



NEWSLETTER

Week 9 Term 1 2022



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

Important Diary Dates

Tuesday 5 April

Governing Council
6-7.30pm

Thursday 7 April

School Photo
Catch up day

Friday 8 April

Twilight Picnic
5.30-7pm

Last day for
Easter Raffle donations

Tuesday 12 April

Year 6 Aquatics

Thursday 14 April

Last Day Term 1

Monday 2 May

Start of Term 2



Welcome to our third newsletter for the year. Although COVID is still having an impact on our site in various ways we have many exciting learning opportunities continuing at Blackwood Primary School.

On Friday Week 7, a group of interested students met with a Specialist Japanese landscape designer Shinya Ueda. These students will work with Shinya and Sensei Gunawan to help design a new Japanese garden to be positioned outside of the Japanese and Music room. Shinya spoke to the children about landscape design including information about views from different angles, limitations of the project and the area, possible garden features and a bit of history about Japanese gardens. Shinya provided us with some costings of materials and some options. The children will now be involved in designing a garden for the area and then Shinya will review the designs in order to come up with a final design for this area. We are all very excited to work together to get this project underway as soon as possible. Thanks to Sensei Gunawan for all of her hard work to get this project started.

The Japanese garden is not the only grounds project we have got "on the go." Next week work on our long awaited new Junior Primary Playground will commence. This will mean that the JP playground area will be out of action, from Monday, until further notice and we look forward to opening our new playground at the beginning of Term 2. If you would like to see the designs for the new playground they are displayed in the front office.

Over Week 8, we all celebrated Harmony Week with an amazing array of activities. Our school is looking bright with displays of sunflowers around the school and thanks to our Year 5/6 cohort, some new plantings of Marigolds and Violas appeared out the front of school in our Kiss n' Drop area. All classes were involved in developing their understanding of Harmony and how they could contribute to make the world a more harmonious place to live in.

Thank you to those families who have donated Easter goodies for our annual Easter raffle. The gifts are certainly going to make for some amazing Easter prizes. Our school captains are busily selling tickets so don't forget to send along any further donations and some money for the purchase of tickets. They are selling like hot cakes!



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

Term Uniform Shop Opening Hours

School shop closed until further notice.

Open at Daws Road

Edwardstown

Ph: 8350 7933

KickStart Breakfast

Monday, 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.



Early Arrival at School

Please be mindful that school supervision times are from 8.30am to 2.50pm on Monday and 8.30am to 3.40pm Tuesday to Friday. Recently we have had many students on the grounds prior to 8.30am. Students are welcome to arrive before 8.30am, only if they are accompanied and supervised by an adult or High School age sibling. If you need to drop your child early please book them into OSHC.

Three Way Conferences

Three Way Conferences for 2022 will be held in Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2. At this stage they will be held face-to-face adhering to COVID guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing. Please look out for the booking information coming out soon.

COVID Protocols

COVID number affecting our school seems to be slowly on the decline. Over Weeks 7 and 8 we had many classes and staff affected by the SA Health guidelines for isolation. Due to this, DfE have just recently updated their protocols for informing the school community of any cases within the school. We will now prepare one letter, at the end of each day listing all classes affected by COVID contacts. These letters will be emailed to families and posted on the appropriate class Seesaw pages. If the number of cases rise we will prepare one letter and email it to the whole school community and also post as a whole school announcement on Seesaw. Please ensure that you read notifications carefully as they will now include multiple classes. Please also continue to help keep our school community safe by ensuring any children exhibiting any symptoms, even slight, remain at home.

SAPSASA Districts Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 23rd of March, the 2022 Southern Heights and City South SAPSASA Districts Swimming Carnival was held at the Marion Outdoor Pool.

Our 3 student representatives were Hamish and Bella from Room 4 and Noah from Room 6. They competed in various heats across the morning. The program included 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 50m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly. Congratulations to Hamish and Noah who were each awarded 3rd Place Ribbons, great job!

A number of schools participated in this year's carnival and it was great to see so many students having lots of fun and enjoying the experience. This was the first year our representatives have attended this event, they did a fantastic job encouraging each other throughout the morning and demonstrating their swimming abilities.

