

## 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

#### Sharing Best Practice

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we are hosting an open morning across the school. We have approximately 12 schools, consisting of 38 professionals, attending. There will be Government, Catholic, Independent, Lutheran, Department speech pathologists and an ACU lecturer represented. Those attending are coming to view approaches aligned to the science of learning, the science of reading, structured literacy, and explicit direct instruction. Specifically, they will view sessions around daily reviews (literacy & numeracy), phonics (Multisensory Structured Language-MSL), handwriting, fluency, reading and vocabulary, morphology and tutoring.

The staff should be very proud of themselves! Furthermore, it takes a lot of courage to have so many come and view your practice!

#### Parent and Teacher Interviews

Our parent and teacher conversations were extremely well attended with positive feedback from all involved. It provided a great opportunity to strengthen the home and school connection early in the year.

#### Healthy Minds

Our staff day with Tom Dr Tom Nehmy from Healthy Minds was pertinent and practical. The results were overwhelmingly positive with 100% of respondents saying they would recommend the training day to others.

Comments included:

- "Brilliant day Tom."
- "Looking forward to future opportunities to collaborate. You've given us the techniques and time to consider our emotions, our feelings, moods and our own self-regulation to be a healthier version of ourselves – as professionals, partners, parents, and as leaders in our school community."
- "All that has been shared today has made sense and it is so wonderful that mental health has been given the recognition and importance it deserves!"
- "Tom was a fabulous and engaging presenter. The tips and tricks will be helpful for myself and students."
- "Thank you for your insight, experience, and knowledge."

Tom will be hosting a parent session on the evening of Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The focus of the parent session will be Understanding and Overcoming Anxiety in Kids: Having a Healthy Mind.

#### Reading Information Session

Once again, Zoe conducted a very thorough reading information session taking participants through how students learn to read and what our program looks like, of which Zoe presents with the highest of knowledge and a great deal of passion. I have seen the presentation a few times now, and I am amazed each time!

### Years 3-6 Cross Country

We Cross Country for all Years 3-6 children will take place next Friday 17th March at the Learmonth FNC oval. It's a relatively short course, and in true MBPS spirit everyone always participates, does the best they can and supports each other. Children will need to wear their runners and sports top to school on the day. The event will commence at 2:00 pm, and family members are most welcome to attend.

### P-6 Athletics Day

Our interschool (Waubra PS & Trawalla PS) athletics day will take place on Wednesday 26th April at Llanberris Reserve, Ballarat. More details to follow later this term.



### 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

**Thomas Loader:** For his outstanding leadership and capacity to be inclusive during House Sports.

**Finn Darbyshire:** For his improved positive attitude.

**Robert Walsh - Acting Principal**

## NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

### Prep

Can you believe we are in week 7?! This term has flown by and the Prep students are now at school full time!! We have been getting stuck into our spelling program, with students now using a spelling book and completing all the components of a spelling lesson. Our spelling lesson includes, writing down previous learnt letter/sounds, practising two new letter/sounds, reading CVC words, writing CVC words, reading some 'tricky words' that have an irregular spelling and learning a new 'tricky word'. The last fortnight we have focused on the letter/sounds 'n, o, b, c' and the tricky words 'I, a, the, is'.

In Writing, we have been learning to form verbal sentences making sure the sentence has a 'who' or a noun and a 'do' which is the verb. We have also been writing heaps of words together as repetition of this skill is so crucial in Prep!

In Maths, we finished learning how to write the numbers '8, 9, 10, 0'. Students now have a solid understanding of how to form all numbers from 0-10. We began working on comparing collections and numbers to identify which one has more, less or if they are the same.

I hope you all had a lovely long weekend and are ready to tackle week 7 😊

### Students of The Week:

**Tommy** for always being ready to learn and coming to the floor quickly.

**Jack** for working really hard on following classroom routines.

**Mrs Barendsen**

### News from our 1/2 Classroom

Thanks to those that came for Parent Teacher interviews. Ten minutes absolutely flew by, but it was a great opportunity to get to know more about you and your child. It has been an incredible two weeks for learning and growing in the 1/2 classroom!

