

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

It is hard to believe it's nearly the end of term! It has been action packed. The children have worked hard and been caring and supportive. This has ensured a positive tone and learning environment. From all the staff, enjoy Easter and we look forward to working with you all again next term.

AGM

At our recent School Council AGM, we welcomed Anna Kelly, Cathal Finnegan, and Meg Humm to the team. They will provide a wealth of experience and diversity. We are fortunate to have the dedication and passion of Liz Charles (President), Catherine Chibnall (Vice President) and Anna Kelly (Secretary) elected to these positions. The Parents and Friends AGM also took place recently, with Meg Humm being elected President, Holly Clarke-Secretary and Michelle Kramer-Treasurer. We are fortunate to have them volunteering their time and expertise to enhance the school environment for all. I would like to thank previous President, Catherine Chibnall, and Secretary, Anita Kane, for all their amazing efforts, commitment, and pride in the school they demonstrated over the years. We are fortunate that they will continue to support Parents and Friends as committee members.

NAPLAN

Over the past fortnight, Years 3 and 5 children participated in NAPLAN. The children who approached it in such a positive manner and did the best they could. Well-done! Miss McPherson and Mrs Box did a magnificent job preparing and supporting the children, ensuring a positive and low-key environment. Thank you, Mrs Box, for all your work co-ordinating NAPLAN over the past fortnight!

Cross Country

Last week, the annual MBPS cross country took place in perfect conditions. In true MBPS spirit, all children ensured they made it to the finish line and encouraged each other. Thank you to all the parents and friends who came along to support the event, and Mrs Box for co-ordinating the afternoon.



Working Bees-Change of Date

Due to the school being allocated a Bunnings Barbecue slot on Sunday 21st April, there will be a change of date for the working bee previously scheduled for the same day.

- Term 2 working bee to be confirmed.
- Sunday 21st July, term 3 working bee, 10:00 am-11:30 am.
- Sunday 13th October, term 4 working bee, 10:00 am-11:30 am.

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

Jack C: For using his manners and being appreciative.

Paddy W: For demonstrating persistence and the MBPS spirit at cross country.

Robert Walsh - Acting Principal



NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Prep Newsletter Report

Happy last week of Term 1! It has been a lovely, but jam-packed term full of learning in the Prep classroom. I am so proud of how all the Preps have settled into school and how far they have come in such a short time. In Reading, we have been learning about the 5 senses. We learnt about sound waves and smell receptors. In Writing, we have been improving sentences to include 'when' and 'where' details. In Maths, we learnt about sorting and patterns. Science has been heaps of fun this term. We started learning about the invisible forces, gravity and magnetism. Check out the photos of us testing if different objects were magnetic or not. I hope you all have a lovely Easter break! See you in Term 2 😊

Mrs Barendsen

Students of the fortnight:

Pat G for your wonderful finger spelling of words

Colby for always completing your morning jobs perfectly



News from our 1/2 Classroom

Hi everyone! The 1/2 classroom has been on a historical adventure these past two weeks! We've travelled back in time to explore Early Asian Civilizations and are now working on writing an information report on Hinduism. In Math, we have been working on telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks and are now conquering addition and subtraction with "turnaround facts." Science got delicious with our cookie experiment! We compared weight, texture, colour, and even the shape of different cookies – all to learn about the properties of matter! All the best with the Easter break, see you all in Term 2! Miss Allen 😊

Students of the fortnight:

Edan for working really hard with telling the time

Matilda for sharing extensive knowledge and stories about Hinduism



Year 3 Newsletter Report

The Year threes have had a brilliant fortnight at school. I am so proud of all their efforts with Naplan. Congratulations! In Reading, we have completed our unit on States and Territories and commenced a unit on classifying animals. We have learnt lots of interesting facts about the animal kingdom. In our writing, we have been learning how to write an information report. Last week, we wrote an information report about warm-blooded animals. This week, you could quiz your child about the ways that animals can be classified. In Maths, we have been learning about number bonds and using them to solve addition and subtraction problems. I am also very proud of the Year 3s attitude towards their homework and getting it completed on time. A big thank you to families for supporting this at home. I hope that you all have a safe and happy Easter holiday break. Rest, relax and reset for Term 2!

