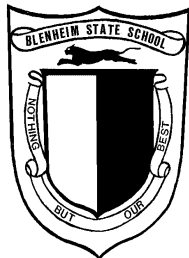


Blenheim State School
NEWSLETTER

Climbing high - in quest of success



'NOTHING
BUT
OUR
BEST'

Strength

Persistence

Achievement

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From the Principal



What an outstanding success the **Swimming Carnival** was! Our students put in a magnificent effort to achieve **second place** and have **3 age champions** – **Angelique Asselin, Shannyn Heteraka-Pope** and **Sarah Allen**. As usual, the Blenheim community was visible for its loud cheering of competitors.

This achievement is quite special in view of the fact that 33% of our student body was not present at the carnival. Points at our interschool sporting events are averaged out over each school's enrolment so the points accrued by only 18 students were divided by 27. Imagine what could have been achieved if all students had been there to gain participation points for the school.



Speaking of success, attached to this newsletter is a copy of a letter I received

from **Anna Bligh, Premier of Queensland**, commending staff on the **strong performance of Blenheim students in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy**. Recognition such as this confirms the strength of the learning programs and highly skilled staff we have at Blenheim.



The school community extends their thoughts and best wishes to those amongst us who have been adversely affected by the recent spate of severe storms.

The **2009 textbooks** have arrived in the school. Invoices will be sent home for the balance of monies owing for each family's booklist and the books will be available for collection upon payment. As mentioned in the last newsletter, if you wish to pay in instalments, please contact Pippa to make the arrangements.



I have received a recommendation from another principal in the Laidley cluster for a guitar teacher. If you are

interested in having private guitar lessons before 9 am next year, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the school.



Best wishes
Sandra Duncalfe
Principal

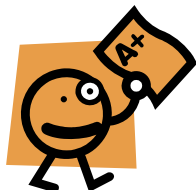
Thanks to the families who have sent in donations of non-perishable goods for the **P&C Christmas Raffle**. It's not too late to send in donations. Keep selling the tickets. If you need more, they are available. The beautiful grandfather clock is very popular!



The **Year 7 Graduation** invitations and menu have been sent out. Remember, **the P&C will pay for the Year 7 students**. Please ensure **orders and money are returned before 28 November**.



Report cards will be handed out on Monday 1st December and parent/teacher interviews will take place on Wednesday 3rd December after 3pm. Booking sheets are attached to this newsletter.



Do you have old prescription glasses or hearing aids that you no longer need? The principal of Grandchester State School is visiting Cambodia and Vietnam during the summer vacation and has asked for donations of these items for charities in those countries. Donations can be left at our school office.



Diary Dates

- ❖ 3rd December Parent/Teacher Interviews
- ❖ 5th December Year 7 Graduation
- ❖ 12th December end Term 4
- ❖ 26th January Australia Day Public holiday
- ❖ 27th January Term 1 begins

Guitar Lessons

The _____ family is interested in guitar lessons for _____ children in 2009.

Signed _____
(Parent/Guardian)