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## 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

We hope you had a great Christmas and New Year! I certainly enjoyed some down time at the beach with my family. This year, we are so fortunate to be running five classrooms and to also have such a strong and capable workforce in place.

The school year will see us commence with 80 enrolments. Over the summer holiday period, we welcomed Clara (Prep) and a returning family Jimmy (Year 2), Joey (Year 3) and Evie (Year 6). At the end of last year, we welcomed Penny (Year 4) to our school community.

Over the summer holidays, Miss McPherson has done a marvellous job setting up the new Year 3 classroom. Make sure to take a look at the new space if you get the opportunity!

The OSHClub (out of hours school care) space is now in the administration building and looking fabulous. It is a practical and functional set-up still. We are fortunate to have two kitchen spaces in the school! The use of the OSHClub service started to grow significantly during the second half of last year and we look forward to this great service being utilised again.

I have cleaned out the 'shed', and it is now an organised and functional space for Art or other classes to use again.

We welcome Miss Said to the school. She brings a lot of skills to The Arts, including music. She also plans to offer choir as a lunchtime Club this year! Mr Darrin Cambus will be joining us in the PE role. He's an experienced PE teacher, who will also be working at Warrenheip and Creswick North PS.

Looking forward to another great year!

#### Community Barbecue

Our Welcome Barbecue will take place on Thursday 8th February, commencing at approximately 6:00 pm. Sausages and meat and veggie burgers will be provided, along with Zooper Doopers. This is a great opportunity for new and existing families to connect and for us all to come together as a community to commence the new school year.

#### Working Bee

Our first working bee of the school year will take place this Sunday 4th February from 10:00 am to 11:30am. Your children are always welcome to come along!

On the day we will require gardening tools, leaf blowers and pressure cleaners. If you have any of these tools, please bring them along.

Working Bees have been well attended, with a great deal achieved in a short amount of time. Once again, thank you for your support and pride in the school.

### **Getting to Know You Interviews**

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's classroom teacher. With meetings being 10 minutes in duration for each child. Interviews will take place between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. This provides the opportunity to establish or enhance the home school connection, share relevant information to best support your child and to discuss how they have settled into the new school year. Booking information will be sent in the near future. Please note, children attend classes as normal on this day.

### **Drop off and pick up times**

Staff are officially on duty and responsible for the children on the school grounds from 8:45 am to 3:45 pm.

Yard Duty and Supervision policy details: Mount Blowhard Primary's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8.45am until 3.45pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students as they perform other duties. In emergency situations a staff member will be available between 8.30am-8.45am only within a classroom (**in these situations, please communicate with the school**), as the yard and other classrooms are not supervised before 8.45am.

### **Assemblies**

Assemblies take place fortnightly and are conducted by our wonderful school leaders. This year, assemblies will once again take place on Friday afternoons from approximately 3:05 pm. We hope you can join us!

## **Mount Blowhard 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.

## **2023 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

### **JANUARY 2024**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Years P-6 assessment day  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Classes commence for Years 3-6  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> No Preps at school  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> Years 1-2 assessment day

### **FEBRUARY**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Classes commence for Years P-2  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Start of year Community Welcome Barbecue (6.00 pm-7:30 pm)  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> First School Assembly  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Getting to know you Interviews ( 2.00pm-7.30pm)

### **MARCH**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Assembly  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Public Holiday  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Assembly  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Movie Night  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Last day of term-2:30 pm finish

