

NEWSLETTER

No 8 – 20 August 2010

AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCREDITED SCHOOL INSPIRING RESPECT FOR PEOPLE, COMMUNITY AND TRADITION, POSITIONING OUR STUDENTS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

CALENDAR

Wed 25 August

Yr 12 PE Moderation

Fri 3 September

Yr 10 PLP Work Exp Group
1 assignment due

Tues 7 September

Principal's Tour 9.15am
Exodus Performance Yr 8s
& Yr 9s in PAC

Thur 9 September

Yr 12 Solo Perform. 7.30pm

Fri 10 September

SHOW DAY-school closure

Mon 13 & Tues 14 September

Yr 11 Aquatics Days

Tues 14 September

Finance Advisory Com. 7pm

Thurs 16 September

Parents & Friends Mtg
1.30pm

Yr 12 Dance moderation 7.30pm

Tues 21 September

Governing Council Mtg 7pm

Thurs 23 September

Report Collection by parents
Bookings at the times below:

Yr 8s 2.00-8.00pm

Yr 9-12 4.00-8.00pm

OR Friday 24 September

8.15am-12.35pm

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Mon 11 October

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

Thurs 14 October

Yr 8 Hepatitis B dose 2 &
HPV Dose 3

One of the important roles that our Governing Council undertakes with the staff and Principal of a school is the establishment and monitoring of the school's Strategic Directions. Our school has that drive our everyday work including engaging students in contemporary curriculum, personalising their learning, building global citizenship and a focussing on environmental sustainability. Much has happened since the start of this term, but I'd like to share a snapshot of progress in the last weeks related to of these.

Engage students in a contemporary curriculum to prepare them for their 21st century world.

- Progress has been made with timetabling models and reporting for the new SACE. Two models have been developed for staff consultation and feedback on the organization of the school day for 2011. This is important because the SACE requires us to allocate 60 not 50 hours of teaching time per subject. We are keen to encourage Inquiry learning, so 50 and 55 minute lessons and blocks of time for this learning time have been considered.

- The Personalized Digital Learning (PDL) teaching team has met and is in the process of developing a Scope and Sequence for the curriculum across Years 8 and 9. This will be based on our IBMYP curriculum, using an Interdisciplinary approach focused by Guiding Questions. The program is one of BHS's significant new programs as it offers a personalized approach, and is an excellent example of 21st century learning. The teaching team is also working on collaborating to produce a high quality information pamphlet, particularly for the Year 7 information package outlining the strengths, curriculum and opportunities of the program. We have also sought advice on embedding a Certificate 1 in Computing for the students undertaking the PDL program.

- Three staff showcased our digital learning program at a national conference in Queensland this month. There was fierce competition to be chosen as speakers and workshop leaders, and their selection a real tribute to Robyn Giles, Katrina Constantopolous and Argie Buesnel.

Personalize learning to ensure that our students' interests and needs are met.

- To support this, Job Specifications have been prepared for a Coordinator position starting in 2011. This position will support the AP managing alternate pathways and programs and will provide support for flexible learning options and Individual and Negotiated Education Plans.

- One of the big successes of the SACE Personal Learning Plan has been its success in focusing Course Counseling for students in Year 10. Parent feedback from the 2 Counseling days for students moving in to Years 11 and 12 has been very positive. August 20th is the deadline for subject choices for students moving into Years 9 and 10. Why so early? This enables us to ensure that we have or get the teachers needed for the courses that we will be offering to students in 2011.

- We have analysed data and identified students at risk. Parent contact has been made and where possible, alternative programs and intervention strategies have been employed.

Build our students' understanding of and commitment to global citizenship

- Visits from our annual group of Senyo students from Osaka and also a group of 4 students from Himeji have added significantly to our international program. The Himeji program is an exchange and next month 4 of our students will be hosted in Japan. We have also provided tours for a large delegation of mainland Chinese agents and another Japanese agent interested in sending students to BHS to study.

Our current 3 Year Strategic Plan is due for renewal at the end of 2010. As the families of BHS students, your ideas are always valued.

Please contact me at school by email at blackwood@bhs.sa.edu.au with your ideas, or make contact with our Governing Council members via the same email address.

Jude Hines, Principal



NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK



During the next two weeks students can come to the Biology laboratory to meet a variety of animals including a Fat Tailed Dunnart, a Cunningham Skink, a Blue tongued Lizard, and a Tortoise all on loan from the Nature Education Centre.

