GOOD NEWS AGAIN

Despite the inclement weather it was good to see so many students at the carnival on Friday along with the great level of participation. Congratulations to our seniors who were elected House Captains, to our Age Champions and to Pyro house for their overall victory. The Milo Cup event was hotly contested as was the belly flop competition. A full set of results and photos follows.

Further congratulations to Maddison Perkins who has now won Round 2 of the Lion’s Youth of the Year after her stunning victory on Sunday- read full details later in the newsletter.

Year 11 are all busy today at RYDA-Rotary Youth Driver Awareness - learning about driver safety, responsible driving and the various financial implications of car buying and owning. Run each year by Rotary it is an extremely worthwhile venture.

Invoices for electives have all been sent home and it is vital for the functioning of the school that these commitments are met as soon as possible. As in previous years there is the incentive of a gift voucher for all who make payments by the end of this term. As explained in the letter the government does not provide enough funds for us to provide all the experiences we want for all students without your support. As such we have made it necessary that relevant elective fees are paid by all students attending the Easter Show excursion later this term. We cannot continue to support students on non-compulsory excursions when elective fees have not been paid. A reminder to seniors also that both TAFE and e2 bus fees are now overdue. Unless alternate arrangements have been organised students will be withdrawn from these courses. All such fees must also be paid by any senior attending the show excursion.

I will be on leave for a couple of weeks but will be looking forward to lots of good news stories coming from Blayney Show, our Fete committee, the Year 12 carwash and the upcoming SRC activities. Make sure you read all the newsletter-lots of important items!
COMING EVENTS

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ROYAL EASTER SHOW EXCURSION

Payment due: Wednesday, 6th March

To be eligible to attend this excursion:
- You must have paid your elective fees
- Stage 5 students must have 5 signatures
- Stage 6 students – have no unresolved warning letters or be on a level.

FROM THE DEPUTY

SHOES

As discussed in the last newsletter and at the last school assembly we will be tightening the school’s requirements for shoes in line with a clarification issued by the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

The best type of footwear for school is a fully enclosed leather shoe. These provide adequate protection for all school activities and are deemed as being safe for workshop activities. However we understand that these are not as suitable for PE or sport lessons and many students have these on most days of the week.

As a school we have therefore made the decision that joggers or sports shoes will remain acceptable as general school wear. If a student has a workshop lesson then it will be a further requirement that these shoes must be constructed fully of leather and have no meshing in the toe or side section in order to participate in these lessons.

Shoes made of canvas style material, regardless of whether they are slip-ons or lace ups are **NOT acceptable for general school wear**. Such shoes do not provide adequate support for a student’s feet or protection for the foot in case of an accident.

Students who fail to conform with these Workplace Health and Safety regulations will be deemed as being out of uniform and may be given a detention and/or have to be given written work in place of practical activities.

It will remain a requirement for students to wear the full formal uniform when on an excursion or representing the school unless written notification is given otherwise.

PARENT/TEACHER PARTNERSHIP

There are many occasions when teachers act as parents and parents act as teachers. Inevitably, each depends on the other to achieve the degree of success and happiness for our next generation.

There are some very basic parenting steps to ensure that teachers are able to more fully engage your students while learning at school:
- Does your student have a reasonable structured life outside of school?
- Are meal times regular?
- Are bed times regular, and before 10pm?
- Are meals nutritious? Are meals made up of a daily intake of two-thirds fresh fruit, vegetables and plant derivatives such as bread and cereal and only one-third meat and protein? Equally important are plans to ensure that intake of soft drinks, fast food, chocolates and lollies are treats that occur weekly NOT daily. It’s CHEAPER to feed growing young people the correct food types than take-away food.
- Does the student respond to the alarm, shower and have a nutritious breakfast every day? Do they have a clean uniform to put on?
- Do they do regular chores to help at home?
- Do they treat ALL other people who live in, or visit, your household politely and with respect?
Do YOU model this expected behaviour? Is your household often quiet and peaceful? Do you speak nicely with each other?

As a parent myself I know this is an extremely challenging list but if you can’t achieve most of them most of the time at home, what do you expect to happen at school?

