



**BLANCHETOWN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# Blanchetown Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10 2023

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## Important Dates

This Week:

Interviews

T, W, Th

Friday 29/9

Wear Footy  
Colours Day

Bec Bishop \$2  
Healthy Lunch

End of Term early  
dismissal 2:20pm

Congratulations to  
our Wombats for  
winning the Dojo  
points this term-  
Wombats have  
chosen to reward  
the whole school  
with iceblocks at  
lunchtime on  
Friday!

### **Our Vision**

*At Blanchetown Primary School,  
we want all learners to be part of  
a caring, inclusive, success-  
orientated, quality-learning  
environment, which empowers  
everyone to continue lifelong  
learning with confidence.*



**RESILIENT**

**RESPECTFUL**

**RESPONSIBLE**

*Principal's Report*

*Welcome to Week 10*

The last week of term has arrived extremely quickly! Wow have we achieved a huge range of learning and fun this term.

Our team are very proud to have shared in wonderful successes in teaching and learning this term. Congratulations to everyone who helped support great Phonics Screening Check and PAT testing achievements- the data we collected from these assessments help us to form our next steps in learning and supports our targets in our Site Improvement Plan. With such a comprehensive data collection schedule, we track student learning thoroughly and regularly and we are really proud of our student's work. Teachers are looking forward to sharing some of this information in our Interviews this week. Thank you for your attendance and engagement in your child/ren's learning.

Our brekky club has been a wonderful way to reconnect in the mornings and our students have enjoyed cut up fruit this term, thanks Miss Bolt for signing us up and organising Foodbank. We appreciate your support with healthy lunches this term too.

PLEASE make sure you are on our Seesaw account as we are trying hard to keep communication open as best we can via that platform. I love sharing what we are upto when I get a moment.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable two week break. We will see you back here ready for Term 4 on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours Kindly, Ashlee Salter.

Powerful Learner

Curious

Motivated

Risk-Taking

## Wellfest

We have a big focus on student wellbeing at our site. Brekky club, walk n talks and our garden have all been factors towards instilling wellbeing strategies for our students. We have also incorporated a whole host of fitness and Physical Education into our term through activities such as Jump Rope and Basketball; all students have improved immensely! On Friday, we facilitated our 4<sup>th</sup> Wellfest with our aim of giving students opportunities to try new things and see what wellbeing strategies work well for them. We had the smoothie bike, Create a Playground and outdoor games from the council, thanks to Nat for collecting them from Mannum for us; students loved playing with them all. I borrowed toys from the Community Hub's Toy Library to explore. Thanks so much to Elly and Amie from Mid Murray Our Town who painted faces, shared local resources for wellbeing and allowed students a chance to paint a canvas. We were super lucky to receive lovely gifts too. Mrs Bolt made soap with our students, Mr de Courcy designed spaces with students in our nature play strip, Miss Bolt made wind chimes with students and we had the Rainbow Animal Farm visit which was a hit. How cute was that baby goat?! Tess made baked potatoes on the fire for lunch and we sat as a team to eat and chat. On offer we also had a colouring in quiet patch, yoga cards, mindfulness blocks and a sink/float game. All of these opportunities were given to our students as they are all wonderful ways to 'get into our flow' and help us to flourish in life. We hope that our children had a very memorable day and when they need to access these strategies they are there for them. Thank you to everyone involved. Families joined in on the rotations in the late afternoon. Another successful Wellfest where we are now able to build upon these wellbeing strategies and utilise what works best for our students when needed.

## Jump Rope for Heart

Congratulations to our students on their immense growth with skipping this term. On day one of starting this, a lot of our children could not skip, now we have all students giving it a great try! Well done on your efforts to improve your cardiovascular health. We have learnt how to take our heart rates, what a resting heart rate is and what happens when our heart rate rises plus so much more. Basketball has been another super fun sport to have learnt this term and our students have improved out of sight! Well done to our wonderful kiddos.

Congratulations to the following students who raised money for the Heart Foundation through their wonderful jump rope learning. Thank you Mrs Bolt for organizing it!

Ella \$271.15 – incredible effort Ella!

Piper \$62.70

Macy \$35

Rory \$35

Charlotte S \$16.55

Harry \$6

And Thank you to Aggie, Lily, Reg and Sid for registering



# ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS

## STRUCTURAL ADAPTATIONS

The quoll is a territorial sharp toothed marsupial, closely related to the Tasi devil. It is scattered with 40 to 70 white spots. These spots are used to break the outline of the quoll in the full moon to protect it from predators at night. Reg



## BEHAVIOURAL ADAPTATION

Koala's have a structural adaptation of sharp claws to help them pick leaves and climb trees. They also scratch their trees, so other koalas know where they live, this is a behavioural adaptation. Piper



## STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION

An echidna is crepuscular which means it is active during the day. The echidna comes out in the late evening or early morning as they avoid the major temperatures, although they can deal with the heat because they have no sweat glands and do not pant. Aggie



