

END OF YEAR CONCERT 5pm, Wednesday December 14th at our lovely school

Can families please coordinate with your child/ren to get clothing suitable for their character they are in the play? For example, if you are a footy fan you will need to look like one, if you are a meat tray perhaps wear something pinky coloured etc? If you need any support with this or it doesn't make sense, please contact us as soon as possible. Students have designed and made their own props alongside their teachers but just need something to wear on the night underneath. We will be having a BBQ sausage sizzle after the concert. If you can help by cooking or serving, please contact Ashlee or Tess.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please order what you need for 2023 with Mrs Hahn. We are using a new local provider in Renmark. We have hats, rugby jumpers, ¼ zip new windcheaters, polo tshirts and a school dress available.

JASON OWEN VISIT

We are lucky enough to be having a visit from the Runner Up from the X Factor, Jason Owen. He is going to sing some songs, spread some Christmas cheer and bring some things for our students. He will be visiting our school on Friday 9/12 at 2:30pm.

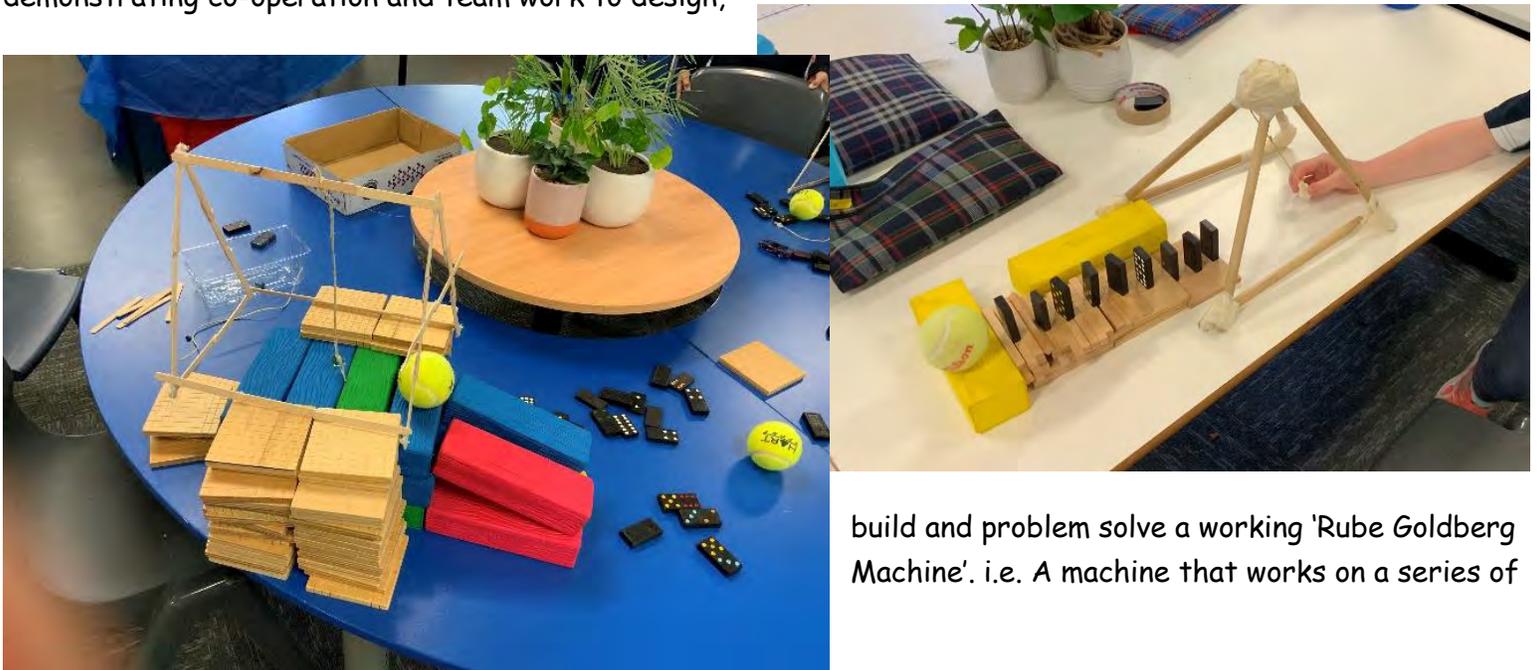
YEAR 6 MUSIC SESSION

Our Year 6's are going to be having a music introductory session on Friday 25/11 at 2pm with the Waikerie High School music staff online so they can experience what the music program entails.

