



NEWSLETTER

Week 7 Term 4 2023



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

Important Diary Dates

Friday 1 December
Assembly 4/5 classes presenting

Tuesday 5 December
Gov Council Mtg 6pm

Thursday 7 December
BHS year 6 transition

Friday 8 December
SAPSASA Year 4 Sports Carnival

11-15 December
BHS Canteen closed

Monday 11 December
Celebration Evening

Tuesday 12 December
CUA Graduate Celebration Lunch

Wednesday 13 Dec
Year 1-6 Transition morning

Thursday 14 December
Year 6 Graduation BHS 6pm

Friday 15 December
Final Assembly 1pm
2.20pm school finish

The end of the year is nearly upon us and we are enjoying celebrating our wonderful learning across the year. This year supported by the Parents and Friends' Committee we have introduced an end of year celebration event.



End of year celebration

Coming up on Monday in week 9, Blackwood Primary School will be holding an end of year celebration for students and their families. This will take place around the school and will showcase student work. Our Festival Choir, Mixed berries and Big Sing will entertain us on the night after everyone has had the chance to walk around and view the student displays set up as stations around our school. More information will come out in the next week, but we look forward to seeing all students and families there. So save the date, as it will be a wonderful end to a great year!

Instrumental Music Concert

Last Thursday evening parents were invited to attend our annual Instrumental Music Concert held in the Blackwood High School Performing Arts Centre. It was wonderful to see the effort put in by both the students and Instrumental Music teachers to ensure the evening went off without a hitch. We had students from across the school perform in one of the four groups, which included Strings, Guitar, Brass/Woodwind and Piano. Everyone did an amazing job, and all who attended enjoyed the concert and were amazed by the array of talent shown by our students. A huge shout out to those who made the evening happen including Jodie Bartlett, who would have loved to have been there but was unable to attend, as well as Sarah Walsh (Piano teacher), Linda Nakov (Strings teacher), George Dinedios (Guitar teacher), Sarah Butler (Brass teacher) and Tim Nott (Woodwind teacher).

Congratulations to all of the students who performed –

Piano – Opal, Charlotte, Lisara, Onadee, Rishana, Olek, Fox, Ben, Ethan, Daniel and Billy

Strings – Vihani, Shabdita, Amelie, Jessica, Cathy, Ari, Rishanth, Mia, Hania, Victoria, Alteafore, Alex, Tiya, Owen, Charlotte and Nicole

Guitar – Hamish, Kei, Thomas, Zosia, Nadia, Amelia, Evie, Andrea, Jarvis, Christopher, Noah, Mackenzie, Wyatt, Archer, Harper, Hamish and Max

Brass/Woodwind – Ava, Tim and Jack

We farewell our year 6 Instrumental students that will move onto high school next year, but look forward to our new incoming Instrumental Music student in 2024.



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,

Thursday & 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.



Results of the Poll for 2024 Material & Services Charges

After the Governing Council meeting dated 1st November 2023, all our families were invited to vote in a poll to make the 2024 Materials Services Charge legally recoverable. This process was done online. Thank you to the many families/caregivers who returned their votes. The result was overwhelmingly (76.6%) in favour of making our Materials & Services charge of \$405 for 2023 fully legally recoverable. Invoices for 2024 will be issued early next year.

**No lunch orders in
Week 9 (11-15 December)
as the Blackwood High Canteen
will be closed.**

Children's University Graduation 2023

Congratulations to all our students who participated in Children's University (CUA) this year. CUA has been running for 10 years in South Australia and Blackwood Primary has been involved for 8 years. We had 59 students graduate with 30 or more hours of learning outside of school hours through many different learning destinations.

On Thursday 16 November, 53 of our graduates attended the graduation ceremony at Bonython Hall at The University of Adelaide along with their families. Mrs Robson was on stage and introduced our graduates to Dr Jessica Gallagher, Deputy Vice-Chancellor External Engagement, the University of Adelaide, who presented them with their certificates. It was a wonderful celebration of their achievements.



Congratulations to all students on their awards.

