

NEWSLETTER

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



EVENT FILLED TERM

The end of Term 1 is rapidly closing upon us, and it has seen teachers writing the first student reports for 2011. On Thursday 14 April, parents/guardians have been invited to meet with Care Group teachers to collect reports. Information about booking appointment times have been sent home. We are looking forward to seeing many parents/guardians over the afternoon and evening.

2011 is a significant year in the history of Blackwood High School. This year we are celebrating the school's 50th year. On **Sunday 27 March, 300 former students and current and former staff celebrated the occasion at the Gala Garden Party with guest MC Brenton Ragless.** Brenton was an old scholar and is currently the Channel 9 weather presenter. The weather was perfect, the ambience was electric, and many people did not want to leave. We saw people travel to this event from interstate and overseas with families of our first and second Principals Arthur Burfield and Colin Wattchow respectively. Nancy Pearce, our first senior mistress and 92 years young, also attended. Former principals were represented by Dick Arnold, Principal from 1987 to 1994, and our first school prefect Bill Spurr. We were entertained by Taylor Simes, a current Year 12 student, singing the National Anthem and other songs. Mitch Foster and Ritchie Takai performed a vibrant dance routine. Other music was performed by BWood Jazz former students of our school.



The school's time capsule was opened and the contents displayed. Following the Garden Party many of the people adjourned to connect and reconnect at the Blackwood Football Club.



Special thanks to the 50th Celebration Committee, coordinated by Chris Daw, for their outstanding work in making this event so successful.



This term we had our whole school **Sports Day** which saw much colour and pageantry with high participation of students and staff. On **Wednesday 13 April** our team of athletes will be competing at **Santos Stadium** against other schools. It should be a great day with students participating on the newly laid track at the Stadium.

On Saturday 2 April, the **2011 Adelaide Cabaret Festival** was officially launched at the Adelaide Festival Centre. This year a group of our students will be performing in the **'High School Cabaret'** and are currently being mentored by the Cabaret Festival Artistic Director, David Campbell. The students will be giving two performances at **4pm and 8pm** in the Art Space on **Sunday 19 June**. Our work in the performing arts saw our dance students join with four other public schools as FlashMob @ Adelaide Railway Station for ComeOut 2011. Their performance to 'Get Outta My Way' can be seen on youtube through the link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=te8pbWpHkqs>. As part of the 50th Celebrations students are involved in the major school production **'Skool Life'** which will be staged in August in the Performing Arts Centre.

Our commitment to **linking internationally** has seen a two week study tour of students from Morioka Chuo High School in Japan. Families acted as hosts enabling the Japanese students to experience Australian family and cultural life as well as seeing some of the unique features of Australian including our native fauna. This year we have seen continued growth in our



CALENDAR

Tues 12 April

Principal's Tour 9.15am
Science & Engineering
Challenge at Flinders Uni

Wed 13 April

Principal's Tour 9.15am
SANTOS Athletics Day

Thur 14 April

Report Collection by
appointment:

Yr 8 1.15-8.00pm
Yr 9-12 4.00-8.00pm

Fri 15 April – normal lessons

LAST DAY Term 1

Mon 2 May

FIRST DAY Term 2

Wed 4 May

2011 Yr 8's Netball Trial at
ETSA Park 9am-12noon

Wed 5 & Thur 6 May

Principal's Tour 9.15am

Tues 10, Wed 11, Thur 12 May

Yr 9 NAPLAN tests

Tues 10 & Wed 11 May

Yr 11 Aquatics

Fri 13 May

Official opening for 50th
Birthday Mural 2pm

Tues 17 May

Governing Council Mtg 7pm

Thur 19 May

School Photos all students
Yr 12 Solo Perf. PAC 7.30pm

Fri 20 May

Yr 10 Focus Day - Careers
Yr 12 Formal night

Mon 23-Wed 25 May

Yr 12 PE Aquatics days

Thur 26 May

Yr 8 HPV dose 2 & Varicella
Yr 9 Boostrix vaccinations



international students with students from Japan, Hong Kong, China, France, Vietnam, Germany, Korea and our first student from Russia. These students add to the cultural diversity of our school community and enable students to develop an international and global understanding.

In the forthcoming holidays a number of our students will be **travelling to Spain** accompanied by Ms Jenny Arezina. Students will further develop their Spanish language skills and abilities and be immersed in Spanish culture.

