NEWSLETTER

Week 1 Term 1 2023

Blackwood Primary School

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

Important Diary Dates

Tuesday 7 February
Sports info and registration session 3.45pm

P&F Meeting
6-7pm staffroom

Monday 13 February
Acquaintance Night
5.30-7pm

Tuesday 21 February
AGM & Gov Council
5.30pm

Tuesday 28 February
BPS Athletics Day
10+ years

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

A very warm welcome back to Blackwood Primary School. We hope that everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and a great start to the new year.
This year our school has grown by one class to 16 classes and we welcome over 50 new students and their families. We look forward to getting to know you and hope that your time with us is enjoyable and rewarding.

New staff members to our school in 2023

We are very fortunate to be welcoming the following new staff members to our school.
Meg Beaty – Year 3/4 Room 13
Kelly - Japanese Teacher R/1/2
Justin Kelly – ICT DfE
We also welcome back;
Janita Bentley – R-4 PE
Casey Turner – Yr 5/6
Courtney Woodwood Year 2/3 Room 20

Care at Blackwood Primary School

You may have noticed, over the holidays a new sign was mounted on the wall of the main building highlighting one of our school values; Care. Thank you to our students from Year 6, Tom, Aliya, Harper, Grace and Zosia who designed and painted this mural as part of their exhibition learning last year. Thank you also to Mrs Brown and Mrs Allard for helping with the process.
This year, our first Unit of Inquiry will be focussed on this value and each class will be involved in this *"Who we Are,"* unit and engage with the concept of **'care'** at differing levels. On Monday, we held a whole school welcome assembly and challenged the students to be *Starfish Throwers*. Ask your child what it means to be a *Starfish Thrower*. You can also view the video that we watched, as a school, by clicking on the link below.
The Starfish Thrower - An Inspirational Short Film - YouTube

Acquaintance Night

Acquaintance Night will be held on Monday 13th February, 5.30pm-7.00pm. Our classrooms will be open for you to meet our teachers. Further information will be sent home next week regarding this night.

Arriving at school in the morning.

It is great to see so many students keen about getting to school, however, students must not arrive before 8.30am. 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.

School Car park and drop off zone.

The beginning of the year also comes with a few reminders. Parking and traffic flow is always a big issue especially at the start of Term 1. Please read the below information regarding the Kiss and Drop protocols so that everyone is able to pick up their children safely and efficiently.

There is a 2 minute wait only in the Kiss and Drop area after school so that traffic does not become blocked. Often parents arrive early to pick up students and then their child is not in the Kiss and Drop Zone. We ask the following of parents, to assist with the afternoon traffic:

- Kiss and Drop will open when the school bell goes at the end of the day. Please **do not come and wait in the Kiss and Drop area or the carpark entry**. If you arrive before the area opens please drive through and find a park then come through again later. Alternatively, you can find a park in one of the surrounding streets and then drive through once the area has opened.
- If parents wait until five minutes after the bell has gone to move into the Kiss and Drop area then most students will be in the area making the pick up flow much quicker. Leadership are on Yard Duty in the carpark until 3.40pm Tues-Fri and 2.50pm Mon.
- If you are in the Kiss and Drop area for longer than 2 minutes and your child is not there please move out of the area so that traffic can continue to flow and other children can be picked up.
- Each time you enter Kiss and Drop in the morning or in the afternoon please drive up as far as you can so that we are more efficient in picking up and dropping off.
- Please do not get out of your car. If you require assistance we are more than happy to help you out.
- When exiting Kiss and Drop please drive all of the way to the end of the Kiss and Drop section before exiting into the traffic. This allows more cars to enter behind you.
- Please do not drop off or pick up your children or queue in the cul de sac area at the end of Seymour St as this prevents cars from exiting our car park and also prevents cars coming down Seymour St from turning around at the end.

Our Kiss and Drop area really worked very well last year when everyone helped out by following the above protocols.

Governing Council Nominations

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.

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.

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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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: 8350 7933

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KickStart Breakfast

Monday, Wednesday & 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.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on the 21st of February a 6.00pm, beginning with light refreshments at 5.30pm

Please consider nominating for the Governing Council or any of the associated committees.
An nomination form is included at the end of this newsletter.

Birthday Celebrations

We know that children are excited to celebrate their birthdays with peers and like to share treats at this special time. At Blackwood primary school we have a number of students who have severe allergies to various foods and we are also continuing to encourage Nude Food. For these reasons please do not send shared food (e.g. cupcakes) or treats (e.g. lollipops) throughout the year.

