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7/3/16 | TERM 1 | WEEK 7



KS learning about the letter "r" and it's sound

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In recent weeks I have had the privilege of seeing how wonderful some of our Bletchington students are as responsible and respectful citizens.

To see first-hand the sportsmanship in playground games or our school leaders empowered through a 'Kids Give' project or Year 3 students assisting a classmate in a walking frame offering to open doors and hang a bag up, makes me so proud to be principal.

When I see our students consistently demonstrating our 3 school-wide expectations - responsible, respectful and safe learners, it reminds me of the National Framework for Values Education in Australian Schools.

There are 9 core values: care and compassion; doing your best; fair go; freedom; honesty and trustworthiness; integrity; respect, responsibility; and understanding, tolerance and inclusion.

Bletchington Public School has a proud history of teaching these values and helping mould fine young Australians.

One clear example of how we are developing leadership capacity in our student leaders around philanthropy is by their involvement in an online Kids Give project to raise monies for children who are victims of abuse. They have produced a Youtube video using puppets to highlight their cause with a catchy slogan – "Stop the fight, it will be alright; if we all work together, we'll make it better" Our data indicates that 95% of our Bletchington students regularly do the right thing at school and embody these values expected in our schools.

I am inspired by our students when they care about others and when they demonstrate the values mentioned above.

I am very proud that we are 'working together' to help produce outstanding Bletchington students who are able to model citizenship. Well done kids!

Mr Craig Booth
Principal

TERM 1

WEEK 7 BRING YOUR 40 CENTS!

Thursday 10th March Little Cakes 11:35-12:00pm

WEEK 8 PUT YOUR JOGGERS ON

Friday 18th March Athletics Carnival

WEEK 9 P&C MEETING TIME...

Monday 21st March Hockey Gala Day

Tuesday 22nd March P&C Meeting in Library

Wednesday 23rd March 800m Finals 2:25-3:25pm

Easter Fun Day – Stage 1

Thursday 24th March Infants Sports Day

AFL – Paul Kelly Cup

Friday 25th March **GOOD FRIDAY**

WEEK 10 BLETCHINGTON BASH – YAY!

Monday 28th March **EASTER MONDAY**

Wednesday 30th March Back up date – Athletics Carnival

Friday 1st April **BLETCHINGTON BASH**
Girls Softball Divisional Day

WEEK 11 HOLIDAYS ☺

Friday 8th April Back up date – Infants Sports Day

Last Day Term 1

TERM 2 WEEK 1 ANZAC DAY

Monday 25th April **ANZAC DAY**

Tuesday 26th April Staff Development Day

P&C Meeting in Library

Wednesday 27th April K – 6 Back at school

REMINDER – YEAR 6 PARENTS

Canobolas Rural Technological High School and Orange High School are currently inviting application for students in Year 7 2017 to apply for placement in gifted and talented programs.

If you are interested in applying for placement, please let your class teacher know so they can provide you with information regarding the application process.

Year 6 Teachers

HOCKEY GALA DAY

Students from Years 3-6 who are interested in playing Hockey this year are invited to a GALA Day on Monday 21st March 2016 at the Orange Hockey Centre. There will be skills sessions as well as mini games. Beginners most welcome! Transport will be by private vehicle.

Students need to wear sports uniform and bring a mouthguard, shin guards and a stick as well as morning tea, lunch and 2 water bottles. There are sticks available for loan if needed.

Please put your name down on the list in the Primary COLA or see Mrs Dunlop or Mrs Morris.

More details will be provided.

Thank you
Mrs Robin Dunlop and Mrs Danielle Morris
Hockey Managers

**FLEXISCHOOLS online orders close on
9am on Friday mornings
due to new bell timetable.**

IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AROUND & ABOUT

LITTLE CAKES	This week KD & KSM	Next week 5B
MUSIC INSTRUMENTS	Please return...	All instruments ASAP
P&C MEETING	Tuesday 22 nd Mar	7pm in Library
REMEMBER	NO HAT...NO PLAY!	No hats from Office!
SOAP IN TOILETS	Friendly reminder	PLEASE DON'T WASTE!
SUNSCREEN	Apply Sports Day	& PE Day - thanks!