These have been joined by a Cockatiel, and our own green tree frog and fish.

Students are also being encouraged to take part in real research at www.sleepsurvey.net.au. Being involved in the survey will help scientists answer questions about the sleeping habits of Australians. The sleep survey will be available to complete during National Science week.

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION RESULTS

What a great start to National Science Week. The results for Blackwood High Students have just arrived with some fantastic results.



In early June, 28 students from Years 8 to 10 participated in the ICAS Science Competition. These students are to be commended for their willingness to be involved in the competition, which provides valuable feedback to them about their skills in Science. Questions involved observing and measuring, interpreting, predicting and concluding, investigating, and reasoning and problem solving. Students receive a detailed analysis of their responses, which highlights their strengths and weaknesses.

Credits were achieved by

Year 8 Thomas SLADE

Year 9 Alice GALE, Talia MCINTOSH and Hannah WORDEN

Year 10 Tom FIEBIG - although in Year 9, Tom achieved this credit in the year 10 level

Distinctions were achieved by

Year 8 Rachael THOMPSON

Year 9 Zoe COLLIER

High Distinction was achieved by

Year 10 Colin (Jiho) HAN - although in year 9 Colin achieved this high distinction in the year 10 level

The ICAS suite of tests are developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), *UNSW Global Pty Limited. EAA is a leading international educational assessment organisation specialising in large-scale measurement and

assessment programs in Australia and over 20 countries globally. EAA has been involved in educational measurement in Australia since 1967 and is the largest independent provider of school competitions and assessments in the region.

Robyn Giles
Science Coordinator



BLACKWOOD HIGH ACHIEVERS

◆ Congratulations to Tamsin PETZER (12H) who travelled to Tasmania to be selected in the 2010 Tasmanian State 21 & Under Netball team, which will compete at the DealsDirect.com.au National Netball Championships to be held in Brisbane, Queensland during 29 September to 4 October, 2010.

STUDYWIZ PARENT LOGIN – If you can't login, please email kerrie.leong@bhs.sa.edu.au.

ARTS NEWS

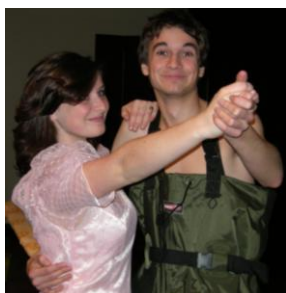
Year 12 Drama Production “So Surreal” was absolutely brilliant, playing to good audiences on both nights and wowing both the crowd and the visiting moderator. Well done to the entire class and a special thank you to all the extra people from our community who made it all happen:

- **Blackwood**

Lions who very graciously donated the period furniture featured in ‘After Magritte’ from the **Lions Bargain Centre** just down the road.



- **Lane Van der Matten** who built us the free standing door (using materials recycled from old shelving from the BHS Resource Centre) and **Garry Farr** who helped us paint and construct the set from various bits and pieces we already had in the school. Lane and Garry also very generously worked with our stage manager **Elise Macoustra** to rig up the complicated pulley system with the fruit bowl and the light that we needed. *(mention also must be made of the sterling work of Year 11 Samantha Wilson, who had the scary task of manipulating it behind the scenes WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO SEE IT, relying on Elise’s instructions!)*



- **Bronwyn MacLean & Lynette King** who sewed the aforementioned “period” furniture into our art deco material so the set looked authentic.

- **“Wally” (Alan Waller)** who constructed the ironing board so that it could support **Courtney Dent** without imperilling her safety.

- **Garry Foot** from the Instrumental Music Service, who provided a few tuba lessons for Courtney so she could play God Save The Queen (or at least the first few notes!)

- **David Hill** who generously gave of his time as consultant on the lights and adviser to the Year 12 off-stage crew and was a tremendous support to me when I was trying to work out how to stage the whole thing with 8 metre ceilings!

- **Clint Blackwell** who remodelled the chair in “Two Women & A Chair” so that it looked like it was frowning, and so his niece Alyssa could still be ‘strangled’ from behind while sitting in it!



- **Leigh Hoppenbrouwers**, a former student, who came in to lend his technical expertise (and lifter skills) in the final rehearsal week, shifting lights and changing globes and advising me on various lighting effects. As mentioned at the beginning, the entire class acquitted themselves very well and achieved really good results, as well as providing us with excellent entertainment in quite thought-provoking plays and confirming that the Blackwood High drama programme can hold its head up against any in the state. Well done to everyone!

