Welcome to week 10 I can’t believe term 1 has gone so fast.

The students did a great job at the Mid Murray Sports Day last Friday. We finished a very close fourth and considering the number of students we have that is an excellent effort. Final scores were:

1. Morgan 9.32
2. Ramco 8.94
3. Cadell 8.62
4. Blanchetown 8.53
5. Waikerie Lutheran 7.53

I would like to thank the parents that helped officiate and organise and events. I also would like to say a big thank you to Deb Halligan and her staff at Ramco who did a magnificent job organising the day.

I have been busy updating the school website and policies. The Blanchetown 2012 Anti-Bullying policy has been uploaded to the website; it is accessible through the parent information section of the website. You will also notice on the homepage there is now a feedback/complaints button; this will take you to the contact page where you can access the parent guide to raising a concern or complaint brochure. I am currently finishing off the school’s parent complaint procedure which will be in line with the information you find in the brochure. This will be available to the school community soon.

Parent/Teacher interviews have been very successful so far with lots of important information being shared between staff, students and parents about learning, social interactions and other aspects of school life. If you haven’t made an appointment please do.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell to our Christian Pastoral Support Worker, Rosie Thistle. Rosie’s work in a professional capacity here at Blanchetown PS comes to a close at the end of term 1. Rosie’s time here has been very positive and she has built strong connections with the community through her positive attitude, her encouragement of students and adults alike, her hard work and her ability to make people feel good (and quite often full). Rosie started here 2009 and has developed and run the breakfasts and the hugely popular canteen on Thursdays, through these she has engaged the students in good decision making and healthy eating. Having only worked with Rosie for a term I know that she will be deeply missed by the school community. We wish Rosie all the best for the future.

We are having a farewell afternoon tea for Rosie this Thursday 5th April at 1pm in the library. Please come and join us.

Just a reminder that there will be a Governing Council meeting tomorrow evening at 7pm in the library.

Not engaging in issues

11 yr old Billy was discovered watching TV at a previously agreed ‘no TV time’. Too much television during the week has been a persistent problem and his parents had worked with him to create new household guidelines. His mother switched the TV off, walked up to Billie, and used a low, calm voice to say, “Billie, we’ve got a deal on this. You’ve broken it. Your bad choice means you won’t go to Tom’s this week end”. Then she walked away and DID NOT engage any further. Billie soon understood the system as it was consistently applied.

[Source: Parenting Tough Kids – Mark Le Messurier]
Rosie’s Corner

Dear Parents & Friends,

Welcome to week ten!

This week brings about change for me. After three years of being the Christian Pastoral Care Worker here at Blanchetown Primary School, I am saying farewell at the end of this week. One of the roles I have enjoyed playing here has been to provide ‘Canteen’ on Thursdays. I will still be able to do this, but it will be Wednesdays.

The person who has been chosen to take over this role has not been formally announced. I hoped to have a get-together to introduce you each other before the end of term. I am sure this will still be a possibility in term two.

Thank-you all for your support in my role here. I have enjoyed getting to know you & I have loved watching children grow older. To end my letters to you, I found something on ‘Friendship & Love’ on the internet to share with you today.

Love starts with a smile, grows with a kiss & ends with a tear.

Good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, impossible to forget.

Actions speak louder than words.

The hardest thing to do is watch the one you love, love somebody else.

A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find & lucky to have.

True friendship never ends.

Don’t frown. You never know who is falling in love with your smile.

For every second spent in anger, a minute of happiness is wasted.

Most people walk in & out of your life. Only true friends leave footprints in your heart.

The most important thing to remember is...

Always appreciate the friends you have.

Many blessings to you all.

Rosie

Easter Raffle

Thanks again to all those families who donated Easter goodies for our raffle. We were able to have four great prizes and the winners were:

1st Louisa McPherson
2nd Cindy Cabot
3rd Shane Bell
4th Ljubob

Family Portraits

Shoot SA are offering a family portrait fundraising program. If we can secure 25 family portrait bookings we can raise a substantial amount of money for our school. We are going to extend the invitation to the entire community to give us the best possible chance of securing enough bookings. We have decided that by doing this early in term 4 it would provide a great opportunity to hand out family portraits as Christmas presents.

Each family will receive a 10 x 13cm family portrait for free (valued @ $15), with the $15 donated to the school. Please fill in the slip below by no later than Wednesday 4th April to indicate your interest.

Eggs for Sale

A reminder that we still sell eggs from the school chooks. All money raised goes back into the school, so by buying the eggs, you are supporting the school! Cartons of eggs are available for $3 a dozen.
Community Notices

Country Arts SA – There will be 2 performances of “Erth’s Dinosaur Petting Zoo” at the Chaffey Theatre these school holidays.

Tickets at family friendly prices: Single $22 each 
Group Bookings $20 each (groups of 10 or more).

Times:  1.30pm Monday 16 April 
7.30pm Monday 16 April

Bookings can be made at the Chaffey Theatre by calling 8586 1800 or visiting www.chaffeytheatre.com.au

Please find included a colouring in competition which once completed can be dropped in to our box office. All entries go in to the draw to win a family pass to our next children’s show, also by Erth, titled “I, Bunyip”. The winner of the competition will be drawn on the day of the Dinosaur Petting Zoo performance.

Blanchetown Kart Club

KT Light, KT Medium & KT Heavy Trophy Day

Where: Blanchetown Kart Club
When: 22nd April 2012
Scrubineering from 8.30am,
Racing should be underway by 10.00am

Canteen & Bar Facilities available.
NO ALCOHOL to be brought onto premises.
For any Enquires please contact Angela Pfeiler on 85413326
Nominations after 10.30pm Monday 16th April will be put ROF

Walkerie Auskick Season 2012

Registration Night[s] to be on Wednesday night from 4/4/12 up to and including 2/5/12.

Alternatively registrations can be done online at www.aukick.com.au

For further information contact Shawn Nitschke on 85412580 (any time).

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Family Portrait Reply Slip

Family………………………

We are / are not interested in getting a Family Portrait done.

Signed …………………

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