Highlight of the week... NEW SAND! The 1/2s have turned our sandpit into rivers, volcanoes and tunnels. We will be writing about our new sandpit this week in Writing.

During Literacy, we have read a handful of fairy tales, exploring their origins and morals. We have also used this opportunity to expand our vocabulary to make our writing sound exciting.

In Maths, we have been using a range of strategies to tell the time! Students have had a lot of fun singing songs and using materials to learn how to correctly identify the hour and minute hand. They even made our own clocks and tested each other using by making different times.

Looking forward to another great week ahead!

Miss Allen 😊

***Student of The Week:***

**Mina** for her incredible efforts with participation and hand actions in Heggerty.

**Lachlan** for his great concentration and letter formation in his handwriting.

Miss Allen 😊



### **Year 3/4 Newsletter Report**

It has been a busy fortnight in the Year 3/4 classroom! In Maths, the students have been learning all the different words that can be used to describe multiplication and division. This is essential to understanding problem solving questions but is also a real-world skill. The students have also been practising the x2, x4, x5 times tables alongside the division facts.

In Reading, we have been learning about ancient Roman civilisation. This unit is part history, but also covers Roman mythology and culture. It has also been the source of our fluency text this week, where the students read a passage about the significance of the Roman arch.

The class has been working on narrative writing. We have been focusing on sentence structure, but also on how to structure a whole piece of narrative writing. All the other subjects that make up our whole learning program are going well, with the class well into the swing of things now.

**Students of the week:**

**Flynn and Alby** for explaining to the class the steps involved in solving a challenging Maths Mates problem.

**Jack J** for his interesting and creative ideas in narrative writing.

**Mr Nettelbeck**

### **Year 5/6**

It has been a mixed-up fortnight in the year 5/6 classroom. In week 6, as a class we continued to read our class novel Wonder. It is nice to observe how inclusive and mindful our amazing students are at Mount Blowhard Primary School.

In Writing, we have been working on our persuasive texts. We linked this to Wonder. The topic was if we thought Auggie, the main character in the text, should attend normal school or continue to be home schooled.

We then had a choice of writing a range of persuasives such as, what we think the best sport is, should we be allowed to chew gum, we should get a class pet and it should be..., and finally, if I had a choice, I would be a supervillain or a superhero. It was great to read all the student's arguments for these persuasive topics. Last week, most of the year 5 and 6 students left for Sommers Camp. It has been a quiet but productive week. Students have studied some poetry, adding pages to Wombat Stew and built their number facts knowledge and problem-solving skills in Maths.



From all reports, students who are at Sommers are having a wonderful time. They are loving meeting new people and taking part in all the fun activities.



#### Students of the week:

**Daina** for contributing in class discussions and taking feedback well to improve her writing.

**Harry C, Lorri, Molly, Chad & Catherine** for being adaptive to different classes, helping out in other classrooms and being wonderful school leaders this week.

**Mrs Box** 😊

#### Mt BLOWHARD COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

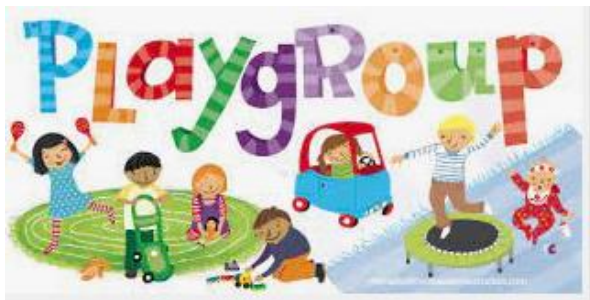
The Blowhard Community Playgroup is a brilliant, volunteer run group that meets here at in the MBPS meeting room. Anyone is welcome to come along to the playgroup, you don't have to be a current parent of the school! If you would like more information on playgroup, please contact Anita on 0466 698 703.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

##### Term 1

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00am

##### Term 2

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April – 9.00am
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May – 9.00am
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – 9.00am