Little Learners R-2

What do we celebrate and why? How is Christmas celebrated around the world? and what is a 'Rube Goldberg Machine'? So many questions! These are some of the questions that the Little Learners have been trying to find the answers to this term as Christmas and the end of the 2022 learning year fast approaches.

Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) lessons so far have seen the Little Learners demonstrating co-operation and team work to design,



build and problem solve a working 'Rube Goldberg Machine'. i.e. A machine that works on a series of

chain reactions that ultimately end in something happening that is related to your goal.

In our first challenge, students were asked to design a machine that would make a series of dominoes fall that in turn would continue a chain reaction that would move a toy car across the table. Some great thinking and problem solving has resulted with the first of our machines being successful. I wonder what further steps the students could add to their machines? If you are interested in building upon this learning at home, You Tube have some great clips you could explore with your family.



In The Arts, HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) and Literacy students have been making various items related to Halloween, Remembrance Day and Christmas, and have been writing and publishing short themed poems to demonstrate their creativity and to consolidate their literacy learning for the year. Students have also been helping Mrs Salter with our Schools entry in the 'Waikerie Christmas Tree Trail'.



We have also been running the 3D printers around the clock producing beautiful Christmas decorations designed by the Little Learners students that will be available to families for purchase at the end of year Christmas Concert. Here is a sneak peak of some of the items that will be available. Make sure you bring some coins to purchase!

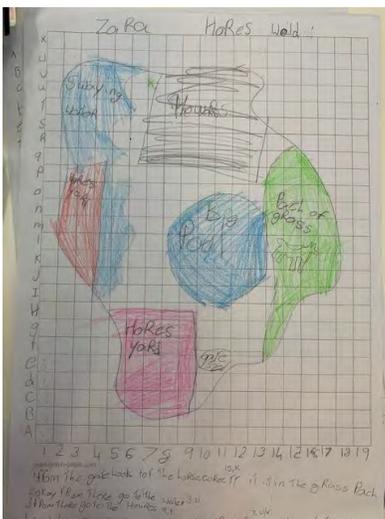
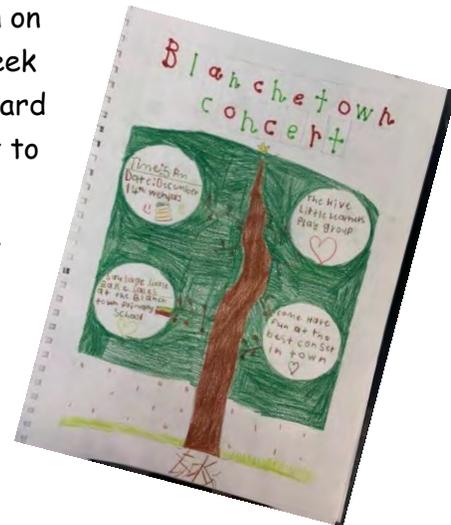


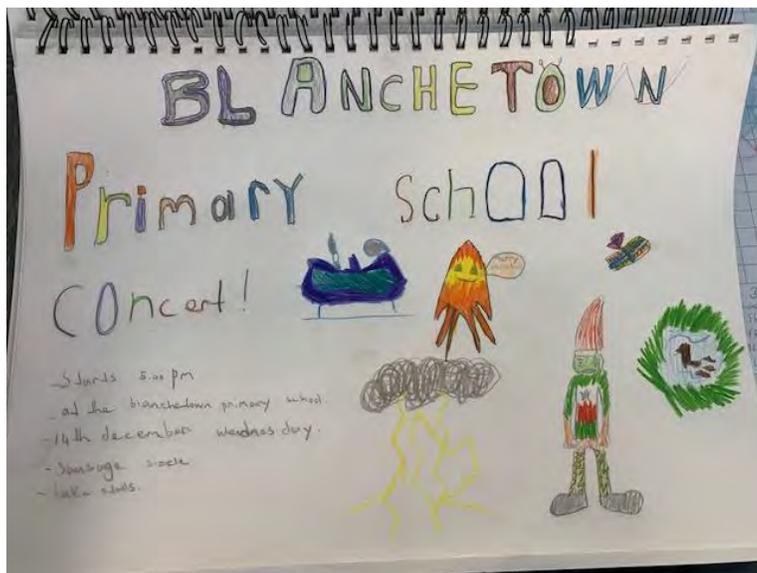
Over the next few weeks we are welcoming new students to the school through our Kindy Transition program. This is a chance for incoming 2023 Reception students to familiarise themselves with the school, staff and students so they can be better prepared for what a full day at school looks and feels like. It has also been a great opportunity for the current Little Learners to further demonstrate their school values as peer leaders and role models to the incoming students. We have many fun activities organised for the remainder of the year as we welcome Andre, Rory and Charlotte to Blanchetown Primary School.

