



Newsletter

9/5/19

Important Dates

Friday 10/5

Jolly Phonics Training

Tuesday 14/5

Brekky Club

Week 3 – T,W,Th

NAPLAN

Friday 17/5

Walk Safely to School

Monday 20/5

Book Club due

Friday 24/5

Crows visit

Tuesday 28/5

AFL session

Wednesday 29/5

Life Ed van @ MPS

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 2, Term 2! We have had a brilliant start to the term. The Knowledge Nest has had 100% attendance so far this term- Congratulations Knowledge Nesters. We are currently sitting at 95% attendance for the year. We would really like to keep it this way- 100% attendance is our goal! As the cold weather sets in (and hopefully the rains follow), please remember to wear warm clothing so as to fend off any colds and flus that may be around. I hope you enjoy this edition of our newsletter.

Professional Development at BPS

Our staff are undergoing some fantastic professional development sessions this term in particular around compound and complex sentences, reading comprehension and problem solving for Maths which are on our Site Improvement Plan. Our students are in for some rigorous learning. Hopefully you have received your overviews from our classroom teachers that have enabled you a snapshot in to what is happening in learning time. Our teacher's plans are innovative and we cannot wait to host an *Exhibition of Learning* at the end of the term. Look out for more information and save your pennies ready for what we have in store!

We are hosting a training for Jolly Phonics tomorrow at our school. We have invited all surrounding schools to join in with us and we are hosting a Parent/Caregiver session too! We are really excited to learn alongside our community and hope this training helps to improve our student's knowledge of phonics.

A huge Thank You to our Parent and Friends Committee who have organised our Mother's Day stall (in our front office). There's some great gifts to purchase- I'm sure lots of our mums will be getting some great surprises. Our P&F have also organised a wonderful lunch and snacks for Friday's Jolly Phonics training. If you have let us know that you are coming for lunch at 1:45ish, you are in for a treat. Thank You so much P&F, we are so lucky to have you all. Happy Mother's Day to all of our special mums.

Care at BPS

Recently, I sent out a survey monkey link to gain some feedback from our community as to whether whole day child care, before or after school care or vacation care at Blanchetown Primary School is needed by our families. Please visit the link here to provide us with some information to help us take next steps <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5KXZXVJ> or see me for a paper/hard copy. The survey will close shortly, so your prompt response would be greatly appreciated.

New Spaces

Have you seen our wonderful new painted tank yet? It is just beautiful and we Thank Lorraine for all of her hard work to have it finished for when our students arrived back for Term 2. It suits our surroundings beautifully and it has made our seated area even more attractive for our children. Another new space in our school is our Play Centre garden area. We have a brand new cubby house to play in! Thank You to Pompa Cole (Gosse children's pa) for making our wonderful mud kitchen for this area and to Salter Quality Kitchens for their work in getting things up and running.

Thank You to Bryan B Bear for his building expertise and work in general. We have some great new spaces for our students to enjoy and many more are planned! Thanks to Tess for her work with clearing out the 'ag area' and to Bryan for helping to set up our possible future chook yard.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Have you see our Earn and Learn collection box in the Waikerie Woolworths? Please collect them for us so we can purchase some lovely new items for our kids. There is also a collection box in our front office.

Dental Care SA

We have had the Dental Care SA program with us over the last couple of days. We Thank them for their visit. Our school students and Play Centre children have been very brave when visiting the dentist. It has been made less daunting as the dentist has been able to come and visit us in spaces that our children are comfortable and safe in, our Library and/or Play Centre buildings.

NAPLAN online

Next week is NAPLAN week. This year the majority of these tests are online and will provide us with a snapshot of student learning.

Special Dates

On Friday Week 6, 7/6/19, we are having a Student Free Day. On the following Monday is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. This might give you a chance to head off on a long weekend adventure with your family. On this day, our staff will be working on a Transforming Tasks Professional Development. If you are interested in what we will be getting up to, please visit this link for more information

<https://acleadersresource.sa.edu.au/resources/Transforming-tasks/>

I hope you received your Parent Calendar for the term. This calendar is an ever-changing document. Here are some important dates that you might like to put in your diary if you haven't already:

- Governing Council meeting Monday 20/5 at 5:30pm
- NAPLAN T, W, Th Week 3
- Week 3 Friday- Crazy Hair Day/Walk to School Safely Day and Family Brekky Club- all invited- 8:30am- Gold coin donation
- 23/5- Assembly by Miss Payne at 2pm
- 24/5- Crows Gratitude session visit
- 28/5 and 6/6- AFL coaching sessions
- 29/5- Life Education at Morgan Primary School
- 5/6- Young Environmental Leaders Day
- 14/6- Music is Fun Band at Waikerie Primary School for R-2
- 20/6- Assembly by Miss Searle
- 21/6- Tentative Date- Quiz Night
- 28/6- Years 3-7 Jon Maddin Music at Morgan Primary School

Family Information Session

You are invited to attend our Family Information Session on Week 4 Thursday 23/5 at midday. This session will provide you with some information regarding our Curriculum Planning at BPS. It will also be a chance for us to gain some feedback. A formal invitation will be sent out in due time. We are hoping to tie this in with a Healthy Lunch. More information to come.

Student Voice

We recently began our Student Voice teams. This is a great opportunity for our students to have their voices heard and work as a team to kick some goals! We have lots of fun things planned during these times- fortnightly Thursday afternoons.

ANZAC Day

Thank You to our students who attended our local ANZAC day ceremony- check out our Facebook page for more information!

We have a wonderful term planned for our students. Happy Term 2!

Ashlee Salter- Principal.

From Miss Ada...

