



NEWSLETTER

Week 7 Term 2 2022



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

Important Diary Dates

Friday 17 June
School Disco

Tuesday 21 June
Governing Council
6-7-30pm

Wednesday 22 June
Year 6 Japanese Quiz

Tuesday 28 June
Kaboom Percussion
Performance

Tuesday 5 July
Student Free Day

Friday 8 July
End of term 2
2.20pm dismissal

School life has changed over the last two years and finally we are able to involve the wider community in some onsite experiences. This term we are beginning to welcome parents back to school events, face-to-face, and we look forward to this continuing as the year goes on.



Volunteers

Did you know that our "Out of Hours School Sport" has 16 volunteers? Our volunteers at Blackwood Primary School make a very big difference to what we can offer our children. We have co-ordinators for all of our sports and they work to ensure that the sport administration is all in hand. We also have coaches who give up the time to help children develop important skills to be able to play. Thank you to all of these people who give up their time to provide these extra opportunities in sport for our children. If you are interested in helping out in any of our school sports then just call the front office to volunteer.

Assemblies

We are really excited to be able to restart our assemblies next term. These will be held in Year Level Teams with the option for parents to attend. We look forward to being able to share our learning across our school, not only with other classes, but also with parents. Keep an eye on your child's Seesaw page for further information about assembly times.

School Improvement Priorities

This year is the beginning of the new iteration of our school Site Improvement Plan (SIP) and we will continue to work in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Cultures of Thinking, incorporating student agency throughout. In the next few newsletters I will highlight each of these areas.

In this week's newsletter I will cover our current work around our Numeracy goal and actions. This year, Blackwood Primary School is part of a Numeracy Project in conjunction with Eden Hills Primary from our partnership and also some schools from the Mitcham Plains partnership. Three of our staff are being released one day per week to be involved in the review and further development of Numeracy practice at Blackwood Primary School. These teachers will work with Curriculum Officers from the Department of Education, and also Sam Leane the Curriculum lead from our partnership, to focus on classroom teaching in Maths. They will then be able to work across the school to share their experiences.

Currently we have also been working on reviewing our "Instructional Model" for delivering Maths. Teachers have been working together in groups to determine areas for improvement. As a school we will then work together to review and implement our Numeracy Agreement. At Blackwood Primary School we are focussed on continual improvement for all and this is only one of the areas that we will be working on in the new SIP, which covers the next 3 years of the improvement cycle.



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

Monday 8:15 – 9:15
Wednesday 12.45 - 1.30
Friday 8:15 – 9:15
3:00 – 3:45

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.



SA Police Band

We want to say a huge thankyou to the South Australian Police Band for performing to our whole school on Thursday 26th May. Their energy and enthusiasm was infectious and all of our students were thoroughly entertained. The Band performed excerpts from movie songs through to pop songs, highlighting different instruments within the ensemble. They also taught three strong messages; "Police are our **FRIENDS**", "Police are here to keep us **SAFE**" and "Ring **000** for help in an emergency".



SAPSASA Knockout Netball

On Tuesday the 31st of May, students in Year 5/6 competed in SAPSASA Knockout Netball. We played two games of netball against Craighburn Primary School and Coromandel Valley Primary School. The girls played back to back games and put up an amazing effort against the other schools. They should be very proud of themselves.

Miss Sansome

It was a good experience to verse other students our age and have different sporting opportunities. The experience was fun and allowed us to build on our team work and play alongside people you don't normally hang out with. We played well as a team by supporting and cheering each other on throughout all the games.

Thank you to the parents who helped make this event possible and for helping out on the day.

Isabel



Student Free Day
Tuesday 5 July

SAPSASA Cross Country

We went to Belair National Park to compete for SAPSASA Cross Country. When we arrived we walked around and went on the playground while we waited for the other schools to arrive. There were a few kangaroos there which was really cool. The boys lined up for their race before our race. Then it was our turn. We all lined up and we said we would all run as fast as we can. We were competing against two really tall girls but we still tried our best. We all got really bad stitches but we didn't care. Annie got 18th place, Lily finished 20th and Asher got 22nd. We all had great fun!

Lily, Asher and Annie from Room 8.



Green Team Excursion

On Thursday the 25th of May, the Green Team went on an excursion at Belair National Park with John the Science teacher and Raffy a parent volunteer. The Excursion was setup by Green Adelaide and is part of YELP (Youth Education Leadership Program). We spent about 5 hours there. The Green Team did lots of fun activities there such as bingo, a scavenger hunt, bird watching and some planning of how we could make our school greener. The Green Team came up with lots of ideas. Although, if you have an idea, be sure to tell one of the members. After they had finished the activities the Green Team went to the adventure playground and had lots of fun. We hope to see you in the garden soon! Stay Green.



