



# NEWSLETTER

Week 5 Term 1 2024



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

## Important Diary Dates

### Tuesday 5 March

Choir excursion

### Friday 8 March

BPS Athletics Day  
10+ years

### Monday 11 March

Public Holiday

### Tuesday 12 March

Finance Mtg 5pm  
PFF Mtg 6pm

### 13-25 March

NAPLAN

### Friday 15 March

Assembly 2.30pm

### Tuesday 19 March

Gov Council 6pm

### Thursday 21 March

Harmony Day

### Monday 25 March

School Photo Day

Welcome to our second newsletter for the term. The children are now all settled, building relationships with teachers and other children, and making good progress with their learning. We are looking forward to a very productive and engaging year.

We again held a very successful Acquaintance Night that gave teachers and parents the opportunity to meet and greet each other and learn a little about our classrooms and routines. Thank you to all of the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend.

On Tuesday Week 4, we held our AGM in our newly refurbished Library space. The AGM offers an opportunity for school parents to come along and find out a bit more about the school operations and activities in 2023. It is also an opportunity to elect our new governing council for 2024.

Our New council is:

Lisa Reichstein – Chairperson

Ryan Kitchen – Deputy Chairperson

Emma Doran - Secretary

Michael Riese - Treasurer

Tahlia Eddy – Council Member

Danni Nicholas-Sexton - Council Member

Sebastian Pawelski - Council Member

Alissa Strain - Council Member

Muktasree Chakma - Council Member

Thank you to all of our members either continuing or new. We look forward to working with you throughout the year. A special thank you to Nicole and Niven who have retired from council this year. Our council members are more than happy to speak with anyone who may have suggestions for our school community.

Last Friday we held our annual School Picnic. The event was very well attended and seems to be growing each year, with a mixture of younger and older children and families enjoying the evening. Thank you to all the families and teachers who attended it was great to get to speak with you all and help to build our school community further.



During Week 7 and 8 of this Term our Year 3 and Year 5 cohort will sit the NAPLAN assessment. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is a snap shot of student learning and our teachers are consistently assessing and changing teaching and learning programs throughout the year. You can help your child by reassuring them about this process and just telling them to give it their best effort. Parents of students sitting the assessment would have already received information from the school in Week 3 regarding the privacy collection and a brief outline of the NAPLAN process.



## School Information

### Student Absence

If your child will be **absent** from school, please send a txt through the

**Space Talk 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: 0431 776 713

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### KickStart Breakfast

Every morning

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.



## UR Strong



Many of our classes have already begun their UR Strong journey. Our first lessons have focused on how to be a 'Friendship Ninja' and we have been naming and noticing people who are Friendship Ninjas.

## GRIP Leadership Conference



I lie in bed, my mind racing about the day that is yet to come. Little did I know how remarkable it was going to be. You see, on Monday of Week Five, the four school captains Shabdita, Innrish, Bandi and Victoria were lucky enough to go to a GRIP leadership conference at the Entertainment Centre with Mrs Robson and Mr McLennan. The conference was a lot of fun and in every session we learnt something new and interesting. They taught us how to be better leaders, and by the end of it we were closer than we have ever been as a team. It was the most memorable experience that we, as a team, have ever done!

Shabdita, Victoria, Innrish and Bandi (School Captains 2024)

## Gully Closure

Unfortunately, as a safety pre-caution, we have had to close the gully to play and bike riding at the moment. This is disappointing as we had our amazing bike track built during the holidays, however, a very small piece of asbestos was found near the back gully gate. We have had advice and believe the risk is very low but we are being super cautious until the area is checked by asbestos professionals.

## Athletics Day Friday 8 March

A reminder that Athletics Day for students 10 years old and up (born in 2014 or earlier) is Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Students can wear athletic/sports shorts and a T-shirt/polo shirt in their House colour, or their school uniform on the day. They will also need to be wearing sports shoes and have a drink bottle and hat. For more details of the program please see the Week 5 announcement on seesaw. We are looking forward to seeing everyone performing at their best on the day and celebrating the individual achievements of all students.

Chris Bates

## School Photography Day is coming soon!

School Photos will be taken at our school on:

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

We are proud that the country's leading school photographer, MSP Photography will be taking our school photos this year.



Parents can send the money to the school in the self-sealed envelope supplied however **On-Line Ordering**, where parents are now able to select their preferred package online makes it much easier for our parent community.

