



# NEWSLETTER

Week 1 Term 1 2021



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

## Important Diary Dates

### Aquatics Year 6&7

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
8.15am - 4.30pm

### Acquaintance Night

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February,  
5.30pm-7.00pm

### Governing Council AGM

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
6.00pm

Welcome to the 2021 school year and a very special welcome to all of our new children and families. We have had a very smooth start to the year welcoming 51 new receptions and 35 new children from Year 1-7. Thank you to everyone who has made the start of the year so great. We look forward to working with all of our families and building our school community further!



### New Staff

This year we welcome Maddison Gerace who will be working in one of our Reception/Year 1 classes. We would also like to congratulate Angela Murphy in our front office who is now a permanent staff member. Throughout Term 1 we will be welcoming 7 student teachers; 3 of whom have already begun their pre-service placement.

### Building/Grounds Works

Over the holiday period several building and grounds projects have been completed. We now have a brand new roof on our main building, a new bike shelter with bike and scooter racks, a new shed for nature play equipment storage and a new garden bed with soon to be completed seating. Thank you to the Parents and Friends group for raising the funds for this lovely seating area.

### Car Park

With the beginning of the year also comes 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 'n 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 'n 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 all parents wait until five minutes after the bell has gone to move into the Kiss 'n 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 3.40 Tues-Fri and 2.50 Mon.



## 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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### Banking Day

Banking day is

**Wednesday**

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### Term Uniform Shop

#### Opening Hours

Monday 8:15 – 9:15

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.



- If you are in the Kiss 'n 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 'n 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 n' Drop please drive all of the way to the end of the Kiss 'n 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 n' Drop area really worked very well last year when everyone helped out by following the above protocols.

### Governing Council AGM

Blackwood Primary School has a very active and supportive Governing Council that meets twice per term. It provides a focus and a forum for parents and the school community. The Governing Council ensures the diversity of the school community is considered and the needs of all student groups are appropriately identified and catered for.

In conjunction with the Principal the Governing Council;

- 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.

Governing Council are actively seeking new members so please consider nominating for Governing Council or any of the associated committees.

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.00pm, beginning with light refreshments.

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

### Fruit Fly

Thank you to our school community for assisting with the fruit fly outbreak and only sending fruit along to school that is not on the banned list. At this stage this will continue until April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.

### Uniform

It has been pleasing to see many of our students following our school uniform policy and they are all looking fabulous. If you are needing any replacement uniform our uniform shop is open on site at the following times:

Monday 8.15 – 9.15am

Friday 8.15 – 9.15am and 3.00 – 3.45pm

It would be appreciated if parents could check that their children's hats are school hats and in good repair, free from any graffiti on the outside. Some of our older student's hats are looking like they need to be replaced.

### **Acquaintance Night**

Acquaintance Night will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **After School Sport**

A sports expression of interest letter was sent home on Wednesday. Please ensure that you return this expression of interest from by Tuesday Week 2. Once teams have been determined we will send out the link to register and pay for your child to play their nominated sport. Unfortunately if we have no co-ordinators, coaches or people to help out we will be unable to offer that sport.

### **Early Arrival at School**

The safety of all children in our care is of the utmost importance. School supervision hours are between 8.30am and 3.40pm (Tues-Friday) and 2.50pm (Mon). At the moment we have many children who are eager to get to school to meet with their friends after a long break. Please be mindful that any child in the yard outside of the supervision hours will need to be supervised by an adult. We have a before and after school OSHC service which is available if you need supervision for your children.

### **Mobile Device Policy**

As previously advised the Department for Education has introduced a new mobile device policy. A copy of this policy attached to this email. Please ensure that you read the policy and speak to your children regarding the use of mobile devices during school hours. Children who have mobile devices will need a signed permission note from their parents or caregivers. These have been sent home with students who require them. If you need a permission note and have not received one, please drop in to the front office and they will be able to help you out.

### **Access to Classrooms**

We are currently waiting for the Department for Education to issue us with our QR code to help keep track of any parents who are entering the school buildings. Once this has been approved we look forward to welcoming parents as volunteers in our classrooms each day to assist with reading and morning activities as well as special events and activities throughout the year.



## **ATTENTION FOOD LOVERS**

**Large Secondary School looking for an enthusiastic person with a love for food.**

Casual up to 15 hours a week.  
Needs to be flexible.

CV and Cover Letter to be forwarded onto  
sharna.smart@bhs.sa.edu.au by  
Friday 5 February 2021.

For further information on the position, contact  
Louise Williamson on 8278 0948 during the  
hours of 1:30pm and 2:30pm.