National Bronze Award for 30 hours: Mia, Sam, Sam, Kawin, Jo, Narisa, Mia, Dylan, Thalia, Max, Alex, Ariya, Jasmine, Hanna, Zofia, Albert, Tiya, Calla, Zani, Kyra, Justin, Ryan, Opal & Evie.

National Silver Award for 65 hours: Hazel, Shahzaib, Angus, David, Lucas, Jack, Jessica & Bailey.

National Gold Award for 100 hours: Vihani, Lily, Maya, Amelie, Chirana, Nadia & Ellie.

National Bronze Certificate for 130 hours: Andrew, Fox, Shabdita, Harry & Rishanth.

National Silver Certificate for 165 hours: Owen, Lisara & Amon

National Gold Certificate for 200 hours: Charlotte, Chiara & Heston

National Bronze Diploma for 230 hours: Rishana, Ava & Sophia

National Silver Diploma for 265 hours: Ben, Miranda & Onadee

National Silver Degree for 365 hours: Bella

National Bronze Post Graduate Certificate for 530 hours: Reuben & Daniel

We have just found out that Children's University Adelaide has recently received a generous donation to provide light refreshments for eligible graduating students at an in-school celebration. This will be at lunchtime on Tuesday 12 December. More details for graduates to follow.

We look forward to more students enrolling in 2024 after our CUA launch early in Term 1.

Judy Adami
CUA Coordinator

Bluearth Undokai

On Friday of Week 5 our school held the annual Bluearth Undokai Sports Day. The day consisted of a mixture of cooperative, team and Japanese games as well as Year level sprints. Well done to all students who participated and earned points for their house team. Congratulations to all of the house teams, especially the overall winners, Fraser. A big thank you to all staff, students and parents who helped make the day run so smoothly.

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2nd Thomson 2185

3rd Rosewall 2165

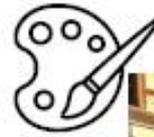
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ROOM 19 AND 20-YEAR 2 & 3

How We Express Ourselves

"DIFFERENT FORMS OF ART CAN BE USED TO CREATIVELY COMMUNICATE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES"



At the end of last term Room 19 & 20 caught the train to the Art Gallery of South Australia. We walked along North Terrace to get to the Gallery. When we arrived we did a guided sensory tour with a volunteer. She showed us some of the art work and explained the meanings the artists were trying to convey. After lunch we explored the gallery in small groups. We were able to look closely at the art that interested us and think about how they made us feel. There were many different kind of art from paintings to sculptures and moving images. It was a great day.



Some of the highlights of our inquiry included learning different types of dance through our Footsteps and Bharatanatyam Indian Dance lessons. We enjoyed creating sculptures, collages and paintings and exploring the work of Henri Matisse.

We have loved being artists!

Year 3&4 Report

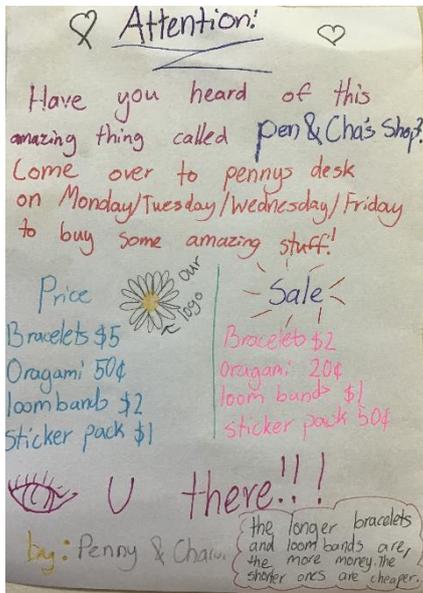
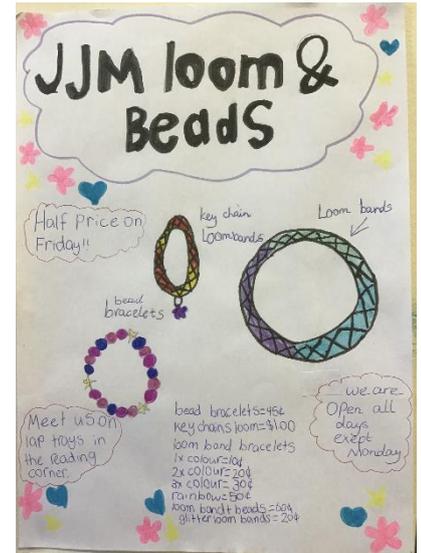
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Central Idea: A variety of techniques are used to influence people.

