



BLANCHETOWN
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together We Achieve

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Newsletter



Roonka Water Activity Centre

On Wednesday, the 6th of September, we went to a scout camp near Blanchetown called Roonka Water Activity Centre. We went to Roonka for a whole school sleepover. It was good practice for our two day camp at Narnu Farm in term 4. Some of the Activities we did included Zip lining, fishing, kayaking and a night walk.

My favourite activity was kayaking because I was able to jump off the kayak when we rafted up – Ethan Edwards

My favourite activity was the flying fox because I got to jump off the zip line into the billabong, It was cold and slimy! – Emma Zadow

Our Favourite thing was the kayaking because we learnt how to go backwards, turn left and right. It was fun when we went around the island in the river- Shae Zadow and Emily Edwards.

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Principal's Report...

Jump Rope for Heart

This **Thursday the 14th of September at 1:40pm** the students will put on a Jump Rope for Heart performance for the school community. The show will go for 20 minutes, and the children cannot wait to show off all their new skills. This date marks the end of the program, so any money raised needs to be given to Ros, at the front desk on this day.



Assembly

The next school assembly is Thursday the 14th September at 2:00pm in the lower primary room. The assembly will follow the Jump Rope for Heart performance

Progressive Achievement Tests(PAT)

In week 9(Monday-Wednesday), year 1 to 7 students will be participating in the PAT online tests for Maths, Reading Comprehension and Science. The Progressive Achievement Tests are an Australian, nationally normed test designed to provide objective information for teachers about a student's skills and understandings in a range of areas. The results of the test are online, and as soon as the test is completed, we can access the outcome. The score from the tests are not sent home, however if you would like to know how your child achieved, we encourage you to speak to your child's classroom teacher.

Once the achievement data is analysed, the teacher can track and monitor a child's progress, strengths and areas that need further development.



Camp Quality Performance

On Wednesday the 27th of September at 2:00, puppeteers from Camp Quality are doing a show. The performance is fun and interactive, and at the end students can ask questions about Camp Quality, cancer and the puppets. It's not compulsory, but students can bring a gold coin donation on the day to support Camp Quality.

'Back to Blanchetown School 150 Years Celebration'

Next year we will be celebrating 150 years of Blanchetown School. The tentative date for the event is Saturday the 27th of October 2018. Please check your calendar to ensure this date does not clash with other events.

We need a range of people to ensure this event is a success. The first planning committee meeting is set for **Monday 18th September 2017 at 6pm**, in the school library.

Governing Council

The next Governing Council meeting is scheduled for Monday the 18th of September at 7pm.

2018 Planning

The School is in the process of creating an interim budget for next year, so it is important that we can accurately predict our enrolment numbers for 2018. Please complete the form attached to this newsletter to help with our enrolment projections. Please return by Friday 15th September.

Young Environmental Leaders (YEL)

The next YEL day for year 6/7 students is at Katarapko National Park on Wednesday 20th September. The students will depart from Blanchetown at 7:45am, and will arrive back at 4:30pm.

BUS Run

Due to the YEL day, there is no school bus run on Wednesday 20th September.

Christian band/Interaction Day @ Morgan

On Friday the 22nd of September the whole school will join Morgan and Cadell Primary School for an interaction day. During the day students will participate in team building activities. In the morning there is a Christian band, students that do not participate in religious education, will do an alternative activity at Morgan PS while the band is performing.

Pre-School Transition

Pre-School transition begins at Blanchetown Primary School this Friday the 15th of Sept, from 8:50-12:00. It starts as a half day and slowly builds up to full days.

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 Thursday, with salad rolls in the even weeks and a Parent provided healthy lunch in the odd weeks.

The next Parents/Carer healthy lunch will be on Thursday 21st September.

Fresh healthy salad rolls are available every Thursday for lunch, in the even weeks.



Community Notices

Please find attached:

1. Relationships and Wellbeing

Student Enrolments for 2018

Family Name.....

Our child/ren will / will not be attending Blanchetown Primary School in 2018

Signed.....