Our **World Challenge** students have been very busy preparing for their trip to Borneo where they will be involved in supporting communities in constructing a project to assist the community. These Year 10 students have also been involved in developing their skills and abilities in living in environments without many of the facilities that we take for granted. Their preparation has involved undertaking two day camps with the staff who will be accompanying them to Borneo, including Dan Smith and Peta Maher. Teacher professional learning has continued throughout the term. This has included teachers continuing to work on the implementation of the new SACE particularly at Year 12. Our staff, work across the Mitcham Hills College in the implementation of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program (IBMYP) which ensures students coming to Blackwood High School continue in the IBMYP from Year 6 thereby assisting in smoother curriculum transition from primary school. Two staff attended the International Baccalaureate 25th Asia Pacific Annual Conference in Melbourne. The theme of the conference was 'Citizenship, Creativity, Connectivity, Compassion' in the context of Exploring Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century. Our staff joined with 776 delegates from 27 countries. In the interests of student safety and well being all staff undertook a full day training to gain their First Aid Certificate to assist students.

All of these events have continued in the context of high quality teaching and learning opportunities for Blackwood High School students. This has included students undertaking excursions to support the curriculum and continued engagement with digital learning. We have students preparing for the Mathematics Olympiad as well as the Science & Engineering Challenge. Term 2 will see the opening of the new Advanced Technology Centre. This will see students within our school and within our cluster of secondary schools being able to access programs in electro-technology. This year, in addition to the establishment of programs to support students with specific learning needs we have been accelerating identified students into higher year level subjects to enable them to extend their learning to match their abilities. This has included linking with Flinders University through the Extension Studies program with students having the opportunity to undertake one or two topics in University Undergraduate courses. Students who are involved are able to count their achievements in these courses towards their ATAR. We will be continuing to identify opportunities which will enable students to extend and strengthen their interests through such arrangements.

Blackwood High is involved in the school partnerships for Advanced Technology Industry School Pathways. Three staff from Mathematics, Science and Technology are exploring innovative technologies used in industry. This will support development of curriculum that strengthens and enhancing teaching and learning to ensure its continued relevance to students and pathways beyond school. The school's involvement is to support South Australia's identified career shortage in engineering, senior management of projects and manufacturing, computing and electrical and electronics related trade streams.

CASUAL DAY

No doubt many people have been aware of the disasters in Japan – the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear reactor concerns. Our thoughts and prayers are with the students and their families in our International program. The recent visit of Morioka High School students made us keenly aware of the impact of the sequence of tragic events. Our student held a casual day to raise money to support the Japanese through the Red Cross. They raised approximately \$950 to support Japanese families and friends as they work through these tragedies.

GOVERNING COUNCIL 2011

On Tuesday 8 March, the Governing Council held its AGM. For 2011 the following people are representatives on Governing Council:

Parent members –

David Pressley – Chairperson
Tony Lemish – Treasurer
Anne-Marie Simes – Secretary
Sarah Allen Michael Austin
Andrew Fotheringham Tess Gibbs
Helen Godwin Terry Goessling
Lena Kowanko Stuart Lowden
Jenny Pearce James Sanderson
Lyn Stratton

Local Member: Iain Evans

Ex Officio: Marion Coady

Staff Rep: Chris Plummer

In addition to the above members there will be student and staff representatives.

FACILITIES

This term we have continued to undertake facilities improvements including the renovations in the Technology building to commence delivery of electro-technology courses as part of the Trade Training Centre. The paving under the (federal building fund) shelter area has been completed

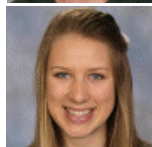
which will enable students to access further sheltered outdoor space in the school. This area was of great benefit when we recently held the Gala Garden Party.

