

## 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

#### Transition

This week we welcomed our 2024 Preps to MBPS at their first transition session. We read the book 'Celeste the Giraffe Loves to Laugh' and made our own giraffe. Playing on the playground was definitely a highlight though. We are looking forward to seeing them again this Wednesday!



#### Remembrance Day

Last Friday, our wonderful school leaders conducted a fitting Remembrance Day service. The service was a unique occasion, as the honour board publication '*We Shall Honor Them*' was launched, with author Lois Spenceley and guests from the community in attendance. Once again, it was pleasing to see so many people coming together to reminisce and connect.





### **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**

**Daina G, Molly P, Lilly D, Lori E, Abbey M, Michelle M & Catherine K:** For their enthusiasm, support and ensuring a fun day for all at the recent cricket competition.

**Robert Walsh - Acting Principal**

## **NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM**

### **Prep**

Can you believe we are now going into Week 8! The term is flying by. We have been fully into assessments in the Prep classroom. Students are doing a fantastic job at showing me what they have learnt and handling the changed timetable that comes with the assessment fortnight. We have still managed to fit in all our regular learning though! In Reading, we have continued to learn about colonial times. We learnt about the jobs of a miller and baker and how bread was made. Mrs Kaye even baked some bread with students last week – thanks Mrs Kaye! 😊

In Maths, we have been learning to solve subtraction problems using the count back strategy.

Our 2024 Prep transition program began last week. Next year's Preps will be visiting us for the next 5 weeks. The current Preps did a fantastic job of showing them what to do at school and making sure they had a great time at their first session.



### Students of the Week:

**Edan** for his creative story ending.

**Jack** for working extra hard on his handwriting.

**Mrs Barendsen**



### News from our 1/2 Classroom

Oh, how the weeks have been flying by!

We are well into the term now, learning heaps and having fun. We have just finished our reading unit on the poem named *I Do Not Mind You Winter Wind*, starting our next unit on the picture story book called *Granpa* by John Burningham.

We have been writing information reports in Writing. Students have been planning, writing and editing their own pieces of work, sharing their knowledge on wonderful topics including whales, birthdays, pokemon, plus many more! We have been smashing out assessments at any opportunity we get. It has been wonderful seeing growth and progression in so many different areas so far! We have plenty to go!

Have another wonderful week!

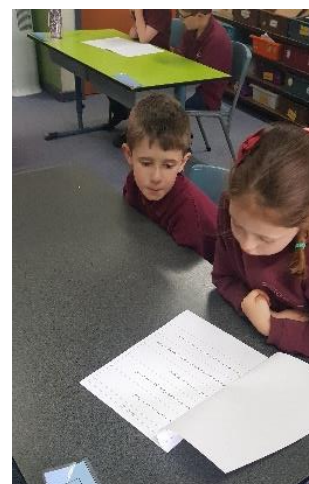
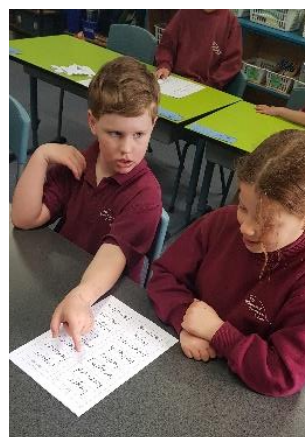
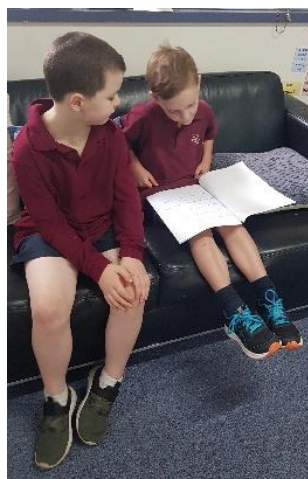
### Students of the week

**Eva** for her wonderful enthusiasm and positive attitude during assessments.

**Matilda** for constantly showing pride in her work by being neat and tidy.

Have a great week!

**Miss Allen** 😊



### 3/4 Newsletter Report

It has been a wonderful fortnight of learning in the Year 3/4 classroom. We have continued our reading unit on astronomy, learning about famous astronomers throughout history.

In Science, we created a solar system to scale. In textbooks, the planets are often not shown to scale as Jupiter and Saturn are so much larger than the smaller rocky planets like Mercury and Venus. The class created a scaled model of the solar system which we pegged out in the school grounds. The Sun, with a diameter of 14m, was so large that we just measured it out along the fence line near the staff carpark. We made all the planets to scale, including: Jupiter (diameter = 143cm), Earth (12cm), right down to Venus (2cm). We used a smaller scale to place the planets at their relative distances. Even with Earth at only 7m from the Sun, we couldn't fit Neptune within the school grounds. This activity modelled how unimaginably vast distances are in space.

In Writing, the class has been writing single detailed paragraph responses to a range of different topics. The students have been self-assessing their work from a check-box list to analyse what they are including and where they can improve their writing next.