Placing your child's order online is the safest & easiest way to order school photos. Just enter the shootkey printed on your child's envelope and make your selection! If you are having a Sibling photo taken, do the same with the shootkey printed on that envelope (envelopes available from schools front office) and you're done. It really is that easy!

Our range of options available to you online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a smart-phone, parents will now have the option to purchase a High Resolution Digital Download of their child's individual portrait and of the Sibling image.

An added incentive for our families is that MSP now offers a 10% discount for all orders above \$90.00 a family. To receive this discount online your orders must be placed in one transaction. If you are paying with cash please total your order amount, then apply your discount and place the correct money in the self-seal envelope.

# BPS Easter Raffle 2024

The Easter raffle is back!

The Parents, Family & Friends Committee is requesting donations of Easter eggs and other Easter-related items.

Please bring your donations to the front office by *Friday 22nd March*.

Money raised will support future school projects.

Easter Raffle tickets will be on sale from *Monday 4th March* for 50 cents each.

Senior students will visit each classroom where children will have an opportunity to buy raffle tickets (max \$10/child). Tickets can also be purchased from the front office (unlimited).

The raffle will be drawn on *Wednesday 27th March*.



Organised by the BPS Parents, Family & Friends Committee

## Children's University 2024



Our students have the opportunity to be involved in an exciting program: 'Children's University'.

Children's University (CU) aims to encourage high quality out of school activities for children in years 3-6, engaging the wider community as learning partners in this process. The most important principles of CU are that participation is voluntary and activities must take place outside the normal school day during lunch, after school, weekends and holidays.

All CU learning is designed to inspire children to think about their futures with a greater knowledge of the careers and professions that they could aspire to.

Led by the University of Adelaide, CU aims to nurture aspirations and develop a love of learning. Children enrolled in CU are issued with a *Passport to Learning* which records their individual learning journey. After a required number of hours of learning has been accrued, children then celebrate their learning at a formal graduation ceremony. Children are eligible to graduate each year they participate if they accrue the required hours. Information on the hours, and award levels, can be found in the *Passport to Learning*. Please note, in order to accommodate the amazing growth of the program, this metropolitan graduation ceremonies will be held at Bonython Hall beginning at **10:30am** so please keep this in mind for Term 4 when our graduation ceremony will be held.

Our CU relaunch for 2024 was on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Information regarding registration and cost was sent home on that day. If your child would like to become a member of CU for 2024 or renew their membership, please complete CU registration by scanning the QR code on the form. Payment to be made to Blackwood Primary School by QKR, B-point or in person.

**Registration and payments close on Friday 8 March.**

For further information please contact Judy Adami or the school office.

## Green Team News



Green Team is about taking leadership with our school environment and managing the garden, composting and educating others. The final team of students (year 5/6's) will be announced in our next newsletter article.

We had our first session in the school garden for 2024 on Tuesday and it was a lot of fun, although the weeds were very thick. It was a surprise to find that the corn had survived over the summer holidays. We learnt that corn is a type of grass. Each plant has two flowers, the male flower at the top and the female flower, where the corn seeds develop, in the middle of the corn stock. A pollen grain from the male flower has to fly through the air and land on every one of the 'silk' hairs if a corn seed is to develop. The corn seeds were not very sweet and

this is because the sugar in the seeds converts into starch as they dry out. It was still fun to nibble on the corn just as it was picked.

Any donations of pots, seeds, soil and equipment (in good condition) would be appreciated just drop it off to the Science room before or after school.

Blackwood Primary School Green Team – February.



# BPS OSHC KIDS COMMITTEE!

## Kids Committee!

The Blackwood Primary OSHC Kids Committee is a small group of year 5 and 6 students who attend the BPS before and after school program.

This year our committee members are Chiara, Lily, Nima and Lucas from year 6 and Siobhan, Aila, Owen and Avery from year 5.

### *What is being a member of the Kids Committee about?*

Being a member of the BPS OSHC Kids Committee is about being a leader and a role model for peers, displaying kindness and continuing to actively contribute to the OSHC community. Members meet three times a term to discuss matters such as Vacation Care plans, fundraising ideas, events at OSHC and the everyday ideas and communication from the students at OSHC.

The Blackwood OSHC Kids Committee has a primary focus on providing students with a voice and opportunity to offer outlooks and feedback from a student perspective. It is an opportunity for students to build relationships with their peers and OSHC educators whilst developing key personal skills that will be beneficial in future endeavours!