Bustling Businesses

Room 9 has become the hub of business this term. Shells, paper airplanes, bracelets, necklaces, clay animals, cleaning, organising and basketball coaching are just some of the products and services being offered. Inspired by the goal to increase money through our class money system and to explore advertising techniques through our unit of inquiry, many children showed learner agency by starting their own businesses.

Each morning, at the start of the school day, businesses are open and selling their products and services. Some of the business names are Creative Craft, AB Bracelets, JJM Loom and Beads, Spacey.Co, Pen and Cha, ALT Basketball, AJT's Clay Animals, AJ & AT Cleaning/Organising, Tattoo Works and Ready for a Quiz? We are having a wonderful time being creative, advertising our businesses, earning more class money and having fun.



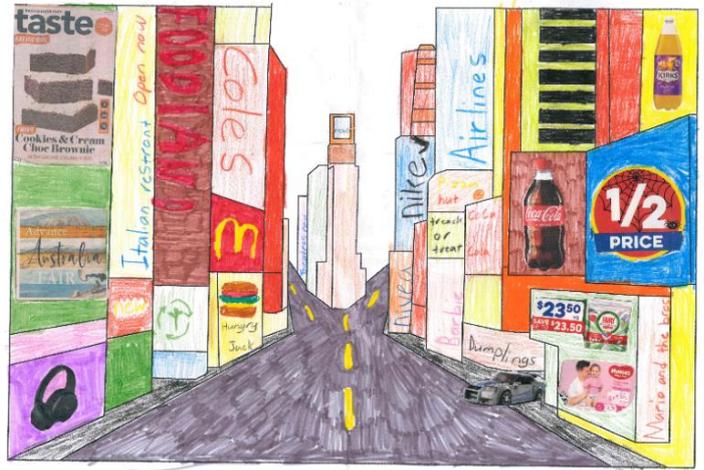
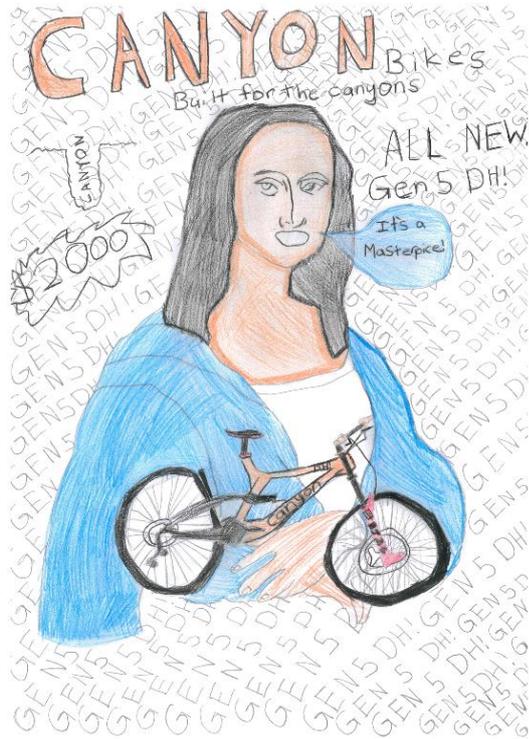
Billboard and Famous Art Advertising

This Term we have been looking at some interesting ways and places where advertising can be used. Billboards are giant signs that you sometimes see on the side of the road or on buildings. They can be used to sell all sorts of things such as food, electronics, toys and other things. We made our own version of Times Square in New York. We used junk mail advertising to make a collage that advertised lots of different things.