Miss McPherson 😊

Students of the fortnight:

Paddy for being resilient and continuing to do all his work at school with a broken arm

Liam using his mini-whiteboard correctly and presenting his work well.



Year 4 Newsletter Report

It has been a wonderful fortnight of learning in the Year 4 classroom. We have continued reading our whole class novel, 'Nim's Island'. It is about a resourceful girl who lives on a tropical island surrounded by sea lions, turtles, and a marine iguana. The author, Wendy Orr, uses rich descriptive language, including metaphors and similes for the students to unpack and understand. In Writing, the class has drawn on the ideas within 'Nim's Island' to write a persuasive text about 'How to Survive on a Deserted Island'. Students planned and drafted their writing, with an emphasis on editing. In Maths, the class has been learning to use the subtraction algorithm while practising their skills doing worded problems. We have also been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000 which will underpin learning to estimate in the last week of school.

Students of the fortnight:

Penny for her quick and accurate answers during Maths Daily Review

Olivia for her engaging conclusion in her persuasive writing.

Mr Nettelbeck

Year 5/6 Newsletter Report

Hello all! It's been another busy week in the year 5/6 classroom. In Literacy, we finished reading our novel Tom's Midnight Garden and begun reading our Non fiction core knowledge unit about Ancient Greece and Rome! We have read about the different city-states and types of governments in Ancient Greece. We looked into the Ancient Olympics and the Persian Wars. In Maths, we've learnt about fractions, decimals and time. The year 5s did an amazing job completing their NAPLAN tests. Well done year 5 and 3s. In other news the 3-6 students had a few runs down Cricks road in preparation for Cross Country. School cross country then took place last Thursday in Learmonth. A huge well done to all the students who came and ran on the day! We look forward to the end of term with lunch orders, easter egg hunt and casual clothes day. I hope everyone has a lovely break.

Students of the fortnight:

Matthew for applying himself and sharing his ideas with the class. Well done!

Max for his growing confidence with sharing his work with he class and when public speaking. Great job Max
PB Superstar- Cleo for always choosing to be safe and trying to promote safety amongst her peers. Keep it up Cleo!

Mrs Box

Positive Behaviour Super Star

In assembly last week, teachers chose a student from their class to receive the Mt Blowhard Positive Behaviour Superstar Award. This award goes to a student who consistently demonstrates outstanding positive behaviour at school and is a role model for their peers. This student will receive the MBPS PB Superstar certificate and a small reward to share with a friend.



Students to receive awards for demonstrating SAFETY were -

Prep – Clara

Years 1/2 – Luke

Year 3 – Matilda

Year 4 – August

Years 5/6 – Cleo

ART

We have been having a great time in the Art shed in Term 1. The junior grades have continued to explore various elements of art using oil pastels, chalk pastels, fine liners and various other materials. They have explored background and foreground, linework, and the filling of space. The Grade 3/4 students and Grade 5/6 students have been working on an art project inspired by the work of Dora Ficher. Dora Ficher uses bold lines and plays with primary and secondary colours in her work, creating texture through shading and layers. The senior students have taken inspiration from Dora Ficher's pen and ink work, creating a grid of imperfect lines which is then used to create a landscape of houses, gardens and sky. The students were required to colour each square of the grid individually and took their time to create their own unique designs. We are looking forward to more wonderful creations in Term 2!



CHINESE

In Chinese, our students have explored various aspects of Chinese culture, including Chinese Zodiac Signs, Chinese Paper Cutting and the history of the Gum Loong. Foundation students enjoyed listening to the Chinese New Year stories. They have created the Chinese character 'Loong/dragon' out of playdough, and they also made a dragon puppet to take home this week. Grade 1/2 students put a great deal of effort into learning to write the Chinese character 'Loong'. They also enjoyed naming the 12 Zodiac signs and putting them into the correct order. Senior students have created a variety of dragon collages and paper-cutting dragons. As part of our Chinese New Year studies, senior students have explored the history of the Begonia Festival and how it became to multicultural event. They understand that the Gum Loong is borne of the combined efforts of the Mt Blowhard, Canadian Lead and Sebastopol Primary Schools and is therefore owned jointly by the past and present students and staff. It was great to see some students coming along and participating in our Gum Loong Parade.