If students never learn the benefits of talking to each other politely and respectfully; if they arrive at school over tired, or without the energy from a balanced diet, without sugar overload; if they don’t enjoy the calming effects of day-to-day regularity, and having done most of our homework; if the students don’t love and respect their own parents; if parents don’t express how proud they are of their children.

WHAT CAN WE DO AT SCHOOL TO FIX ALL OF THAT?
Well, we can try to raise their self-esteem, build their confidence, explain the benefits of sleep and diet, etc., etc. but if teachers and parents don’t work to support each other for the ultimate benefit of the student, WHAT HOPE CAN THE STUDENT HAVE?
Should you require support in saying NO to your son or daughter on their attendance or any other issue please contact us immediately.

We can work together to make a difference to your student’s future.  

(Mr. Browett)

“T” SOCIAL
A Social will be held on 14th March for all students who are on the correct level.

I spy with my little eye .... something beginning with “T”

“T” Social
14th March
7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Add to the atmosphere and come dressed as something beginning with “T”

Entry $5

Below is a set of Social rules and procedures especially for new parents.
• Ticket to be bought on the day at school.
• Only 1 ticket sold to each student.
• Only students on school trips, etc. can make arrangements to buy on the night.

Normaly students need to be on Level 6. For this Social students need 5 signatures and should have their diaries with them at the time of purchase.
• Students are not allowed to leave the Social once inside unless collected by a parent.
• The canteen is open, no drinks or food from outside allowed.
• We discourage bringing valuables, though bags can be stored in Room 2 during the night. This room is supervised.
• Students not meeting appropriate standards will have parents contacted and asked to leave.
• Often Year 7 students in particular get tired early and wish to leave. Parents can collect students earlier by seeing a staff member at the door.
• On Thursday only students needing to do so can leave clothes/bags in the storeroom in the foyer.

VACCINATIONS
Vaccination Day this Wednesday, 6th March, for all of Year 7 and Year 9 Boys.

All forms are due back to the office before 9.00 a.m. Wednesday.

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2013
Congratulations to the following students on the elections as Sporting House Captains at Blayney High for 2013. The students will have the responsibility of organising junior students within their house group and to encourage positive participation.

The 2013 Captains proved themselves to be good role models for all students within their Houses during competition this year. This was very evident at the school’s swimming carnival. Well Done!
Aero Captains: Alex Fogarty (VC), Storm Strong (C), Brandon Beauchamp (C), Shannon Pond (VC)

Hydro Captains: Sam Jones (VC), Kate Toohey (C), Simon Ewin (C), Jessica Cochrane (VC)

Pyro Captains: Brad Timbs (VC), Paige Henry (C), Ned Hobby (C), Erin Hunter (VC)

Terra Captains: Chris Merchant, Amylea Lawson, Alex Turner, Emma Mitchell

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013
Friday 1st March Blayney high held its annual swimming carnival. Despite some very wet weather conditions the student body responded on mass with a solid attendance. Whilst the ability to utilise the outdoor amenities was prevented the students adapted well to indoors only and a productive and entertaining carnival was the result. Throughout the day the participation in both competition and novelty based events was very pleasing. At the completion of competition Pyro House prevailed in overall inter house competition. Well done to all Pyro House participants! Overall Point Score-
Pyro 1661
Hydro 1428
Aero 1389
Terra 1386

In addition to House competition individual swimming efforts resulted in Age Champion status for the following students:
12 Years- Ainsley Hamson & Pat Standing
13 Years- Dara Keily & Morgan Fuller
14 Years- Molly Peters & Brandon Frazer
15 Years- Kodi Fuller & Bailey Perkins
16 Years- Paige Henry & Caleb Timbs
Open Age- Storm Strong/Amy Lea Lawson & Bradley Timbs

Well done to these students on their excellent efforts.

Caleb Timbs stole the show in the records department. Caleb broke 5 time barriers on the day. The 50 & 100m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 50m Backstroke & 50m Butterfly records for 16yrs boys were all surpassed by Caleb. Top effort Caleb well done!

The traditional “Milo Cup” competition between Year 11 & 12 was also hotly contested. In the cross pool “boat” relay the two year groups were all tied up. However Year 11 edged their way to the front after the middle pool water polo match. Well done to Year 11.

