

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 to Term 2! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter and managed to indulge in a little chocolate! Hopefully you had the opportunity for an extended holiday and were able to relax and recharge.

This term, we welcome Ahren (Year 3) and his family to our community. Ahren was just telling me that he is loving his new school! This week, we also welcome siblings Xenon (Prep), Max (Year 5) and Lennox (Year 6) and their family to our community. Welcome everyone!

Cluster Athletics

Mrs McErlain selected the date, and the weather delivered! A glorious day for our athletics carnival with Waubra PS and Trawalla PS. All the children gave their best and supported each other ensuring an inclusive and fun atmosphere for all. We also managed a few age group champions! Mrs McErlain and Mr Nettelbeck ensured the day was well organised, the staff from all schools kept the events ticking along and the parents and visitors were great support.

Creswick-Smeaton ANZAC Day Service

A glorious morning at the Creswick-Smeaton Anzac Day Service acknowledging those who sacrificed so much. Our school leaders: Thomas, Abbey, Julius and Molly read a poem and laid a wreath during the service. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and themselves. They even received praise from strangers at the service!

Late last year we received our final

Healthy Minds-parent presentation

You are invited to an unmissable parent event: Understanding and Overcoming Anxiety in Kids: Having a Healthy Mind. For parents of children of all ages.

This interactive 75-minute presentation aims to demystify the most common psychological problem: anxiety. Including powerful self-reflection exercises, participants will learn:

A clear understanding of what anxiety is, where it comes from, and what to do about it

- The distinction between 'normal' and 'clinical' anxious states
- 5 things everybody needs to know about anxiety
- The 'Great Mistake' (the most common obstacle that impedes a robust psychology)
- How 2 core ingredients can overcome anxiety in any individual
- The fundamental link between overcoming anxiety and building confidence
- A comprehensive checklist for what parents can do
- Tips for creating a home environment to reduce the incidence of anxiety.

Date: Wednesday 24th May

Time: 6:00 pm-7:15 pm

Room: Mount Blowhard Primary School

RSVP: mount.blowhard.ps@education.vic.gov.au

MBPS beanies

The air will soon be very crisp out this way! It may also blow a gale from time to time! As I found out very early on, a warm coat and a beanie are essential items during the cooler months. I highly recommend the MBPS beanies that are available for \$15 from the school office!

Hot lunches

Hot lunches commence on Monday 15th May and will take place each Monday of Terms 2 and 3. Please ensure:

- *Children are to place their hot lunch on the tray in their classroom in the morning.
- *Lunches will be placed in the pie warmer to be reheated. Please don't send any frozen items.
- *Lunches are to be wrapped in foil, or placed in an aluminium container, and clearly labelled with a permanent marker.
- *We ask that you don't provide any food that requires boiling water to be added or has to be cooked as such.

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

Abbey Morvell: For the progress she has demonstrated in public speaking.

Robert Walsh - Acting Principal

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Prep

Welcome back to Term 2! It has been great to have all the students back at school this week. Well done to everyone for their efforts at athletics day. It was wonderful to see so many of you excel in events, but I mostly enjoyed seeing the great team spirit we have here at MBPS!

This week the Preps have been practising all the letter/sounds they have learnt so far and making sure they have learnt those to mastery. We have been writing lots of sentences this week, working hard on using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop. We have been also doing lots of practise of our tricky words.

In Maths, we have been reviewing all our previously learnt content including addition problems. We were lucky enough to have two buddy sessions this week as we are working on something super special!!

Student of The Week:

Isaiah for all his effort at athletics day and giving it his best go!

Mrs Barendsen



Term 2 Reading Goal
32 nights
by Monday Week 9

News from our 1/2 Classroom

Welcome to Term 2! It is great to see everyone bursting into our classroom with a positive attitude to learning. Week 1 was very topsy turvy but it didn't stop us from having lots of fun and learning heaps. Students have enjoyed reviewing their skip counting by 2s, 5s, 10s and we even counted by 4s! On Monday we had a class challenge to skip count as high as we could. Students know that they can take their learning into their own hands, using the technique that works best for *them*! For example:

"I can use my ruler like it's a big number line!" -Leo

"Counters made me able to skip count by 6s"-Lachlan

"I will draw dots and count them up each time" -Harry

"We have counters to make groups, I can even count up the total counting up by 2s [when skip counting by 6s]" -Bella