Sometimes people can use famous artworks to advertise things. One example is the Mona Lisa. We used the original Mona Lisa and changed it so that she was advertising our chosen products. It was really fun.

Room 7





Cereal Box Design

The Year 3 / 4 classes have been learning about persuasive advertising techniques. We designed our own cereal and cereal boxes using techniques including colour theory, hierarchy, font, language and layout. We learnt about the meanings of different colours and the best colours to use together to create contrast. We learnt about making the most important things on our cereal boxes the biggest to draw attention to our designs. Font choice is very important because it tells a story about our product – a serious font often represents a serious product, while more fun fonts represent exciting and fun products. Persuasive language is very important when selling a product and we used tag lines and special offers to appeal to buyers. Cereal boxes follow a specific layout and often include a big heading, mascot and a picture of the cereal. We carefully planned our cereals considering shape, flavour, colour and target audience and used coloured paper to create our final designs. Next, we will create video advertisements to sell our products!



Blackwood Bears take on State Hiragana Championships

On Tuesday 31st October, a team of four students competed at the State Hiragana Competition. The event was held at the Education Development Centre in Hindmarsh, and all competing schools were required to qualify at their Hub Group competition in order to enter.

The Blackwood Bears, comprising of Heston, Isabel, Kristin and Mackenzie, qualified by placing second in the Southern Hub's tournament back in September. It's been two years since the last time our school has qualified for the State round, though last time this was conducted online rather than face-to-face.

The competition on the day was incredibly high with the state's best-of-the-best giving it their all. Students from each school demonstrated impressive hiragana reading skills.

Though the Blackwood Bears didn't place in the Top 3, we were happy to see another team from the Southern Hub come in third. Well done to the Blackwood Bears for their amazing efforts in the lead up and on the day!



Poems

This year in Room 4, three wonderful students called Clio, Onadee and Shabdita began to work on a project that would strengthen their friendship and teach them new things. They had agreed to take part in the talent show. This is one of the amazing poems they wrote.

Love's not a word, by Clio

Wanting light in the darkness,
I take my way through the pages of written history.
But the downness of breath and cries of the heart,
shall not be forgiven.
However they must.
Wanting to disburden the steps we have already taken.
Blading a path for blackness to loosen control.
Because wars speak with a knock on deaths door but peace is the only way to stand.

2023 International Youth Silent Film Festival

This year groups from Mr Wyskamp and Miss Sansome's classes entered silent films into the South Australian section of this year's International Youth Silent Film Festival. This is an annual competition where film makers are required to make a silent-film with specific soundtracks.

Some of the groups that entered into the competition made it through as a finalist and were invited to a 'Screening Night' at the Capri Theatre in Goodwood. One of the films that was entered from our classes won Best Junior Film Award (for 13-year-olds and under) and that film was created by Jasmine and Lisara. Congratulations to all students for producing entertaining silent film entries. They are more than happy to sign autographs!

The silent film that won the competition was titled "Paper Crane" and was created by Lisara and Jasmine. The film was about a girl who found a paper crane on a tree and made another. There was a bully and the paper cranes helped the girl to stand up to the bully. It was a really fun experience and it was fun going up on stage to receive our awards. – Lisara and Jasmine

Our silent film was titled "Injured" and was a comedy film about some boys at school getting injured whilst playing soccer. We enjoyed filming and the process of editing and reviewing our film. – Aki, Shahzaib and Max

Our group's silent film was titled "April Fool's Day" and it was about a friendship group pranking one of their friends. However, every time they tried to pull a prank it backfired on them and in the end they got in trouble by their teacher. It was really funny to watch and it was a great experience to view it on the big screen in the Capri Theatre. - Mya, Vihani, Sophia, Ellie, Evie, Chiara and Amelie

The title of our silent film was "Jealousy" and was about girls getting jealous over some food that one of their peers had in their lunchbox. They devised a plan to distract the girls to get the food from their lunch boxes. Unfortunately the plan backfired as the girls got the lunchbox with empty wrappers inside. - Vihani, Elyse, Eleanor, Zoe and Evie



Year 5&6 School Camp – AFL Max

“What should we do, what should we do, what to *do*?”