A very positive aspect to the Carnival was the leadership of all House Captains. These students led their House’s with enthusiasm and by example. Many of the younger students responded to these positive role models. A great effort from these senior students!

Congratulations to all students for their attitude and participation on the day and also to all staff members for their efforts in the organisation of this successful carnival. Well done everybody and we now look forward to the Athletics Carnival at the end of term.

(Mr. Tilburg)
‘MUMMIFICATION’
My Year 7 History class has settled into high school very well and are putting an excellent effort into their work for which they are to be congratulated. They are a welcome addition to Blayney High.

Already, we have learned many of the important skills and concepts needed when investigating the past and have now started learning about Ancient Egypt.

On Tuesday 19th February we had fun with a ‘hands on’ approach to learning the many steps involved in mummification. In ancient Egypt the chief priest usually wore an Anubis mask when embalming a mummy; we didn’t have any of these handy, so we improvised with some hilarious animal hats! In groups, the class role-played the steps involved in mummification and then had fun wrapping up their ‘mummy’ in toilet paper (instead of bandages). This was all great fun, but also had a serious purpose as students now have a good idea of the reasons for mummification and the process involved. The class also showed how responsible they are by quickly cleaning and tidying up at the end.

Well done to my Year 7. 

(Mrs. Mehmet)

BLAYNEY SHOW SUCCESS
Some good results in the cooking and produce sections at the Blayney Show were achieved by Blayney High students on Saturday.

- Connor Smith gained 1st place with a plate of six scones.
- Mary Turner, Aiden Colley and Jasmine Lapham - 2nd place
- The Vegetable garden, lovingly tended by all the Agriculture classes, produced the winning squash and 2nd place in six eggs.

The Blayney Show Society donated a voucher to the school for mulch or compost to the value of $30 from Australian Native Landscape supplies. The challenge is on to produce the longest zucchini for next year’s Blayney Show. No Doubt the mulch will help!

ROUND 2 TO MADDI
Congratulations Maddi Perkins!

Last week’s paper reported the win of Blayney High student Maddison Perkins in the Lions Youth of the Year award. Now Maddi has won the competition at District level over students from two local private schools.

This award indicates Maddi’s high level of general knowledge, leadership and public speaking skills. Blayney High school is proud of Maddi’s achievements and wish her the best of luck at regional and fingers crossed, state levels too!

Pink Day
19th March

All students are asked to wear lots of pink and to collect lots of sponsorship.

There will be a cake stall on the day.

Included in the last newsletter was a form for updating student information, including whether or not your child can have Panadol at school.

It would be appreciated if these forms could be returned to the front office as soon as possible.

Should you need another form they are available from the front office.
Blayney Junior Soccer

Registrations
3.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Friday, 8th March
IGA Plaza

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The FETE of Blayney High School is in your hands!!!

Help needed on various stalls and cooking for Cake Stall.

Contact the school if you can help.

UNLIMITED RIDES—WRIST BANDS
$25—if you buy your wristband from the office before the Fete
$30—on day of Fete.

Wrist bands will be handed out on the day of the Fete.
2:30 - 7PM
THE ONE AND ONLY
BLAYNEY HIGH FETE

FRIDAY 15TH MARCH

BBQ  RIDES

BLAYNEY HIGH
OP SHOP PRINCESS

BE AMAZED BY
WHIP CRACKING
&
CHOCOLATE WHEEL

BANDS AVAILABLE
UNLIMITED RIDES:

$25 AT BHS OFFICE  $30 AT THE FETE

THE
HORRIFYING
NON-OFFENSIVE
AMAZING
UGLIEST
T-SHIRT COMP
SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDER FORM

The Blayney High School Clothing Pool operates as follows.

The Clothing Pool will be open to the public and students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday before school from 8.30am till 9.00 am

If you need to purchase any items outside these hours please complete the order form below and submit to the front office, before 1pm, this will be filled and be ready for pick up from 2.30pm. Orders dropped after 1pm will not be filled until the following school day.

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Clothing pool will still be open on pupil free days out of the canteen.