

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

Important Diary Dates

Tuesday 23 May
School Photos

Tuesday 30 May
Athletics Day
Year 3-7

Friday 2 June
SAPSASA
State Cross Country
&
JP Assembly
Room 11 2.30pm

Monday 12 June
Public Holiday

Saturday 17 June
P&F Quiz Night

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



Professional Development on our Student Free Day Mindful by Design

On our student free day this week, all teachers in the Mitcham Hills Partnership attended a combined professional development workshop with presenter, James Anderson. With a focus on good habits of mind, students and teachers can develop common strategies, language and actions that encourage them to grow and develop effective efforts to achieve success. He believes that the process of achievement is just as important as the product of the achievement. He presented evidence of "High Achievers" who have a "backstory" of long hours of effective practice and learning, with a focus on practising the things they can't yet do rather than practicing the things they can do. The myth of "natural talent" often disguises the real hard work, dedication and long hours of effective practice that has being the main focus for their achievement.

Teachers will continue to work on the developing a growth mindset and incorporating the theoretical and practical strategies into their teaching a learning programme.



Public Education in South Australia

For nearly 150 years, public school and preschool centres in South Australia have served important public purposes and they continue to do so. They enrich the lives of children and young people by helping them to reach their potential, contribute to the economy through work, and play an active role in civic life.

The Department of Education and Child Development, in conjunction with the Public Education Advisory Committee, has developed a Statement on Public Education.

I encourage you to read this document that highlights the specific characteristics of South Australian public education system. We have attached a link to the document below.

<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net691/f/public-education-in-south-australia-statement.pdf>

BPS Quiz Night

Come and book a table or join a table at our Quiz Night on Saturday 17 June 7pm.
Enjoy a night of fun and laughter \$10 per head.

Adults only
BYO Supper

Tickets available at the school office or P&F committee members.

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**

Banking Day Banking day is **TUESDAY**

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

KickStart Breakfast

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday 8:30am
Outside the Canteen

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.

BPS Playgroup

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

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.

Become a Homestay Host Family

Read the following from a 2016 host family on their experience.

Our family had our first Homestay student last year. Eum Seo was 11 years old and from South Korea. We were apprehensive at first about how we would welcome a child into our family and ensure that they felt safe and secure in what must be a very overwhelming experience. We soon realised that Eum Seo had been well-prepared for her trip and had completed lots of discussions around what to expect in Australia. Although she spoke very little English at first, we were easily able to make ourselves understood and as she became more confident her English skills increased rapidly. It was really lovely to see this progress whilst she was here.

We also were able to see the relationships that were built with our own girls over the 3 weeks. They quickly found that drawing, craft and plasticine modelling were favourite activities to share. Eum Seo demonstrated a wonderful talent in making miniature food models that impressed us all! The girls proved that language was no barrier to having fun together (and less screen time for our girls was another benefit!)

One of the best aspects of having a Homestay student was the opportunity to be a tourist in your own town! We had so much fun exploring Adelaide and exposing Eum Seo to 'Aussie' experiences such as a family bonfire and BBQ, a trip to St Kilda playground for fish and chips, and visits to national parks. One of the highlights of the trip for Eum Seo was visiting the ocean and walking along the beach - something we take for granted!

We still keep in touch with Eum Seo and her family via Facebook and our family is looking forward to hosting another student this year. We would definitely recommend the experience to others and we would be more than happy to answer any questions that you might have about the whole experience!

Jal itsuh! (Bye, stay well)
Erin Anear

Korean Student Study Tour

We are hosting a Study Tour for students from South Korea, Cheongju province again this year. The tour will be early in term 3 from 1-19 August. We are still looking for host families to provide homestay accommodation during this time. Families hosting a student will receive \$38.57 per night to assist in the cost of providing the homestay. If you are interested in hosting a student please contact Judy Adami at Blackwood Primary 8278 5355 or judy.adami18@school.sa.edu.au ASAP for further information.

This a valuable time for the both host family and the International Student as we share our Australian culture with them.



2018 Reception Enrolments

Enrolments are now open for 2017. If you have a child that you would like to enrol in 2017, please call into the reception office to collect your enrolment form and or book for a tour if you are a new family.

Year 7/8 Transition Information

The Year 7/8 transition *Starting Secondary School in 2018* pack was given out to all Year 7 students in the last week of Term 1 with information to help you to select what high school you would like your child in Year 7 to attend.