## BEHAVIOURAL ADAPTATIONS

Sleepy lizards live in a semi urban environment, they need grassland and groundcovers to protect themselves. Each lizard has a home range of between 7 and 22 acres. During cold months they brumate however they will come out on warm days as they are cold blooded. Lily



## STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION

Arctic foxes live in Alaska. They have developed structural adaptations to live in the snow by having short legs and long white fur. Their fur helps them blend into their habitat and keeps them warm and safe from their predators, the red foxes, polar bears, wolverines and golden eagles. Charlotte



## STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION

A possum is nocturnal as most animals are asleep and it's safe to wander around and eat bugs. It has a flexible tail for curling around branches. Indi



## BEHAVIOURAL ADAPTATION

Brown snakes live in semi-urban environments. They brumate in winter, it is a behavioural adaptation because they are cold blooded and need the sun to warm them. They live under rubbish and grass areas and eat rats, birds, mice and frogs. Sean



## The Hive News



In the Hive, we have had a great term, packed with engaging learning and meeting our learning goals. Our beloved silk worm, Ernie is growing at a rapid rate. Hopefully they decide to cocoon before the end of term! Recently, the 4-6's underwent PAT Math and Reading testing. These tests showed the fabulous growth mindset our students have and how much learning progress they have made over the year. I was extremely proud of everyone's efforts! We are looking forward to Term 4! Conversations about concert have already begun with lots of creative ideas being thrown about!

- Lily

This term I have really enjoyed HASS because I liked making my diorama and I liked Art. One of the learning goals I have achieved is multiplying decimals by 10 and 100. Next term I want to learn how to print things on the 3d printer.

- Reg

This term I have enjoyed learning new signs in Auslan. I have achieved completing the premiers coding challenge. Next term I want to learn more about The Arts.

- Charlotte

I've enjoyed drama because we get to spend time with the little learners and we get to play drama games. I am proud of achieving my math goals because I am getting really good at solving math problems. I am looking forward to making new friends and going on a new adventure.

- Piper

This term I have enjoyed our HASS and Science assignments because I like being creative.

- Indi

I liked doing the dioramas in HASS because I enjoyed studying different cultures and people. I have achieved becoming more skilled in The Arts. I'm looking forward to being a grade 5!

- Aggie

I achieved converting between 12- and 24-hour time. I have enjoyed designing our dioramas in HASS and doing drama. Next term, I am looking forward to starting a new term and practising concert.

- Sean

This term I have enjoyed HASS dioramas because it is fun. I am looking forward to doing more art and sketching.

# Little Learners R-2

## What a Term!

Term 3 has been a massive term of learning for the Little Learners class, jam packed full of exciting activities and projects across all our curriculum areas. The second half of the term started with our celebrations of Book Week and Science Week, and included excursions to Morgan Primary School and the Adelaide Space Discovery Centre.

## Phonics Screening Check

Every year in Term 3, all year one students in South Australia complete the Phonics Screening Check. I am proud to announce that for the second year in a row, 100% of our year one students successfully passed the benchmark. Congratulations to Sid, Ella and Harry for your amazing achievement!



The students made 'Grass Heads' while learning about life cycles, things that grow, and the process seeds go through during germination.



# Book Week



Following the theme 'Read, Grow and Inspire', students dressed up as their favourite book character. This was followed by some fun Book Week craft down at the Blanchetown Library.



# Science Week



On our excursion to the Adelaide Space Discovery Centre, some of us rode on a train and a tram for the very first time!



# Wellfest



## Cross Curricula Learning - Literacy, HASS, Science



Amazing Project learning by the Little Learners as they use their literacy skills to explore Landscapes of Australia in HASS; and Invertebrates in Science.

Great Posters Little Learners!





## Whole School Design and Technology



This term students across the school have been learning molding and casting techniques with Mr de Courcy. We have been making 'masters' from clay and other materials, then making 'plugs' using Pinkysil. The students then cast replica's using a fast setting polymer resin, before decorating.



**Great  
effort  
everyone!**

# Play Centre News 2023

## Week 10 Term 3



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It has been a crazy term both weather wise and with sickness. This included me. Thank you so much to Mrs. Ashlee Salter, for filling in during my absence in week 8.

However we have continued to have a lot of fun playing together, networking and sharing lots of laughter.

Thanks to the families for dressing their children up for Book Week, everyone looked wonderful.

I look forward to sharing more discoveries and having lots of exciting learning adventures and FUN with everybody in Term 4.

Thanks again for your continued support.

**Trish Zerner, Play Centre Leader**

*Thanks also to Karyn for keeping our centre clean each week and to Tess and Patrick for keeping our outdoor play space safe and looking great.*



# BOOKWEEK 2023



# Blanchetown Primary School Restaurant





# Rainbow Pet Farm



# Wellfest 2023



# Nature Play



# Face Painting





# HOLIDAY SWIM

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