Marion Coady, Principal



BLACKWOOD HIGH ACHIEVERS

- ◆ Congratulations to Lachlan in Year 10 in winning a Silver Medal in the U16 Boys 3km event at the National Junior Championships in Sydney over the long weekend in March. Lachlan also knocked 30 seconds off his personal best time, which was a fantastic effort. Lachlan competed in the 1500m, 3000m and 2000m steeplechase.
- ◆ Congratulations to Caitlin in Year 9 at being selected as a chorister with the Young Adelaide Voices First Concert Choir and is part of the exciting Australian premiere of “Stari Most”, a project with Various People Production Company, in collaboration with the State Opera of South Australia and Come Out Festival for young people. The 70-voice children’s chorus is a wonderful opportunity to be integrated with professional opera singers and the composer of the piece, whose theme is Reconciliation.
- ◆ Congratulations to Sean in Year 11 who recently represented Blackwood HS at the SSSSA Individual Tennis Championships. Sean won through to the quarter finals, losing 6-4.
- ◆ Congratulations to Aron in Year 9 on being selected to represent SSSSA at the forthcoming School Sport Australia Swimming Championships, to be held in Melbourne 30 July to 5 August.
- ◆ Congratulations to Matthew for being selected in the U18 State Baseball team. Matt will travel to Lismore, NSW for the National Championships from 10 to 16 April. Good luck!
- ◆ Congratulations to Emily in Year 10, has won through to the quarter finals of the SSSSA Individual Tennis Championships on Friday 4 March.
- ◆ Congratulations to Marina in Year 9 for the great honour of being a representative of Blackwood High School at the Youth Environment Council (YEC) camp at Arbury Park on 4 and 5 March. She wrote: “I was chosen by the Mitcham Hills Cluster Youth Forum to represent Blackwood High. This is a great honour and I was really glad of this opportunity. The purpose of the camp was to find youth leaders that have a passion for the environment and that want to get their voice heard. Over the two days we did a series of leadership and team building workshops and activities. It was really fun and I made a lot of new friends there. It was great to have the chance to speak out about what I thought of today’s current (and future) environmental issues.



After a vote, I was chosen as one of the four Youth Representatives that will get to talk to the Ministers for Environments and maybe even some of the more senior Parliament Members too. Using the things I’ve learnt, hopefully I’ll be able to help Blackwood to get more actively involved with the YEC and learning more about our local environment.”

- ◆ Congratulations to Julia in Year 12, for being selected as one of 130 Year 11 and 12 students to take part in the debate ‘Should Australia become a Republic?’. Julia was selected from 4,000 students from government, independent and Catholic schools who took part in a convention in their own state. Eleven years after the Australian people voted ‘No’ to a republic, the question has returned.



Guided by experts in constitutional law, the delegates will listen to closely argued cases for and against a Republic, from a range of prominent speakers before giving consideration to a range of republican models for Australia.

This complex issue is the 2011 topic of the 16th National Schools’ Constitutional Convention (funded by the Australian Government) that was held at Old Parliament House in Canberra from 22–24 March, 2011.

OLD SCHOLAR SUCCESS

A portion of Dick Arnold’s speech at the Gala Garden Party was regarding old scholars with whom he has kept in contact and who have made Blackwood HS proud. One of these is: “**Sonja Best**, an exemplar old scholar, participated in every possible activity at school and maintained a solid academic record. She was an absolutely delightful girl. When she went to uni she came back and went on several ski trips as a helper. Her uni record was spectacular and she earned a strong PhD in the biological sciences at ANU before going off to the USA for post graduate research work. Her career has flourished. Currently she heads up her own laboratory and research group. Sonya’s full title is – Chief, Innate Immunity and Pathogenesis Unit Laboratory of Virology National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, NIH Rocky Mountain Laboratories, Montana USA. Sonja has been nominated for the 2011 President’s Young Scientist Award.”



Dick Arnold, former Principal of BHS 1987-1994

TEACHERS COUNT – NeITA Award

The Annual Counting Australia’s Inspirational Teachers Award is again asking for nominations of teachers by parents, governing councils or student councils.

This is a way to thank, recognise or congratulate an inspirational teacher, by nominating online via the NeITA website – www.neita.com.au or by free call on

BLACKWOOD HS OPEN DAY – SUNDAY 10 APRIL 11am to 4pm

Come along to join in the fun of the ‘Rock, Roll and Relive’ music performances by old scholars, dance displays, community organisations, classic cars, children’s activities, demonstrations, food stalls. There will be tours for old scholars, prospective students, friends and families commencing at 11.30am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 2.30pm with a Principal’s address at the start of each tour.

ARTS NEWS

SKOOL LIFE auditions are concluded and we have a fantastic cast, including around 40 people with featured speaking parts and some brilliant singers in our GLEE group. A letter has gone home to the families of the people in the cast to make sure that all the dates of the production are clear.

Rehearsals start first week next term.

