



# NEWSLETTER

Week 9 Term 2 2018



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

## Important Diary Dates

Monday 2 July  
**Primary Assembly Rm 4**  
**1.40pm Ashby Hall**

Friday 6 July  
**Mid Year Reports**

**End of Term 2**  
**3.20pm Finish**

Monday 23 July  
**START TERM 3**

Thursday 26 & Friday 27  
**Father's Day Stall**

Monday 30 July  
**Primary Assembly Rm 1**  
**1.40pm Ashby Hall**

Tuesday 31 July  
**Room 9 Migration**  
**Museum Excursion**

**P&F Meeting**  
**6.30pm Staffroom**

Monday 6 August  
**JP Assembly Room 16**  
**1.40pm Ashby Hall**

Tuesday 7 August  
**Governing Council Mtg**  
**6pm Staffroom**

**Debating 6.30pm**  
**Pulteney Grammar**

Over the past couple of newsletters we have been discussing the influences of different circumstances on the learning of our children. In the last newsletter we discussed the effects of excessive screen time on children. Leading on from that, this week's article is discussing the positive effects that learning in nature can have. Have you considered how much has changed since your childhood? How different does your child's childhood look to your own? There are many societal differences; Families



**Kris Robson -  
Acting Principal**

are very busy and the necessity for parents to be working more means we look to use technology and structure to assist with managing our time more efficiently. Nature Play SA says *"While it may feel like we're making gains, what we've lost is the space to play. To create, imagine and be bored. To spend time in nature, engaging all of our senses, socialise and, most importantly, learn."*

This Term a group of enthusiastic teachers at Blackwood Primary School has been inquiring into the affect that Nature Play can have on student learning. Nature play can be described as any unstructured activities that students can participate in that are outside in the natural environment. There is much research to back-up the benefits of playing in the natural environment.

Nature Play WA lists the following as some of the many benefits:

- Children who play regularly in natural settings are sick less often.
- Children who spend more time outside tend to be more physically active and less likely to be overweight.
- Children who play in natural settings are more resistant to stress; have lower incidence of behavioural disorders, anxiety and depression; and have a higher measure of self-worth.
- Children who play in natural settings play in more diverse, imaginative and creative ways and show improved language and collaboration skills.
- Natural, irregular and challenging spaces help kids learn to recognise, assess and negotiate risk and build confidence and competence.
- Children who play in nature have more positive feelings about each other.
- Bullying behaviour is greatly reduced where children have access to diverse nature-based play environments.
- Symptoms of Attention Deficit Disorder are reduced after contact with nature.

Blackwood Primary is very interested in further developing this concept of playing and learning in nature and over the past week has begun implementing activities, as a whole school, with a celebration of *International Mud Day* throughout the week. Look out for a report on this celebration in our next newsletter and in the meantime take any opportunities that you can to get back into nature with your children.

On Friday, next week you will be receiving written report for your child. This report is part of our assessment and reporting policy. Please take the opportunity to read this with your child and share in their learning journey.

Thank you for your continued support over Term 2 and have a safe and happy holiday break.



## 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.

## Meet Our Staff

### Jodie Bartlett – Performing Arts Teacher

Hello, my name is Jodie. I have worked at Blackwood PS now for 18 years. I love it. The students are positive, willing to take risks and keen to be challenged. I started my teaching career in Coober Pedy before moving to Salisbury North, then into the Hills closer to my home. I have worked with all year levels teaching Performing Arts throughout my career other than one year in which I taught a 1/2 class. I thoroughly enjoyed that year but missed the chance to run choirs and give students performance opportunities.

Outside of school, my life is busy with three children over the age of 11. I seem to spend most of my time running them from one sporting event to another. Oh the joys of motherhood!



### Pauline Welsh – Japanese Teacher

After many years as a classroom teacher in both country and metropolitan schools, I resigned from the department and returned to university to study Japanese. I have visited Japan twice and love the culture, arts and crafts and hyaku en shops!

I enjoy teaching Japanese to children, couldn't do the job if I didn't. I like the 'light bulb' moments when students suddenly understand the language point we have been learning. I also enjoy introducing students to a totally different culture through stories and songs.

Outside of school, my husband and I enjoy football, driving classic MGs and looking after our granddaughter and dog.