CLOTHING POOL – OPENING HOURS

Monday	9 - 9.30am	
Tuesday	9 – 9.30am	
Wednesday	9 – 9.30am	3 – 3.30
Thursday	9 – 9.30am	
Friday	9 – 9.20am	(9.20am for Term 1)
REMEMBER	CASH ONLY *	CASH ONLY *

Donations of good quality second hand clothing are gratefully accepted! ☺

MEET THE STAFF

Name : Kate Currall

Role at school : Kindergarten Teacher

What I like about working at Bletchington : The amazing staff and seeing all the students. As I taught RFF for a few years, I have had the chance to meet and teach a lot of the students.

Interests : Spending time with my family (husband and 2 kids), netball, mixed touch and fishing.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ORANGE BLOOD DONOR CENTRE OPEN HOUSE

Orange Blood Donor Centre is opening its doors!

Join us for a night with your neighbours to celebrate our donors, supporters and a successful 2015. Find out how you can help save lives in 2016.

Date: Tuesday 15 March, 2016
Time: 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Address: Orange Blood Donor Centre, 84 Kite Street, Orange 2800
RSVP: Friday 4 March 2016
Contact: Community Relations Officer, Ronny Maroun
(02) 9234 2484 or Email: rmaroun@redcrossblood.org.au

Street parking is available.
Complimentary refreshments will be served.

Please feel free to bring any guests who are also interested in learning more about blood donation. Thanks for your ongoing support of the Australian Red Cross Blood Service.

The Bletchington Bash is to be held again in Term 1 2016 and the P&C is looking for volunteers to assist with organising this event.

The Bletchington Bash is held at the school every second year and is a night of activities run by each of the classes, as well as other organised activities (jumping castles, riding for the disabled ponies) and stalls (cake stall, BBQ). It is a great night for the school community to get together, have fun and raise money for the school.

The last two “bashes” have raised over \$20 000 for the school.

The P&C is again seeking more volunteers to help organise this event.

Below is a list of tasks that need to be completed prior to the event and on the night.

You don't need to come to P&C meetings to be involved - we can keep in contact with you via phone or email.

There is also plenty of information available from the P&C as to how this event has been organised in the past (ie: list of past class activities, contact phone numbers for outside services etc).

If you are able to help in any way please indicate which tasks you would like to be involved with. You can then return this form to the office or email the P&C on - bletchingtonpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Email: _____

I can assist with:

- ☐ Coordinating class activities with infants teachers
- ☐ Coordinating class activities with primary teachers
- ☐ Organising raffle – prize donations and distribution of tickets
- ☐ Organising outside services (jumping castle, riding for the disabled, photo booth, fire/police)
- ☐ Organising ticket sales before the event
- ☐ Running the B on the night
- ☐ Selling tickets on the night
- ☐ Running class activities on the night
- ☐ Organising a silent auction of class art work

If you have other ideas for activities that could be run on the night, please let us know.

Thank you for your support of this wonderful event.

P&C Committee

I am also interested in helping with :

<input type="checkbox"/> Little Cakes	<input type="checkbox"/> Clothing Pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Student Banking
<input type="checkbox"/> Crazy Calendars	<input type="checkbox"/> Walkathon	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother's Day
<input type="checkbox"/> Father's Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Raffle	<input type="checkbox"/> Election Day Stall
<input type="checkbox"/> Ribbons for Athletics	<input type="checkbox"/> Sick Bay Linen	<input type="checkbox"/> BBQ's

CLASS PE/SPORT DAYS

All students to wear FULL sports uniform including joggers on these days please.

Also wear a wide brimmed hat and bring your water bottle too.

CLASS	PE LESSON	SPORT DAY
KD	Tuesday	Fri – from Term 2
KM	Monday	Fri – from Term 2
KP	Tuesday	Fri – from Term 2
KS	Friday	Fri – from Term 2
KT	Tuesday	Fri – from Term 2
1B	Monday	Wed
1D/1RW	Thursday	Wed
1W	Friday	Wed
2C	Wednesday	Fri
2J	Thursday	Fri
2M	Thursday	Fri
2S	Wednesday	Fri
3/4T	Tuesday	Fri
3MC	Thursday	Wed
3R	Tuesday	Wed
3S	Tuesday	Wed
4C	Monday	Wed
4E	Thursday	Wed
4P	Friday	Wed
5/6A	Friday	Thur
5B	Monday	Tues
5J	Friday	Thur
6N	Wednesday	Mon
6P	Wednesday	Tues



Parents/caregivers are strongly reminded that -

- * NO child should be at school before 8:40am.
- * It is your responsibility to make other arrangements for your children, if your work commitments require otherwise.
- * This is the compromised time as our official school bell does not go until 8:55am. (Classes do not begin until 9:25am.)
- * Teacher supervision BEFORE 8:55am is MINIMAL- we are unable to ensure safety of children before then.
- * Siblings of students attending before school activities like excursions, Dance Troupe etc, should also not be dropped off before supervision is available.
- * The Staff Car Park is OUT OF BOUNDS - whether your child is with you or not.