Well done to everyone who participated in this event, you did an amazing job representing our school!

By Bella – Room 4



In-School Psychology

We are delighted that we now have an In-School Psychologist who is able to provide bulk billed psychological services to children and their families. This service is offered on site and can help with various difficulties, such as problems making friends, social skills, sleeping issues and much more. This counselling service helps children to learn practical ways to cope with difficult or distressing situations, regulate their feelings and emotions, build resilience and learn communication skills. If you would like more information about this service please call or email the front office to make an appointment with me to discuss this service.

Amanda Gulliver

Harmony Day Celebrations - Everyone belongs at Blackwood Primary School

By Eden

At Blackwood Primary school one of our values is 'Harmony' so on Friday the 25th of March we had Harmony Day. The students could choose to wear orange to school and all the students made a sunflower to put at the front of the school. Some students in Room 2 wrote some quotes about why harmony and empathy are important. Here are some examples of why living in Harmony is important to us.

"Harmony Day is important because it shows that we're all equal to each other, and shouldn't judge who we are or want to be. Harmony Day is to show that we should all love each other for our differences and respect, support and care for others opinions, and love them for who they are". - Kayla Year 6



"Harmony Week is popular all around the world, but why?

Harmony is when everyone comes together to realise and celebrate our differences. How come we celebrate Harmony Day? Well, the truth is, that it's the right thing to do. Throughout the years, people have been excluded just because of their appearance, religion, past and so much more. We celebrate Harmony Day because we know that those who are excluding others aren't making kind and right decisions. Humans have evolved, we need to all realise how our features and uniqueness should not affect how anyone treats you! Harmony Day is celebrated to help us understand equality and teamwork". - Izzy Year 6

"It is important to have empathy so you can put yourself in others' shoes and feel how they feel so you can help them if they are in trouble. Empathy means feeling what others are feeling, harmony means working together peacefully and respectfully". - Eden Year 6



Outside Room 2 we put up posters about how to say hello in foreign languages and cultural diversity. Our Year 5/6s also planted plants in the front of the school as a sign of harmony in our school. The Year 3/4 teams have been investigating what different languages are spoken at home and displayed this via a chart in the library.



Cricket Blast at Blackwood

Woolworths Cricket Blast, in association with the South Australian Cricket Association and Cricket Australia, have been kind enough to offer our Year 2/3 classes cricket lessons each Tuesday afternoon for the last four weeks of Term 1. These workshops have been a great opportunity for students to learn bowling and batting skills whilst exploring how much fun playing cricket can be.



Here's what some of the students have to say about their cricket experiences so far;

"I really like them, they are nice and fun." – Evie Room 19

"I loved it!" – Sam Room 9

"They have some fun games that I like to play." - Zac Room 20

"It's amazing! It's really, really fun!" – Thalia Room 9

"It was fun and it was a bit different to be on the back oval. I already know how to play, so I learnt a bit but I already knew how to do most of it. That made it fun." – Paddy Room 19

"There's throwing activities, batting activities, aiming activities and you have to switch turns with your partner. It's very, very fun. I recommend joining cricket club." - Miranda Room 9

"I think Cricket was really good because we got lots of experiences with batting, bowling, catching and throwing. We got lots of points. My group got about 7,000 points. It was lots of fun because you got to pick where you would go at first. The batting was my funniest because I really love batting balls." – Anoushka Room 20

"The cricket was fun. I enjoyed batting and bowling." - Barnaby Room 19

"You have to count up each other's points and share the ball. We've got a great coach!" – Alyssa Room 9

"It was good. I really liked the batting and the throwing. We got lots of points. Up to 3,000! I learnt more about cricket." – Josh Room 20



RAA Incursion

On Wednesday of Week 6 students in Room 6, 7, 8 and 14 took part in an incursion run by the RAA. Room 6, 7 and 8 have been learning about safety systems in the community as part of our "How We Organise Ourselves" unit of inquiry. Our instructor was Christina. She taught us all about road safety and how to wear helmets properly. Christina had a big mat that looked like a pedestrian crossing. We practiced crossing safely by focusing on these 4 words: STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, and THINK.

