

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

**Important Diary
Dates**

Good Friday Holiday

2 April

Easter Monday Holiday

5 April

Athletics Day

10 years +

Tuesday 6 April

End of Term 1

3.20pm dismissal

Friday 9 April

Anzac Day Holiday

Monday 24 April

Start of Term 2

Tuesday 26 April

P&F Meeting

Tuesday 4 May

Governing Council

Tuesday 11 May

6-7.30pm

NAPLAN Online

11-21 May

The end of Term 1 is on us and what an amazing term we have had. Our students have been involved in many exciting and challenging learning tasks and are all looking forward to a well deserved rest. Hopefully you have had the opportunity to read all about the term in our Newsletters and we look forward to the adventures Term 2 will bring.



This year is an important year for all of our Year 6 and 7 students. The whole cohort will move to High School in 2022 and Secondary Schools are well into preparations for this large intake. Primary Schools have also been preparing by ensuring that students in both year levels have the opportunity to experience a 'Senior Year' at Primary School. All Year 6 and 7 students have already had many opportunities to be included as seniors at Blackwood Primary School in 2021. We have increased the number of leadership positions for this cohort along with ensuring that all students had the chance to purchase the much sought after "Senior Polo and Jumper." There will be more senior experiences for all Year 6 and 7 students throughout 2021.

If you are a parent of students in this cohort it is important that you are aware that all High Schools are zoned and you will automatically be allocated to your zoned High School. This zoning is based on your principle place of residence as recorded in our school records. Please prepare for your child's enrolment in 2022 by ensuring we have your correct address details. Please also be aware that many applications to special entry programs such as Urrbrae Agricultural High School and Blackwood High School AFL football and netball programs are already open. If you require further information regarding entry to special programs in High Schools then please check the appropriate school websites. It is also important that you keep up to date with information about the Year 7 transition to High School in 2022. More information can be found at

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/year-7-high-school/year-7-high-school-information-parents>

An update is on Page 8 this newsletter.

An email was sent yesterday to all Year 6 and 7 parents advising that further information regarding enrolment will be forwarded in Week 1, Term 2. Please make sure your email and residential address details are up to date.

Many parents recently attended our 'Three-way Conferences' with their children. Parents, teachers and children found this a very valuable time to be able to reflect on student learning progress and set some learning goals for the next term. Thank you to all of our wonderful staff members and parents who made this event such a valuable time.



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**

Banking Day

Banking day is

Wednesday

Term Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday 8:15 – 9:15

Friday 8:15 – 9:15

3:00 – 3:45

Ph: 8350 7933

KickStart Breakfast

Tuesday, Wednesday

& 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.

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



No Lunch Orders Week 11 BHS Canteen Closed

We have some exciting news about our Canteen; Blackwood High School is getting a NEW Canteen. Building works is scheduled to commence at the start of Term 2, 2021. With the building works the food service we provide to your families will not change. We have been lucky enough to be able to move into one of our Home Economics Kitchens, enabling us to still provide lunches to all of our feeder Primary Schools along with the High School students.

In preparing for these works, the Canteen will be closed during Week 11; Tuesday 6 April to Friday 9 April 2021. Normal ordering will recommence again from the start of Term 2 2021.

Lost Property

Our lost property cupboard is bursting at the seams!

During Week 11, a table will be placed at the front of the reception office with items of uniform, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Please look through to claim any lost items.

Any unclaimed/unnamed items will be sold as second hand, or donated at the end of the term.

Don't forget to name all uniform clothing (hats, shirts, jackets/windcheaters) as well as drink bottles and lunch boxes.



Student Free and School Closure Days 2021

Tuesday 15 June - Student Free Day

Monday 19 July (1st day of Term 3) - Student Free Day

Friday 10 Sept - School Closure Day

Monday 11 October (1st day of Term 4) - Student Free Day

Student Illness reminder

If your child has been unwell overnight, it would be appreciated if you could keep them home the following day to ensure they have completely recovered before returning to school. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

Please see last page of the newsletter for appointment bookings for Devon Uniform shop during the April School Holidays.

A message from our school's 2021 School Captains:

Hi Everyone,

We are the School Captains for 2021, and we are very excited for what this year will bring. We are glad that we have the opportunity to help around the school, and we promise to do our best. We, of course, will demonstrate the school values of **Care, Harmony** and **Excellence**, at all times. We are taking it a step further this year, by supporting the Blackwood community as well as our school.

