



**BLANCHETOWN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Blanchetown Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 Week 8

Important Dates

School Governing
Council meeting –
Monday 13/9/21 at
4pm **at Salter's Wines**

Meldanda School
Camp
15th & 16th September

An approved School
Closure on Friday
17/9/21 for the
Riverland Field Days

High School
transition visit
Monday 20/09/2021

Last day of school is
a Fun Day organised
by the winning team,
and dismissal at
2.20pm – Friday
24/09/2021

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.*



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**Be respectful*

** Be honest*

** Be the best you can be*

Principal's Report

Welcome to week 8 and six more sleeps to the camp.

Another note has gone out to check for sleeping items. Please return the tear off slip and **any consent forms that haven't been returned**. A reminder that payment needs to be made before going on camp.

There will be a bus run on Tuesday but parents/carers will need to bring students to school on Wednesday morning and pick them up on the Thursday at 2.30pm

When Mr de Courcy brings the R/1 students back on Wednesday afternoon parent/carers will need to pick them up at 3.30 from school and bring them back so the bus can take the student back to the camp site at 9am on the Wednesday morning.

The students will be very busy at camp, and tired when they get home so the closure day on Friday will be very welcome for them to sleep in.

This week all students Yr2 to Yr7 participated in the Progressive Achievement Testing in Reading and Mathematics. Early perusal of the data has indicated significant growth by most students. This is heartening for staff who have learned about and implemented 'Science of Reading' with the systematic teaching of phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency and vocabulary to improve comprehension. Next term we will analyse the areas that need to become our next steps in learning.

Powerful Learner

Curious

Motivated

Risk-Taking

A huge thank you to everyone that donated soup to the fundraising committee in Terms 2 and 3. It was delicious and nutritious and warmed us up on a cold winter's day. But more than that it was a great act of generosity from members of our school community to take the time to do this for the kids and give the fundraising committee an opportunity to earn money that they can use for projects. It teaches the kids generosity, kindness, charity and fosters the value of contribution to society. The students were so proud when one of their favourite soups was on offer and it was so good to have parents and carers contribute to the school in this lovely practical way when so many school communities interstate are being forced apart in Lockdown.

\$432.10 has been raised so far and we look forward to using this money to make a difference.



The message this year is '**Are they *really* OK? Ask them today.**'

The ups and downs of life can affect each of us differently. Sometimes it won't be obvious that someone is struggling, but having the support of family, friends and close colleagues can help us better navigate the challenges that come our way.

Don't wait until someone is visibly distressed or in crisis to ask them how they're really going. Make a moment meaningful and ask "are you OK?" Your conversation could change a life.

Never underestimate your ability to have a positive impact on someone's life.