Since the start of the term, the committee has met on multiple occasions during lunch to discuss ideas for our first vacation care of the year. We talked about some ideas for our excursion days, our incursion days and what things we might like to do during the school holidays. We had some discussions about re-designing our quiet room in OSHC. Some ideas that were raised were bean bags, mood lighting and books for all ages and some fidget toys.

We had a session where we got creative and planned some ideas for the Kids Committee logo, with some great designs currently in concept! We also went through some ideas and started planning for our term 4 fundraiser.

Please encourage your child to bring any ideas they may have to the OSHC Kids Committee or come along to a meeting!



## Oliphant Science Awards



Are you interested in Science?  
Do you want to take part in the largest Science Competition in South Australia?  
Are you ready to take charge of your own learning?  
Do you want a chance to win up to \$500?

Blackwood Primary School will be entering the Oliphant Science Award and we are looking for students who are willing to spend their own time to create interesting, thought provoking science projects.

The Oliphant Science Awards have been running for over 40 years and is a great way to expand your knowledge, get credit for your hard work and entering could even lead to a career in science.

The Oliphant Science Awards are broken into year level groups and categories, so there is something for everyone.

Year Level Groups	Categories
R-2	Crystal Investigation
3-4	Games
5-6	Models & Inventions
	Multimedia
	Photography
	Posters
	Programming, Apps & Robotics
	Science Writing
	Scientific Inquiry



To find out more information please visit  
<http://www.oliphantscienceawards.com.au/>

If your child is interested in participating in the Oliphant Science Award please email me on [John.darrell961@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:John.darrell961@schools.sa.edu.au)

In your email please include your child's full name, class and the category they wish to enter. I will then forward on ideas, links and the registration form. I look forward to seeing all the wonderful entries.

Thank You  
John Darrell

**No lunch orders  
Friday 8 March – week 6  
due to the BPS Athletics**

# Parents, Families & Friends Committee

The aim of the Parents, Families and Friends (PFF) committee is to encourage a welcoming and friendly school community through events, fundraising for different projects throughout the school and providing support to the school at other times. The committee usually aims to hold at least 2 events each term, one aimed at families and the other for fundraising.

The PFF meet during weeks 2 and 7 of each school term on a Tuesday night in the staff room and always welcome new members, so if you've ever thought of getting involved we would love to see you at the next meeting. There are also opportunities through the year to help out at certain events, so please keep an eye out for Seesaw messages and the PS Scene Facebook page. The PFF couldn't run these amazing events for the school community without help from families.

The PFF held their first meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February with a few new faces bringing along some fresh ideas and most noticeably a change in committee name. At this meeting a draft calendar of events for the year was discussed and PFF look forward to an exciting and busy 2024.

## Term 1

Blackwood Lions volunteers (every weekend in February)  
Twilight Picnic – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb (Week 4)  
Easter Raffle – drawn Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March (Week 9)  
Colour Explosion (funrun) – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April (Week 11 – last day term)

## Term 2

Disco – Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> (Week 7)  
Another event – TBC

## Term 3

Movie Night – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August Week 3 (R-3)  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August Week 4 (Yrs 3-6)  
Musical Bingo/Quiz Night – date TBC (parents only event)

## Term 4

Campout and comfort fire night (school community event)  
Sports day t-shirts and ice blocks (fundraising)  
Art Show/End of Year Celebration (school community event)  
Graduation Bricks (fundraising)



## BPS Student Free and School Closure Days 2024

Term 2: Monday 29 April – Student Free Day (first day of term 2)

Term 3: Monday 22 July – Student Free Day (first day of term 3)

Term 3: Friday 6 September – School Closure Day

Term 4: Monday 14 & Tuesday 15 October – Student Free Days (first 2 days of term 4)



**Attention:  
Year 6 Families**  
Blackwood High School  
invites you to book a

***Principal's Tour***  
**9:00am - 10:00am**  
Friday

23 February	15 March	5 April
12 April	12 April	3 May
10 May	7 June	28 June

**Bookings required**  
**To book please visit our website**

Please note above tours are only for Year 6 families. Tours for other year levels will be available from August - December and a limit of 2 adults and 1 child per family.



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**[bhs.info994@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:bhs.info994@schools.sa.edu.au)**



**SPECIAL INTEREST NETBALL PROGRAM**



There are approximately 25 Year 7 placements reserved for 2025 for students selected, in conjunction with the South Australian Netball Association, to be involved in the Blackwood High School Special Interest Netball Program.

