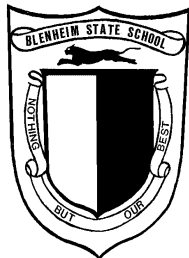


Blenheim State School
NEWSLETTER

Climbing high - in quest of success



'NOTHING
 BUT
 OUR
 BEST'

Strength

Persistence

Achievement

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From the Principal

Easter heralds the end of a long and busy term. The **students and staff are to be commended** for the commitment shown to learning tasks and the great work produced by the children as a result.

We look forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible tomorrow for the **classroom visits, Fun Run, sausage sizzle and Easter activities** as detailed on the notice sent out on Monday. **Points** from the Fun Run go towards the school's **Ryan/Bichel athletics trophy**. Students will be informed which house they belong to today.



What an **incredible effort** from prep student **Noah McGill** to raise **\$1,300** for the Fun Run!!! Noah may be the smallest student in the school but he and his family have certainly put in a very big effort. Congratulations on an outstanding job and

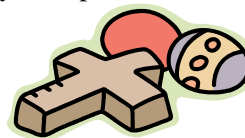
thank you!



The **photo of our Prep students** which appeared in the QT *Making the Grade* feature last week looked fabulous but unfortunately the advertisement for the school in the same feature was not the one which was approved, creating an ineffective result. The QT has acknowledged their omissions and no money will be paid.

I have been informed that, due to oversubscription of Round 1 of the **National School Pride** program, mentioned in the last newsletter, our application was not forwarded for consideration and will now be included in Round 2 which closes on 24 April.

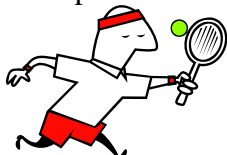
I wish all families a **happy and safe Easter** break and look forward to seeing the students refreshed and eager to work on Tuesday 21 April.



*Best wishes
 Sandra Duncalfe
 Principal*

Tennis Lessons

Do you have a future tennis star in your family? Why not send them to lessons at school with Georgina Ayre on Wednesday mornings? Lessons are only \$8 each for a term of 8 weeks. The children greatly enjoy these lessons and more students are needed so come along and learn this fantastic sport from an expert!



ANZAC Day

Blenheim SS students and staff will once again be participating in the **Laidley Anzac Day Memorial Service and march on Saturday 25 April**. It is hoped that as many students as possible will participate in the 10:30am march in recognition of the sacrifices of the service men and women who have made it possible for our country to be as great as it is.

Reading to your child – hints for parents

Comics, magazines, library books, signs and even shopping lists can stimulate your child's reading. Asking your child to read these aloud with you will improve their reading in the classroom.

You can help your child with their reading by:

reading to them from an early age – to let them know that reading is a fun and relaxing activity and not just for work and school. Children love to copy, so it's a great way to set an example that reading is important

asking your child to read aloud each day for at least 10 minutes from a variety of texts, such as beginner's readers, library books and picture

books – this will establish a routine and make reading aloud easier

using expression and feeling when you read and using different voices for different characters – this can make a story more entertaining

letting your child choose what you read together – it doesn't matter if you read the same book several times

joining a library and borrowing books to read is inexpensive. Most libraries will have a children's librarian – it is a good idea to speak with them about books you can share with your child.

For more tips on helping your child to embrace reading visit:
www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Helping your child learn about shapes and objects

Your home is the perfect place for your child to practise the maths they learn in the classroom. It is important that your child develops strong images in their mind of shapes and objects and how best to describe them.

At a young age, children will learn the names of regular shapes such as 'triangle' and 'square'. The next step is making and drawing shapes – this will help them develop ideas about shapes and objects.

Here are a few ideas for activities you and your child can try:

read to your child and talk about the shapes you see in the pictures, such as the roof, which could look like a triangle

involve your child in craft activities, such as making your own gift wrapping and using different objects like corks or sponges to stamp colours and patterns onto the paper

make shadows on the wall with your hands and objects and discuss the shapes you can make

create your own jigsaw puzzle by cutting up a page from a magazine into four or five pieces and joining it together again. This will get your child thinking about the shapes of objects and how they fit together

play *I Spy* games with your child and give clues such as 'I see something that looks like a big square'.

If you would like more information about how you can help your child with shapes and objects, ask his/her classroom teacher or visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

P&C NEWS

Remember the **Sausage Sizzle** and drinks for sale after the Fun Run on Thursday! **All \$1.50 each.**



Next Meeting: 20 April 7 pm

Diary Dates

(Please note that these dates may change. Notice will be given if this occurs)

- ❖ 9th April Blenheim Cross Country/Fun Run, Sausage Sizzle, Easter bonnet parade
- ❖ 10th April Good Friday
- ❖ 20th April Student Free Day
- ❖ 21st April Term 2 commences
- ❖ 12th, 13th, 14th May NAPLAN tests for Years 3, 5, 7
- ❖ 30th April Laidley District cross country trials at Blenheim SS
- ❖ 5th May School Photos
- ❖ 8th May Lockyer District Cross Country Trials Clarendon SS
- ❖ 12th June Inter-House sports day Blenheim SS
- ❖ 19th June 9.30 Arts Council Blenheim Hall. Cost \$6 per

student or \$15 for family with 3 or more. Performance is titled "Thoughts have feelings too"

- ❖ 25th June Laidley District Small School's Athletics Carnival 26th Laidley Rec Grounds
- ❖ 26th June end term 2
- ❖ 13th July Pupil Free Day
- ❖ 14th July begin term 3
- ❖ 3rd August Choral Festival day long practice at Ipswich High school.
- ❖ 3rd August Choral Festival Performance 5.30pm – 6.15pm at Ipswich High School
- ❖ 10th August Show holiday
- ❖ 12th August Pupil Free Day
- ❖ 21st August Ball Games Carnival at Thornton SS
- ❖ 18th September Speed Soccer Carnival Laidley Rec Grounds
- ❖ End term 3
- ❖ 5th October Term 4 starts
- ❖ 15th, 22nd, 29th, October, 5th, 12th November swimming lessons 1pm – 2pm.
- ❖ 19th October Pupil Free Day
- ❖ Friday 13th November Laidley Small School's swimming carnival Laidley Pool
- ❖ 11th December end term 4 2009



Happy

Easter Stay

safe on the roads!