Robyn Trebilcock, Arts Coordinator

WINDMILL PROJECT GROUP

The group below have been successful in winning a grant to be part of the Windmill Theatre Creative Education Partnerships: Artist in Residence Project for 2010, which allows our students to engage at an industry level with the work of this popular children's theatre company. Windmill Theatre, based in Adelaide, has an excellent reputation across Australia for bringing high quality theatre to young children.



The Creative Arts Team, as part of the Windmill Project, are busily working on the script for their forthcoming

production “The Trial of Robin of Blackwood” with guest write Eliza Lovell



INSPIRATIONAL TEACHING AWARD

The local school community has backed a teacher’s contribution to the performing arts by nominating her for the NEITA 2010 ASG Inspirational Teaching Awards. Robyn Trebilcock, coordinator of performing arts at Blackwood High

School, has led the arts faculty since 2004. She is renowned for her ability to write unique whole school productions where she marries custom-created text to the original music that she write.

Her school productions offer opportunities for all aspiring thespians. Each year, around 100 students, under her choreographic, musical and directorial leadership, sing, dance, stage manage, costume create and enjoy the theatre experience.

Just to keep you informed: As part of the 'Every generation' Festival, our students are performing at the Blackwood Library every Sunday for 4 weeks in October.

10th October: Taylor Simes - singing and accompanying herself on acoustic guitar

17th October: Frances Collett (and possibly Louise Murphy) on Saxophone with backing CD

24th October: Our Vocal Group, led by Danny Helps

31st October: Georgia Cacercas & Hannah Worden with backing CD

FAREWELL SENYO HIGH SCHOOL



On a recent cold Sunday morning, 19 Blackwood High School families met at school to farewell our visitors from Japan. It was Senyo High School's sixth visit to BHS and once again special thanks to the families who welcomed the students into their homes and lives. Although two weeks is a relatively short time, I know the visiting Japanese students and staff have returned home with memories that will last a lifetime. After only a day or two the students commented in class on how friendly the Aussie families were and how much they enjoyed all the hugs! Thank you to the families involved and congratulations to the wonderful student hosts and buddies who treated the visitors with warmth and respect and were such terrific ambassadors for our school. We look forward to welcoming Senyo HS back to BHS next year.

Karyn Jones
Coordinator International Student Program



BLUE LIGHT DISCO

The Sturt Blue Light will be holding a Blue Light Disco on Friday 27th August 2010 at the Marion Cultural Centre, Domain Theatre 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park from 7.30 p.m. until 10.00 p.m. Entry fee is \$5.00. This event is a lock in. 9 – 17 year olds only.

Tickets must be pre purchased from the Domain Theatre Box Office Monday – Friday 10 am – 5 pm. Canteen open

PRE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS NOW- LAST EVENT SOLD OUT!

Great prizes and giveaways

For further information please contact - Sturt Police on 8207 4774



Community Forum

Everyone Invited
Chief Justice John Doyle AC
Will speak on
Crime & Punishment in SA
Time for questions
Tuesday October 12th 2010
Belair Country Club
6.30 for 7.00pm

This is an open dinner meeting of the Rotary Club of Blackwood.

A two course meal will be served (tea & coffee included)

Cost is \$23. Bookings are essential.

Contact Jeff Hunter 0433 149 977

Or Bob Arnold 8278 2609

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Mitcham Hills 10,000 Steps Sunday 5 September 2010

www.mitchamhills10000steps.org.au



It's on again! The 6 or 12k run or walk travels a multi-terrain course through local streets and bushland tracks. It's a great lead-up to the City to Bay run or just a way to achieve your daily 10,000 steps.

This year the event has been improved with a Sports Fair – come along and sell your unwanted sports equipment (on consignment).

All the event details are on the website and registration is on-line.

Support your children to enter a team of four in the schools category. See you there!



COME AND SUPPORT YOUR CLASS MATES AT THE 2010 STIRLING APEX CLUB BATTLE OF THE BANDS

- Sunday 29 August at 3pm – doors open at 2:30 pm.
- Estonian Hall 200 Jeffcott Street North Adelaide.
- \$10 entry – tickets at the door (children under 10 free).
- **Prize for best supported band.**
- Free Red Bull on entry.
- Check out the Facebook page for this event.

With special guests 'The Touch'.

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