



# NEWSLETTER

Week 1 Term 1 2019



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

## Important Diary Dates

Mon & Tues 4-5 Feb  
Year 6/7 Aquatics

Tuesday 5 February  
P&F Meeting  
6pm Staffroom

Thursday 7 February  
Student Free Day

Monday 11 February  
Acquaintance Night  
5.30-7pm

Tuesday 19 February  
Athletics Day  
10 years +

Tuesday 19 February  
AGM  
5.30pm refreshments  
6pm AGM  
followed by Governing  
Council Mtg



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Welcome to the 2019 school year. We hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. We have had a wonderful start and are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year ahead.

We have again had an increase in numbers and have added a further 2 classes this year bringing our total classes to 17.

We welcome our new students and their families to our school and hope that your time with us is enjoyable and rewarding.

### We welcome new and returning staff members to our school in 2019

We welcome Paul Smith and Lucy Sherwell who will be teaching in our year 4/5 classes this year, Sacha Uern Rec/1 teacher in room 14, Sujatha Scott who is teaching one day per week in Room 2, year 3/4 and we are pleased to have the following staff members return to our school.

Brooke Mawer - PE

Belinda Finnie – Thursdays in 6/7, Wednesdays in 2 and Fridays in 2/3

Also welcome to Christy Bailey our new Pastoral Support Worker.

### Carpark

As you would have noticed our car park is currently being redeveloped. Thank you to everyone for the patience and consideration during this time. Car parking has been an issue for the school for a number of years. The reconfiguration of this area will mean a few changes:

- Firstly we will have extra parking spaces
- The current “Kiss and Drop” area will be extended and become a “Kiss and Drop” at all times. There will be no parking in this area at anytime
- In the “Kiss and Drop” area it would be beneficial if all parents could assist in the following ways:
  - Please stay in your car at all times.
  - Encourage your children to be ready to get out of the car quickly in the mornings and look out for you in the afternoons
  - Please pull up and stop as far up the Kiss and Drop zone as possible. We should be able to load and unload at least 6 vehicles at a time.
  - Only load and unload students in the kiss and drop zone.

Following these few simple rules will ensure the safety of everyone and the effective and efficient use of the carpark.

The carpark redevelopment is expected to continue until approximately week 5 this term, so if parents could continue to park in the surrounding streets of the Primary School the traffic in the carpark will remain at a minimum.

I have included a plan of the final carpark configuration at the end of this newsletter.



## School Information

### Student Absence

If your child will be **absent** from school, please send a txt through the **School Star App**

or

**SMS Text to  
0427 016 460**

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### Banking Day

Banking day is  
**WEDNESDAY**

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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  
Outside the Canteen

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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.

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



### Arriving at school in the morning.

It is great to see so many students keen about getting to school, however, students must not arrive without an adult 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. Students who catch buses and arrive early need to report to the office. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Blackwood Primary School Governing Council – Annual General meeting.

Our Governing Council is an 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 and catered for.

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.

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

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on the Tuesday 19th of February a 6.00pm, beginning with light refreshments at 5.30pm

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

## Student Free Day Thursday 7 February - Week 2

**OSHC will be open  
please contact OSHC on  
8370 2232  
for bookings**

**2019  
School Banking Day  
Wednesday**

## Acquaintance Night

Acquaintance Night is on Monday 11th February 5.30-7pm. Our classrooms will be open for you to meet our teachers. Further information will be sent home this week regarding Acquaintance Night.

## Student Absences

We have a new system for reporting student absences. If your child is absent from school, please let us know either by downloading the School Star App and sending us a txt through the App or SMS txt us on 0427 016 460.

If your child is late for school they must report to the office and sign in.

Students leaving early must also be signed out at the office before you collect them from their classroom.



## School Sports Registration

We have changed the way to register for our out of school hours sports. The registration link will be emailed soon.

SA Dental Service

# Keep your kids smiling



Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics.  
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

**Call us now for an appointment!**

Your local clinic is: Marion GP Plus Dental Clinic  
Phone: 7425 8400  
[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental)