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

**Joey** for his expressive fluent reading.

**Jimmy** for his accurate reading and retelling of what he has read.

**Mr Nettelbeck**

### Year 5/6 Newsletter Report

Over the last fortnight, the Year 5/6 students are finalising everything for the Spring Fete, AND they can't wait! They have enjoyed chasing donations and collecting equipment. We finalised our persuasive ads about why people should visit our fete stall and made them into short video clips.

In Reading we are coming to the end of our class novel and are still unsure on which way the book is going to end. Will the 1000 year old boy begin to age or will he stay 11 forever?

In Maths we have been learning how to use data and understanding how to turn results into fractions, decimals and percentages. We have also looked into pie charts and how to create them.

It was good seeing all the great results our students got in the Clunes Show handwriting competition. Well done to the students in Year 5/6 who won awards.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Fete on Thursday and, have our fingers crossed tightly for good weather.

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

**Chad** for his hard work and persistence when reading out loud.

**Theo** for taking on feedback and improving work as a result.

**Mrs Box**

### **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.



**HOP TEMPLE**

#### **Hop Temple Musical Bingo**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, Max Hamond hosted another fun and entertaining evening at Hop Temple. A huge thank you to Max and Hop Temple for their fundraising efforts for the school and to those parents who came along to support the event. Katherine Myers, Nathan Broome, Jane McErlain, Lorelle Griffin and Catherine Chibnall, along with friends and family, enjoyed a great night out.





### **Lawn Mower**

As per Mr Walsh's previous articles in the newsletter, you will all know that P&F contributed to the purchase of the school's new lawn mower by securing a \$2000 grant from CRT and Davies & Rose Rural & Hardware in Creswick. It's exciting for the school to have a new lawn mower and P&F would like to thank Mr Walsh for the leg work he did in sourcing quotes and organizing the purchase.



### **Father's Day Dad's, Dinner & Dodgeball**

The Father's Day "Dad's, Dodgeball and Dinner" event was a great evening held back in September. P&F would like to thank Mr Walsh for cooking the BBQ and those Mum's who helped to set up and serve food on the night, including Anita Kane and Amelia Gilbert. Thanks also goes to Nicole Arnel for taking photos of the kids with their dads and grandpas. Thank you to Emma Arnel and Venessa Grogan for their fantastic balloon artwork that beautifully complimented the photo backdrop created by the wonderful crew at the Learmonth Skills Shed.

### **Grandparents Day**

Towards the end of Term 3 it was fantastic to be involved with Grandparents Day, which was also run as part of the Book Week Parade. The morning was well attended and thank you to those P&F members who assisted with organizing morning tea for everyone. We were very pleased to see so many people sticking around afterwards to enjoy a cuppa and chat.

### **Ascot Hall Dance**

MBPS volunteered to assist with the running of the Ascot Hall Dance on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. Thanks to Claire and Felix Wallis, Anita Kane, and Hannah and Emma Morvell for giving up their Saturday night to raise over \$200 for the school.

### **Aprons**

P&F have recently purchased a new set of 6 navy aprons, embroidered with the school logo. Thanks to Meg Humm for arranging the purchase. We will be looking forward to using them for upcoming events, including the Grampians Health Social Club Christmas Party, at which we have volunteered to cook the BBQ in return for a donation to the school. We are needing 16 volunteers to do a 2-hour stint at either 10am or 12pm on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December. If you are able and willing to help out, please call or message Catherine Chibnall on 0437075112.



### **MBPS Family Musical Bingo**



Last week Max Hamond hosted MBPS' Family Musical Bingo at the Learmonth Football Netball Complex. It was a fantastic event, with around 70 people in attendance, filled with fun, dancing, loud singing, pizza, ice-cream, and even an aeroplane making competition. A huge amount of gratitude goes to Max for his time, energy and entertainment in running the evening. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to organizing the event, including Rebecca Jones, Michelle Kramer, Anita Kane, Katherine Myers, Lauren Griffin, Jess Park, Christielli Portela, Liz Charles, Michelle Wiese and Catherine Chibnall.



## MT BLOWHARD COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

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 Jo Finnegan on 0466 698 703. The upcoming dates for playgroup are:



### Term 4

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

## 2023 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Spring Fete

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day (pupil free)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Assembly -Due to Spring Fete and Curriculum Day

### DECEMBER

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Blowhard has Talent

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly – Due to Walk-A-Thon

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Walk-A-Thon

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Treat Day

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Statewide Step-up day

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> P/1 Stay-back

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Playgroup – 9.00am.

