Welcome to week 8, the term really is flying by.

The students had a great time last week being involved in a variety of sporting activities. Some of students participated in the SAPSASA athletics carnival and then all students participated in the Splash Carnival. Thank you to Kellie Goodrich and Morgan PS for organising and running the day.

Parent/Teacher interviews will be happening on Tuesday 27th March (week 9) for the primary class and Tuesday 3rd April for both the junior primary and primary classes (week 10), between 3.30pm and 5pm. We are running them this way so both Mrs Simpfendorfer and Mrs Colbert are able to attend the primary interviews. Booking timetables are up in the classrooms so please come in and make a time for your interview. If these times don’t suit please let us know so we can make alternative arrangements.

I would like to set the date for the next Governing Council meeting for Tuesday 3rd April at 7pm in the Library. If you have any agenda items please have them in by the end of week 9.

Blanchetown PS Sports Day is this Friday. Please note that it starts at 10am, students need to be at school 9.45am. There will be a sausage sizzle lunch for students and spectators. The school day finishes at the normal time of 3.15pm.

Behavioural trait change.

Thirteen year old Beth constantly showed poor eye contact to others, especially outside of her home. She knew this, and understood that eye contact is an accepted social behaviour that brings benefits. However, she felt uncomfortable looking straight into people's eyes. Instead, Beth and her Mum decided it was better to look at the forehead of others. But, she still needed reminding to build this new approach into a habit. The cue, when in company, was for Beth’s Mum to stand near her and lightly brush her hand. This simple gesture, used over several months, reminded Beth about the new behaviour she wanted. By strengthening and reworking it, this new behaviour became incorporated in to her day to day life. This process is called proficiency training, and can be used to shape all manner of behaviours.

[Source: Parenting Tough Kids – Mark Le Messurier]

Mid Murray Sports Day Helpers

We are still seeking volunteers to help run events at the Mid Murray Sports Day. We need to provide 2 starters for Soccer Dribble, 2 starters for Production Line and 1 lane judge for the morning sprints. If you are able to assist, please let us know ASAP.

Thankyou

Easter Raffle

Thankyou to those families who have bought in their Easter goodies for the raffle and have sold their raffle tickets. Keep up the good work folks! We are hoping to draw the raffle at Assembly so please return raffle books by Tuesday 27th March.
Eggs for Sale

A reminder that we still sell eggs from the school chooks. All money raised goes back into the school, so by buying the eggs, you are supporting the school! Cartons of eggs are available for $3 a dozen.

Rosie’s Corner

Dear Parents & Friends,

We are now in week 8 of term 1. I guess many of you are planning things to do during the school holidays & Easter break.

Last Friday, the Blanchetown Primary School competed in the Splash Carnival at the Waikerie swimming pool. Congratulations to those who won their individual races and won points for their teams.

Today I have found a story on a website called “Life is an Echo”.

A man and his son were walking in the forest. Suddenly, the boy tripped and feeling a sharp pain he screams, “Ahhhh!”

Surprised, he hears a voice coming from the mountain, “Ahhhh!”

Filled with curiosity, he screams “Who are you?”

But the only answer he receives is “Who are you?”

This makes him feel angry, so he screams: “You are a coward!” and the voice answers “You are a coward!”

He looks at his father, asking “Dad, what is going on?” “Son,” the man replies, “pay attention!”

Then he screams “I admire you!” and the voice answers “I admire you!” The father shouts “You are wonderful!” and the voice answers “You are wonderful!”

The boy is surprised, but still can’t understand what is going on. Then the father explains, “People call this an echo”, but it really is life! Life always gives you back what you give out! Life is a mirror of your actions.

If you want more love, give more love!
If you want more kindness, give more kindness!
If you want understanding and respect, give understanding and respect!
This rule of nature applies to every aspect of our lives”. Life always give you back what you give out. Your life is not a coincidence, but a mirror of your own doings.

What do you think?
Many blessings to you all
Rosie

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3RD MAY
31ST MAY
28TH JUN

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If the days and/or times listed do not suit you, other arrangements may be able to be made.

Please call Leeann on 85622688 for an appointment.
(appointment not necessary but desirable)