

### **An IB school valuing, supporting and inspiring a community of lifelong learners**

#### **Important Diary Dates**

##### **Acquaintance Night**

Wed 15 February  
6-7.40pm

##### **AGM & Governing Council**

Tuesday 21 February  
5.30-8pm

##### **Special Assembly**

Friday 24 February  
2.15pm

##### **Mother's Day Stall**

23 & 24 February  
MP & UP

##### **New Parents Welcome Morning Tea**

Friday 3 March  
9am

To join, search for Blackwood PS Scene in Facebook and click on the Join button.



Dear Parents and Caregivers and Community Members,

A very warm welcome back to Blackwood Primary School. We hope that everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and a great start to the new year.

This year our school has grown by two extra classes as we welcome over 100 new students and their families. We look forward to getting to know you and hope that your time with us is enjoyable and rewarding.

#### **We welcome new staff members to our school in 2017**

We are very fortunate to be welcoming the following new staff members to our school.

Christie Follett – Year 3/4

Kate Satomura - Japanese teacher 5/6/7

Belinda Finnie – Year 3/4

Courtney Turner - SSO

Jen Herbert – Year 5/6

Andrew Brookfield – ICT SSO

#### **Congratulations Mr Wyskamp**

We would like to congratulate Mr Wyskamp and his wife on the birth of their beautiful daughter Emily. Mr Wyskamp will be returning to school in week 4. We welcome back Mrs Annese who is covering his class during his absence.

#### **External Review 2017**

As part of our continuous school improvement we will be involved in an external school review with a review panel. The purpose of external school reviews is to support schools to raise achievement, sustain high performance and provide quality assurance to build public confidence in government schools.

All government schools will be externally reviewed every four years.

The focus of the review is to evaluate school performance. The review panel consists of a review officer and a trained review principal. The review will occur on Monday & Tuesday, 13 & 14 February 2017.

We will find out the aspects of the school's improvement that have been verified through the review processes as well as the improvements that we need to make in the future.

During the external school review, some students, parents, governing council members and staff will be asked to provide information to the review panel in a number of ways. These include:

- individual interviews
- group discussions (with students or staff or parents)
- meetings (usually governing council, staff meeting)
- visits into classrooms.

The Evaluation results will be available to the Governing Council and the school community later in the term.



## School Information

### Student Absence

8278 5355

If a student is **late** or **absent**, please ring the office on the above number before 9am or

**SMS Text  
to**

**0427 016 460**

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### Banking Day

Banking day is

**TUESDAY**

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### Term Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday 8:15 – 9:15  
Wednesday 12:45 – 1:30  
Friday 8:15 – 9:15  
3:00 – 3:45

Ph: 0401 913 830

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### KickStart Breakfast

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday 8:30am  
Junior Primary  
Wet Area

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### Lost and Found

Ensure all items are clearly labelled so we can return them to you and check the lost and found cupboard for missing items.

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### BPS Playgroup

Thursdays  
0 – 4 year olds  
9am to 11am  
OSHC Room

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### School Tour Days

We offer school tours for new families & new students.

Contact Reception on 8278 5355 for the next tour date and to book.

## Arriving at school in the morning.

It is great to see so many students keen about getting to school, however, students must not arrive before 8.30 am. We have a duty of care for all children and only begin our playground supervision at 8.30. The school operates an OSHC service in the mornings for those children who need to be at school early. Thank you for your cooperation.

## School Car park and drop off zone.

As our school continues to grow, so do the complexities of our car park. DECD schools are obliged to provide parking for staff and 3-4 visitors. We are fortunate that we have additional car parking for our parents to use. These spaces are limited and this can be a cause for frustration. Please remain calm and patient and follow the rules of our car park and Kiss N' drop. There are always plenty of parks at the rear of the school in Beaconsfield Road with a short 2 minute walk on the path through the gully to school.

## Governing Council Nominations

Our Governing Council is an important and integral part of our school. It provides a focus, and a forum, for parents and the school community. It ensures that the cultural and social diversity of the school community is considered and the needs of all student groups are appropriately identified.

The Governing Council, in conjunction with the Principal;

- Set the vision and the broad direction of the school
- Determine policies for the school, including policies for the safety, welfare and behaviour management of students.
- Monitors and reviews the Site Learning Plan
- Develops, monitors and reviews the objectives and targets of the strategic plan.
- Approves the school budget and monitors the application of the total financial resources available to the school through the regular review of budget.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February a 6.00pm, beginning with light refreshments at 5.30pm

Please consider nominating for the Governing Council or any of the associated committees.

An invitation and nomination form will be sent home with your child.

## Assembly

The assembly on Friday 24 February is a special assembly to announce our School Captains, Launch Children's University and School Banking for 2017.

Commonwealth Bank staff will be available after assembly to sign up new members.