Thank you for helping us to care for your child at all times,
BPS Staff

PARKING IN AND AROUND MATTHEWS AVENUE

1. You most definitely can NOT do an ILLEGAL U-TURN over the double lines. ANYTIME.
2. You should NOT be travelling more than 40km/hour between 8am-9:30am & 2:30pm-4pm on school days.
3. You can NOT park across any driveways in our schools neighbouring streets.
4. You can NOT park or drop off in our bus bay OR handicapped space.
5. Drop off zone : You need to pull in & drop off your little person IN THE MORNING BETWEEN THE TIMES OF 8:00AM – 9:30AM.
You should NOT park up in the drop-off zone for more than 2 minutes.
You should not hop out of your car & park whilst in that zone during those times.

***NOTE – THIS ALSO MEANS NO DOUBLE PARKING IN THIS AREA AT ALL!**

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Bletchington Athletics Carnival will be held on **Friday 18th March**.

The carnival will involve all students in the primary and Year 2 students turning 8 this year.

The carnival will commence at 9.45am following the marking of rolls.

All students are eligible to participate in the track events but only those who have qualified will be competing in the field events; discus, shot put and long jump.

The divisions for field events, 200m & 800m are: Junior (8,9,10yrs), 11yrs and Senior (12,13yrs).



Thank you to those parents who have already offered to help on the day. A note will go home with more information and asking for extra helpers for the carnival this week. Remember '*many hands make light work*' and a *quicker* carnival. So if you have a free hour or two please complete the slip and help run our carnival.

Please Note: The **800m events** will be run on **Wednesday 23rd March** commencing at **2.30 pm** on the Bletchington Oval. Primary students are asked to wear their sports uniform. Infants students **will not** participate in this event unless requested by parents.

Mrs Cherylin Mitchell

Order of Events for the Bletchington School Athletics Carnival

Start 9.45am

(No official break for recess or lunch)

<u>200m TRACK HEATS</u>		
Junior Girls 200m	11 years Girls 200m	12 years Girls 200m
Junior Boys 200m	11 years Boys 200m	12 years Boys 200m

<u>100m TRACK HEATS</u>				
8 years Girls 100m	9 years Girls 100m	10 years Girls 100m	11 years Girls 100m	12 years Girls 100m
8 years Boys 100m	9 years Boys 100m	10 years Boys 100m	11 years Boys 100m	12 years boys 100m

FIELD EVENTS FINALS

1st Rotation	2nd Rotation	3rd Rotation
11 Years Long Jump	Junior Long Jump	12 Years Long Jump
12 Years Discus	11 Years Discus	Junior Discus
Junior Shot Put	12 Years Shot Put	11 Years Shot Put

<u>TRACK FINALS 200m</u>		
Junior Girls 200m	11 years Girls 200m	12 years Girls 200m
Junior Boys 200m	11 years Boys 200m	12 years Boys 200m

<u>TRACK FINALS 100m</u>				
8 years Girls 100m	9 years Girls 100m	10 years Girls 100m	11 years Girls 100m	12 years Girls 100m
8 years Boys 100m	9 years Boys 100m	10 years Boys 100m	11 years Boys 100m	12 years Boys 100m

<u>RELAYS</u>	
Junior Boys	Senior Boys
Junior Girls	Senior Girls

Finish 3.25pm

NOTE :

Early Stage 1/Stage 1 Sports Fun Day will be held on Thursday 24th March, starting at 10:00am.

