



# Newsletter

12/8/19

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## Important Dates

### **Wednesday 14/8**

Miss Payne at  
Brightpath Literacy  
Training  
Yr 3-7 Musica Viva at  
Ramco 11:10

### **Thursday 15/8**

Healthy Lunch  
Cricket Clinic  
Assembly by Miss  
Searle's class

### **Friday 16/8**

Pool Meeting David  
Z and Ashlee S with  
The Department

### **Week 5**

Book Week!  
Thursday afternoon  
Parade  
Friday STEM 500  
training

### ***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.*

Hi everyone! Welcome to Week 4.

We hope you have been keeping safe and warm out of this wintry weather! In saying this, our morning at BPS has been beautiful.

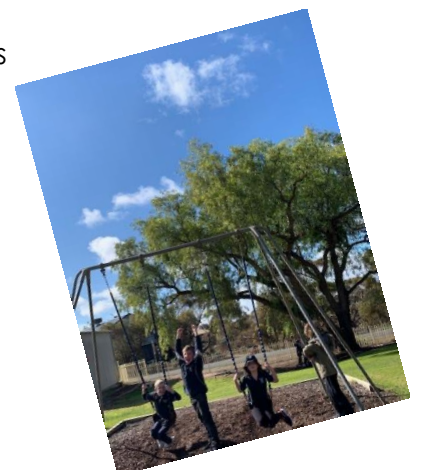
We have rescheduled our Roonka sleepover until Week 3 Thursday/Friday of Term 4, when hopefully the sun is shining and bright. Thank You for your flexibility around the reorganisation. Thank You to Miss Payne for her outstanding efforts with organising the whole sleepover.

As I write this, students in Miss Payne/Mrs Carter's class are working on growing seeds in jars and Miss Searle's class are highly engaged in learning about different animal species across the world. What a great way to start off National Science Week!

The Local Schools Community Fund is now available for schools to apply for a small scale project. If you can think of something along these lines that you would love to see at our school, please get in contact with me. I am applying for a shade sail to be placed over our new Play Centre play area and the possibility of getting our Nature playground up and running. I have recently applied for a Landcare Woolworths grant for our Agricultural area. Let's cross our fingers.

We have welcomed Dehlia and Mrs Carter into our school family recently and they have fitted in seamlessly; enjoying their work at Blanchetown Primary. Dehlia is offering art sessions for children and their families on Thursday afternoons (see previously sent out flier).

Last week, we hosted our Partnership (all schools in the local area) meeting. Thank You to our Parents and Friends club who catered for our big day. Our P&F will be holding a Father's Day stall at school during Week 6 (more information to come closer to the date).



Last Monday after lunch, teachers met with Carol Colbert and teaching staff from Morgan Primary to learn about feedback, assessment strategies and transforming tasks for problem solving. Teachers have created 'Commitments to Action' for their classrooms. It was a super successful session and the new learning is being implemented as we speak.

Lately we have been offering some art sessions throughout break times. Students have been enjoying the opportunity to paint, design and use their creativity.



Thank You to Bryan for cooking us some tasty snags for lunch last Friday as a mini Thanks to our students for their efforts day in and day out. Also, thanks to Bryan for sorting out the tree that fell down in our carpark last week. Bryan has also started to update our student drinking station. It's great what a coat of paint can do!

Volunteers across the schooling sector are required to have a Working with Children Check. If you would like one, please let me know and we can organise one for you.

We have some old tables and chairs sitting outside of our sports shed. If you would like them, please feel free to take them otherwise Bryan will be taking a load to the dump soon.

Breakfast Club is running every Tuesday morning thanks to our wonderful SSOs and our student voice team for operating this welcomed initiative.

Have a wonderful week of learning and fun. Ashlee Salter.

### Book Week – Parade Thursday 22/8

Do you have a secret power? What is it?! Come dressed up to our book week parade- parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, everyone is invited to dress up as a book character! See you Thursday after lunch for a parade, prizes and a special guest reading a shortlisted book. See flier for more information.



### Blanchetown Family Fun Day

Our P&F are running a 'decorate your own bikkie' stall and a cupcake stand. If you would be willing to help out on the day by hosting the stall for a short amount of time, by donating cupcakes or by lending a helping hand, please let me know.

If you have any other ideas that you would love to see at our Blanchetown Family Fun Day, please come and see me.

Thank You to our local Play Group who will be hosting Play-Dough activities and to our local hairdressers for offering to create some funky hair dos. We also have Miss Searle and Elli offering face painting for the kids, PLUS SO MUCH MORE! Come for a coffee or a cold beverage and stay for some live music. We have Sassy Brews coming thanks to Megan for organising and the 'Create a Playground' kit too! Check out the event on Facebook for further updates. It's going to be super fun for the whole family.

### Site Improvement Plan

Staff have been working tirelessly to ensure we are enacting the 'challenges of practice' within our Site Improvement Plan. To collect evidence of learning under our two main foci- Inference and Problem Solving- teachers have designed scrapbooks for our children to add work into. If you would like to see these, please let us know. They are lovely pieces of work that display learning in regards to our SIP. Congratulations to our staff who put a great deal of effort into ensuring our children are challenged every day. Have you asked your child/ren what an 'INFERENCE' is lately? Can you help them to make inferences throughout the day? How do you role model PROBLEM SOLVING in a mathematical situation? All of these tips, hints and tricks help our children to learn.

### Term 3 Information

- Week 4- Musica Viva at Ramco Primary Wednesday 14/8- Years 3-7 attending. Leonie McNeill is taking some students and Miss Searle is driving our school bus, Cricket Clinic 15/8
- Week 5- Book Week! Book Week Parade after lunch- all families welcome! Thursday 22/8. See attached flier.
- Week 7- Camp 2/9-4/9 to Woodhouse
- Week 7 FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE for the Adelaide Show

### Bus Service

We have advertised our bus driver position locally. Thank You to Greg for running our bus service every morning of the week.