If your child would like to bring something in for their peers to celebrate their birthday here a few suggestions:

- Novelty erasers
- Stickers
- Mini packets of seeds for planting
- Pencils/gel pens
- Book marks
- Mini Bouncy balls
- Mini puzzles
- Friendship bracelets

Another idea, is to donate a book to the class for the teacher to read and for students to enjoy throughout the year.

Thank you for your support.

NAPLAN Years 3 and 5

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. This year NAPLAN will take place earlier than in previous years and will begin on Wednesday 15th March.
NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

Collection of personal information
Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.
The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how your child's personal information will be used for NAPLAN testing (both online and paper tests) in 2023 and, as part of NAPLAN Online, readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in March 2023.
For the complete NAPLAN – privacy collection notice, please click the link below.

NAPLAN privacy collection notice (pdf 105kb)

2023 Governing Council Annual General Meeting

The Governing Council Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 21st February** in the Staff room. The evening begins with refreshments at 5.30pm and the formal meeting at 6.00 pm. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend and nominate or be nominated for a position on our Governing Council. The Councillor's term is for a 2 year period.

If you wish to be nominated or wish to nominate someone, please complete the return slip below and return to the school office by **Wednesday 15th February.** Paper copies are available at the school office.

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Governing Council Nomination Form 2023

I…….. (full name)

of ……..(address)

Nominate

…… (full name)

of ……..(address)

To be elected a member of Blackwood Primary School Governing Council for 2023/2024

I…….. (full name)

of ……..(address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any offences listed, my membership of the Blackwood Primary School Governing Council will cease

Signed …… Date ……..

Student's Name: …… Class ……

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Inspiring Achievement and Respect

Apply now for 2024!

Special Interest Football Program

Do you have a genuine interest in football?

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

The selection criteria will include:

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

Entry to the program is by application (school reports to be included) and a trial process conducted at Blackwood High School.

Please contact Nick Liddle for more information.
(nick.liddle629@schools.sa.edu.au)

Special Interest Netball Program

The Netball Program is aimed at students who:

- want to develop in all aspects such as playing, coaching and umpiring
- 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.

Selection criteria will include:

- potential high level of ability/performance indicated through skills testing
- 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)

Entry to the program is by application (school reports to be included) and a trial process conducted by Netball SA at Blackwood High School.

Please contact Peta Maher for more information.
(peta.maher678@schools.sa.edu.au)

Visit the school's website www.bhs.sa.edu.au to download an application form.
Applications due Monday 20 March 2023

Trials for the Special Interest Programs:
Thursday 23 March 2023
8:45am registration for a 9am – 11am trial
Blackwood High School

REGISTER NOW

IGNITE at Aberfoyle Park High School

IGNITE is a specialist program for students with high intellectual potential. Aberfoyle Park High School is the official Department for Education school for gifted students in the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD IS GIFTED?

The characteristics of gifted children vary; however, many display some or all of the following traits:

- High levels of curiosity and deep levels of knowledge in one or more area
- Excellent creative thinking and ability to problem solve
- Strong empathy and social justice
- Highly developed sense of humour

Initial selection is based on performance in the Australian Council for Education (ACER) Gifted and Talented Assessment.

Year 6 students in 2023 are eligible to sit the test for a place in the Year 7 IGNITE program in 2024.

IGNITE SELECTION TEST

SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2023
9AM - 1PM
ABERFOYLE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TO SIT THE TEST AT: **www.aphs.sa.edu.au**
A registration fee of $125 applies for non-school card holders.
Registrations close Monday 20 February 2023.
For further information contact **aphs.ignite447@schools.sa.edu.au**

school of languages

LEARN CHINESE IN 2023!

Places now available for Years R-6 students from all schooling sectors

WHERE: Belair Primary School
45 Main Rd, Belair 5052
WHEN: Tuesdays, 3:30pm - 5:00pm

- The School of Languages is a Government school offering out-of-school hours language learning.
- Courses follow the Australian Curriculum and are aimed at second language learners.
- Weekly Teaching and Learning Plan, with lesson content and homework tasks.
- End of Term reports sent home and to the day school.
- Annual Subject Charge: $150.

ENROL NOW!

Enrolment forms available from the School of Languages website:
www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au OR Phone: **8301 4800**

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LEARN ITALIAN IN 2023!

Places now available for Primary & Secondary students from all schooling sectors

PLEASE VIEW THE MOST CURRENT TIMETABLE ON OUR WEBSITE FOR LOCATIONS AND TIMES

- The School of Languages is a Government school offering out-of-school hours language learning.
- Courses follow the Australian Curriculum and are aimed at second language learners.
- Weekly Teaching and Learning Plan, with lesson content and homework tasks.
- End of Term reports sent home and to the day school.
- Annual Subject Charge: $150 (R-10) / $180 (Years 11/12)

ENROL NOW!

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