After nearly a year of being at Blanchetown Primary School, I have some sad news to say that I will be moving on. I will really miss being a part of this beautiful school. I'm looking forward to my future where I plan to work with youth. For now this isn't my Goodbye, I'm just informing the community of my plans.

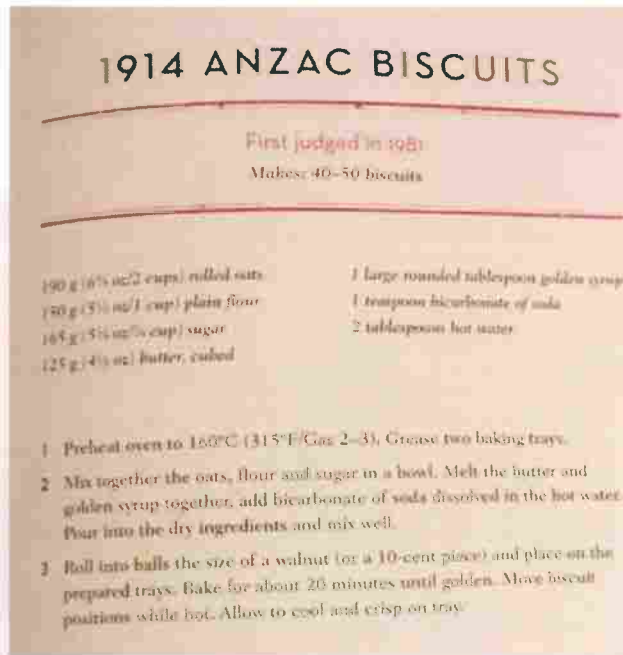
Blanchetown Family Fun Day

More information to come- Save the Date- Saturday, October 12th at the Blanchetown Oval.

Anzac Day

by Courtney Searle

On Friday the 3rd of May 2019 we spent the afternoon making traditional 1914 Anzac biscuits while discussing the importance of Anzac Day. They were delicious, so much so that we wanted to share the recipe with you.



Ingredients:

2 cups rolled oats

1 cup plain flour

3/4 sugar

125g butter

1 large tbsp. golden syrup

1 tsp bicarbonate soda

2 tbsp. hot water

With our new connection to the Blanchetown RSL we have some photos of our Anzac Day artwork that was placed on the memorial site in Gallipoli by Antony McLean. Antony emailed myself and passed along a reflection on his experience over in Gallipoli. This was shared with the students so they could see where their work was placed and how it was extremely important to a member of our community.



PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Position Vacant Advertisement



PASTORAL CARE WORKER

(Previously known as "School Chaplain")

BLANCHETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Schools Ministry Group along with Waikerie Ministers Association (Support Group) are seeking applications for this 12 hour per week position, commencing Term 3, 2019.

The position exists to offer Chaplaincy Services to students, staff and the school community.

A Job and Person Specification, including details on "How to Apply", is available from Schools Ministry Group on 8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au

Closing date: midnight, Sunday 26th May, 2019

Interested? For more info, attend the next **SMG Information Session**. For details, go to: www.smg.asn.au

Share our passion for developing minds
Infant Mental Health Week
 10 - 16 June 2019

A baby's brain grows at one million neuronal connections per second. Hear about Relationships Australia SA's work in infant mental health and make some connections of your own at this Infant Mental Health Week event.

Hear **presentations** about two of our infant programs and learn about the free web-based resource Let's Talk about Conflict (written by Jennifer E. McIntosh and Craig Olsson, Centre for Social and Early Emotional Development (SEED), Deakin University and produced by Relationships Australia SA).

This event is suitable for people who work with pregnant or new mothers, parents who are interested in the mental health of their infant, parenting program facilitators, midwives and home visiting services and those involved in child protection, with a particular interest in infants.

Time: 3.30pm - 4.30 pm

Date: Thursday, 13 June 2019

Place: 9 Kay Avenue, Berri SA 5343

RSVP by Tuesday 11 June here: <https://bit.ly/2ICPE7k>

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Free parenting seminar
The secrets of raising beautifully behaved children



Are you the parent of a 5-12 year old?
 Want to encourage positive behaviour in your home?
 Come and join us or watch our live webcast.

Hear psychologist, parenting expert and author, **Dr. Catherine Price**, talk about:

- understanding children's behaviour so you can guide them to be their best
- responding to misbehaviour in positive and helpful ways
- reducing battles and encouraging more cooperation in your home.

Wednesday 22 May

When: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Where: City Rooms
 Adelaide Convention Centre
 North Terrace, Adelaide

Register to attend in person or view the live webcast at:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>

Phone: 8303 1660

Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

This seminar is designed for an adult audience.

Presented by Parenting SA.
 For more information about raising children visit www.parentingsa.gov.au or www.cyh.com

Helping parents be their best



National Families Week

15 - 21 May

Free Family Fun Day

**STRONGER FAMILIES
 STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

Come and join us for a fun filled day to **celebrate National Families Week.**

Create some family memories and get back to nature!

FREE FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE!!

COME AND MEET A REAL CROCODILE AND OTHER NATIVE ANIMALS!!!!

Wilbur's wildlife will be there, doing up close native animal **interactions** and displays!

SUMO WRESTLING! GIANT CHESS! NATURE PLAY! CREATE YOUR OWN ART!

RIDE THE SMOOTHIE BIKE AND CREATE A DELICIOUS DRINK!

Mid Murray Council's Fun for Youth Trailer will be there

WHEN: 19th May 2019 TIME: 11- 4pm

WHERE: Truro Primary school (1 Burr St TRURO)

For Further information contact Mid Murray Family Connections Coordinator

Amie Johnson on 0419 860 044

