Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Professional Development on our student free day.
Over 300 staff in our Mitcham Hills Partnership attended a whole day workshop/conference at Blackwood High School on the 15th of March. The topic for the day was “Creative Thinking for Intellectual Stretch” presented by Martin Westwell, Strategic Professor in the Science of Learning in the Flinders Centre for Science Education in the 21st Century at Flinders University.

One of the key messages was the focus on “The asking, not the telling” and the importance of providing challenging and creative opportunities to engage students in deep thinking through collaboration. He talked about un-google-able learning where students have to think and engage themselves in the productive struggle and the productive failure where the answers are not available from Google. Executive functioning including self-management and developing cognitive flexibility, working memory and impulse control were other topics of discussion.

All Blackwood Primary School staff attended the conference and came away with a wide variety of pedagogical approaches that aim to enhance the creative thinking of our students and challenge them intellectually.

THE EARLY SYMPTOMS OF AFFLUENZA?
Excerpt from an article in News.com.au – March 8th 2016

In many ways, Australia’s five-year-olds are soaring towards success. New data from the Australian Early Development Census, out this week, delivered a lot of positive news — more school-starters were on track with physical health, language and cognitive skills, computation skills and general knowledge than five-year-olds were back in 2012. But it wasn’t all good news.

The census data also recorded a backwards slide in the number of children on track with emotional maturity. This means there were more children in 2015 showing behaviours such as aggression or disobedience, refusing to help others and being inattentive and distracted, than in 2012.

“We should be raising our children in order to help them cope best in their world. We need to raise them to be resilient, to put in effort and to realise the world doesn’t stop just because they don’t get what they want. If we don’t, we’re doing our kids a disservice in preparing them for the world.”

Clinical psychologist Heather Irvine-Rundle

Please click on the link below to access the full article
SAPSASA Cricket

On Wednesday the 9th of March, we played a SAPSASA knockout cricket match. We played against Saint Francis Mount Barker, at Blackwood High School. In our team we had Jay, Josh, Jack, Michael, Anthony, Marci, Luke, Max, Ben W, Ben C, Patrick M, and Daniel S.

We had a younger team than Mount Barker. They had nine Year 7s, and we only had one with a few young Year 5s as well as Year 6s. We batted first, we lost two early wickets then Josh and Jay combined well and made an unbeaten partnership of 78. Jay retired on 27 and Josh retired on 26. Luke, Jack, Ben W and Marci held us together being the middle order to get us a score of 2/105. We also bowled well under pressure with Max, Michael, Patrick and Luke taking one wicket and Josh taking 2/22, and Jack with an amazing 2/7!

Michael took two catches at deep square leg. The first one was a lolly pop, but the second one was a stunner in just his right hand, at a powerful speed. Ben W got an amazing run out taking the stumps out of the ground and celebrating loudly. Ben C, at deep cover, did some great ground fielding and there was some fantastic wicket keeping by Anthony and Jay.

Mount Barker passed our score when we had them at 8 wickets down. In a tight match they got bowled out for 110 in the 23rd over. It was a great match, with almost everyone playing next year we’re are a good chance. We would like to thank Kirrily and Bruce Burton for scoring/organising. Thank you to Scott Beckham for coaching and umpiring in the hot weather.

By Josh, Jack and Jay from Room 4

IB Mission

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.
Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Primary Years Program (PYP) Attitudes Award Certificates at the Week 6 Term 1 assembly.