“What about a nature day? Like with nature activities?”

“Or maybe we could *go* somewhere, like maybe Nanu Farm?”

“That’s a - actually a good idea. A school camp!”

That’s a bit like what our term 1 ‘Step Up To Seniors’ program sounded like. Step up to seniors is an activity for senior students to find their leadership skills in upper primary years. We had no idea what we could manage back at the start of the year, but now we realise we had just planted the seeds for organising an event for over 130 kids in our school, and do something our school hadn’t done for years!

The process of persuading teachers was probably the hardest part of it all, and the longest. Before we started to look for a place to stay overnight, we had a few questions to ask the parents, like...

- Would you feel comfortable letting your child go to camp?
- Would you want a one night camp or two night camp?
- Would you like to help out at camp?
- Would you pay 100, 200, or 300 dollars for camp?

We took these questions and made it an online survey for parents to fill out. The results we received were almost all positive, and that helped us to move forward on our camp organisation. After some convincing we had heaps of parent volunteers and even one that stayed the whole camp.

After months and months of careful planning we were finally on the bus to AFL MAX. Upon arriving we were ushered into the skill zone and were given the rundown of the rules and how things worked there. Here we learnt that our camp was called the Coles healthy kicks camp and had some leadership twists! We got split up for the activities into eight different groups with a different colour wristband for each. In our groups we went into four different healthy kicks activities (or quarters). These four quarters were healthy teams, healthy bodies, healthy minds and healthy foods. We learnt a lot and eventually it was time for dinner.

The year 5’s went up to dinner first while the year 6s had some free time, then they swapped and it was the year 6’s turn for dinner. We had lasagne, salad and bread rolls. We thought it was delicious. After dinner we set up our beds, got into our PJs and got ready for the movie. The movie we watched was Monsters INC. Before the movie started they handed out chocolate donuts. After the movie they separated the girls and boys for sleeping. After a while the teachers finally got us settled after an hour of patrolling. Although we were quieter, many of us didn't get much sleep and only fell asleep much later. At around 6:30 the noise started up again and most of us woke up.

As soon as we packed up our sleeping supplies we headed upstairs for breakfast. There was toast, cereal and a glass of orange juice for everyone.

After breakfast we went downstairs to have our final quarter for camp and some more free time for packing up our stuff.

All too soon it was time to leave AFL MAX. As we headed onto the bus, many of us were exhausted but all in all we had an amazing time at camp and left with many great memories.

As a group we would like to thank all of the adults who volunteered. Special mention to Claudia (one of our SSO’s) who volunteered her time even taking the day off from her other job to join us on camp. Also to Gus who is the dad of Lachlan in room 1 who spent the entirety of the camp with us too.

Big thank you to our teachers who spent nights away from their families and children to help us make these memories.

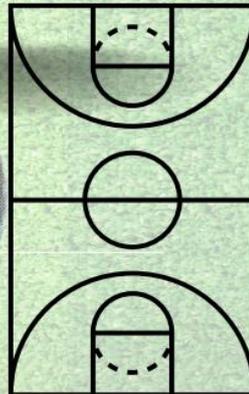
Written by Kristin, Izzy, Victoria and Jane (Camp Organisers)



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2024*

*YEAR 3 - TUESDAY
YEAR 4 - WEDNESDAY
YEAR 5 - FRIDAY
YEAR 6 - THURSDAY*

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**Sat 9 & Sun 10 Dec
10:00am - 4:00pm**

**Tiwu Kumangka
Young Street, Blackwood**

- ★ **Santa**
- ★ **Giving Tree**
- ★ **Children's Activities**
- ★ **Christmas Trees For Sale**
- ★ **Christmas Tree Wonderland**

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Australia Day Celebrations

Thursday 25 January 2024 5pm to 8pm
Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Hawthorn
154 Belair Road, Hawthorn

FREE EVENT – EVERYONE WELCOME

Food stalls Citizen of the Year Awards	Live Music Citizenship Ceremony	Kids Activities Story time Face Painter	Community Grants Presentation
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