

Blenheim State School
NEWSLETTER

Climbing high - in quest of success



'NOTHING
BUT
OUR
BEST'

Strength

Persistence

Achievement

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From the Principal

Welcome to Term 4! This is always a very busy term so I am sure that we shall find December upon us before we know it.

The **Ball Games Carnival is on Friday** and we look forward to having as many parents as possible there to cheer on our teams. Please note the start and finish times on the programmes that were sent home on Monday.



All **camp money** (\$25 per student) should now be paid in full. Remember that students not going on camp will still be required to attend school with Ms Foster.

An **itinerary** with contact telephone numbers for the camp is attached to this newsletter. Students are required to be at school by 10 am for a 10:30am departure.

Student reports for the National Years 3, 5 and 7 tests were sent home yesterday. Please ensure you read the guide about how to interpret the reports. The last newsletter contained information about these tests. I am pleased with the overall results achieved by Blenheim students.

We are in the process of finalising the **2009 book list**. The school is able to buy textbooks at discounted prices and purchase quality stationery in bulk. Families interested in receiving these discounts by paying a one-off fee to the school, please return the attached slip with a **deposit of \$20 per student by 22nd October**. Total costings will be sent out when finalised.



Tennis lessons will continue this term on Wednesday mornings. Today's lesson was carried over from Term 3 so Georgina has decided to run a course of 6 lessons this term. Due to the camp, there will be no lesson next week. The cost is still \$8 per lesson,

paid in advance for the term unless otherwise arranged with Georgina.



At Blenheim we promote an active and healthy lifestyle in accordance with Education Queensland's Smart Choices policy. We therefore encourage the students to drink water when at school with a fruit popper being a suitable alternative. **Soft drinks are discouraged** and parents are asked to send the children to school with a water bottle.



The school is holding its **Triennial School Review Verification Ceremony** on Wednesday 22nd October at 10:00am. Our new Executive Director of Schools, Brian Streatfield, will be present and all members of the school community are invited to this occasion which presents the directions the school will take over the next three years. It is hoped that there will be a strong community presence to support this important event.

As yet we have no new enrolments for 2009. **Any enrolments should be done now** and not left until the start of next year as this assists with forward planning, especially in staffing.

ENROL **NOW** FOR 2009
PREP TO YEAR 7

Best wishes
Sandra Duncalfe
Principal

The P&C are holding a **Christmas Raffle** with some great prizes and are seeking donations of non-perishable goods. Please send all donations to the school office.

Diary Dates

- ◆ October 13th, 14th 15th School Camp cost **\$25 per student**
- ◆ **10th October Ball games carnival Thornton SS**
- ◆ Swimming lessons Laidley Pool:
9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th October
6th November 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Cost – FREE!!
- ◆ 20th October Pupil Free Day
- ◆ 7th November Small School's Swimming Carnival
- ◆ 12th December end of Term 4 and 2008 School year.

Please see attached swimming timetable and permission note. Please fill in and return to school by tomorrow at the latest. Thanks.