Green Team Members- Clio, Jod, Adam, Taylor, Noa, Cody, Harrison, Austin, Blake and Lachlan
Newspaper by- Clio and Jod



School Japanese Garden – Searching for Inspiration

This year, we are designing and building a Japanese garden at school. On the 20th of May, some of the BPS Japanese Garden Team went on an excursion to the Himeji Garden in the city, to inspire them for their garden designs.



The Himeji Garden is a place of tranquillity created by the gardener Kumada-san. It's based on the traditional gardens that the emperors of Kyoto used to have.

These traditional gardens were made to look and feel like places or scenes that they had seen when they were out travelling. They made gardens that represented things like Mt Fuji or a waterfall or temple.

The garden had lots of different features but one of them was a lake connected to a waterfall that we felt made the garden feel peaceful and calm with the sound of rushing water. The Himeji Garden is a nice place to sit down or relax and there is plenty of space on the grass or in the tea house!



One style of Japanese garden is the sand/gravel garden. Those are the ones that have big mossy rocks sticking out of neatly (almost perfectly) raked gravel. These ones are inspired by big islands that stick out of the sea.

After spending some time gathering ideas in the Himeji Garden, we went to Wittunga. We walked through the botanic garden to see what local plants we might like to have in our Japanese garden at school.

We are hoping to finalise the design for our school's Japanese garden this term. Then, we get to build it! Keep an eye out for more updates.

By Aliya and Charlotte

Can You Help?

We are looking for a helper for Wednesday morning Breakfast Club from 8.15 – 9am. If you think you could help, please email the office with your expression of interest. You will need a current WWCC and RRHAN-EC and we can assist you in applying for these if you don't have them.





Tomodachi Time

'Friend Time'

A Play Program
for
4 Year Olds



AT BLACKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Free, teacher led play based sessions, supporting your child's interpersonal skills, creativity and communication skills.

An introduction to the school environment

A chance to connect with other families



Sessions

Terms 3 & 4 2022
Wednesdays (fortnightly)
9:00am - 10:30am

Where: Blackwood Primary School

Cost: Nil

What to bring:

- A small backpack
- Fruit / vegetable snack
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Rain jacket (during inclement weather)

Bookings

Bookings are essential.
Please contact the school.
Brochure available here

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BPS goes DISCO

Wear some crazy colours and tie on your dancing shoes as you are invited to Blackwood Primary's Disco!

Our DJ will have everyone on the dance floor, bursting out their best moves

WHEN: Friday 17th June 2022
TIME: 6pm -7 pm - Lower Primary (Rec - Y3)
 7.15pm - 8.30pm - Middle & Upper Primary (Y3 - Y6)

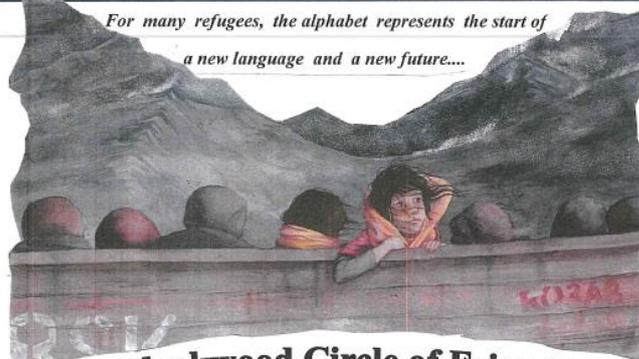
Year 3 students can choose whether they wish to attend JP or UP session

ENTRY COST: \$7 (please pay via QKR or cash at the front office before **JUNE 16 2022**)

Please note: DISCO IS ONLY FOR BLACKWOOD PRIMARY STUDENTS
 Parents are respectfully asked to leave the Disco Hall after dropping their kids off



For many refugees, the alphabet represents the start of a new language and a new future....



Blackwood Circle of Friends
 For Refugees

proudly presents author *Mike Dumbleton*,
 speaking on the writing of

ANISA'S ALPHABET

on: **FRIDAY, 1ST JULY 2022 7pm - 9pm**

at: **BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH**
 266 Main Rd, Blackwood

Dessert and Coffee Included!

cost: **\$15.00**. Tickets available on **8278 4114 and 8278 7699**
 Children over 8 years welcome. Cost \$10.00

Anisa's alphabet is different.....a poignant insight into one girl's experiences, as each letter unlocks a part of her story....