We hope to make the 2021 school-year the best year yet, especially for the Year 6's and 7's as it is their last year here. Like any year, we as a school are going to be respectful, follow the school rules, and most importantly keep our school clean. We all are honoured to be this year's School Captains and we will show students, staff and parents that we are worthy to be leading our school. We are all hoping this year will be great, and we hope to see many of you in the yard throughout the year. Thankyou.

Aden, Aimee, Leonora, Caitlin, Lua, Josh, Nabil & Isabel

A message from our school's 2021 House Leaders:

Hi Everyone,

As our school's House Leaders for 2021, we are all super excited to be leading the house teams this year! We hope to provide assistance to anyone, not just people in our house team. We are also able to answer any questions that students may have. This year we will be helping run lots of sports events including Athletics Day and Bluearth Sports Day.

We'd appreciate if all students aimed to gain lots of points for their house team so that each team has a good chance to win the House Points Cup at the end of the year. Some ways that students can earn points are by trying their best in any activity that we organise and run, volunteering for competitions such as spelling bees and talent shows, and much more!

It will be great if all our students showed our school's values of **Care, Harmony** and **Excellence** in any activities, and that they play fairly with others. We encourage everyone to show commitment and good sportsmanship towards other teams as well, and demonstrate the IB learner attributes as much as possible.

This year we will promoting the Premier's Be Active Challenge. We hope everyone can complete it as they will receive a certificate or medal. We also encourage everyone to participate in after-school activities like basketball, cricket, soccer and netball.

We are all aiming to lead our team to victory, so we hope you all have a great year, stay safe and be active! Thank you.

Rosa, Chrishalya, Taasha, Davina, Nick, Mia, Aarnav J, Finn, Chrishella & Arnav C



Ride 2 School Activities

On Friday of Week 8, our school held its Ride 2 School Day. To help promote this day, our school's house leaders ran bike-riding activities at lunchtime for the different year levels throughout Week 8. The younger students got to ride around cones on the front courts and do different challenges. The 3/4s did some laps around the back courts. The older students rode their bikes down the Gully footpath and up around our South oval.

We thought the activities went really well, and it looked and sounded like our students had lots of fun with the different challenges. We hope that the week has encouraged our school's students to be even more active and ride their bike to school more.

Nick (House Leader for Fraser)

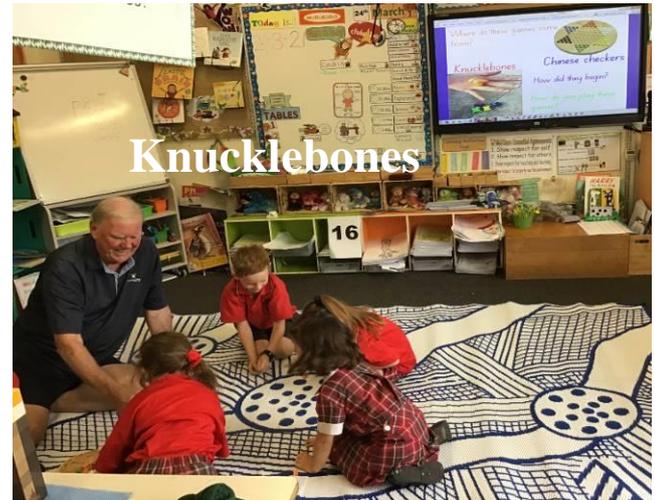


Year R/1 Games Around the World

In Week 9, the R/1 classes invited parents, caregivers and grandparents to share their favourite games/play experience from around the world with us, as part of our Term 1 Unit of Inquiry. Our unit is based on the theme of 'Who We Are', with the central idea of "People around the world play to learn, explore and have fun."

We played traditional games from our childhood, such as hopscotch, marbles and elastics. We also played games from around the world, such as Morabaraba from South Africa, and SIPA from the Philippines.