### Kate Satomura – Japanese Teacher

Hajimemashite! My name is Kate Satomura. I am very excited to be teaching Japanese in the middle and upper primary classes at Blackwood Primary School again this year.

Although I was born and grew up in Adelaide, after finishing university, life's journey took me to Japan, where I met my husband, learned to speak Japanese, fell in love with the language and culture and stayed for many years. When I returned to Australia, I began teaching Japanese. I have taught Japanese, French and EALD in both primary and secondary settings. I am passionate about languages and believe learning a language opens many doors and helps us to see the world through new eyes.

I caught the travel bug at an early age, as I spent much of my childhood travelling and living in different countries. This sparked my passion for food, architecture and design. I love creating and fixing things, exploring and discovering hidden treasures, which explains my love of op-shopping, redecorating and travel.

When I'm not working, I enjoy playing the cello and going on long walks or bike rides with my family and dog. I also love going to the football and cricket at the Adelaide Oval and getting up early on Sunday mornings to watch my son play footy.

My favourite word in Japanese is 'ganbarimasu'. Persevere, persist, and never give up!

I am delighted to be teaching at Blackwood Primary again this year.



## Meet our Staff (Continued)

### **Rosanne Fuller – Physical Education Coordinator**

I'm the single subject PE teacher here at Blackwood Primary School. My passion is to awaken a love and curiosity of wellbeing through exploring physical activity in others. I really enjoy being able to facilitate students owning their learning, understanding how what they are doing impacts on the outcome, whether it be individually or on a team. I am excited when students, who in the past have been reluctant to participate in PE, find their passion and take their learning outside of our lessons, and have a curiosity to ask for my opinion in improving their skill or why they perform like they do. I aim to broaden students understanding of what it means to be physically active and challenge them to find different activities they enjoy through continually introducing new activities. I enjoy finding ways to assist students overcome any learning difficulties they might have in being physically active, whether it be physical, emotional, behavioural or socially. I feel privileged to be teaching the same students over many years as I get to witness their exciting growth over those years.



### **Barbara Garner – Library/Teacher/Literacy Coordinator**

Years ago, I trained as a primary teacher, but also as a librarian. This was back in the days when there were card catalogues and hand cataloguing in libraries! In all the decades I have worked in State schools in Adelaide, I have held the Teacher /Librarian position, which I still believe is the best job. At the moment I am also working as the Literacy Coach which allows me to work in depth with classes on building literacy skills. I have always been passionate about inquiry learning, quality children's literature and encouraging people to try and make the world a just place for all. In my free time, things I love to do all the usual things which include reading, cooking, being creative and walks in the bush. I also love to play about in my orchard and vegetable patch. I am always planning my next trip somewhere.



## Pastoral Care Worker Term 2 Report

2018 has been a good year so far and we have eight volunteers from Kickstart for Kids who serve at breakfast in the mornings on various days during the week. They love coming to our school and none of them have children here - it's them giving back to the community.

The cold and hot chocolate milk and warm toast is a big favourite. Fruit is also delivered each week from the donations that Kickstart for Kids receive. Spare fruit is placed in the Junior Primary area for the children who have forgotten to bring in their fruit.

Café53 at Mitcham Square Shopping Centre are a supporter of Kickstart for Kids and donate \$1,200 each year towards our breakfast.

Five other volunteers from Kickstart for Kids come to our school as mentors and to listen to students read.

Each week I have 15 to 17 Circle of Friends groups, some groups have graduated and new groups have started.

Kids Hope is a World Vision Mentoring Program working in partnership with the Blackwood Uniting Church and has been in our school for 10 years.

You are invited to our lovely Playgroup, which is held on Thursday mornings in the OHSC area.