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<tr>
<th>Room 1</th>
<th>Harry Amelia</th>
<th>Cooperation Commitment</th>
<th>Having a positive attitude to start the year. Paying close attention to detail on all learning tasks.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Room 2</td>
<td>Lucas Lily Abbey Anneli</td>
<td>Enthusiasm Commitment Independence Respect</td>
<td>Asking questions to find out more about our PYP. Perseverance with Maths in order to be successful. Focusing on her learning and taking responsibility for her learning. Developing positive relationships with others.</td>
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<td>Room 3</td>
<td>Bree Thomas</td>
<td>Cooperation Confidence</td>
<td>Being a team leader in group work for our unit of inquiry. Always approaching all learning with confidence and a smile.</td>
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<td>Room 4</td>
<td>Montana Jamie Nathaniel</td>
<td>Commitment Empathy Integrity</td>
<td>Committing to improve times tables and showing improvements in results. Showing concern for a classmate. Choosing to sit away from friends for the rest of the term.</td>
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<td>Room 5</td>
<td>Charlea-Rose Lily Daniel Ben</td>
<td>Cooperation Enthusiasm Respect Enthusiasm</td>
<td>Getting along with and working well with all class members. Showing excellent focus and concentration during lessons. Being a helpful and friendly class member. Displaying a terrific attitude towards his learning.</td>
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<td>Room 6</td>
<td>Negar Duncan Jade Emilia</td>
<td>Creativity Caring Commitment Creativity</td>
<td>Developing a maths trail for the class based on circles. Showing empathy and respect towards his new class members. Working hard to complete all work. Developing a maths trail for the class based on circles.</td>
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<td>Room 7</td>
<td>Austin Mae</td>
<td>Respect Independence</td>
<td>Always showing respect towards others and for learning. Always being on task, ready to learn and organised.</td>
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<td>Room 8</td>
<td>Aimee Maia Alex</td>
<td>Commitment Empathy Respect</td>
<td>Setting high standards with work and conduct, and achieving success. Helping others with their problem solving. Showing consideration and kindness to all classmates.</td>
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<td>Room 9</td>
<td>Jamie Ethan</td>
<td>Commitment Confidence</td>
<td>Extending his learning and understandings by completing tasks at home on his own accord. Not giving up and presenting his show and tell confidently to the class.</td>
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<td>Room 10</td>
<td>Aiden Kana</td>
<td>Commitment Cooperation</td>
<td>Starting the school year with enthusiasm and showing a strong commitment to his learning. Having a great start at a new school and building strong friendships.</td>
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<td>Room 11</td>
<td>Felix Amelia</td>
<td>Confidence Respect</td>
<td>Approaching all learning tasks with confidence. Always treating classmates respectfully.</td>
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School Banking Account Opening Day

Our school is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. We will be holding an Account Opening Session at Blackwood Primary School:

- **Time:** 2.30-3.30pm
- **Date:** Tuesday 5th April
- **Location:** on school grounds

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence and another form of photographic identification. Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.
SAPSASA District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all our swimmers who participated in the recent SAPSASA District swimming carnival. All swimmers gave their best effort regardless of whether it was their first carnival or not. We had Alicia swimming in the 10yr events, Abbie, Ella, Riley and Daniel in the 11yrs events and Peter and Jamie in the 13yrs events. We also had some outstanding results:

- Alicia swam in freestyle, backstroke and Butterfly and received 1st place in all three events!!
- Riley swam in freestyle and backstroke and received a 3rd and a 2nd place.
- Daniel swam in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly and received a 3rd place and two 4th places.
- Peter swam in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke and received a 4th and two 2nd places.
- Jamie swam in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly and received a 3rd place.

These results meant that 4 of our swimmers made it through to State Day in the Southern Heights District team. We wish them good luck on their day.

Well done to all swimmers again and thank you to all their parents and grandparents for coming out to support our team.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS NOW AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FOR 2016-2017

HELP US FUNDRAISE TODAY

We’re very excited to be fundraising with Entertainment™ this year. We are raising money to upgrade the Upper Primary playground. Order your NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital Memberships from us today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our school! For every book/membership we sell for $65, we keep $13.

Entertainment™ Memberships are packed with thousands of up to 50% off and 3-for-1 offers for local restaurants, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and more that you can use whenever you like until June 2017!

If you order before 16 April 2016 and you will receive over $170 worth of additional offers that you can use right away! Books will be available from the Front Office from mid-April.

Order online at http://www.entbook.com.au/162v045 or call into the finance office &/or complete the order form attached emailed out to you with this newsletter and hand into the finance office.
A second opportunity to sit the IGNITE test for a place in the 2017 year 8 cohort has arisen.

