

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.

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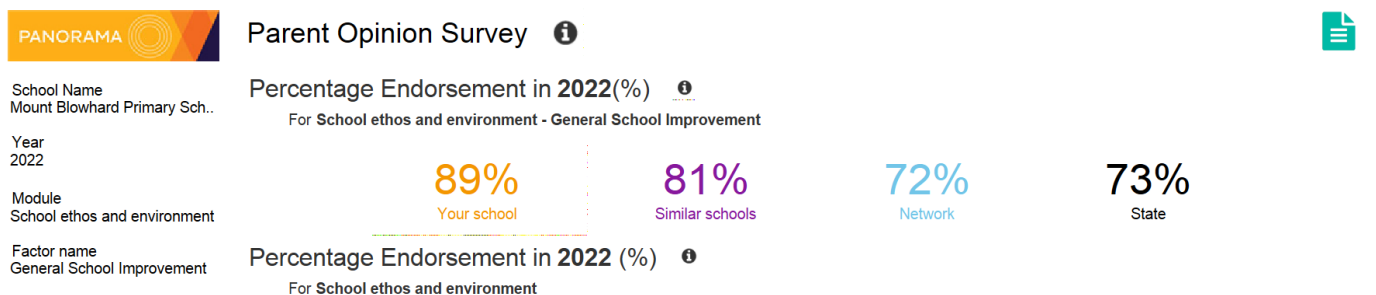
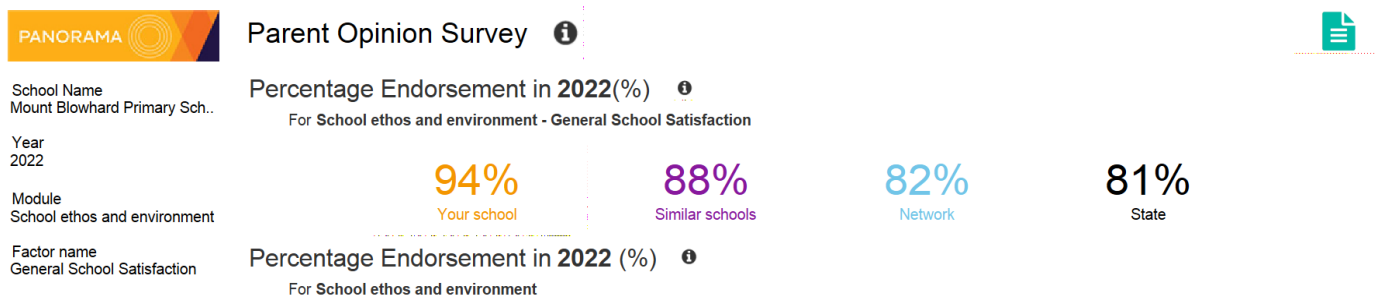
Open Morning

Our open morning was a huge success, resulting in a front-page image and feature article in The Courier! While that was nice, the morning was also about sharing evidence-based practice, so that all students benefit. A massive well done to the staff for putting themselves and the school out there. They should all be so proud of what they do. I am certainly proud of them all. The feedback from those who attended was extremely positive. They were all very grateful for the opportunity to see our pedagogy in action. The common theme from those who attended was the quality of the teachers and the programs in place, and the engagement of the children. Well done staff and students!

Parent Opinion Survey

Late last year we received our final Parent Opinion Survey results. Pleasing, we had 17 families complete the survey. A much higher percentage than previous years. A higher participation rate also ensures more valid data. These results are also compared to similar, network and state schools. There is much to be proud of, and always something to work towards for continual improvement.

Below are just a few examples of some of the survey results. These results are measured in percentage of positive endorsement. That is, the percentage of respondents that gave a 4 (agree) or a 5 (strongly agree) on a 5-point scale.





Parent Opinion Survey ⓘ



School Name
Mount Blowhard Primary Sch..

Percentage Endorsement in 2022(%) ⓘ

For Parent community engagement - Teacher communication

Year
2022

97%

Your school

77%

Similar schools

71%

Network

71%

State

Module
Parent community engeme..

Factor name
Teacher communication

Percentage Endorsement in 2022 (%) ⓘ

For Parent community engagement



Parent Opinion Survey ⓘ



School Name
Mount Blowhard Primary Sch..

Percentage Endorsement in 2022(%) ⓘ

For Student cognitive engagement - Effective teaching

Year
2022

94%

Your school

81%

Similar schools

77%

Network

76%

State

Module
Student cognitive engagement

Factor name
Effective teaching

Percentage Endorsement in 2022 (%) ⓘ

For Student cognitive engagement



Parent Opinion Survey ⓘ



School Name
Mount Blowhard Primary Sch..

