



International Competitions and Assessments for Schools(ICAS)

Congratulations to the students that participated in the UNSW ICAS Assessment. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program, which recognises and rewards student achievement. Each year, over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand.

Last week , we received the results in science and digital technologies. For most of our students, it was their first time completing these tests, and I was impressed with the high level of effort that they put in. The school had two high achievers in the science assessment, with Emma and Shae achieving a credit, which means they were in the top 25% of students that completed the test. This is a fantastic result, and I commend these students for their effort and achievement.

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Principal's Report...

Three Way Interviews

Thank you to all the Parent/Carers that participated in the interviews. The teachers have noted the positive nature of most of the interviews as the progress and efforts of our children continue to impress. Please remember you are welcome anytime to organise a meeting with your child's teacher or myself.

Roonka Water Activity Centre

On Wednesday, the 6th 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. Please complete forms attached & return.

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. If you are unable to attend please let the school know.

School Closure

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

Book Week

On Thursday the 24th of August the school is having a special event at 9:00am to celebrate Book Week.

In the morning, students are asked to come dressed as their favourite character from a book. There will be a parade and prizes for the best-dressed boy and girl in each class.



Fundraising Catalogue

This year we're using the Parent Direct toy fundraiser to raise \$\$ to purchase additional education resources. Just by ordering from the catalogues, up to 25 cents of every dollar you spend will be given back to the school. If you would like to place an order please return form and money to the school by Friday 22nd September.

PCW Recruitment

The recruitment process for a new Pastoral Care Worker at Blanchetown Primary School has begun, with the position being advertised. The position is for 12 hours per week.

The main tasks of a PCW are:

(a) To support the school to be safe supportive learning environment.

(b) To support the wellbeing of students, staff and families.

(c) To link families to community resources and services.

Please spread the word that this position is currently being advertised and, if you would like more information about it, please ask.

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 22nd of November and we will return on Friday the 24th. 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 29th of September. If your child is unable to attend, please let the school know.



Achievement Award

Aiden Roberts	Being a motivated learner
Noah Tuckey	Excelling with English, taking care and consideration with work.

School Values Award

Ethan Edwards	Being respectful and honest with himself and others.
Scarlett Porter	Being a brilliant role model and always helping her peers.

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 24th August

Starting in week 4, salad rolls will be available every Thursday for lunch in the even weeks.

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

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 21st 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: 27th 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 18th September 2017 at 6pm at the school.

Community Notices

Please find attached:

1. BSR Presentation Day
2. Morgan River Festival
3. School Dental
4. Mid Murray Lifeguards & pool operator