If you have any queries or concerns with completing the ED176 form in the *Starting Secondary School in 2018* pack, please call into the reception desk and speak with Linda Bain who can assist you with the process. Please remember to attach any supporting documentation if needed.

Thank you to the parents/caregiver who have already returned their form, if you have not returned your ED176 forms, please return them to Blackwood Primary School reception by Friday 26th May 2017.

Book Feast in the Library

The students in Room 7 attended a special event in the library which was set up like a restaurant. Placemats and candles adorned the sets of new books. Students were ushered to their seats, and in their groups they examined the books, discussed them, rated them and recorded their ideas. These new books were juicy and tasty, and will provide for fulfilling reading in the coming weeks.





AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

The tenth annual World Autism Awareness Day was celebrated around the world with unique fundraising and awareness-raising events. According to [Autism Spectrum Australia](#), an estimated one in 100 people has autism; that's almost 230,000 Australians.

The Autism Intervention Program (AIP) staff and students organised a fun day full of activities for the whole school. All classes were provided with activities and information about Autism to raise awareness and understanding of Autism. Part of the day included all BPS students to visiting one of the AIP classroom to look and play with different resources, experience a range of sensory tools and learn some interesting facts and information about Autism. We were very proud number of the AIP students who spoke to each of the classes who visited the AIP sensory spaces and classroom. Comments left in the AIP visitors' book included:

'Happy Autism Day!' 'Autism Day was Awesome!' 'Dear AIP It was really fun and I hope you had a great day.' 'You guys are Awesome!' 'Thanks for letting us use all your cool things!' 'Thank you for welcoming us into your space!' 'I love this place, it's so cool!' 'I think your classroom is great, thank you for sharing it with us!' 'Go blue for Autism!'

The day would not have been possible without the generous support of the parents and staff. A huge thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends volunteers who organised the 400 sausage orders! James Brock, our grounds/maintenance person, valiantly barbequed all the sausages and they tasted delicious!

Thank you to the amazing AIP staff and students who were so willing to give their time, heart and effort into sharing their expertise about Autism.



Entertainment Books

Books NOW available
at the Finance Office.

Call in to buy your copy today!

We're fundraising with *entertainment*

Still just **\$65** giving you over **\$20,000** of value!

ORDER NOW FOR EARLY BIRD OFFERS

Easter Picnic at the Zoo

AIP students were invited to attend the Ladies of Variety Easter Picnic at Adelaide Zoo. This was a fantastic event with over two thousand students and staff from across the state exploring the zoo and participating in a range of fun activities. We were surrounded by a sea of bunny ears and weird animal sounds. The gibbon monkeys in particular were especially noisy swinging from the treetops and whooping across the zoo! We even saw one of the pandas out and roaming around its enclosure.

We enjoyed a terrific lunch and many special treats, all provided by LOV. Each child received an Easter Show bag to remember the day by. This activity is an excellent way for everyone to hone their skills in being out in the community and experiencing a myriad of sounds, smells and being in a more challenging environment. The adventure playground was a huge hit with everyone and we were all exhausted when we had to catch the buses back to school.



Anzac Day

On ANZAC Day (25th of April) morning, we attended the Dawn Service at the Blackwood War Memorial. We gathered to remember about the war, and the sacrifice the brave soldiers put forward to fight for our country. Many community groups attended to join in with the commemoration and remembrance. The ceremony included poems, stories and The National Anthem. The ceremony concluded with wreath laying to pay respect to the soldiers. We laid a wreath on behalf of Blackwood Primary School. Overall, we found the ceremony to be a solemn but thought-provoking experience.

By Xavier and Negar (school captains)



Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Primary Years Program (PYP) Attitudes Award Certificates at the Assembly on Friday 7th April.

