

BLETCHINGTON BEACON

April 5, 2024

BLETCHINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 10, Term 1



What's In This Fortnight's Issue:

- Bletchington Bash
- Cross Country Trials
- Easter Hat Parade
- Year 6 Camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Written by Ms. Philippa Hughes

Dear families,

In a world full of screens, I would like to focus on the importance of reading with your child. It is one simple thing you can do daily to improve your child's wellbeing and educational outcomes.

The stats in the diagram illustrate the difference reading makes.



THE GREAT BLETCHINGTON BASH

Written by Annabelle Medbury and Isabella Dowell

On the 22nd of March, 2024, Bletchington held the Bletchington Bash and almost everyone came. There was a bookstore and a giant slide with lots of prizes to be won.

Kids from all ages came and every class made a great stall. The line for the Haunted Train was extremely long. If you went to the Bletchington Bash you would know that you could not get bored because there were just so many things to do.

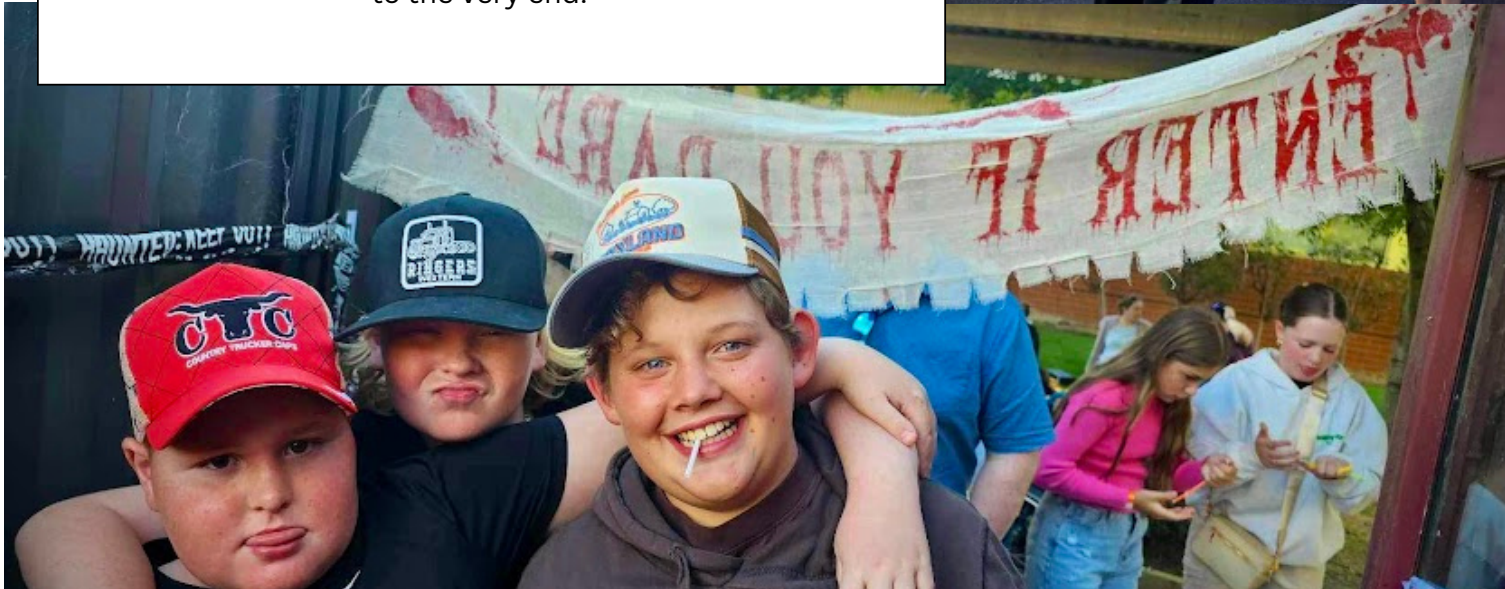
Makaila Kerr reported that her favourite part about the Bletchington Bash was the band because she liked the music.

Dustin Rea, when we interviewed him, said that he thought that it was cool that there was a giant slide and a Haunted Train.

Tristan Medbury in kindergarten, commented that he felt good when he played the games and happy to see the fire fighters. He also said that he loved the Bletchington Bash because his friends were there to play with him.

Arya Coughlan declared the best part of the Bletchington Bash was getting to go to lots of activities and hang out with your friends and she liked how the stalls were set up and she liked all the activities.

There was food, some drinks and even chocolate. There was a plant stall, a sherbet stand and much more. When I went, I could tell everyone had such a good time from the start to the very end.



CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS

Written by Anashe and Cordelia

On Wednesday 3rd of April, 2024, children from Bletchington aged 8 to 12 had Cross Country Trials.

If you don't know what cross country is, it is when you run a long distance on a rocky, uneven surface. If you are turning 8, 9 or 10, you would have ran 2km (kilometres), but if you are turning 11, 12 or possibly 13 you would have had to run 3km.

Everyone sat under a tent in their team colours representing Amaroo, Birralee, Orana or Pindari. The event started off with the 12 years, followed by 11s, 10s then 8/9 years, and here are some words from the interviews from the runners.

Dom:

“I was puffing a lot. At the start you get pushed heaps, after I got in the lead it was good for slowing down, and running with a partner is good.”

Grace: Qualified 4th in the 12 years group. She had lots of fun and she never expected to come out at the end of the qualifying race.

Felix: “It was Exciting! I was only there because I wanted to run for fun.”