We learned that for a helmet to fit it needs to make a V shape by your ear, you have to be able to fit 1 finger between the strap and your chin and two fingers between the visor and your eyebrows.

We played a game show where people were blindfolded and we had to give them clues so they could guess the answer. The answers were all about road safety. At the end, Christina gave everyone an activity book and a tile puzzle game.

By Room 7.



Parents & Friends Committee

The Easter Rabble is here again!

We are looking for donations of Easter Eggs and other Easter-related items. Please bring your donations to the office by Friday, April 8th.

Raffle tickets are 50¢ each and will be sold in the classrooms by the Year 5-6 classes. The raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday March 28th and the raffle will be drawn in the last week of term.



Twilight tea!

Bring your own picnic and meet us on the oval!

A great opportunity to meet the families of the friends your children have made in their classes

Friday 8 April
5.30pm to 7.00pm





WINTER IS COMING...

Winter garments are currently in stock at Devon Clothing.

Please shop in store at Edwardstown or online now.

Appointments for in store shopping are no longer required.



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<https://www.facebook.com/DevonClothingAus>
<https://onlinestore.devonclothing.com.au/shop-by-school/blackwood-primary-s>



Families are no longer required to make appointments from now until October 2022, when visiting our stores.



Attention: Year 6 Families

Blackwood High School invites you to book a

PRINCIPAL'S TOUR 9:00am - 10:00am

Thursday		Friday	
31 March	12 May	1 April	13 May
7 April	26 May	8 April	20 May
5 May		6 May	27 May

Bookings required
To book please visit our website

Please note tours are currently only for Year 6 families and a limit of 1 adult and 1 child per family.

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Open Day

Wednesday 30 March 2022

4.00pm - 5.00pm

and

6.00pm - 7.00pm

267 Daws Road, Pasadena SA 5042
Please phone 8152 6800 or email dl.0975.info@schools.sa.edu.au
to register your interest



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APPLY NOW FOR 2023!

Special Interest Boys 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 and a trial process conducted at Blackwood High School.

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



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.

Entry to the program is by application and a trial process conducted by Netball SA at Blackwood High School.

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)

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

Visit the school's website www.bhs.sa.edu.au to download an application form. Applications due Monday 9 May 2022.

**Trials for the Special Interest Programs will be held at Blackwood High School on Thursday 19 May
8:45am registration for a 9am – 11am trial**



KELLY SPORTS WEEKENDER

SOCCER PROGRAM



This program gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages enthusiasm, participation and life skills that such involvement brings, giving confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future. Sessions will be facilitated under a COVID-19 safe environment:

- ✓ Skills based intro to Soccer
- ✓ Soccer ball to KEEP!
- ✓ Indoor sessions
- ✓ Loads of FUN!

8 WEEK PROGRAM FOR \$125 incl. GST

OR redeem your \$100 Sports Voucher and pay only \$25

LOCATION:	Blackwood Primary School	SESSION TIMES
WHEN:	Sunday	4 - 6 year olds - 10:00am to 10:45am
COMMENCING:	8/5/2022	7 - 9 year olds - 10:45am to 11:30am
CONCLUDING:	3/7/2022	

Please note there will be no sessions on 12th June 2022 due to Queen's Birthday long weekend

To enrol and/or redeem your sports voucher discount, register online at www.kellysports.com.au. Payments can be made online at www.kellysports.com.au or by EFT to Kelly Sports Adelaide Metro BSB 035 045 A/C No 342581. One voucher for every primary school aged child per calendar year (4 year olds ineligible) www.sportsvoucher.sa.gov.au.

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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



Saturday 9 April | 10am
Cumberland Park Community Centre

Wednesday 13 April | 4pm
Mitcham Cultural Village

MAGICAL CREATURE Craft Workshop



Tuesday 26 April
10am | 11:30am | 4pm
Mitcham Memorial Library

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

8-13yr & 13-17yr sessions

Thursday 21 April
11:20am - 3:30pm

Mitcham Memorial Library

Saturday 23 April
1pm - 5pm

Hawthorn Community Centre



Wednesday 20 April
2pm - 5pm
Mitcham Memorial Library
For youth 12-17 years

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