 12th December, statewide transition day (Kinder to Prep and Year 6 to Year 7)
Thursday 14th December, P/1 excursion and stay back.
Friday 15th December, Playgroup – 9.00am
Tuesday 19th December, school reports emailed home.
Tuesday 19th December, school concert
Wednesday 20th December, last day of school. Early finish, 1:30 pm.

Book Launch-We Shall Honor Them

Please join us for a Remembrance Day Ceremony followed by the launch of the recently compiled book, *We Shall Honour Them*, authored by Lois D. Spenceley. With contributions to the book from various individuals in the community.

This book is a collection of stories pertaining to the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Mount Blowhard and Bald Hills whose names have been immortalised on Honor Boards created by the two schools that now hang proudly in the Mount Blowhard Primary School.

These service personnel may have been students at one or both schools, resided or worked in the area or had family members who have nominated them for recognition. All served with Honor during the Boer War, WWI, WW2 or Vietnam.



Who: Community members past and present.

What: Remembrance Day Ceremony and the *We Shall Honour Them* book launch. Following proceedings, please join us for tea, coffee, and a biscuit.

When: Friday November 10th from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Where: Mount Blowhard Primary School.

Please **RSVP** your attendance by phone: 5334 6354 or email: mount.blowhard.ps@education.vic.gov.au