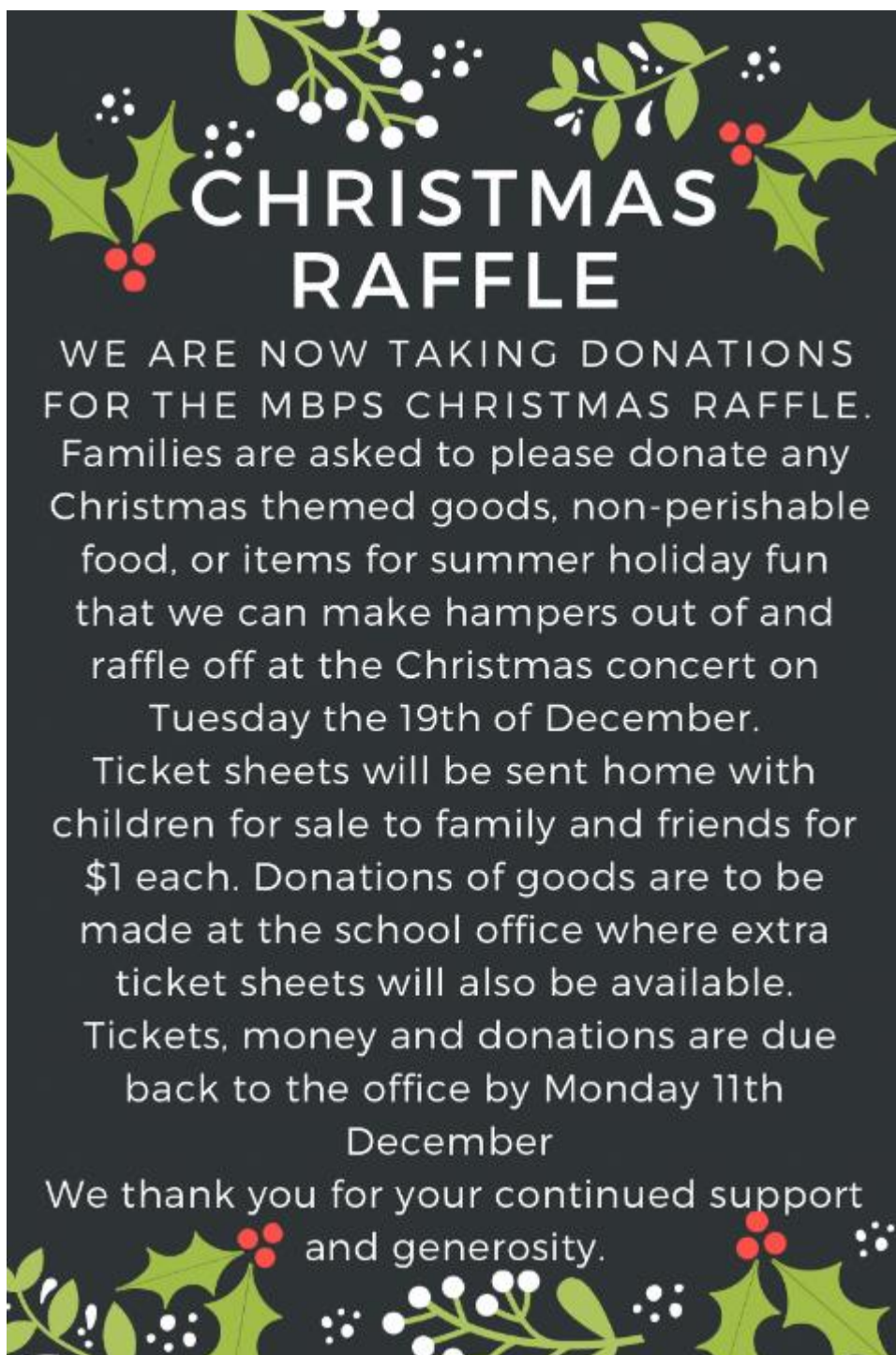
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> School Reports home

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> School Concert

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of school – 1.30pm early finish.







Western Victoria Football Academy is running a two day Football (soccer) camp here in Ballarat at Moorhead Park soccer facility on December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>.

It is for all ability levels at primary school ages.

We will have our giant inflatable out as well as lots of great football games to play.

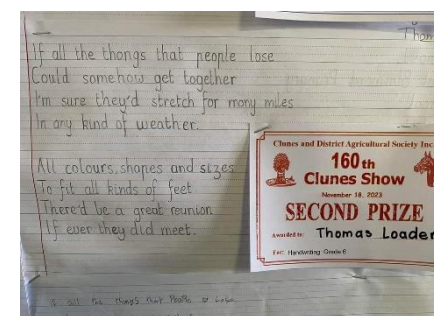
The Camp will supply lunch and snacks for both days.

The Flyer below contains all the relevant info and the QR code will take you straight to the registration page on our website.

We appreciate your support.

Thanks,

Western Victoria Football Academy



**Australian Heritage Sheep Magazine**

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It's always fantastic to see some of our "future farmers" in the Show ring and especially so when they are showing one of our Heritage breeds. Some of these breeds are very rare and to see young families taking up the stewardship of them, makes all our hearts proud.

I think we will be seeing more of this young man and his Ryelands. Meet Thomas Loader and his Reserve Champion Ryeland ram and blue ribbon Ryeland lamb. Thomas is from Hopeland Ryelands. I think the smile says it all. 😊 Well done, Thomas. ❤️ 🎉