#### Mt BLOWHARD COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

### MOUNT BLOWHARD PS MOVIE NIGHT: WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

***Calling for your support to help our school...and advertise your business!***



On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Mt Blowhard Primary School is running a movie night as a major fundraiser for our school. As this is a major fundraiser for us, we need your help and support. Do you know any businesses that would be willing to sponsor us? They can purchase an advertising slot, with their logo to be shown before the film starts, during the pre-credits, during interval, and at the end of the night. Entry advertising slots cost \$100. Businesses can also become a *Gold Sponsor* of the evening by contributing \$500 to the event. Gold Sponsorship will entitle the business to ongoing advertising

throughout 2023 in the school newsletter, school Facebook page, the weekly whole school assembly, as well as constant advertising on the night of the event.

They can register their interest via the school email at

[mount.blowhard.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:mount.blowhard.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or see Zelma and she can email out a letter and invoice.

## 2023 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### MARCH

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN commences for Years 3 & 5 Students

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Playgroup 9.00am

### APRIL

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, Movie Night

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Last day of term-2:30 pm finish

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> First school day of Term 2

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day – Public holiday

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Athletics day – Llanberris

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April Playgroup 9.00am


### MAY

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Parent Session – Understanding and overcoming anxiety in kids: Having a healthy mind.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup>, Curriculum Day (pupil free)

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## EASTER RAFFLE

We are now taking donations at the office for our Easter Raffle.

Families are asked to donate Easter eggs/chocolate/books/craft or other related items so we can create prizes to be raffled off at the end of term 1 in time for Easter. Raffle ticket sheets will be sent home with children for sale to family and friends at \$1 each. Donations are to be made at the school office where extra ticket sheets will also be available.

Tickets, money and donations are due back to the office by Monday 27th of March. The raffle will be drawn at the final assembly for term 1.

We thank you for your continued support and generosity.



## We are having a **MOVIE NIGHT**

**NOW SHOWING**

To raise money for our great school and our amazing extra curricular activities Mount Blowhard Primary School will be holding a Drive-in Movie Night with a BBQ tea on Wednesday 5th April.

People will be able to enjoy the movie while relaxing in their vehicles or bring along deck chairs and picnic rugs to soak up the atmosphere up the front on the grass. We'd love to see all school families come along and join in on the fun.

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAY THE 5TH OF APRIL 2023  
GATES OPEN AT 6PM. BBQ TEA FROM 6.30PM  
MOVIE TO COMMENCE AT DUSK (APPROXIMATELY 8PM).

**PRICE:** \$25 PER CAR. TO SECURE A TICKET PLEASE CONTACT ZELMA IN THE OFFICE. PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE ZELMA WITH THE TYPE OF VEHICLE YOU WILL BE DRIVING TO HELP WITH PLANNING CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS ON THE NIGHT.

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All funds raised will go towards equipment, resources and future events for the school.



## MUSICAL BINGO

Hosted by MBPS parent, Max Hamond.  
Come along and have some fun!  
Be sure to bring some change as bingo is \$2 to play, which is donated to our amazing school along with \$1 from every pizza and Auntie Jacks pint sold on the night.

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**MBPS Movie Night: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

Please support our great Sponsors for the up-coming Movie Night to be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. Without their support we could not run such events, so please consider them when purchasing goods.

# MATT KANE

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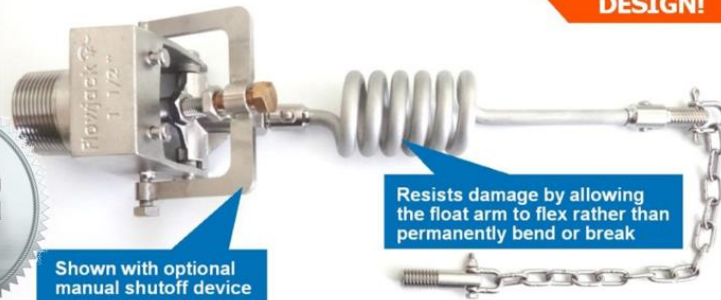
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