Percentage Endorsement in 2022(%) ⓘ

For Safety - Managing bullying

Year
2022

86%

Your school

82%

Similar schools

71%

Network

78%

State

Module
Safety

Factor name
Managing bullying

Percentage Endorsement in 2022 (%) ⓘ

For Safety

School Council

School council oversee facilities, finances and the strategic direction of the school. The role of council is integral to the ongoing success of our school.

The Annual General Meeting took place recently, followed by the standard council meeting. We warmly welcome our 2023 school council members and sincerely thank them for volunteering their time and effort.

The 2023 school council members include: Robert Walsh (DET), Laura Box (DET), Liz Charles (President), Vicky Fry (Vice President), Lorelle Griffin (Secretary), Catherine Chibnall, Kerri Gallagher, Holly Clark, Jason Loader, Emma Morvell, Damien McErlain, Ashlee Johnston and Rebecca Jones.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank outgoing members Jacinta McPherson and Dallas Doolan for their contributions to the school over the years.

Cross country

Once again, we were fortunate enough to have the Learmonth oval bathed in sunshine for the annual Years 3-6 cross country event. There were many personal best efforts, and everyone made it from start to finish as best they could. As always, there was plenty of encouragement, support and everyone rising to the challenge. It was great to have many family members in attendance to support everyone. Thank you Mrs McErlain for organising another great event and all the best to those students progressing to the next level.



Begonia Festival

It was a beautiful morning at the Begonia Festival and a fantastic opportunity for our students to be part of the parade. Gum Loong looked amazing, and all the children did a superb job parading him. First prize for the school entry once again. Well done MBPS, Canadian Lead PS and Sebastopol PS.



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

Theo Charles, Eric Smith and Thomas Loader: For giving their all and supporting each other in their cross-country race.

Robert Walsh - Acting Principal

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Prep

It has been a very busy fortnight in the Prep classroom! In Reading, we have been reading all about the weather. We have learnt about each of the seasons, thunderstorms and read some fiction stories about the weather too. We learnt the vocabulary words: characteristics, distinct, progresses, halt, last, sever, damage, predict.

In Writing, we have been creating sentences that include a 'who' 'what doing' and a 'where' detail. We have also been writing lots of words with the sounds that we know.

In Spelling, we learnt the sounds 'g, h, d, e' and the tricky words 'as' 'has' 'to' and 'do'.

In Maths, we have been focussing on sorting objects based on their characteristics and creating patterns.

In Science, we have extended our learning about the weather. We learnt about different types of clouds and types of wind.

Students of The Week:

Annabelle for working super hard on her reading and writing.

Mrs Barendsen

News from our 1/2 Classroom

What a wonderful first term we have had in 2023! Students have been making new friends, learning lots and having heaps of fun.

We have been putting a lot of work into our Fluency this past fortnight, ensuring to blend our sounds together, read with expression and to stop at the appropriate punctuation. Students are giving each other very effective feedback which has shown to work very well!

In Maths, we have been learning all about measurement. Students have enjoyed using match sticks and square blocks to measure the length, width, height and area of various items in our classroom- including each other!

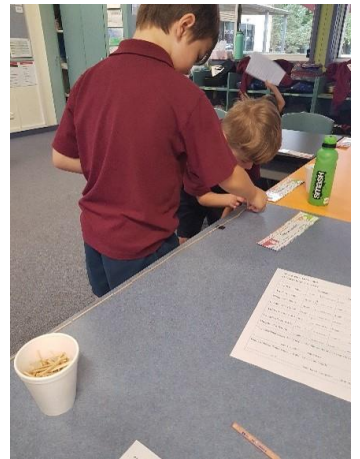
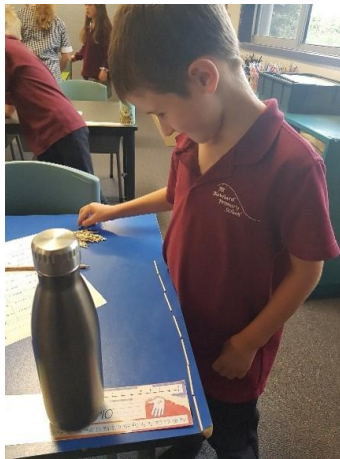
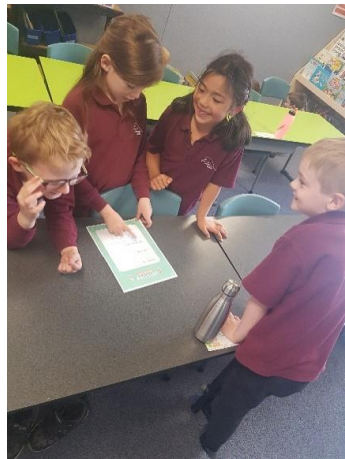
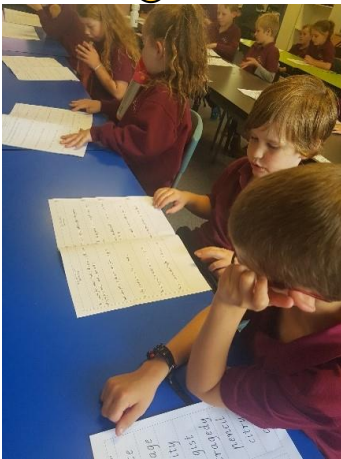
A huge thank you to Alice B and her older sister Michala for bringing in a very adorable litter of dachshund puppies. They were very happy to receive some gentle cuddles and pats from our class and it put a lot of smiles on our faces. They are welcome anytime!