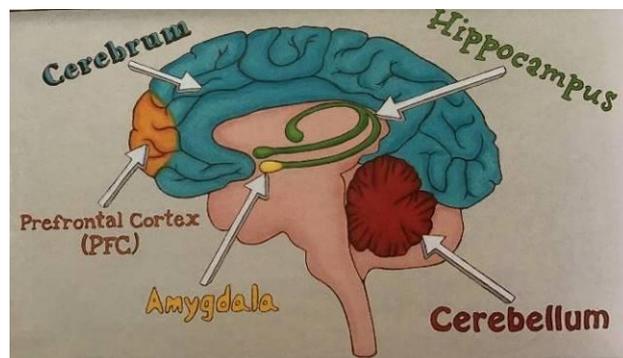
Thank you to all our parents, grandparents and buddy helpers for volunteering your time to help make such a fantastic afternoon. The students loved learning about the new games, and have begun playing many of them in the yard and in the classroom.



Year 1/2 Report

On Friday the 26th of March, Rooms 14, 19 and 20 hosted a Junior Primary Assembly on their recent Unit of Inquiry. The Central of Idea looked at how we are all made up of a combination of characteristics and experiences which make us individuals. We inquired into the characteristics that make us who we are, similarities and differences between ourselves and others and the way experiences and relationships shape us.

Room 20 students have been reading a book called "Your Fantastic Elastic Brain, Stretch It, Shape It," by JoAnn Deak. Students learnt about the different parts of the brain and their functions. Having a growth mindset reminds the brain that learning takes time, effort and making mistakes. We can change the things we say to ourselves in order to have a growth mindset with our learning.



Room 19 students talked about their school, then looked at other schools in Australia and also around the world to find out about similarities and differences between ourselves and others. In pairs they completed a "See Think Wonder" thinking routine about a photograph of a classroom in another country.

Schools Around The World : See, Think, Wonder

Names: Shant Jaseelka Date: 16-2-21

Country: Nigeria

See	Think	Wonder
Skip Spills Book-birds Dotted People Books Plastic bags Kettle roof Rides Teachers Big hall Chalk Walls	I think every body's balls, I think remembering numbers, I think they learn's things they have learn, having they time, I think they're learning's things they the teachers have show's	I wonder if they eat they odd, boring I wonder if they little kids, I wonder if they are I wonder if they having fun, I wonder if their happy.

Room 14 are all made up of a combination of characteristics and experiences which make us unique. We were inspired by the book 'The Colours of Us' by Karen Katz when painting our portraits. In Room 14 we are many different special colours. We are the colour of cinnamon, the colour of French toast, the colour of creamy peanut butter, colour of chocolate cupcakes, colour of honey, colour of leaves in Autumn, the colour golden of pizza crust. For our Who We Are Summative Task, we had to write what makes us an individual. This included characteristics and experiences that make us unique.

Who We Are - Summative Task

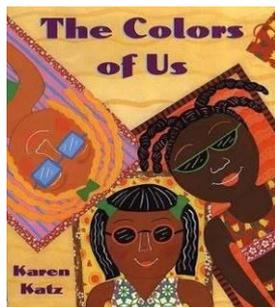
Original idea - We are made up of a combination of characteristics and experiences which make us individuals

task - I am an individual because. Write below what makes you an individual. This may include several characteristics and experiences that make you unique.

Hello my name is Amir

I am an individual because...

My family is from Israel
 And I speak Hebrew a lot of
 different and I have moved houses
 a lot and my siblings are Hannah
 and Purim and Liora and we
 eat food like hummus. I speak
 Hebrew and I love dogs and jelly
 and my hobbies are swimming and
 running and splashing and my favorite
 movies are the three ninjas and
 The croods 2 and 1 more.



We look forward to continuing our learning journey over the year. From Rooms 14, 19 and 20.

3,2,1 ACTION from the Year 4/5 Film Makers

In our recent Unit of Inquiry, we have been focusing on how people express their feelings and emotions, through acting, movement and communication. In the lead-up to our summative task, our classes did many different activities such as exploring how to use our bodies and facial expressions to express feelings in our Drama lessons, looking at the character traits of characters in books and short films and using these in our own narrative writing, creating pieces of visual art that express things about ourselves and what we value, and using different pictures of things like shapes, animals or colours to describe how we were feeling at the start of the school-day.

We did this by creating a silent film, the silent film had to go for three minutes and the music you got to choose had to match the story. In our teams of three/four students we picked a theme of what the silent film was about, we worked on a narrative and storyboard before we started filming. We even watched YouTube tutorials to learn camera angles and editing techniques to use in our silent films. We had to organize props, work on our facial expressions and practise positions and levels for the film. We began the courageous task of filming!