We have begun to get our end of year concert item organised. We hope it all comes together well and we look forward to showing you what we have come up with. Thank You, Mr de Courcy.

THE HIVE by Mrs Callan

In the 3-6 class, students have been very busy. In Science, we did an investigation on what light is best for a plant to grow. Students finished their investigation last week and it was the plants in the direct sun that grew the most. The plants in the cupboard unfortunately died but now we know that the sun is part of the process for a plant to grow. In Health, students have been learning about internet safety. Last week, we learnt that international internet safety day is on the 7th of February 2023 where 49 countries agree to keep the internet safe for young people (and others) using it. We also worked out where our digital footprint may be even as young people without their own social media accounts. For concert preparation we have been doing lots of painting of props and this week we start the back drops. At the end of year concert, The Hive will be entrepreneurs selling their business goodies. Please bring coins to purchase some fabulous treats.





Swimming Lessons start tomorrow at SRAS

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9-10	2/3	4/5/6	4/5/6
10-11	4/5	2/3	2/3
11-12	2/3	4/5/6	4/5/6
12-12:45	R/1	R/1	R/1

We have tried really hard to at least get our students some of their swimming entitlement. Please remember to label EVERYTHING. Students need full lunchboxes, hats, sun appropriate bathers, water bottles, sunscreen (supplied by school if needed) etc etc. If your child would like goggles, please ensure they are labelled too. For the year levels that require it, please remember lifejackets and long sleeve tops and pants. Students who start their lesson at 9 need to ensure they are at school just before 8:30am as the bus will leave at 8:30 sharp.

Students will have support to get organized and changed etc, but this might be something you may like to rehearse with your child/ren so they know how to pack their own bag, do their shoes up, go to the toilet before they get on the bus, put wet clothes in a plastic bag etc. Any questions, please contact Sue or Ashlee.

The Hive Update by Mrs Giles

Math: The Hive been busy exploring mapping and location in Math. Last week, we were tasked with creating a map of the school using either a grid coordinate system or a Cartesian plane. We also needed to create five clues which led to a special treasure. We had to use locational language in our clues to help our partner find the treasure. As you can see there were lots of excited treasure hunters and even a couple of extremely tricky clues. We had a blast!



Students' 10 cents...

I'm looking forward to selling my product which is cookies!

- Adele

I like school concert practice because we get to do lots of dances and acting.

- Shaelee

I liked the egg experiment with Mrs Callan. We were looking at the layers of the egg.

- Sean

I'm looking forward to swimming because I might meet new people.

- Indi

This term we have been delving deeper into the art of developing our own businesses with Mrs G. We are selling our product at the annual school concert. You will be tasting some AMAZING food!

- Reg

This term we have been doing businesses. I am going to make sausage rolls. I think I will run out fast because Mrs G loves sausage rolls.

- Malachi

I loved doing fractions and decimals with Mrs Giles. I really enjoyed the pizza fractions task.

- Lily R

This term I have enjoyed our maps that we have made, and I think I will like the high school transitions.

- Makayla

I like learning new things with Mrs Giles. I have liked the maths and BIN games in the morning

- Buddy

This term I have enjoyed businesses with Mrs G because I like working with people my age.

- Scarlett

I am looking forward to swimming because I like diving for the toys.

- Jobe

This term I have enjoyed learning poetry with Mrs Billett.

- Charlotte

This term I have enjoyed concert practice, making the props was fun. I am looking forward to swimming practice.

- Aggie

Last Day of Term



LAST FRIDAY OF TERM 4

16/12/22

CASUAL CLOTHES
& BRING A TOY
TO SCHOOL DAY

Play Centre News

Week 6 Term 4

What have we been doing at the Play Centre over last three weeks?

- Over the last few weeks most of our families have been very busy getting used to new routines.
- We are all very excited for Rory and Andrei who have begun their Reception transition visits in Mr. DeCourcy's Little Learners class here at Blanchetown. 😊
- Jack and Phoebe started their transition visits at Swan Reach Kindy in week 5.
- Georgie and Jed will be travelling to Morgan Kindy, and the Waikerie Children's Centre respectively over the next few weeks for their transition visits. 😊
- WOW! Our Play Centre children are all growing so fast. ♥
- Now that there is no school Splash Day scheduled in week 8, Play Centre will be running for our final session for this year, I hope all of our families will be able to attend.
- We have been busy making Christmas decorations for the families to take home and we have also been practicing our song for the Christmas concert.

Trish Zerner: Play Centre Facilitator