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable Easter and can't wait to see you all in Term 2.

Student of The Week:

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

Miss Allen 😊



Miss Allen 😊

Student of The Week:

Emily for her continuous quick transitions between classroom activities.

Year 3/4 Newsletter Report

It has been a productive fortnight in the Year 3/4 classroom! The Year 3s completed their NAPLAN assessments. We look forward to the results as they help us to better target our teaching focuses across the whole school.

In Maths, the students learned two different strategies to solve multiplication problems. Practising times tables also continued. Maths Mates is an 8-week program, so that wrapped that up for the term. However, there will be more revision and problem solving in Maths Mates next term.

In Reading, we completed our extended unit of work on ancient Roman civilisation. We added an extra final activity where we learned how to write numbers in roman numerals. Following NAPLAN, I ran a few light-hearted, but still valuable, writing lessons based on amusing activities from Andy Griffith novels.

In Fluency, students read a fiction and then a non-fiction text over each week. Students applied different strategies, including emphasising certain words within a sentence to add expression.

Students of the week:

Toby for sharing his amusing writing with the class.

Mr Nettelbeck

Year 5/6

It's been a busy, but wonderful week in the senior class this last fortnight. It has been great to have a whole class again. After the Somers Campers returned, we have focused on rebuilding some of our structures and expectations for all Year 5/6 students.

All Year 5 students took part in NAPLAN. It was a bit of a staggered start this year, with most Year 5 students on camp, but most students began with Writing, then Reading, Conventions of Language and finally Numeracy. I want to say a huge congratulations to all the students for their amazing efforts over the last week and a half and I'm proud of your hard work and concentration.

Thanks to Mrs McErlain for organising this years school cross country! All the Year 5 and 6 students loved their afternoon at Learmonth, running and walking around the footy oval and lake. Well done to everyone for trying their best and good luck to those going on to the Divisional Cross Country next week.

Student of the week:

Eric for working hard and showing wonderful restraint and the ability to concentrate while we had visitors in our room.

Mrs Box 😊

Art News



Students have been learning about the Art Element- Shape. They have been focusing on Geometric and Organic shapes and how to use them in their artwork. The Year 1/2 class created artwork that involved them using the art elements- shape, lines and patterns. They followed numerous steps to create their artwork and should be proud of the final product. The senior students have been creating artwork based around the Togolese painter, Joseph Amedokpo. This involved them using intricate lines and shapes to create patterns and then finishing it off using watercolour paints.

Last week all students completed Art activities based around Harmony Day. This involves students celebrating all the different cultures that are part of Australia. The next 2 weeks students will be completing activities based around Easter, which I'm sure the students will be excited about.

Hope everyone has a fabulous holiday and see you in Term 2.

Mrs Ackland



CHINESE

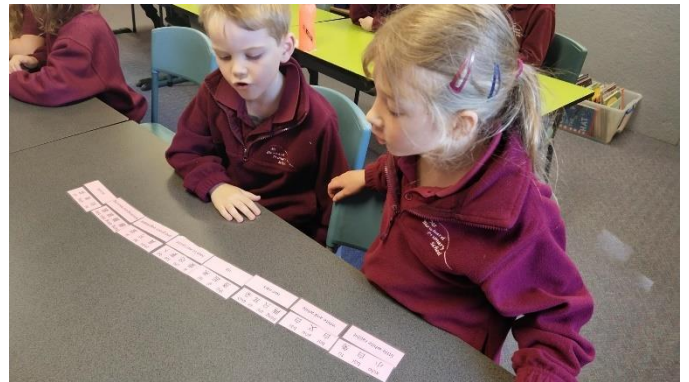
In Chinese, the Foundation students have been exploring the structure of Chinese words by making Ms. Tian's name '田tián'. They also enjoyed singing the Chinese number song.

Year 1/2 students have learned a Chinese song '小xiǎo 白bái 兔tù - little white rabbit'. They worked extremely hard to memorise the Chinese words and phrases both orally and handwritten. Students were provided with a picture to match the song lyrics. We talked about the characters in the picture and students had to sing the song lyrics to match the picture. They really enjoyed writing Chinese phrases whilst making their own illustrations.