***Dianne Deed, Pastoral Care Worker***

## Room 17 & 18 Assembly

Room 17 and 18 hosted a Junior Primary Assembly on Monday 25th. We were all very excited to share our learning around our current Unit of Inquiry; Sharing the Planet. We unpacked the central idea of 'Aquatic environments sustain life on Earth'. We opened the Assembly by singing Incy Wincy Spider and explaining the water cycle. Our learning then took us to exploring fresh and salt water environments. We explained to our audience that we have been listening to Aboriginal Dreaming stories related to the Murray River, lakes, oceans and other waterways. All of the R/1 classes have been collaboratively constructing the Rainbow Serpent, as it makes its way across the ceiling of our unit creating the Murray River. One of our favourite learning experiences to share with our peers, parents and friends was 'Walking in Sabina's shoes'. We discovered that 800 children a day die from drinking unhealthy water and children and woman don't get an education, as they need to walk up to 11km a day to collect water. We wanted to know how this felt and walked around our school oval with empty buckets and then filled these and had to work together to get the water 'home'. We realised just how lucky we are that we are able to turn on a tap and use healthy water to bathe, drink and cook with. We enjoyed sharing our learning experiences with our audience and look forward to our upcoming excursion to the Wetlands in week 10.



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Memberships  
are selling fast!



We currently have books in the front office for \$70, or digital memberships can be purchased using the link below. A portion of the money is returned to the school. Thank you for your support.

<http://www.entbook.com.au/162v045>

## Reception to Year 5 Swimming Week

Last week all of our Reception to Year 5 students went swimming at the SA State Aquatic centre at Marion. The program is facilitated by qualified swimming instructors employed by Department of Education.

The Swimming lessons have a strong focus on water safety and this educational experience allowed our students to learn how to save themselves in potentially dangerous situations as well as ways they can help to keep others safe. Students practised thinking for themselves and making good decisions in the water. They also were involved in mini open water simulations and had to practise their personal survival strategies.

Banita, a Year 2 student in Room 19, wrote this reflection about swimming lessons:

**Amanda Gulliver – Acting Deputy Principal**

**On Monday we went to swimming. First we went on the bus then we entered the Aquatic Centre and we changed our clothes and went into water. We floated on our back and did doggy paddle with Glen (our swimming instructor).**



**On Tuesday we went to swimming. We went on the bus and we entered the Aquatic Centre and changed our clothes. We went in the pool and wore life jackets. We did some floating in the water.**



**On Wednesday we went to the pool on the bus. We got into the pool and did some rescues with the noodles like someone was drowning in the water and we had to save them.**



**On Thursday we went swimming in the deep pool with life jackets. Then Glen told us how to get in the deep pool. Then we did doggy paddle in the deep pool. Then we dived in the pool and went in the hot pool again and got warmed up.**



**On Friday we did side gliding. Then we put some thing on our heads and did doggy paddle and then Glen threw something under the water and we had to get it. Then Glen gave us a glide on a board.**



**Blackwood Primary School has been successful in securing a [Telstra Kids Grant](#). The grant has allowed us to purchase multiple 'Mover Kits' for use within our Year 3 classrooms.**

The Mover Kits help kids learn about motion sensors and use a block based coding environment to create and upload code. They can invent and create their own games and have loads of fun while learning.

Digital Technologies has been identified as one of the emerging areas of learning, important for children as we prepare them for their future. By using this interactive technology we're hoping to see numerous outcomes, including coding fundamentals, logic and problem solving skills in coding language, developing computational thinking and reasoning and providing opportunities for collaborative problem solving.



At the heart of every [Telstra Kids Grant](#) is a Telstra employee who nominates a local community activity they value. Our sincere thanks go to Telstra's John Fassina, who is a friend of one of our parents at Blackwood Primary School, who applied for this donation on our behalf. Thanks also to Jason Turner for initiating our application with John, ensuring teachers and students are getting access to amazing resources.



Since 2002, the [Telstra Kids Fund](#) has contributed millions of dollars to thousands of community projects for kids. We're thrilled to be a part of this program. Thanks to the [Telstra Kids Fund](#) for supporting SPW as we investigate coding from the Early Years.



We're looking forward to getting started with our 'Mover Kits' in classrooms during Term 3.



## Jump Rope for Heart

Thank you, thank you, and thank you to those wonderful students who have been busy raising funds for the heart Foundation. Currently we have raised \$1,108 in our online campaign. It's not too late to register. All fundraising will close at the end of term. Let's work hard together to help a very worthy cause.

## Knockout Netball

Congratulations to our Girls Knockout netball team who recently played in the SAPSASA knockout competition. Although we were unable to secure a win all girls played really well and represented our school with pride.