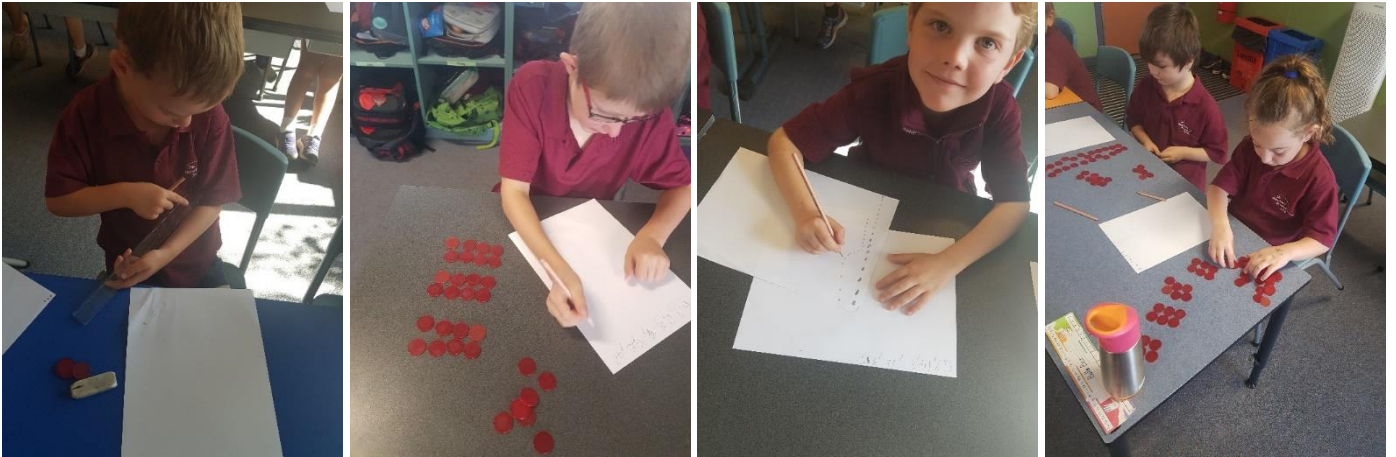
We are about to start our 3-week program on Purpose of Materials in both Literacy and Science. As the weeks continue, I encourage you to discuss different properties materials at home (for example plastic can be described smooth and metal can be described as shiny).

Looking forward to another wonderful term ahead of us!

Student of The Week:

Andy Clark for starting the term off with a positive attitude towards learning.

Miss Allen 😊



Year 3/4 Newsletter Report

It has been a busy first week in the Year 3/4 classroom! ANZAC Day & Athletics Day didn't stop us making a great start on learning though, with students straight back into our usual routines.

In Maths, the class has been learning strategies to check three times tables and have been building their fluency.

In Reading, we have started reading a wonderful book called 'My Place'. It teaches the reader about the history of Australia, about families, settlers, multiculturalism, and the traditional owners of the land.

In Writing, we have been learning to use quotation marks. The punctuation rules for quotation marks are more than just putting quotes around what was said. Students have been practising using all the quotation mark rules in their writing.

Students of the week:

Brayden for taking a new MBPS student under his wing and showing him the ropes.

Mr Nettelbeck

Year 5/6

Welcome back families to Term 2! I hope everyone had a great break. We started off with a bit of a mixed-up week with the ANZAC Day public holiday and Sports day.

It was great to see the turn out of the Year 5/6 students at sports day. Their behaviour and effort was to be commended.

In Reading, we have begun reading our new class novel Storm Boy. The students are excited to be exploring an Australian text. They are also looking forward to watching the movie at the end of the book 😊.

In Maths, we finalised our unit on measurement and will look into it more late in the term. Have a go at asking your children to measure the perimeter and area of irregular shapes at home.

Students have enjoyed meeting with their prep buddies, in preparation for Mother's Day. Mums you are in for a treat this year!! We absolutely loved the basketball clinic at Selkirk Stadium yesterday. Students were able to experience playing a sport as those who may require a wheelchair for a range of reasons. I look forward to seeing what the term has to bring!

Student of the week:

Lilly for getting back into the class routines and working hard in all areas.

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 2

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

2023 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

MAY

Friday 5th Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Friday 12th Assembly

Monday 15th Hot Lunches commence.

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

Thursday 25th Assembly

Friday 26th, Curriculum Day (pupil free)

JUNE

Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th Year 5/6 Urban Camp

Friday 9th Assembly

Monday 12th, King's Birthday public holiday

Thursday 22nd School reports emailed home.

Friday 23rd Assembly

Friday 23rd Last day of term. Early finish-2:30 pm.

JULY

Monday 10th Term 3 commences.



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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
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5th of May at 3:30pm in the meeting
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