Year 3/4 students have put in a great deal of effort when learning Chinese grammar and sentence structure; they learned to say 'How are you today? I'm very good, thank you!' through the Chinese greeting song. Students have a very good foundation for writing Chinese characters. They like to share their handwriting with their classmates and memorise Chinese characters by playing the matching card game.

Year 5/6 students have developed greater efficiency in recognising Chinese Pinyin and making correct Chinese pronunciation. They showed a strong interest in learning the Chinese song 'Good morning, good evening'.





PE

We have had a lot of fun doing our basketball lay up challenge in Year 3-6 and continue to improve each week. Year 1-2 team's challenge has continued to be competitive and fun.

Now to try and fit some more athletics training in.



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!

Mt BLOWHARD COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP - Continued

If you would like more information on playgroup, please contact Anita on 0466 698 703. The upcoming dates for playgroup are:



Term 2

- Friday 28th April – 9.00am
- Friday 19th May – 9.00am
- Friday 26th June – 9.00am

Mt BLOWHARD COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

MOUNT BLOWHARD PS MOVIE NIGHT: WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL 2023



On Wednesday 5th April, we have our Movie Night.

BOOK YOUR CAR IN NOW!!!

There is also the family roster in the office. Can you please let us know if you will not be attending.

Always a great family night. See you all there!

2023 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

APRIL

Wednesday 5th, Movie Night
Thursday 6th Last day of term-2:30 pm finish
Monday 24th First school day of Term 2
Tuesday 25th ANZAC Day – Public holiday
Wednesday 26th Athletics day – Llanberris
Friday 28th April Playgroup 9.00am

MAY

Friday 5th Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 24th Parent Session – Understanding and overcoming anxiety in kids: Having a healthy mind.
Friday 26th, Curriculum Day (pupil free)

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.



MUSICAL BINGO

Hosted by MBPS parent, Max Hamond.
Come along and have some fun!
Be sure to bring some change as bingo is
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We are having a MOVIE NIGHT

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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).

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THERE WILL ALSO BE LOLLIES, POPCORN, ICE CREAMS
AND DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE BEFORE THE
MOVIE AND DURING THE INTERMISSION.

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



Time for Tea

*The Children of Mount Blowhard
Primary School would like to invite
their Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties
or Special Person in their life to
celebrate Mother's Day with an
Afternoon Tea to be held on Friday, the
5th of May at 3:30pm in the meeting
room.*

All welcome.

MOVIE NIGHT AND SPONSORS

MBPS Movie Night: Wednesday 5th April

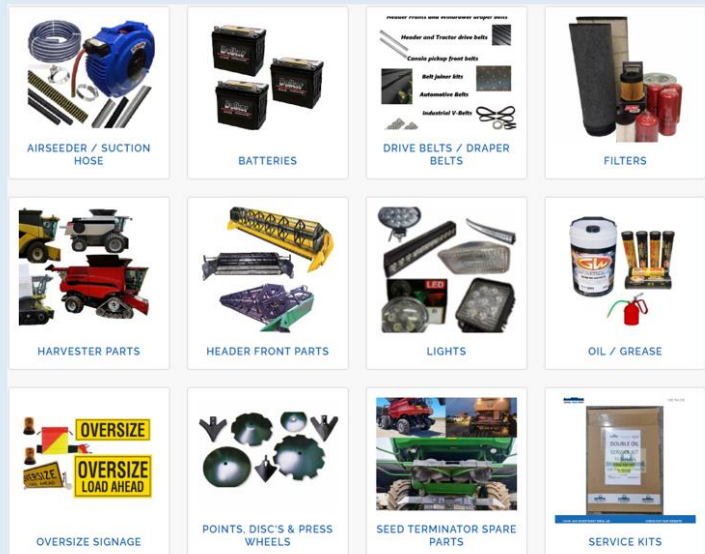
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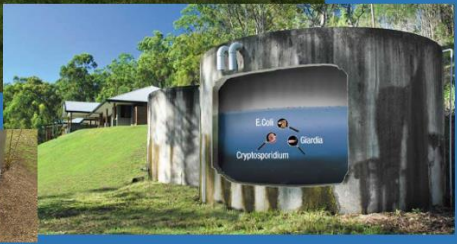


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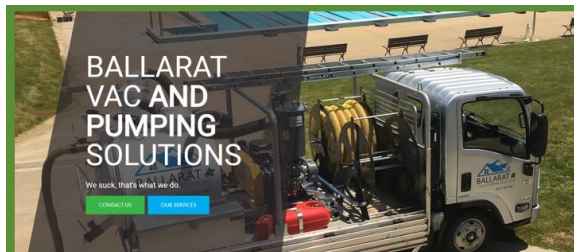
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