It was challenging to get the idea started and agreed upon and then to match the music to the edits. It was sometimes difficult to agree on ideas and so we communicated by being open minded with our team. We added subtitles to help the audience understand our storyline.

Overall, we think we have produced some great silent films that we would like to submit for the competition later in the year, we even showed some of them at our Assembly and they were well received by the audience.

By Izzy, Bella and Mitchell – Room 8J and Room 8S



Parents & Friends Committee

In February Blackwood Lions Club offered us an opportunity to raise funds outside of the school community. Parents and Friends Committee would like to thank all parent volunteers who answered our call and helped in the Blackwood Lions Bargain Centre over each Saturday in February. It allowed us to raise over \$800, and we are looking forward to giving Lions a hand again in February 2022.

We also ran the T-Shirt Fundraiser in the beginning of March and sold over a hundred T-shirts. If you missed out on the opportunity to get your child a T-shirt in their house colour, we are planning another order before the Bluearth Sports Day. Keep an eye out for additional information!

During our last meeting we finalised the event plan for the year, with some exciting events like Disco Night for the kids and the Quiz Night for BPS parents. Stay tuned!

We hope you all enjoy the school holidays.

P&F Committee

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL

Parent Update Week 10, Term 1 – 2021

Preparing for year 7 in high school in 2022

We know many families of our year 6 and 7 students are busy exploring their local high school options for 2022. Next year will be unique, with a double cohort of students starting high school together as they enter years 7 and 8. The once-only move is necessary as we move year 7 to high school in public schools across the state.

Our primary and high schools are working together at every level to ensure the move is successful for families. Here are some of the key benefits to your child beginning high school in Year 7.

Year 7s are ready for high school

We know from the experiences of schools interstate and from our own pilot schools that year 7s are well and truly ready for high school.

This finding has been reinforced by the pilot program run through the Department for Education, involving three high schools, which welcomed their first cohort of year 7 students last year. We have been tracking the students' progress through interviews and surveys. The vast majority have enjoyed making new friends, trying new sports and activities and learning in a more mature environment.

We are ready for the move

Planning is well underway to ensure the move of year 7 to high school is well-managed and considered. We are drawing on our pilot program insights and what we have learnt from Queensland and Western Australia to ensure the move is as smooth as possible.

Learning opportunities

All South Australian students learn the Australian Curriculum, which was designed for year 7s to be taught in high school, as it is interstate. High school settings provide more specialist facilities to enhance learning, such as science laboratories, performing arts spaces and kitchens. They also offer teachers who are subject-specific experts, and a wide variety of extra-curricular activities.

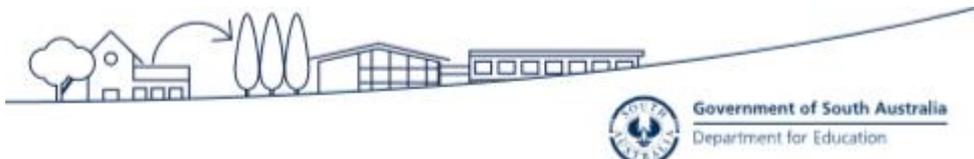
A nation-wide move

Moving our year 7 students into high school brings South Australia in line with other states. Queensland and Western Australia most recently made the move in 2015. It also aligns our public school system with the Catholic and independent school sectors, which also teach year 7 in high school. Taking a cohesive approach to the start of high school promotes equity and makes it easier to move between states and school sectors, should you need to do so.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS.

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.



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APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE 1st to 30th April 2021

Due to the Pandemic and Social Distancing we've had to change the way we operate to keep our customers, staff and community safe.

In April, we're asking you to **please book an appointment for all Uniform Fittings and purchases** for your child or children at all Devon Clothing Locations.

Appointments for Order collections, returns and exchanges are not required.

Please wait for notification that your Uniform Order is ready prior to attending.

You can book an appointment Online through your usual Uniform Online Ordering Site and receive an email confirmation. If you no longer require your pre-booked appointment, please cancel it or let us know.

Please check your Online Uniform Ordering Site now for available appointments.

<https://devonclothing.com.au/online-store/>

Does your child need a uniform fitting?

BOOK A TIME NOW