## SAPSASA Soccer

Congratulations to Nadia and Daniel who has spent this week representing Blackwood Primary School in the Southern Heights District girls and boys soccer teams

We are sure you enjoyed yourselves and represented our school in a positive manner.

## Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the recent Primary Years Program (PYP) IB Learner Profile Awards at the JP Assembly.

Room 14	Matthew	Risk Taker	Being brave and developing confidence in swimming and with his drive to learn sight words.
	Max	Knowledgeable	Sharing detailed facts about aquatic environments, during sharing and PYP.
Room 16	Darcy	Inquirer	Asking interesting and thoughtful questions, during reflection times.
	Annabelle	Risk Taker	Being confident and attempting all new learning with enthusiasm.
	Evie	Risk Taker	Showing commitment to all tasks and new challenging experiences.
	Thomas	Communicator	Speaking to an audience and answering questions confidently during 'Sharing' times.
Room 17	Eli	Reflective	Applying himself in writing and reflecting on how he can improve it each time.
	Chiara	Caring	Demonstrating a thoughtful and generous heart during our Unit of Inquiry.
	Shabdita	Communicator	Encouraging and supporting others during our Guided Reading.
	Alba	Caring	Showing kindness towards her peers and being encouraging and inclusive always.
	Mark	Knowledgeable	Using effective strategies to spell difficult words when writing.
Room 18	Amy	Thinker	Connecting prior knowledge experiences with our current UOI and formulating new ideas.
	Bethany	Communicator	Expressing her learning in both English and Spanish. Bethany is very patient and enthusiastic when teaching others how to speak Spanish!
	Tiff	Reflective	Asking clarifying questions during learning time and taking on teacher feedback to improve her learning outcomes.
Room 19	Noah	Principled	Improving his listening and focus during lessons and sharing times.
	Aimee	Knowledgeable	Being able to explain her Maths thinking and Inquiry concepts.
Room 20	Daniel	Inquirer	Being curious, asking questions and being persistent with learning.
	Kiara	Risk Taker	Being prepared to approach new learning with confidence and a positive attitude.
	Eden	Knowledgeable	Always being willing to share his knowledge with others and being more confident about sharing his ideas.
	Amiyo	Inquirer	Being curious, asking questions and wanting to find out more.

## Lost Property



Our lost property cupboard has been bursting at the seams!

We have placed a trolley out front of the reception office with items of uniforms, lunch boxes and drink bottles for the end of Term 2.

Any unclaimed/unnamed items will be sold in second hand, thrown in the bin or given to good will at the end of the term.

## Blackwood High School Canteen – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July CLOSED



We would like to advise that the Blackwood High School Canteen will be CLOSED on the Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July for the Blackwood High School Student Free Day. No lunch orders can be placed on this day.



# Parents & Friends Committee



## P&F Meetings

ALL PARENTS & FRIENDS WELCOME

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018, 6.30pm Staff Rm

Meetings held weeks 2 & 7 of each term

## EVENTS

Father's Day stall - July

Family Camp out – 15<sup>th</sup> September

Comfort fire – 27<sup>th</sup> of October

Parents and Friends have some exciting events happening this term. P&F strive to hold exciting, enjoyable and memorable events for our school and even for our wider school community.

Our primary focus for 2018 is to transform the courtyard area between the Music & Japanese rooms, main building, and reception classes. We hope to have a Japanese inspired usable outdoor learning area that can be utilised all year round.

Parents and Friends Committee welcome everyone in our school community to come and join our wonderful committee.

Even if you cannot attend the meetings we strongly encourage you to get involved by volunteering to help at events or helping to run them. We often need help with things like cooking or helping at our sausage sizzles, donations for our events or you can even help by attending our events.

If you can assist in anyway please do not hesitate to contact us on links below.

## Movie Night @ The Capri

Thank you to all that came and supported our Movie @ the Capri. We had 95 people attend to watch 'The Incredibles 2' which was a great movie, with loads of laughs (even for the adults!). Thanks to the Capri for allowing us this opportunity to hold our event at their beautiful theatre. Their staff, whom are all volunteers, were just wonderful to deal with.

I'd like to give a BIG Thank You to **Tarnia Turner** for all her hard work and effort for organising this fantastic event. The goodie bags were a big hit with the kids and adults. Thanks to **Craig Seckerson** for taking photos on the night.

