LUE PUBLIC SCHOOL Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome to the newsletter for week 2.

It was so lovely to see students happy to be back at school last week. Lots of smiling faces. We immersed our learning in our term 2 country study – France and students were very eager to share what they learned. With a country focus each term in the first week, students are really beginning to appreciate the similarities and differences between where they live and other parts of the world. I really had the senior class going for a while when we were taking about what they would be cooking for French food and talked about collecting snails form the garden, frying them in butter and garlic etc ... the looks of absolute horror was so funny! They actually made palmiers – little puff pastry treats sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar – very yummy indeed!

Last Thursday, students turning 8 and older joined Mrs White and myself at the Lue oval to checking some running times before determining who would qualify for the zone cross country event. Well done to Brantley, Knox, Eden, Clancy, Alirah and Lilly who all made the qualifying times!

Our door is always open if you have any questions regarding your child's learning at school. Please contact me at school if you have any queries.

Caron McDonald (Principal)

Empowering students through excellence in education to **DREAM** of a bright future, **BELIEVE** in themselves and others, and **ACHIEVE** their full potential.



Attendance



We totally understand when your child is unable to attend due to specific medical appointments but please let us know beforehand where possible so we can organise for any assessments planned for that day to be done on another day. Often, we can issue a school observation letter to the medical practitioner to let them know how your child is going at school etc and that can really help provide an overall picture.

Attendance is good so far generally – working together we can make it GREAT!

Mother's Day event at school



On Wednesday, special female family and community members are invited to join students for a craft activity and some yummy afternoon tea from 1pm until 3pm. Students will be teaching a craft skill to our visitors and baking some yummy treats for afternoon tea.

We hope you can come along and join in the fun!



BMEC Science Show

On Thursday, all students will travel to Bathurst to experience a Science Show at the Bathurst Memorial Entertainment Centre. We will have lunch at the park in Bathurst before heading to the show. Please make sure you have let us know at which drop off point you will meet your child as we will be back after school hours.

Students MUST wear a school jumper/jacket, have food for recess and lunch and a refillable water bottle.





On Friday, qualifying students will be travelling to the Rylstone Showground with Mrs White and myself to participate in the Zone Cross Country run in Rylstone. Congratulations to Brantley, Knox, Clancy, Alirah, Eden and Lilly who all made the qualifying times.

A canteen will be available on the day run by Rylstone P&C if students wish to purchase snack but we still advise them to take a packed lunch and a refillable drink bottle. They must wear a school jacket/jumper (can be taken off when running) and wear suitable joggers for running.



KNOX

Knox is working hard to demonstrate independence and a growth mindset in his learning and understands that making mistakes are learning opportunities.



LILLY

Lilly is working hard to improve her reading and concentration in class.







Braving the cold and rain, Yvonne, Alicia and Allan joined Mr and Mrs McDonald at Bunnings for the P&C BBQ fundraiser. It was a busy one, despite the weather and at this stage (still calculating final figures) it looks like a profit of approximately \$500 was made on the day – AWESOME EFFORT!!!!!!

Remember all the funds that are raised by our P&C support EVERY student at school with contributions towards excursions, special events such as Christmas and Year 6 farewell and also enable us to make additional purchases of resources for school.

The next P&C meeting will take place this week on Wednesday 8th May at 3pm. We hope to see you there!

The next P&C fundraiser will be the Rylstone Swap Meet on Sunday 19th May. We re looking for parent helpers for that day form 6am to help serve pies, sausage rolls, cakes and drinks to stall holders and visitors. If you are able to spare an hour to help, it would be much appreciated and will enable a roster to be drawn up so the same people don't have to stay all day.





Congratulations to Zara, Knox and Clancy who have been awarded a bronze badge for receiving 5 merit awards today.



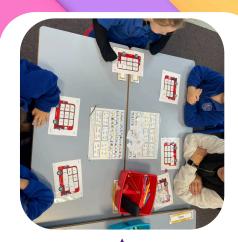
FROM THE

JUNIOR CLASSROOM



In the Junior class this week students will be starting their text study of the Indigenous text Benny Bungarra's Big Bush Clean Up. Where student will be learning all about opinions to create facts in persuasive texts and how author's use dialogue to persuade their audience.

In maths students will be looking at a range of ways that numbers can be manipulated using physical objects such as counters, teddies and cards. Students will be provided with challenging inquiry tasks where they need to find a solution in group tasks.



Students will also commence their science study of researching how changes in the sky affect our environment. Kindergarten students will use their visual art skills in creating an artwork of the visual affects of seasons on the environment (plants) and humans. While year 1 and 2 will complete investigations and record a range of observations using data collection.



From the Senior Classroom



Last week was so much fun learning all about France and the independent learning enabled several small assessments to be carried out across the week. I'm really looking forward to students showcasing their digital books this week and sharing what they have learned.

In English this week we will start on our new unit of learning as mentioned last week. Students will work together to construct a definition of 'genre' by examining a collection of texts and grouping them. They will consider how the same content can be presented in different ways – to inform and to entertain.

Our spelling focus this week is looking at grapheme (letter) choices for the long 'a' sound, eg a (as in danger), a_e (as in cake), ai (as in rain), eigh (as in eight), ay (as in way), ea (as in great). With so many ways to create the same sound, is it any wonder spelling is tricky to learn!



In Mathematics for the next two weeks, our focus will be on the big idea that - Questions can be asked and answered by collecting and interpreting data. Students will participate in many learning activities where they can collect and analyse data. They will look at the many ways data can be represented and which data is reliable.

Our KLA focus for the next two weeks will be History and students will continue our focus on celebrations and commemorations by looking at celebrations form other parts of the world. They will consider the 'Key Inquiry Question' How and why do people choose to remember significant events of the past?

Homework will start again this week and there is an extra task which will help support students with public speaking later this term.

We're in for a busy week!

BATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	6/5	7/5	8/5 ••Mother's Day event at school	Bathurst Science ^{9/5} Excursion	10/5 50c Friday Zone Cross Country
3	13/5 Library Van at school	14/5	15/5	16/5	17/5 50c Friday
4	20/5	21/5	National Simultaneous Storytime	23.5	24/5 50c Friday
5	27/5	28/5	29/5	30/5	31/5 50c Friday
6	3/6	4/6	5/6	6/6 K-6 Athletics coaching	7/6 50c Friday
7	10/6 Kings Birthday Public Holiday	11/6	12/6	13/6	K-6 Athletics 14/6 coaching 50c Friday
8	17/6	18/6	19/6	20/6 20/6 Chess team to Bathurst	K-6 Athletics 21/6 coaching 50c Friday
9	24/6	25/4	26/6	K-6 Athletics 27/6 coaching	28/6 MSSN Public Speaking Comp
10	1/7	2/7	3/7 MSSN Athletics Carnival	4/7	Term 2 assembly
	8/7	9/7			12/7