

Mount Blowhard Primary School RYDER CHESHIRE POLICY

Purpose

Schools are an essential part of the wider community and strong links exist between schools and various community organisations which are of mutual benefit. MBPS has a long-standing relationship with the Ryder Cheshire Foundation and a long-standing commitment to a sponsor child through Ryder Cheshire Ballarat.

Aims:

- To outline the history of the relationship between Mount Blowhard PS and Ryder Cheshire Ballarat.
- To outline the activities that occur to support that relationship and to ensure it exists into the future.

General Information:

- Leonard Cheshire and Sue Ryder both played important roles in World War II, with their heroic actions an indication of their extraordinary characters.
- They met and married, and formed the Ryder Cheshire Foundation. This foundation has at its' purpose 'The Relief of Suffering Without Discrimination'.
- Leonard Cheshire visited Ballarat in 1964 and spoke at the Civic Hall, in an effort to raise funds to establish a school in India. Ryder Cheshire Ballarat was established at that time.
- Previous staff at MBPS had a connection to Ryder Cheshire, and MBPS started sponsoring a child at the Raphael School approximately 20 years ago.
- The schools initial sponsor child Sevita has graduated from university. Our current sponsor child Sushma has a learning disability and resides at the Raphael School where she learns daily living skills as well as basic literacy and numeracy skills.
- MBPS hosted Brigadheer Sinha and his wife, along with members of Ryder Cheshire Ballarat at a special assembly and afternoon tea in 2018, to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the school in India.
- Students prepared a beautiful book that was taken to the Raphael School in India by members of Ryder Cheshire Ballarat in October 2018.

Implementation:

- The annual Walk-a-thon is generally held on the Friday of Week 1, Term 2.
- Students seek sponsorship from friends and family. Funds raised are sent to Ryder Cheshire Ballarat, to be sent to the Raphael School in India, to support our sponsor child.
- As a guide, each student is encouraged to source \$5 in sponsorship.
- Members of Ryder Cheshire Ballarat are invited to the Walk-a-thon.
- Teachers at Mount Blowhard Primary School are encouraged to pursue the schools relationship with Ryder Cheshire, through extra research about the foundation, visits from Ryder Cheshire members (particularly after they have visited India) and should show students photos and information about the foundation prior to the walk-a-thon.
- Year 6 students can present additional information at assembly during Term 1, when sponsorship forms and information is sent home.
- For Walk-a-thon organisation see the file on the staff drive.

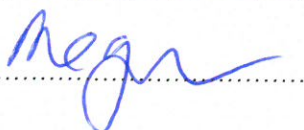
Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed every two years as part of the school's two year review cycle.

Certification:

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 Principal



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 School Council President