The application form is available on our school website [www.bhs.sa.edu.au](http://www.bhs.sa.edu.au) or by calling 8278 0900. Forms must be completed and returned to Blackwood High School by Monday 18 March 2024.

**Trials will be held at Blackwood High School on Thursday 21 March 2024**  
**8:45am registration for a 9am - 11am trial**



Students must wear school or PE top and shorts with netball shoes for the trial. They will also need to bring a drink bottle.



Further information regarding the Netball Program is available from the Program Manager, Ms Peta Maher, on 8278 0900.

  




**SPECIAL INTEREST FOOTBALL PROGRAM**



Applications for students to be selected into the Year 7 2025 Special Interest Football Program are now open.

The application form is available on our school website [www.bhs.sa.edu.au](http://www.bhs.sa.edu.au) or by calling 8278 0900. Forms must be completed and returned to Blackwood High School by Monday 18 March 2024.

**Trials will be held at Blackwood High School on Thursday 21 March 2024**  
**8:45am registration for a 9am - 11am trial**



Students must wear a club football guernsey, shorts, socks and football boots for the trial. They will also need to bring a drink bottle and mouth guard.



Further information regarding the Football Program is available from the Program Manager, Mr Nick Liddle, on 8278 0900.





**Aberfoyle Park  
High School**



## OPEN NIGHT

**Tuesday  
26 March  
5:30-7:30pm**

### Our 2023 year 12 results:

- 100% SACE Completion
- 6 Merits (Specialised Maths, English Literacy, Physics & Research Project B)
- Highest ATAR of 99.85
- 5 students with ATAR of 95 and above

### Programs:

- IGNITE for gifted students
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP)
- Music
- International Ambassador
- Spanish & Japanese

Email: [APHS.Info970@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:APHS.Info970@schools.sa.edu.au)

Website: [www.aphs.sa.edu.au](http://www.aphs.sa.edu.au)

Address: 36A Taylors Road,

Aberfoyle Park, 5159

Phone: 8270 4455



## Special Interest Rowing

Open to year 6 students  
currently residing in  
and out of the school  
zone

**APPLICATIONS OPEN  
Monday 26 February  
2024**



For more information and to book  
in for Come and Try Sessions



[uhs.sa.edu.au/rowing/](http://uhs.sa.edu.au/rowing/)

## Coromandel Community Centre

Connect Contribute Celebrate



### Movie in the Park

FREE Community event for family, friends and neighbours.

Social Art project, outdoor games, interactive fitness and HADO sessions.

Ramblers Cricket Club BBQ and the Ice-cream King of Belair for catering.

BYO picnic, rug, bean bags and low chairs to enjoy the movie.

### SUPER MARIO BROTHERS

**When:** Friday 1 March  
6 to 8pm  
Movie from sunset

**Where:** 442B Main Road  
Coromandel Valley

**Cost:** Gold Coin Donation

Contact the Centre on 8370 6880 visit [www.coroalive.org.au](http://www.coroalive.org.au) or Like us on Facebook



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### ATTENTION FOOD LOVERS

**Large Secondary School looking for an  
experienced person with food handling  
skills.**

Casual hours up to 15 a week.

CV and Cover Letter to be forwarded onto  
[sharna.smart837@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:sharna.smart837@schools.sa.edu.au)  
by Friday 8 March 2024.

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



## LEARN CHINESE IN 2024!

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



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

**WHERE:** BELAIR PRIMARY SCHOOL  
45-83 Main Road, Adelaide SA 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](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au) OR Phone: 8301 4800

FOLLOW US NOW ON



# Languages Alive!

Experience the delights of other languages and cultures

APRIL 2024



Languages Alive! is a program  
of engaging and interactive  
language and cultural  
experiences for R-6 students.

Delivered by highly proficient speakers  
of the relevant language, the program  
will run during the April school holidays  
in metropolitan and country locations.

Workshops will explore a range  
of languages including: Chinese,  
French, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian,  
Japanese & Serbian.

**WHO:**

Reception to Year 6 students

**WHEN:**

April 2024

**WHERE:**

School of Languages: Tues 16 & Wed 17 April

Mitcham Primary School: Thurs 18 April

Pilgrim School: Fri 19 April

Nairne Primary School: Tue 23 April

**COST:**

\$10 per day

FREE for School card/Healthcare card holders

Register online by April 5 at:  
[www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive](http://www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive)

