



**BLANCHETOWN**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Together We Achieve*

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# Newsletter



## Jump Rope for Heart

This year our students will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraising event. Sponsorship forms have been sent home. The schools fundraising target is **\$150**. The Jump off Day is set for Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of August at 1:30pm. This date marks the end of the program, where students can celebrate how much they fundraised and show off their new jump rope skills. Please see note attached to this newsletter for more information about how to register your child.

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# Principal's Report...

Welcome back for term 3. I hope you enjoyed the break. I know that students were eager to return to school to continue their learning. This term will no doubt be a very busy one for both the staff and the students, with a number of activities and excursions planned. Your support in ensuring that all students participate in these activities is appreciated.

## Three Way Interviews

Notes have been sent home regarding Student/Parent/Teacher interviews being held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of August. These Interviews form an important part of our reporting process and attendance is expected from both parents/carers and students.

## Governing Council

The next Governing Council Meeting is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at **9:00am**, in the School library.

## Term 3 Student Free Day

There will be a Student Free Day on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> August (week 3). On this day, teachers are attending a workshop in Waikerie on Learning Design, Assessment and Moderation.

## Roonka Water Activity Centre

On Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, we have planned a whole school sleepover at Roonka Water Activity Centre. The sleepover begins at **5:00pm** and finishes on Thursday at **1:45pm**. The main purpose of the sleepover is to provide an opportunity for our younger students to have a one night sleep over before our whole school camp in term 4. On Wednesday night, Parents/Carers are invited to join us for a BBQ at 5:30pm, please bring along a salad or dessert to share.

Students will be sleeping in the bunkhouses with mattresses provided. They will need to bring the following:

- Pyjamas
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Sleeping bag/linen
- Pillow
- Torch/cuddly toy

### Draft Itinerary

5:00pm-Arrive and prepare beds  
5:30pm- Tea and dessert  
7:00pm-Campfire  
8:30pm- Bed  
7:30am-Wake up and breakfast  
8:30am-Rotating groups: Canoeing, flying fox, adventure playground, fishing  
10:40-Recess  
11:00 Rotating groups: Canoeing, flying fox, adventure playground, fishing  
1:00-Lunch  
1:45-End of sleepover

## School Closure

There will be a school closure for the Adelaide Show on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> September.

## Welcome-New Year 1 Student

A big welcome to Dwip and his family. Dwip is in year 1, and he has been a wonderful addition to the R/1 Class, he has settled into the school really well, by making lots of friends and learning the classroom routines.



## Let's Ride-Bike Education

This term, from week 2 onwards, all students are asked to bring a **roadworthy bike** and helmet to school every **Thursday**, to complete the Let's Ride national junior riding program. The program aims to teach kids to ride safely by developing their knowledge, skills and confidence. The school has four bikes and helmets, to cater for students that may not be able to bring a bike on the day. Bikes can be stored in the sports shed, to be used every Thursday or students can bring their bike each Thursday.

## PCW Recruitment

I have a meeting scheduled in week 2, to begin the recruitment process for a new Pastoral Care Worker, as we are hoping to find someone as soon as possible that is the 'right fit' for Blanchetown Primary School.

## School Camp-Narnu Farm

Planning is well underway for the whole school camp in term 4. This year's camp will be at Narnu Farm near Hindmarsh Island. The departure date is Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November and we will return on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup>. An example of the program is attached to this newsletter. The total cost of the camp is \$180 per student. The school subsidises 50% of the cost, bringing the total cost for Parents/Carers to **\$90** per student. Please arrange payment with Ros at the front desk by Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of September. If your child is unable to attend, please let the school know.

Blanchetown Playgroup committee welcomes anyone to attend our meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 9.30am at the Playgroup Room.

# Parents and Friends

## Healthy Lunch

This term, our Parents and Friends Committee are providing a 'Healthy Lunch' option for all students. The service is available at lunchtime every second Thursday, in the odd school weeks.

The next healthy lunch will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August and will be catered by Mel & Janice. There will be chicken noodle soup or pumpkin soup and a deconstructed sponge cake on the menu.

Salad rolls will be available on the even weeks – (Thursdays)

## Woolworths Earn and Learn

This year Woolworths are running the Earn & Learn campaign. For every \$10 spent at the store you will receive 1 sticker. Please bring stickers in to the school or alternatively complete a sticker sheet and drop into the box. Once all the stickers are tallied at the end of the collection period the school is able to order resources.

## BankSA LittleSavers

Starting on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of August and continuing every Wednesday in the odd school weeks, Blanchetown Primary School is offering a banking service in conjunction with BankSA. Students may hand in their green deposit books to Mrs Hahn on Wednesday morning. Please ensure that the following information appears on each deposit slip: deposit date, deposit amount in coin/and or notes and the deposit total. Each fortnight you can verify that the deposit has been received by checking the stub that remains in the book. Children are most welcome to fill out the deposit book themselves.

Our school values the importance of teaching children the value of money and how to start developing saving habits. Many children earn pocket money by doing helpful chores around the house or you may wish to deposit a set amount every fortnight. The key to a great savings habit is consistency, this will teach your child to save and plan for the future.

If you have any questions about the school banking program, please don't hesitate to contact David Ness at the School.

There will be a Bank SA representative here on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 3.00pm for those wanting to open an account for their child/ren. You will need to bring \* child's birth certificate \* medicare number. Alternatively you can visit your local BankSA branch.



## 'Back to Blanchetown School 150 Years Celebration'

Next year we will be celebrating 150 years here at the school – tentative date: 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018. If you would like to be involved and part of the planning committee for this event could you please let the school know on 85405041. For anyone interested, there will be a meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 6pm at the school.

## Community Notices

Please find attached:

- Jump Rope for Heart
- Narnu Farm
- Mid-year uniform order form
- \* Mobile Phone Policy
- \* Dental Clinic