



**BLANCHETOWN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Blanchetown Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 11

Important Dates

Thursday 14th April

Last day of Term 1,
2:30pm dismissal

Friday 15th April

Good Friday
School Holidays begin

Monday 2nd May

Term 2 starts

Wednesday 4th May

Auskick First Session

Friday 6th May

Mother's Day Stall



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***Be respectful**

*** Be honest**

*** Be the best you can be**

Welcome to the last week of Term 1!

Principal's Report

We have recently begun a Kindness Challenge. Students are to catch each other being kind. We even have some Kindness Police looking out for us. Next term we are having a conceptual theme of Resilience. Over the break it would be wonderful if you could point out to your child/ren how they are being resilient or how they could try to be more resilient when learning.

We are trying to reschedule our swimming lessons to week 7 in Term 4. Our Sports Day and MMSD will be discussed early next term, once we have worked out what is happening with the COVID situation.

Next term we are having a major focus on Fluency in reading. If you would like to try some 'Choral Reading' at home with your child, please read the next page of our newsletter. It's fun, it's free and it's full of learning! I have been going through student's at home reading journals. Some students will be receiving their 25 or 50 nights reading awards this week. Congratulations! However, there are many students who have not read at home regularly. Maybe next term, or in the holidays, you could make it your goal to read to your child/ren or they could read to you every night or every second night?!

On Wednesday this week our students are making hot cross buns with Ina. On Thursday we are making Easter nests and maybe the Easter Bunny may pay a quick visit! We are also going to have class meetings where awards for the term will be given out by Student Leaders. An exciting week! On Thursday, the team who wins the most reward points gets to host something fun! We start early next term off with a bang, it's NAPLAN time!

When students return to school after the break the cooler mornings will certainly be upon us, students are sometimes needing a jumper or jacket. Uniforms are available for purchase from Mrs Hahn. Please name all items.

Our Learning SA is available for students that are at home. This site has been created to support short term learning at home and has lessons available in all curriculum areas. Our Learning SA <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa>

A reminder to PLEASE let Mrs Hahn or classroom teachers know who is picking your child up at the end of the day as we CAN NOT let your child/ren go with someone who is not an emergency contact OR let them walk off from school without knowing that is okay. Even if we know who that person is, we still need to be informed by the family (parent/carer) what the arrangement is either in writing or via phonecall.

Next term, I will aim to have a newsletter out every 3 weeks. Wishing you and your family a very safe and fun Easter. Happy Holidays!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD RECIPIENTS! We had some very proud students and teachers today.

Thank You, Ashlee.

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.*

Powerful Learner

Curious

Motivated

Risk-Taking

CHORAL READING

Why use choral reading?

- It can provide less skilled readers the opportunity to practice and receive support before being required to read on their own.
- It provides a model for fluent reading as students listen.
- It helps improve the ability to read sight words.

How to use choral reading

1. Choose a book or passage that works well for reading aloud together or as a group
 - Patterned or predictable (for beginning readers)
 - Not too long
 - At the independent reading level of most students
2. Everyone is to have the same text
3. Read the passage or story aloud and model fluent reading
4. Ask your child/ren to use a marker or finger to follow along with the text as they read.
5. Reread the passage and the child/ren read the story or passage aloud in unison like singing a song together!

Easter Colouring In Competition



Term 1 Award Recipients



	Term 1 3-6	Term 1 R-2
Be the Best you can be	Nixon Olive	Zoe Harry
Powerful Learner	Lily G Malachi	Ella Kaiden
Values	Makayla Charlotte	Bill Tatum

From Mr de Courcy's R-2

In the Junior Primary class students have been learning to write simple sentences using a noun and a verb, and have practiced changing the nouns and verbs to alter the outcome of the sentence. To challenge themselves, some students have been extending their sentences to build complex and compound sentences. I am extremely proud of the effort and creativity that all students have been putting into their literacy learning this term.

In the lead up to the Easter break, students have been having fun with maths with an Easter theme, and have been making and creating Easter craft. Here are some pics of the students hard at work.



Our 3D design project to finish off the term was to design and make individual bookmarks that the students can take home and use when they are reading. Here are some of the great designs the students came up with.



Have a brilliant Easter break with your family and friends. Can't wait to get learning in Term 2.

Congratulations to our award winners! I'm so proud of you.