



# Newsletter

13/9/18

## Important Dates

### Thursday 13/9

Healthy Lunch

### Friday 14/9

Book Club orders  
Peace Run

### Monday 17/9

Governing  
Council Meeting

### Thursday 20/9

Assembly

### Friday 28/9

Dismissal 2.20pm



## Vision

Blanchetown Primary School, in partnership with its community, provides a supportive and challenging learning environment. We have a success orientated culture, where all students are confident, independent, 21<sup>st</sup> century learners, who are empowered to strive for personal excellence.

## HONESTY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE EXCELLENCE

Welcome to week 8.

Many thanks to Kiah Payne for stepping into the Principal's position in my absence. I had a wonderful time in Japan and can highly recommend a visit there.

**PAT Testing** is being conducted over the last two weeks in Reading and Maths. These tests are aimed at supporting and testing our students' knowledge. We are then able to track each individual student's growth and teach to their needs.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the dinner on the day of the **150 celebrations** has been cancelled. We thank Janice for all her hard work and support of the school.

More information about the proceedings of the day will be sent out next week.

### **From Ada's Desk**

I now have an email up and working, so feel free to contact me on [ada.walladge825@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:ada.walladge825@schools.sa.edu.au) ! :)



### School Sleepover

At the end of last week students and staff were very excited to finally have the highly anticipated school sleepover. Students were thrown into real life experiences and after a week of earning class cash were required to reserve and pay for their sleeping space, pre-purchase their movie ticket and return for snack and buy their own dinner. Teachers were impressed with the number of students choosing to save their money rather than splurging on the more expensive options. The Thursday saw us outside all day engaging and learning through nature, and realising the true potential had in outdoor play and exploration.





On Monday our R-6 students went to Illawonga for an adventure filled, gymnastics orientated, fossil finding, foam pit packed day. The students in the Learning Forest have had a big focus on Gymnastics this term. They have re-sparked their love for the exercise playground, often teaching or showing other students things they have been learning about. Illawonga was the perfect place to finish this unit on and to have all of our students learn about how they can use their bodies and do some fun things. Illawonga is a fantastic facility, and had our students engaged at every moment!

The students started the day in the foam pit and learnt about a variety of different apparatuses used in gymnastics. Students then split up into groups and moved throughout the circuits. It was super fun jumping into the foam pit from the trampoline and swinging like monkeys on the uneven bars.

We had a quick break for recess and then got straight back into the gymnastics action. We played the world's best game of hide and seek in the foam pit. We had to bury ourselves deep in the foam pit and stay really still so that the seekers couldn't find us.

After another quick break for lunch we put our life jackets on and walked down to the river where we went on a beautiful boat ride across the river to the Punyelroo cave. On the way we learnt about the river Eco-system and how we can tell if it is healthy or not.

When we got to the caves we put on our safety helmets, got our torches and began the journey into the darkness. We had to climb under large rocks, over and through small gaps and make our way 250m into the cave. We stopped here for a while and went searching for fossils that were all over the cave floor and are around 23-24

million years old.

Once we made our way back out of the cave we made the leisurely trip back towards Illawonga camp. We were surprised with a quick 10minute speed boat ride out on the river. WE GOT DRENCHED from the water spray! It was a FANTASTIC day and the students will be talking about it for weeks to come!

Thank you very much to Jolie Zadow for offering her time and support to come with us and to the wonderful staff at Illawonga for providing us with an outstanding day.