Room 1	Mackenzie	Principled	Helping room 9 students with reading before school.
	Jasmine	Principled	Helping room 9 students with reading before school.
	Hailey	Principled	Helping room 9 students with reading before school.
	Lilia	Principled	Helping room 9 students with reading before school.
Room 2	Cassie	Caring	Continuing to help others in the classroom. Cassie also shows great work in maths.
	Asher	Knowledgeable	Sharing his knowledge with the whole class about 'How the World works'.
	Jenae	Inquirer	By staying focussed during classroom research.
Room 3	Jessica	Inquirer	Persisting with her learning and asking for help to ensure she learns new information.
	Simon	Inquirer	Being curious and seeking new knowledge.
	Thomas	Knowledgeable	Contributing to class discussions and helping others with their work.
	Faaris	Risk-taker	Attempting tasks that he finds challenging.
Room 4	Olivia	Principled	Acting honestly when working through friendship problems.
	Anneli	Thinker	Putting lots of thought and care into her learning.
	Kalen	Caring	Brightening others day by making them laugh.
	Alicia	Caring	Looking after others when they are upset.
Room 5	Ali	Knowledgeable	Being an expert in Miss Rae's class on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
	Noah	Risk-taker	Agreeing, after some persuading, to present at assembly. Good on you Noah.
	Amelie	Risk-taker	Speaking at the assembly in a confident and successful way.
	Twinkle	Communicator	Completing an excellent orientation of a narrative – which was read out to the class as a great example.
Room 6	Caitlin	Inquirers	Working extra hard on her presentation of her ancient civilisation inquiry.
	Negar	Balanced	Doing an excellent job on both her class work and her extra school responsibilities.
	Max	Inquirers	Giving extra effort towards the creativity of his ancient civilisation inquiry presentation.
Room 7	Ayanda	Risk-taker	Trying her best in a huge variety of new and different situations.
	Anthony	Principled	Carrying out his classroom role with fairness and consideration for everyone.
	Anya	Inquirer	Formulating big questions and gathering lots of information for her Unit of Inquiry.
Room 8	Erika	Thinker	Putting lots of thought and ideas into her narrative writing.
	Jack	Risk-taker	Giving all tasks a go and never giving up.
	Rosa	Thinker	Always using her thinking skills in learning tasks and being thoughtful of others.
	William	Principled	Being thoughtful and honest when interacting with others and showing integrity as a leader.
Room 12	Henry	Principled	Consistently choosing to do the right thing.
	Daksha	Principled	Consistently showing respect for others and for the teaching and learning.
	Sebastian	Principled	Consistently showing respect for others and for the teaching and learning.

OSHC April Vacation Care

The children of Blackwood OSHC had lots of fun this past vacation care, with lots of different activities including excursions to Latitude & the movies, and in school incursions and activities like our Disney Day.

"Latitude had rock climbing, a foam pit, trampolines, a sky walk and climbing castles. My favourite was the rock climbing because you got to do so many things like jump and swing! It was my favourite excursion ever!" Jessica

"The Smurfs movie was really awesome. It was really fun going to Marion cinemas - it was the best!" - Kira

Next vacation care we will be having an excursion to Wizbang family fun centre, and an incursion to learn Circus skills! We will be releasing the whole program later in the term."

PHOTOS COMING SOON

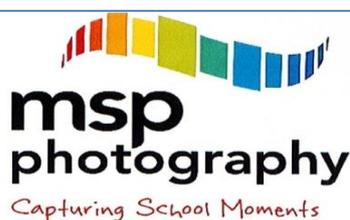
School Photos will be taken at our school on Tuesday 23rd May

We are proud that the country's leading school photographer, MSP Photography will be taking our school photos.

Parents can send the money to the school in the envelope supplied however **On-Line Ordering**, where parents are able to select their preferred package online makes it much easier for our parent community and online ordering also closes 1 week after photo day to allow extra time to make your purchase.

In 2017 the range of options available to you online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a smart-phone, parents will have the option to purchase a **High Resolution Digital Download** of their child's image and **Family/Sibling packages will also be able to be ordered online!**

An added incentive for our families is that MSP now offers a 10% discount for all family orders above \$90.00 a family.



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APPLY NOW!

Special Interest Australian Girls and Boys Football Program 2018

Do you have a genuine interest in football?

Are you interested in improving your skills and knowledge in all areas of the game?

Applications are now being accepted from current Year 7 boys and girls for the 2018 school year. Please submit your application to Blackwood High School by Thursday 18 May 2017.

Please contact Blackwood High School on 82780900 or visit the school's website www.bhs.sa.edu.au to download an application form. Principal tours of the school will be held from 9.00am - 10.30am on Tuesday 2 May, 16 May, 30 May, 27 June and 1 August during term time.