The winners of our raffle were; Maryanne Jennings, Vanessa, Jo Seckerson and Jenny Christ. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to everyone that purchased a ticket in support of our event. All winners were notified via telephone, and we hope they enjoyed their prizes.



Check out the community notice board at the front of school and the whiteboard near the Japanese room (across from main building girl's toilets) for event information and upcoming



meetings

8278 5355 – Amy



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BPSScene/>



**2018 EDEN HILLS KINDERGARTEN ARTS SHOW**

**OPENING NIGHT**

Wednesday 1 August, 7.30pm  
at Eden Hills Kindergarten,  
4 Willunga Street, Eden Hills  
(Opening night for adults only)

Nibbles provided,  
drinks and artwork  
available for purchase

Raffle and door prizes

Gold coin donation  
for a program  
at the door

The exhibition  
is also open to visitors,  
children and their families  
at the following times:

**Thursday 2 August**  
8am-10am and 4pm-6pm

**Friday 3 August**  
8.30am-10.30am

## Free Positive Parenting Program



Do you sometimes find you have questions about your child's behaviour and development and not quite sure where to turn?

- Positive Parenting (Triple P) teaches simple and practical strategies to confidently tackle parenting challenges

Please join us for three FREE sessions where we will discuss and learn strategies relating to:

- Positive Parenting
- Raising confident and competent children
- Raising Resilient Children

*Light refreshments will be provided*

**Wednesday August 1, 8 & 15th, 10am – 12pm**  
Cumberland Park Community Centre  
388 Goodwood Rd, Cumberland Park

**Monday August 13, 20 & 27th, 6.30pm-8.30pm**  
Blackwood Community Centre  
4 Young Street, Blackwood

To book telephone the City of Mitcham on 8372 8888  
Everyone is welcome to join us for these engaging and informative three week sessions, however *bookings are essential*

These sessions are delivered by DECD's Positive Parenting Team  
*Happier families. Better relationships. Successful kids.*




# INFORM. INSPIRE. CONNECT. THRIVE.



**FREE EVENT**

CITY OF MITCHAM

**CITY OF MITCHAM SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY SPORTING & RECREATION GROUPS.**

**WED. 27 JUNE. 2018. FORUM**

- ★ INSPIRING STORIES FROM A LOCAL PARALYMPIAN
- ➔ USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO IMPROVE YOUR REACH
- ➔ IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
- ➔ UPDATES ON COUNCIL NEWS

Representatives from your club's committee and younger budding athletes are warmly invited to attend an evening of inspiring stories and information about how to promote your club, staying relevant and sustainable.

**GUEST SPEAKERS..**

**KATRINA WEBB**  
Katrina Webb is recognised and acknowledged for her unique athleticism and outstanding success as a Paralympic athlete. She has won Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in athletics at three Paralympic Games. As a qualified physiotherapist and a person who knows how to achieve gold more than once, her story gives insights into how to achieve quality performance as well as club's role in supporting mental and physical health of teams and individuals.

**MARIUS ZANIN**  
Marius Zanin is an expert when it comes to digital media with a special focus in sport social media. Having spent time working at an elite sports level, in particular Adelaide United Football Club (AUFC) and the Asian Football Confederations (AFC), he knows and understands how to achieve success and engagement as well as applying the same strategic thinking at a community level.

**WIN! COME ALONG FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF OUR FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE DRAWN ON THE NIGHT.**

- Two tickets valued at \$350 each to attend Newday. Newday is an unmissable one-day summit to be held on Wednesday 4th July 2018 at Adelaide Oval offering international perspectives on leading the greater good. Find out more at [newday.world](http://newday.world)
- Marius Zanin to meet with your club committee and receive targeted social media training, valued at \$250.

**WHEN:** Wednesday 27 June 2018  
**TIME:** 6.30pm-8.30pm  
**VENUE:** Cumberland Park Community Centre, 388 Goodwood Road, Cumberland Park

**COST:** Free. Food and drinks supplied  
**WHO TO ATTEND:** Committee members & budding athletes – Attendance necessary to win a prize

**TO REGISTER: EMAIL:** [Sport@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au](mailto:Sport@mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au) **PHONE:** 8372 8888 **RSVP:** By Friday 22 June 2018