



# Newsletter

7/3/19

## Important Dates

**Thursday 7/3**  
*Tennis Coaching*

**Friday 8/3**  
*Splash Carnival*

**Monday 11/3**  
*Public Holiday*

**Thursday 14/3**  
*Tennis Coaching  
Leaders Camp at  
Barmera Yr6/7*

**Thursday 28/3**  
*BPS Sports Day*

**Friday 5/4**  
*Mid Murray Sports  
Day*

## **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*

**HONESTY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE EXCELLENCE**

Welcome to Week 6!

Last week BPS leaders attended the State Leader's Day and Literacy Summit at the Convention Centre in Adelaide. There were approximately 1500 leaders learning about how to make our system World Class. There was a major focus on Phonics awareness and we at BPS have made a commitment to following a systematic approach to teaching phonics, hence our purchase of the Jolly Phonics programme which we are eagerly awaiting. We had many 'takeaways' from our learning and endeavour to implement new innovative strategies where possible. We enjoy talking about our new learning, so please feel free to ask what we have been up to!

We have lots of events coming up. SPLASH Carnival is tomorrow from 9:45 until 2:30ish. I'm looking forward to watching our students use their growth mindsets to set themselves some challenging goals and I'm looking forward to the Parent Competition too! On Monday is a public holiday for the Adelaide Cup. On Thursday and Friday next week our student leaders are attending a Leader's Camp in Barmera. Students have been getting ready for the Blanchetown Primary Sports Day (28/3) and for the Mid Murray Sports Day (5/4) by practicing some skills throughout Physical Education lessons. We hope to see you supporting your child/ren on these days. Tennis sessions are going well and Knowledge Next students have worked very hard to gain their classroom reward of a picnic at the Lock! Fab work by our Junior Primary students.



## **NAPLAN Online**

Week 9 Monday our students will sit a practice NAPLAN test online. This is to ensure our ICT infrastructure and administration systems can successfully facilitate the online tests and students' performance will not be assessed or reported on. The actual NAPLAN Online tests will be held in Term 2, Week 3. Students are able to practice on the Public Demonstration Site which helps them to become a bit more familiar with the format. Please visit this website if you would like to help your children at home <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

## Uniforms

We have had some students coming to school wearing clothes that are not part of our school uniform. Our uniform is lovely! We should be wearing it with pride. If you would like to order uniforms could you please put an order in before the end of term? Please see Ros to organise. We are coming into some cooler weather so please organise a school jumper for your child/ren.

## School Fees

Thank You to those families who have paid their fees. Could all fees be paid by the end of term 1 please to Ros? Fees can be paid in instalments or if you think you may be eligible for school card please come in to the front office and pick up the forms.

## Community Pool Meeting- Monday Week 8 18/3 at 3:30pm

Governing Council would like to invite you to the school Monday Week 8 18/3 to discuss what is happening with the Pool space. Please come along to help us make some important decisions that relate to our school. This precedes the Governing Council meeting which is being held at 5pm.

Ashlee Salter- Principal

## From Miss Ada

*Hey everyone!*

*This term there's been a lot of cool changes and new programmes put in place. Brekky Club, which started a few weeks ago, has been awesome. It's on every odd Thursday and everyone is welcome. The pancakes and French toast disappeared pretty quickly last week!*

*Every odd Thursday, as well, we have a lunchtime group called "Thursday Musicians". This ranges from having a go at an instrument to learning one and even writing a song. Creativity unleashed! The group has just begun and there's already been some fantastic songs and melodies written!*

*Lunchtime craft has turned into "The Chill-out Zone". Beanbags, pillows, lots of colouring in and mazes, and a toy dinosaur with multiple names has taken over this space!*

*It's been pretty fantastic! Ada*