PE

Gear Up for Athletics Competition in Term 2! Dear Parents and Guardians, as we finish off Term 1 at Mt. Blowhard Primary School, we are thrilled to announce that our focus on athletics continues in term 2 culminating in the highly anticipated school's athletics competition. Term 1 laid the groundwork, and now, our students are ready to showcase their skills and sportsmanship on the track and field. The athletics competition, scheduled for Tuesday 30th April, is a highlight of our school calendar. It's a day where our students get to demonstrate their speed, agility, and strength, while also embodying the values of teamwork, perseverance, and fair play. In preparation for the competition, we have worked closely with students to refine their techniques and improve their performance. We encourage parents to support their children by helping them practice at home and ensuring they have the necessary athletic attire and footwear. Additionally, we welcome any parents who would like to volunteer during the competition to assist with organizing and cheering on our young athletes. The athletics competition is not just about winning; it's about personal growth, resilience, and sportsmanship. It's a day where every participant is a winner, regardless of the outcome. We are proud of each student who will take part and look forward to celebrating their achievements. We invite you to join us to cheer on our athletes and witness the incredible talent and determination of our students. Together, let's make this year's athletics competition a memorable and rewarding experience for everyone involved. Warm regards, Cam, Physical Education teacher, Mt. Blowhard Primary School

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.



Parents and Friends

Bunnings BBQ

Amelia Gilbert and Meg Humm will be coordinating a Bunnings BBQ. This is on Sunday 21st April – first week back in term 2. We still need families to help, if you are able to spare an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated.

Musical Bingo

MBPS parent Max Hammond is hosting another fun filled night of musical bingo this Thursday the 28th of March from 6:30pm. Please see flyer included in the newsletter for more information.

2024 DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

Wednesday 27th March, Movie Night

Thursday 28th March, last day of term-2:30 pm finish

APRIL

Monday 15th April, Term 2 commences

Sunday 21st April, Bunnings Fundraising BBQ

Thursday 25th April, ANZAC Day public holiday

Tuesday 30th April, F-6 Athletics Day at Llanberris Reserve (Ballarat)

MAY

Friday 24th May, Curriculum Day (pupil free)

SEPTEMBER

Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th September, Years 2/3/4 Lady Northcote Camp

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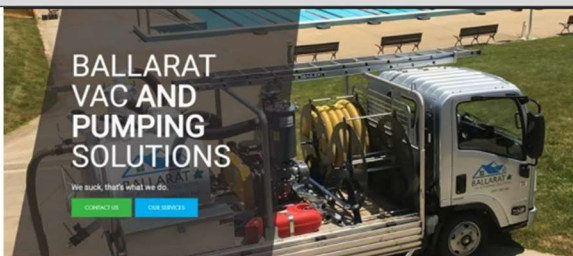


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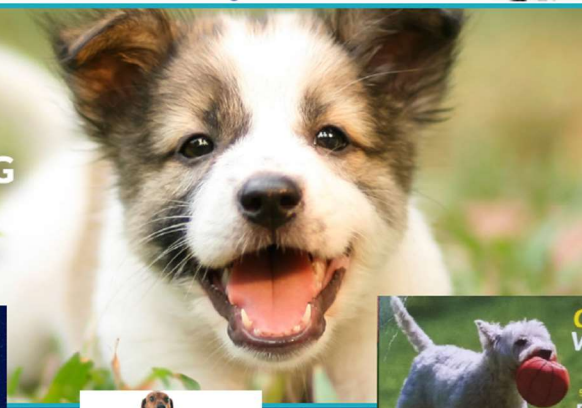
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WHEN: WEDNESDAY THE 27TH OF MARCH 2024
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