



**BLANCHETOWN  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# Blanchetown Primary School Newsletter

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## Important Dates

Tuesday Mornings 8:30am-  
8:50am

Brekky Club will be back next term at the latest. At the moment Jolie is hosting a DANCE CLUB FUN!

### Week 10

Wednesday 23/9- Year 7  
Transition session 9:15-11am  
driven by Sue Billett- LEAVING  
THE SCHOOL AT 8:30 am sharp

Baked Potatoes on the campfire-  
end of term celebration! Thanks  
Jolie and Bryan.

Friday 25/9- Final day of Term 3.  
Early dismissal 2:20pm.

### Term 4

Book Week- Week 2, Parade TBC

Exhibition of Learning – change of  
date- TBC

Kindy Transition dates- Week 6  
and Week 7 Thursdays

### 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.*

## Principal's Report

Respect

Resilience

Responsibility

Excellence

Honesty

Hi team BPS! We were pleased with how smoothly our Sports Day ran last week. Congratulations to those students who showed persistence, resilience, responsibility and pride throughout the day. It was lovely to see some of our students encouraging others, praising them for their efforts and supporting the set up of the events. Our staff were incredible, juggling all different roles such as timing, scoring, encouraging and organising the day. It would have been lovely for our wonderful families to join us, however Thank You for understanding the predicament schools have been in of late. We hope the closed Facebook videos and photos gave you some insight into how your child/ren's day went. Special mention to Team Eyre for winning by a minimal margin!

Recently, our students sat PAT testing. 'Progressive Achievement Tests' are designed to provide objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students' skills and understandings in Reading and Numeracy. In adopting and using Progressive Achievement Tests to investigate and diagnose student learning and to monitor progress over time, teachers are working within a growth mindset, with the benefits of targeted teaching, increased levels of student engagement and improved learning outcomes.

As a Principal, it is extremely heartening to see positive learning results in the form of concrete individualised data. The pride I feel when I read through some of our PAT testing results this time around, is second to none. Most of our students have made personal growth and achievement this year. As you know, this has been my endeavour- to lead our individual PAT results via our Site Improvement Plan and make changes to teaching and learning pedagogy to ensure this occurs. Our teachers and support staff are also very proud of what our students have achieved. We work tirelessly to build upon learning experiences for our students and we are happy to say that this is what has happened for majority of our kids. The work of a teacher is never simple, but with consistency and innovative ideas we are pleased with our results. This Thursday during PLC (Professional Learning Community) time, staff will be meeting for an end of term celebration and we will have time to look through individual test results.

Book Week is in Week 2 of next term. We have planned to host our Exhibiton of Learning during the same week so we can hopefully run it the way we want, if COVID restrictions lower. This year's theme is, 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds,' seems like a great theme with lots of fun learning activities we can do. Students can dress up as any BOOK character they would like, so get the thinking caps on in the school holidays. We hope to have parents/carers dressing up too. More information early next term. The shortlisted books for 2020 are displayed in our library for students to peruse.

*Thank You for the support you have given me and the positive community culture we have continued to create together this year. As I hand the reigns over to the incredible Mrs Sue Billett, I will most certainly not be a stranger throughout my maternity leave. From my family to yours, I wish you and your children all the very best for a successful end to 2020, a year that will never be forgotten for many reasons. Remember I am only a phone call away! Ashlee Salter.*

Powerful Learner

Curious

Motivated

Risk-Taking

Final hours are due to Mrs Billett by the end of Week 1 next term! If you need to get more hours up, please ask Ros or Sue for a School Badge Challenge, Spring Holiday Challenge or some more ideas! We will be running a School Holiday lecture called Amazing Astronomy in Renmark in the afternoon of Monday, 28 September. This is open to all, not just CUA members. Here is the Eventbrite link for further details and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/amazing-astronomy-tickets-119192910203>

Below are instructions for how the members can find Riverland and Murrayland specific activities in the CUA Portal:

- Log into the CUA student portal (<https://cuaportal.com/cu-login/>)
- On the black ribbon at the very top of the page click on 'Learning Destinations'
- On the yellow ribbon in the middle of the page, click in the 'All categories' drop down menu
- Scroll down to find 'SA – Riverland and Murrayland' – select this option

Parent Survey

The 2020 school parent engagement survey is open from Monday 7 to Friday 25 September 2020. The survey is for all parents of students enrolled in a South Australian public school.

- Parents of our students will be sent a link (unique to your school) via email or SMS directly from the survey tool.
- All parents will be asked the same questions at each school.
- Each principal will also be sent a copy of your school's survey link so it can be promoted via your school's communication app, newsletter and social media accounts (below)
- Data collected from survey responses will be provided to principals in October.

This is a great opportunity to get valuable insights into the engagement of our parents of our students in children's learning, so please participate if you can.

Completion rates and results from the survey are not measures of your school's performance. This is a new survey specifically designed to gauge how parents engage with their children's learning. The data will be given back to each school to support school improvement planning.

[https://educationsa.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eJ3AXNw9lsJQcdL?RID=CGC\\_RtY1iq0Cq2M711Z&O\\_CHL=email](https://educationsa.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eJ3AXNw9lsJQcdL?RID=CGC_RtY1iq0Cq2M711Z&O_CHL=email)

**HAPPY TERM 3 HOLIDAYS!**  
**SCHOOL RESUMES MONDAY**  
**12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 8:30am!**  
**TERM 4!**

