



# Newsletter

14/8/18

## Important Dates

### Week 5 Bookweek

#### Thursday 23/8

Assembly 9.00am

#### Monday 27/8

RAA Road Safety

#### Wednesday 5/9

Sleepover at  
School – more  
info at later date

#### Thursday 6/9

YEL / Enviro Expo  
**CANCELLED**

#### Friday 7/9

School Closure

#### Monday 17/9

Governing  
Council Meeting

### **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 4 and the improvement in the weather.

This week we celebrate our SSOs and ancillary staff who are a vital part of our school. We are so lucky to have such wonderful ancillary staff who support teachers, students and ensure the smooth running of at Blanchetown Primary School.

We say a big THANK YOU to them all.



We were very lucky with the weather yesterday when we visited the Recycling Yard, the old oval/playground, lock and carried out the Water Watch testing. The students asked many interesting questions of Roy Payne about recycling and reuse of waste items. This supports our learning on sustainability and recycling. The students were fortunate to see two kangaroos and an echidna by the river.



Whilst we were out of the school, we were very fortunate to have the crew from the Cadell Training Centre spread out our 30 tonnes of soft fall to ensure our playgrounds are safe. A big THANK YOU to them for continuing to assist our school.

I will be on Long Service Leave from 22/8/18 to 5/9/18 to travel and see the sights of Japan. In my absence, Kiah Payne will be Acting Principal.

Next week is Bookweek which has the theme of 'Find Your Treasure'. Students will participate in activities centred on the theme and the shortlisted books. There will be a parade on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 9am followed by an assembly. Possible ideas for dress up could be characters from *Paper Bag Princess*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, and *Pirates*.

THERE IS NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK INSTEAD NEXT THURSDAY AT 9AM

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

#### Obstacles or Opportunities?



"I am gonna try and try again, because the moment I give up, is the moment I fail," said Nick Vujicic, a man with no arms and legs. It's hard to imagine being in his shoes where so many skills we find easy would be a huge challenge for him – encountering obstacles everyday. It takes perseverance. And if it doesn't work one way, try another, new way of overcoming the mountain of a challenge in front.

We can use every obstacle to learn and every mistake to grow. Failure doesn't limit our abilities, but gives us the opportunity to become stronger! We don't grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges and not give up. Let's turn our obstacles into opportunities

## Recycling Excursion – Student Comments

*"Bottles and cans can be crushed into a block"*

*"It takes 16 bales to make a cube of plastic"*



*"I learnt that they crush up cans and plastic bottles to make bails so they can fit more bails in the truck. The plastic bales weigh around 217kg and there are around 7,000 to 8,000 plastic bottles in a plastic bottle bale. The aluminium cans bale weighs around 132kg and there are around 6,000 to 7,000 cans in a bale."*

*"Plastic has 3 layers – the recycled layer is put between two new layers, so people*

*don't get sick and to strengthen it".*

*"I learnt that the cans get crushed and that there is three layers on bottle boxes".*

*"The crusher crushes everything"*

*"Old fridges and old tyres"*

*"Plastic has 3 layers because it protects people"*

*"Before Mr. Payne took the glass away he broke it into lots of little pieces". I loved watching the cans getting squashed it was so awesome"*

*"Bottle caps cannot be recycled because they are too small. The plastic label cannot be recycled because the tip of plastic it is too thin to be recycled."*

*"The glass crusher crushes glass into a bunch of pieces. If you step on it, it will hurt your feet".*

*"Bottles used to look like a long skinny thing. If you put your hands in the baler your hands will be cut off. After the machine the 3 cans turn into a type of shape. Cans are sharp".*



**150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations Update:** Please see attached flyer to be completed and returned to the school or to Janice / Mel Porter.  
Thankyou Janice and Mel.

### **Community Notices**

Please see flyers attached:

- Waikerie / Ramco Cricket Club – Kids Come and Try
- Mid Murray Family Connections
- The Wizard of Oz Interactive Show / Colouring in competition
- St. John Child First Aid course
- tafeSA Hospitality Short Course
- Relationships Australia
- National Literacy and Numeracy Week

