**Important Dates**

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**Rosie’s Corner**

Dear Parents & Friends,

Welcome back to term 1 of 2012. It is great to be back at our school, back to routine & looking forward to seeing your children again.

It has become my custom to find inspirational stories for this newsletter. This story is written by Byron Pulsifer & is called “Happy to Return”.

Recently we went on a vacation for a week that involved visiting four different ports in the sunny & warm climate of the Caribbean. There were moments of great laughter, fun & great food.

It was twelve years since we had taken holidays, so this break was viewed with great anticipation as a change from our normal routine. We weren’t disappointed.

Even though we had enjoyed all of the new experiences, the pleasure of visiting different countries & cultures & the chance to do what we wanted when we wanted at a leisurely pace. There was something very different about this vacation compared to those when we worked in a corporate environment.

The main thing different was when the holiday was drawing to a close we didn’t have the same feelings of dread & stress. We were returning to an occupation we both loved.

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The point is this: If you do what you love, it doesn’t matter that a holiday has to end. You will not find yourself looking for a few more days of vacation. A love of what you do draws you back to pleasure not to toil; to where you feel comfort, completeness & satisfaction.

Many blessings to you all,

Rosie

**Principal’s Report**

Welcome back.

My name is Matt Kerslake. I have worked in the Northern Adelaide Region over the last few years, specifically at Keller Road Primary School, where I was primarily the year 4/5 teacher, but my other roles included the coordinator and acting principal. In my teaching career I have taught across all levels of junior primary and primary school.

I am excited to have been given the opportunity to teach and lead here at Blanchetown PS. Over the coming weeks I hope to meet everyone both informally and then formally at the acquaintance night (more details will be available soon when the date is finalised).

The students here at Blanchetown PS will be at the centre of my work. I am lucky enough to be working with students everyday across a number of learning areas. This will help me build an understanding of what learning experiences and resources they need to achieve success and develop their learning.

I would also like to acknowledge that as parents and caregivers you are the number one educators of your children. I look forward to working with you and sharing your children’s successes over the year.

I have been getting to know the staff and they have been fantastic and professional in helping me familiarise myself with the schools frameworks, routines and procedures.

If you have any questions or concerns please make a time to come and see me. I look forward to meeting everyone.

Thank you

Matt Kerslake

**Staff/Class News**

As you would already be aware we are running 1 class this year. Ros Simpfendorfer is working with the class 3 days a week and Carol Colbert is working with them 2 days a week. This class however will be split into two groups up until lunch. There will be an R-3 group that will work with Matt and the 4-7 group will work with Ros and Carol. If you have any questions about this please let us know.
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