ALL WELCOME! 😊

Term One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
Week 1	25 January	26 January Australia Day	27 January Staff Development Day	28 January Years 1- 6 Return 1 st Kindy Group	29 January 2 nd Kindy Group	30/31 Jan
2	1 February 3 rd Kindy Group	2 February 4 th Kindy Group	3 February 5 th Kindy Group	4 February ALL Kindy Attend	5 February	6/7 Feb
3	8 February AFL Workshop & Assembly Talk (Yr 1&2)	9 February Swimming Carnival Yr3-6 (Yr 2 if 8 years.)	10 February Welcome Disco with P&C BBQ	11 February	12 February	13/14 Feb
4	15 February Canobolas Road Show 11:45am – 1:25pm – Year 6	16 February Canobolas Road Show 11:45am – 1:25pm – Year 5	17 February	18 February NRL Visit 11:50 – 12:30pm - Yr 3–6 in Hall. Yr 2-6 Assembly in Hall - 2:45-3:25pm - Swimming Carnival Presentation. Year 2 - GYMNASTICS	19 February Book Club due	20/21 Feb
5	22 February	23 February P & C Meeting 7pm in Library Blake Swain Fundraiser – Mufti theme “Blue or Sports” District Swimming Carnival	24 February	25 February Little Cakes	26 February Year 2 Gymnastics Public Speaking Final— Stage 3 @ 2:25pm— PARENTS WELCOME	27/28 Feb
6	29 February	1 March	2 March	3 March Little Cakes	4 March Clean Up Australia Day Stage 3 Excursion Western Swimming	5/6 Mar
7	7 March	8 March	9 March	10 March	11 March	12/13 Mar
8	14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March	18 March Athletics Carnival	19/20 Mar
9	21 March Hockey Gala Day	22 March P & C Meeting 7pm in Library	23 March 800m Finals 2:25-3:25pm Easter Fun Day	24 March Infants Sports Day AFL – Paul Kelly Cup	25 March Good Friday	26/27 Mar
10	28 March Easter Monday	29 March	30 March (Back up date – Athletics Carnival)	31 March	1 April Girls Softball Divisional Day BLETCHINGTON BASH	2/3 April
11	4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April	8 April (Back up date – Infants Sports Day) Last Day of Term 1	9/10 April
HOLS	11 April	12 April	13 April	14 April	15 April	16/17 April
HOLS	18 April	19 April	20 April	21 April	22 April	23/24 April
Term 2 Week 1	25 April Anzac Day	26 April Staff Development Day P & C Meeting 7pm in Library	27 April K - Yr 6 Back in school	28 April	29 April	30 April 1 May

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

ICAS is a series of tests offered by Educational Assessment Australia. They are open to students from Years 3 to 6. The testing dates and costs are detailed below. The tests will be held at school.

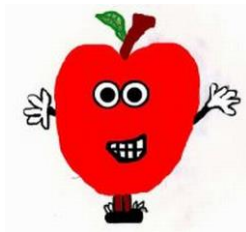
If you wish for your child to participate in any of these tests please complete the table and return it to the school office, with payment, no later than **Monday 24th March 2016**.

Tick to enter

SUBJECT	ASSESSMENT DATES	COST	PAID
Science	31 st May	\$8.00	
Mathematics	16 August	\$8.00	
English	2 nd August	\$8.00	
Digital Technologies	17 th May	\$8.00	
		Total	\$

Name of student _____ Class _____

WEEK 7 & 8 PBL STUDENT WEEKLY FOCUS



"Be kind in actions and words"

How do we treat others?
How can we talk nicely to others?
Respectful students treat others kindly by speaking nicely and showing our friends we care.

Friday Kids Craft Club

In the Orange Church of Christ building, Burrendong Way.
Every Friday afternoon from 3.30pm to 6pm
Cost is \$5.00 per Child per visit.
Bookings/enquiries – please phone Terry on 045 860 3186

Orange Presbyterian Church

Family Fun Market Day – Saturday 19th March 10am – 2pm
Call Judy for information on 0438 600 455
Go to www.orangepresbyterian.org.au to download an application form
Email gabiheridge@yahoo.com to book a Stall space - \$20

Hockey Sign Up

Family Fun Market Day – Saturday 19th March 10am – 2pm
Competitions: Junior Girls/Junior Boys, Men's and Women's
Starting Dates: Juniors week 27th April, Seniors 2nd-3rd April
Venue: Orange Hockey Complex, Moad St
What's involved: Register your interest to play by contacting a club at www.playhockey.org.au/Club-Finder or for more info contact a junior club below

Cost: You will be required to register with Hockey NSW which is paid online at www.hockeynsw.com.au this covers insurances etc and then your club will notify you of the cost to them.

Junior Clubs -

CANOBOLAS - Tammy Wilson at wilson@bigpond.com

CONFEDERATES - Samone Vennard - thevennards@hotmail.com

CITY – Christie Johnson orangecityhockeyclub@hotmail.com

CYMS - Janeen Toner janeen@randworange.com.au

EX-SERVICES - Gail Kennewell gailkennewell12@gmail.com

MOLONG - Joe Clayton ardens@skymesh.com.au

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