Please contact glen.little@bhs.sa.edu.au for more information.



Special Interest Netball Program 2018

The Netball Program is aimed at students who:

- demonstrate skill and a commitment to netball
- wish to spend time in further development
- aim to compete at a higher level than that of the average student.

Entry to the program is by application (download form from Blackwood High website under Curriculum, Special Interest Netball) and a trialling process conducted by Netball SA at Blackwood High School.

Selection criteria will include:

- potential high level of ability/performance indicated through skills testing
- a high level of coach ability
- a positive sporting attitude
- a positive attitude towards school and study
- a history of high standard of good behaviour, attendance and social skills
- member of a netball team (club or school).

Trial dates are from 9.00am – 10.30am on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at Blackwood High School.

Visit the school's website www.bhs.sa.edu.au to download an application form.

Please contact Ms Peta Maher by email peta.maher@bhs.sa.edu.au for more information.

Parents & Friends Committee



P&F Meetings

ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS WELCOME

13th June 6pm Staff room

Upcoming events

Quiz Night 17th June, 7pm

Father's Day Stall June/July

Student School Disco 11th August

Comfort Fire Evening 16th September

Sponsored Walk 27th October (Colour Run)

Rotary Fair 12th November

P&F Contact: 8278 5355 or email
dl.0565.pandf@schools.sa.edu.au

P&F are well into the year now with loads of great family events coming up...we hope to see the school community and friends out and about at our events.

Parents & Friends are hoping to raise **\$8,000** to support completion of **Stage 2 redevelopment** of the school playground. P&F really appreciate the support from the school families and wider community whom have given time or donated in some way.



Mothers' Day wrapping happened in the first 2 weeks of May. A special thank you to **Donna Harris**, who volunteered her time to help place orders, sort, and wrap. Thank you to the many mums & dads whom attended on wrapping days to assist the children wrap their special gifts for mum or grandma. P&F hope all the Mums had a great day with their families.

P&F would like to thank those who bought and supported this year's Hot Cross Bun Drive by Bakers Delight. We successfully raised \$450 to go towards the redevelopment of Stage 2 Playground. We hope that you enjoyed the buns and had a great Easter.

Bakers Delight
We're for real.



Family Camp Out

P&F held our annual **Family Camp Out** on May 6th. Thanks to all the families that braved the cold evening to attend and who enjoyed a great evening by the comfort fire roasting marshmallows, and enjoying the BBQ dinner. P&F hope to hold another successful camp out in 2018.

Quiz Night – June 17th, 7pm

Tickets \$10 per head. Tables 8-10, Adults ONLY, BYO Supper

The **Quiz Evening** is our **Major Fundraiser** event for the 2017.

Brendan White will be our MC, hosting a wonderful fun filled evening, along with **Silent Auctions, Spicks & Specks** music by **Toby Martin, Raffles, Games** and much, much more...

If you would like to book a table or join a table on the night, please contact the Front office and our friendly P&F committee members will arrange.



Our P&F whiteboard located near the Japanese/Music rooms opposite main building for upcoming events and meeting dates.

School Banking Information Day – Blackwood Branch.

Our School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2017 are:

- Cyber Handball
- Colour Change Markers
- 3D Chalk Set
- Tablet Case
- Smiley Emoji Keyring
- Volt Handball
- Pencil + Tech Case
- Epic Earphones



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

We will be holding a School Banking Information Day at our branch at Blackwood:

Time: 9.30 – 5pm

Date: Friday 19th May

Location: Blackwood Branch – 239 Main rd, Blackwood

Please join us and find out more about the School Banking program and how your child can get involved.

Does your child or teen have a **SLEEP PROBLEM?**

Does your child:

- refuse to go to bed at night
- have trouble falling asleep
- wake up and cannot get back to sleep
- have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning
- often sleep in their parents' bed or bedroom or need a parent present to help them fall asleep
- miss school or feel fatigued throughout the school day



The Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic at Flinders University offers treatments for children and adolescents of all ages (including infants from 6 months of age). To book an appointment, please call or email us on the contact details below.



BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL'S
MUSIC SHOWCASE
Monday 29 May
Blackwood High School
Performing Arts Centre
4 Seymour St. Eden Hills
7pm
All Tickets \$5
Pre-purchase your tickets at
<https://www.trybooking.com/283059>

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