## Acquaintance Night

Acquaintance Night will be held on Wednesday 15th February.

6.00 pm – Pre-booked Crèche opens in the OSHC (**As OSHC runs until 6.00pm please do not arrive earlier**)

6.10pm – 7.10pm Year Rec/1, 1/2, 2 classes (Meet in the hall)

6.10 - 7.10pm Year 6/7 classes (Meet in your child's classroom)

6.40 – 7.40pm Year 3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6 classes (Meet in the hall)

This is an excellent opportunity to meet their child's teachers and to find out about the learning program, teacher expectations and the routines of the class. There will be several sessions presented highlighting ways to support your child/children to achieve success. Questions such as "How can I stay informed about classroom happenings? How much home learning can I expect my child to have? How can I assist my child to be successful at school?" will be addressed. This is a time for whole group presentations. If you require individual time, please an alternative appointment time for this purpose.

Our specialist teachers for PE, Japanese and Music/Drama and our Teacher Librarian will also be available between 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

## Aquatics 2017

On Monday and Tuesday in Week 2, all the Year 6 & 7's went to Port Noarlunga for 2 days of Aquatics.

There were a variety of activities including Snorkelling, Surfing, Body Boarding, Fishing, Kayaking, Windsurfing and Wave-skiing. The students got to pick two activities to experience over the two days. It was an intriguing experience for the Year 6s and another year of amusement and fun for the Year 7s.

It was an enjoyable couple of days to socialise with other students and learn new skills. One standout moment was when a 2 metre Wobbegong Shark swam under a snorkelling group.

Overall it was a delightful few days in the water, full of fun and excitement. The students really enjoyed the experience and the Year 6's look forward to another year of aquatics next year.

By Aastha & Josh



# PARENTS & FRIENDS COMMITTEE



**P&F Meeting**  
**14<sup>th</sup> March 6pm, Staff room**  
**ALL WELCOME**

P&F committee hope that 2017 will be a successful year, full of fun activities for all families & Students.

The P&F committee encourage and extend our welcoming to **all** new and past parents or friends of Blackwood Primary School to get involved with our committee. P&F are always seeking volunteers to assist us at fundraising events.

Our next meeting is on **14<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm**, all are welcome to attend and will be held in the Staff room. We hope to see you there!

## Ignite Program Aberfoyle High School

Aberfoyle Park High School is the only school in the southern suburbs delivering the Ignite program for Gifted and Talented students.

The Ignite program fosters the Gifted and Talented student through High School from Years 8 to 12. Students have the opportunity to:

- Accelerate in a particular area of expertise.
- Attend Flinders University through the Science Maths Academy at Flinders (SMAF)
- Undertake one subject at University whilst completing Year 12.
- Work with Industry (NAMIG) gaining industry experience and assistance to create projects with real world application.
- Follow a differentiated curriculum designed to challenge their intellect. In addition, there are curriculum-focussed camps, fieldtrips and enrichment activities that are only for the Ignite students.

Ignite students are selected following the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) testing in February each year. We strongly encourage all students of High Intellectual Potential to sit for this test. This year the test date is:

**Saturday 25 February**  
**Time: 8.45am – 1.15pm**  
**At Aberfoyle Park High School**

Any parent interested in the Ignite program is welcome to contact me via email: [jenny.johns@aphs.sa.edu.au](mailto:jenny.johns@aphs.sa.edu.au) or by ringing the school on 8270 4455.



# BLACKWOOD BUSHFIRE READY (MEETING)

**This meeting could save your life!**

## **TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Bushfire behaviour & warnings
- Property preparation
- Keeping safe
- Where to go and when
- Your bushfire plan



## **WHEN & WHERE**

*Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 @6.30pm  
Blackwood High School Auditorium  
4 Seymour Street  
Eden Hills*

*This is a free family event, please come along for a sausage sizzle, see a fire truck and squirt a little water.*

## **FURTHER DETAILS:**

For further information please contact  
Natasha Huber - CFS Community Engagement Officer  
0428 114 218 or [natasha.huber@sa.gov.au](mailto:natasha.huber@sa.gov.au)

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## **MEET VICKI KIRSS & LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR KIDS RESILIENT**

Have you ever thought about how you may be able to build courage and resilience in your children?

When Vicki's daughter fell into depression after being bullied at school, she just couldn't stand by and watch. She searched for answers and was surprised at how few resources there were to avert bullying. She researched for the next three years and developed a program to unlock children's courage and resilience. Hear about Vicki's story and how to learn the steps to your child's resilience at our FREE seminars to meet the author.

WHEN: Tuesday 2 May, Cumberland Park Community Centre  
& Monday 8 May, Blackwood Community Centre  
TIME: 6.00pm-7.00pm

RSVP: [communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:communitycentres@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au)