Ila : “I got tired pretty easily and I am excited for next year, although it is really hard”

Well done for all the hard work and effort to all our runners.





THE AWESOME EASTER HAT PARADE, THAT BLEW UP THE INTERNET.

Written By Charlotte Liddicoat and Hadley Robotham

The Infants Easter Hat Parade was on the 28th of March 2024. It was celebrated by Kinder and Years 1 and 2 by making bright colourful Easter hats with various ears, grass, eggs and chicks on them that they went to show off in the parade.

Jaxon in Kindergarten said he enjoyed walking around and showing off his hat and seeing his family and friends. His hat had big floppy ears and with easter eggs on it. He had a blast.

Amelia in Year One said she liked that her mum and dad could come and watch her. Her hat had fluffy chickens that were yellow. It had small ears and it had Easter stickers and the hat had a cracked egg on it. She enjoyed walking around the school and showing off her hat.

All parents/carers were invited to come and watch their little people show off their creative hats. Everybody had great fun.



A PHENOMENAL CAMPING TRIP FOR ASTONISHING YEAR 6 STUDENTS!

Written by Imogen Rea

A mind blowing activity for most of our Year 6's started on 25th of March 2024, and lasted for 4 days. They went on a camping trip to Burrendong to have loads of fun and games.

The children had extreme amounts of hope for happiness on this long awaited trip, and let's just say, it was definitely worth it. They did things like go to Lake Burrendong, archery, grass skiing, a long-fated Paint Balloon Combat, and go on a giant slide!

We had an interview with those children and about their experience and whether they liked it or not. Let's get right to it!

As you can see, our interviewed people had amazing experiences at the Year 6 Camp. I hope that it was helpful for their mental health, and everyone who has read this now knows how those kids who went on that fun excursion had a great time at Burrendong.

*Michelle:
"The instructors were extremely supportive and gave us lots of simple instructions, and were very kind."*

*Shekinah:
"It was an amazing experience"*

*Arya:
"It was really fun and cool to learn interesting and new things there."*



WHAT'S COMING UP

Monday 8 April

- Kindergarten to Year 2 Athletics Carnival
- Da Vinci Decathlon Central West Regionals - Bathurst
- Western Rugby League Trials - Parkes

Tuesday 9 April

- Primary Athletics Carnival

Friday 12 April

- Whole School End of Term & ANZAC Assembly - Families Welcome
- Last Day of Term 1

Monday 29 April

- Staff Development Day - Student Free




Tuesday 30 April

- Students return for Term 2 - Winter uniform

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NOTICES

Bletchington Public School Orange April Vacation Care 2024

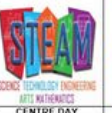
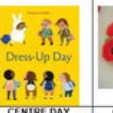




ASPIRE OSHC

Monday 15/04/2024	Tuesday 16/04/2024	Wednesday 17/04/2024	Thursday 18/04/2024	Friday 19/04/2024
TYE DYE 	CRAZY HAIR AND SOCK DAY 	MAKE YOUR OWN LIBRARY BAGS 	SCIENCE DAY 	PJ & PIZZA DAY 
CENTRE DAY Today we will be making our very own Tye Dye Socks for the children to make their own funky designs. We will supply socks for the day.	CENTRE DAY Bring your crazy hair and sock designs. We will provide colored hairsprays for children to have pops of color in the hair for the day.	CENTRE DAY Let's get creative as we put our imagination to the test with creating a masterpiece on a canvas tote bag that can be used as a Library bag.	CENTRE DAY Time to experiment and release that inner scientist in ourselves. Get ready to have your hands dirty while learning new and exciting things.	CENTRE DAY Come and join us in a relaxing day of comfy pj and enjoy a special Lunch of Pizza and Garlic Bread.
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Each day you will need to ensure that your child brings a wide brimmed hat (inside play or shade play only if no hat), several snacks (more than they would have at school because they are so active!) lunch, a water bottle, afternoon tea and they must have closed in shoes available.				

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Bletchington Public School Orange April Vacation Care 2024

ASPIRE OSHC

Monday 22/04/2024	Tuesday 23/04/2024	Wednesday 24/04/2024	Thursday 25/04/2024	Friday 26/04/2024
STEAM DAY 	DRESS UP DAY 	ANZAC DAY CRAFT 	PUBLIC HOLIDAY CENTRE CLOSED 	WHEELS DAY 
CENTRE DAY Do you love Experimenting and group activities? Be prepared to be amazed. STEAM DAY stands for SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ARTS MATHEMATICS	CENTRE DAY Come along and join us dressing up as your favourite character. 200 or anything you want like. We will also be painting a masterpiece in our 200s!	CENTRE DAY Spend the day learning the importance of Anzac Day. We will make poppy's, wreaths and make Anzac biscuits.	PUBLIC HOLIDAY CENTRE CLOSED	CENTRE DAY Bring your wheels to school day! Last day of holidays lets have some fun out in the sun as we bring our wheels and ride around with our friends. Bikes, scooters, roller skates you bring them! We will also have a torie building competition.
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RAISE THE WINGS DINNER



LITTLE WINGS

You are invited to attend the RAISE THE WINGS ORANGE DINNER to raise funds for Little Wings, a not-for-profit charity that provides free ongoing flight & ground transport to seriously ill children & families in need from regional NSW.

SATURDAY 20TH APRIL 2024
TIME: 6.30PM
TICKETS: \$120 PER PERSON
3 COURSE MEAL
4 HR BEVERAGE PACKAGE
TABLES OF 8 AVAILABLE



SCAN FOR TICKETS

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