Aberfoyle Park High School is the designated DECD Ignite Secondary School for the southern Adelaide area. Our IGNITE program offers a tailored curriculum to suit the needs of identified gifted and talented students.

How do I know if my child is gifted?

- Does your child have a high level of intelligence?
- Did your child show curiosity from an early age?
- Is your child’s imagination vivid?
- Can your child solve complex problems?
- Is your child able to elaborate on complex ideas?
- Do you marvel at your child’s amazing memory?
- Does your child have a highly developed sense of humour?
- Does your child maintain a strong sense of social justice?

Selection is based on performance in the ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) Gifted & Talented Assessment.

Application forms for this program can be obtained by:
- Downloading from the school’s web site at www.aghs.sa.edu.au
- Phoning: 8270 4455
- Emailing: ignite@aghs.sa.edu.au

The closing date for applications is Monday 4th April 2016

Testing for a place in Year 8 Ignite for 2017 will be held at Aberfoyle Park High School at 8.45am on Monday 11th April 2016.
FREE Parenting SA seminar
Presenter by Dr Justin Coulson
- Nationally recognised parenting speaker
- Newspaper columnist
- TV commentator, author and researcher

Children, teens and pornography:
What every parent should know
- the alarming statistics
- are we becoming desensitized?
- the impact on boys and girls
- how parents can guide children and teens

Wednesday 6 April
When: 7:00 - 9:00pm
Where: City Rooms, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide

Register to attend in person or view the live webcasts at:
http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au
Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

Find out more about Dr Justin Coulson at www.happyfamilies.com.au
For the benefit of all participants, unfortunately we are unable to admit babies and children.

STURT is seeking new Players
for 2016 winter season
Girls & Boys are welcome to join for all age divisions
U8, U11, U13, U15 and U17

Junior Registration Day - Sunday April 3rd - 11 am - 1 pm

You are welcome to come to training sessions before Registration Day to have a go and meet players.
Just call to ask what time your team is training.

Come try the fastest game on two feet!

No trials to be a part of a team... you get to play!
Anyone can play regardless of skill level
Highly qualified local & international coaches
Learn a new skill & get fit

When you register with the club your child receives a free Lacrosse stick
Playing tops are supplied – players only need to supply shoes, shorts, mouthguard, gloves (for girls) or helmets (for boys) (both which can be purchased at the club.)

Very family friendly club, inclusive with regular Thursday night social club for meals

TRAINING: Tuesday & Thursday evenings
GAMES: Saturday mornings
A very affordable sport! Yearly Registration fees:
U 11 – $70
U 13 – $100
U 15 – $130
U 17 – $155

STURT Lacrosse Club is registered for the sports voucher (Primary School Students only) taking $50 off the fees.

STURT Lacrosse Club
Women’s Memorial Playing Fields
Shepherds Hill Road and Albany Road (Gate 2)
St Marys SA 5042

Contact
Stacey Appleton
Club Secretary (and Coach)
0417 869 685

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Toddlers and touch screens: What should I do?
- the pros and cons of the digital age for children 0-5 years
- how and when to introduce phones, tablets, apps, e-games
- how to manage electronic media use

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Shepherds Hill Adventure Day
SUNDAY MARCH 20 - 10.00AM TO 2.00PM

Shepherds Hill Recreation
Park is the Park of the Month for March!

Park of the Month is a program run as a partnership between Natural Play SA and Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources where one of the state’s Parks are celebrated every month.

Shepherds Hill Adventure Day is being coordinated by Park Rangers to highlight what the Park has to offer families and other groups.

Come along to the special event where we will have info on how the park operates and our wildlife, safety and interpretive guided walk. The Dam will be open to visitors and you can enjoy a special park guided walk, or just enjoy our cafe and let the kids have a run around the course or play in the creek.

For more information visit:www.naturalplay.sa.gov.au or contact Megan Yacka on 830 9865.