

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

#### **Important Diary Dates**

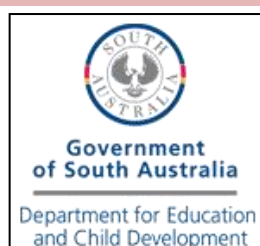
Mon & Tues 5&6 Feb  
**Year 6/7 Aquatics**

Tuesday 13 February  
**Acquaintance Night  
& Sausage Sizzle**

Monday 19 February  
**1.40pm Special  
Assembly  
Children's Uni & School  
Banking launch**

Tuesday 20 February  
**AGM & Gov Council  
5.30-8pm**

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 had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and a great start to the new year.

Our school's popularity in the community appears to be growing as we welcome a record number of new reception children and increase our classes to fifteen.

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 2018**

We welcome Jason Spence who will be teaching one of our year 4/5 classes this year and we are pleased to have the following staff members return to our school.

Jenny Allard – 5/6

Bianca Annesse – Wednesdays in 1/2

Tilley Abbott – R/1

Belinda Finnie – Thursdays in 6/7

#### **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. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Carpark**

Our student numbers have grown significantly this year with 410 students attending our school. We are very fortunate to have some parking facilities and the kiss and drop zone. I ask that you follow the school's instructions for pick up and drop off in the pack received home this week. If we all work together with empathy and patience our car park will be a safe place for all. 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.

#### **Nude food at Blackwood Primary School**

We believe it is important for us to educate students of the need to reduce our environmental footprints. We have already actioned ways to reduce our food waste by implementing our whole school composting project. One of the major concerns that we still have is the amount of rubbish that we produce that eventually ends up in landfill.

The next phase is to reduce the amount of packaging that students discard at school. This year, students are eating their recess in class and taking their rubbish back home for disposal. We are encouraging all students to bring unpackaged snacks in their lunch boxes. Throughout the year we will be having NUDE FOOD weeks with the first one in week four this term. You will be hearing more about our nude food initiative from your child's class teacher this 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  
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.

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

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 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 20th of February a 6.00pm, beginning with light refreshments at 5.30pm

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

## Assembly

The assembly on Monday 19 February at 1.40pm is a special assembly to launch Children's University and School Banking for 2017.

**School Banking Day is Tuesday.** Banking starter packs will be sent home with new students next week.

## Student Free and School Closure Days 2018

### Term 1

Friday 23 March 2018 - Student Free Day

### Term 2

Tuesday 12 June 2018 - Student Free Day

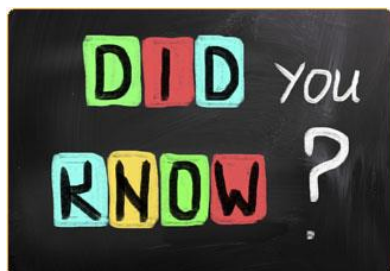
### Term 3

Friday 31 August 2018 - Student Free Day

Monday 3 September 2018 - School Closure Day (Show Day)

### Term 4

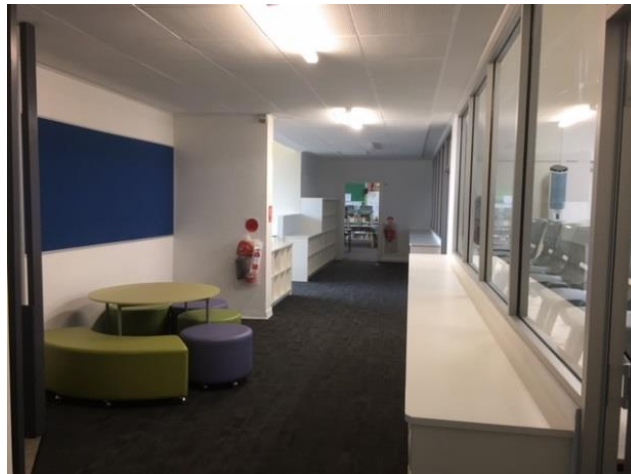
Monday 15 October 2018 (first day of term 4) - Student Free Day



*If your child is away from school for any reason or they are late.  
**Did you know that you can SMS Text 0427 016 460 the school with your child's name, their class and reason for absence/lateness.***

## New development in main building

Over the holidays significant changes were made to the upstairs corridor areas in the main building. The new look enables students to work collaboratively outside of the classrooms in a safe, pleasant and comfortable environment. If you haven't already seen this area please drop in to check it out.



## KickstartforKids Breakfast Program

KickstartforKids breakfast will commence on Monday 5 February for 2018. Breakfast is served from 8.30-8.45 am every day outside the canteen.

### Acquaintance Night

Tuesday 13 February - 5.30-7pm

Open Classrooms

Sausage Sizzle

Please refer to handout sent home  
last Wednesday

# Parents & Friends Committee



## P&F Meetings

-ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

WELCOME

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018,**

**6pm Staff Room**

**Meetings held**

**weeks 2 & 7 of each term**

**P&F Contact:** 8278 5355 - Amy or

**Email:** [dl.0565.pandf@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0565.pandf@schools.sa.edu.au)



Welcome back once again to the school year.

Parents and Friends are already busy with activities to start off the school year.

P&F are holding our first meeting of the year on

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of Feb, 6pm in the Staff room,**  
**nibbles provided**

If you wish to attend, please advise (for catering purposes) the P&F team or front office.

We hope to see lots of new faces there.

P&F were excited and very proud of the fundraising efforts from last year and it exceeded our expectations. Our fundraising efforts saw the Bandicoot playground, to the rear of the school, get the final stages completed throughout the school holidays with climbing frames being installed.

P&F thank all that helped last year with support to achieve this great outcome for our school.

We hope that all families can get on board again this year and help keep the school community spirit alive at Blackwood Primary School.

P&F look forward to having loads of fun, laughter and successful fundraising throughout the year.