



Newsletter

9/5/18

Important Dates

Week 3 - NAPLAN

Monday 14/5 Open Day
(morning)

Monday 14/5 Governing
Council Meeting – following
open morning – 11.30am

Thursday 24/5 Assembly

Friday 1/6 Student Free Day

Wednesday 13/6 Young
Environmental Leaders

Friday 15/6 Music is Fun
Band

Thursday 21/6 Assembly

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, 21st century learners, who are empowered to strive for personal excellence.



HONESTY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE EXCELLENCE

Welcome back and another exciting term ahead.

To celebrate and show off our re-vamped school, we are holding an **OPEN MORNING** on Monday 14th May. A note was sent home last week and we hope all families will attend and support their children and school. Students have chosen which learning areas they would like to showcase and parents/carers are encouraged to participate.

There will a **Pupil Free Day** on Friday 1 June so staff can attend the Small Schools Association of SA annual conference in Adelaide. The theme is about creativity and innovation.

School Governing Council meeting next Monday 14th my at 11.30am

Next week our Yr 3/5/7 students will be participating in the **NAPLaN** testing. This is a snapshot of where a student's learning currently is and a guide to progress being made. At Blanchetown Primary School we utilise a variety of assessments and reporting strategies and NAPLaN is one.

We acknowledge that every student is unique and possesses a diverse range of skills and talents.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

Staff have been discussing which **learner dispositions** we value.

Dispositions are frequent and voluntary habits of thinking and doing – they are evident in the way people behave.

We have shortlisted the following dispositions and would appreciate parents/carers to pick the top three choices and return the tear off slip to school by Monday 14th May.

Students will also have the opportunity to vote for their three favourite dispositions.

We are reviewing our report template and wish to include the selected dispositions.

Please place numbers 1, 2 and 3 for your top three choices

curious risk-taking adaptable reflective

motivated concentration imaginative challenge

The **150th Celebration** of the school will occur on Saturday 27th October. We have started organising the upgrade of the original school building, searching our archival materials and planning activities for the day. Kylie Hahn has started organising our photos.

To assist with this work could families and community members please locate old photos/materials about the early days at our school, bring them in and we will scan them to add to our collection.

Invitations will be sent out this term to past students and staff so if you know of any people who do not live in the area that we need to contact, please send their names and contact details to the school.

Attached is a copy of our **whole school overview for term 2**. At a glance you will be able to see what the learning for any week is. This will give you the opportunity to talk with your child about their successes and challenges.

2018 Public Education Awards – Recognising excellence

Nominate, celebrate and recognise an outstanding educator in the 2018 Public Education Awards.

Get involved and say thank you to a principal, teacher or support staff member making a significant difference to the lives of their students and their communities.

An educator's influence continues beyond the classroom and supports children and young people to reach their full potential in life. We all remember a teacher who inspired and motivated us to enjoy learning, and the awards honour the dedication and passion of individuals who deliver the best possible outcomes for young people and their families.

The Public Education Awards are entering their 8th year and we're excited to share excellence in South Australian public education and invite you to celebrate and recognise an educator who makes a positive impact every day.

The Public Education Awards recognise excellence in South Australian public education, and nominations are open 1 to 31 May. Visit www.education.sa.gov.au/awards to nominate and find out more about the awards.

Fresh Frenzy snacks – see attached

Community Notices

Messy morning – please see flyer attached