We've had some wonderful offers of clothing and/or sewing assistance from a few parents. Any items you have from the 60s onwards that you think would make **good costumes**, please feel free to donate them to us. The daggy Tee shirt from the Kiss concert you've worn for the last 20 years should be kept by you and cherished!

What would you sacrifice everything for? This is the question the Year 12 Drama class is asking in their forthcoming **Senior Drama Production 'PERIL'**, featuring two very different plays. David Campton's "Can You Hear The Music Playing?" is set in an attic, with the students playing mice being lured away by the Pied Piper to a brighter future...or are they? And "Happy Birthday, Mum" is a suspenseful multi-location scenario where a daughter rings her mother in England at the precise moment her house is being broken into..... And, as we later discover, the would-be burglar recognises his victim as his former English teacher! As the students might say: "Awkward!" Performances on **8 & 9 June** in the PAC. You will be able to book online from early next term.

Robyn Trebilcock, Performing Arts Coordinator

MATHS ON LINE

We have registered all of our students to use the teaching/learning resource at www.mathsonline.com.au You may have seen the recent TV advertisements by the sponsors McDonalds Australia, and it is through this sponsorship that the program is now FREE to our students. Some of the features that this program has are as follows:

- Full lessons for each concept with a voice over and numerous examples of varying difficulty. Every lesson has a pause and rewind facility to help students grasp concepts at their own pace.
- Every lesson has an accompanying printable summary and worksheet to consolidate the concept, with full worked solutions provided also.
- A student's ongoing use and progress in the program is stored for theirs and their teacher's perusal at any time.
- The program can be accessed from any internet ready site, not just at school.
- The entire Year 7 to 12 program is available to every student, not just their particular year group or course.
- Parents may register to get weekly updates on their child's program use and progress, by clicking on the 'Parents area' tab within their child's account.
- Many more features will also be made available on-line over coming months.

Given that the program covers most of the concepts that we teach, and as good as this resource is, the school wishes to make it clear that it was never intended by its creators to replace the wonderful work that our Mathematics teaching staff already do. This program is

best used as a support/supplement to the classroom teaching/learning experience.

All students have been issued with their unique logins and passwords, and are encouraged to use this resource as directed by their Maths teacher.

James Connell, Mathematics Coordinator

WORKPLACE LEARNING

20-24 JUNE, WEEK 8, TERM 2

As part of the compulsory SACE Personal Learning Plan subject at Year 10, all Year 10 Students will be expected to undertake a Workplace Learning Experience in Week 8 of Term 2. All normal Year 10 lessons will be cancelled, allowing students to complete their work experience.

Students have been given an information booklet and Parent/Carer letter to take home, as well as a Workplace Learning Agreement form.

All work experience must be arranged and agreement forms completed by FRIDAY 20 MAY.

Work Experience is a valuable opportunity to experience the world of work and to find out career information that will help make decisions about courses and pathways for learning outside of the school.

Students have been given information about how to approach employers to organize a placement. Any student experiencing difficulty is asked to discuss this with their Care Group teacher, Mr Northcote or to see the Work Experience secretary Ms Booth in Student Services.

Any parents or members of the school community who may be able to offer a Work Experience placement to one of our students is also asked to ring the school on 8278 0970 and speak to Ms Booth to provide further details.

Luke Northcote, VET/Workplace Learning Coordinator

ASSESSMENT IN THE IBMYP

Each subject teacher assesses student work against specific criteria. Every subject has its own criteria which vary in number and weighting, e.g. Language B has 5 criteria, 4 criteria are assessed to a maximum of 8 and the fifth to a maximum of 16. Science and Technology have 6 criteria, equally weighted, with a maximum achievement level of 6. Mathematics has 4 criteria, Language A 3 etc.

Making a final judgment – At the end of an assessment period teachers will be in a position to establish a final profile of achievement for each student. Listed below are explanations of what the final level of achievement reflects.

General Grade descriptors

Grade 1 Minimal achievement in terms of the objectives.

Grade 2 Very limited achievement against all the objectives. The student has difficulty in understanding the required knowledge and skills and is **unable** to apply them fully in normal situations, **even with support**.

Grade 3 Limited achievement against most of the objectives, or clear difficulties in some areas. The student demonstrates a **limited understanding** of the required knowledge and skills and is **only able to apply** them fully in normal situations **with support**.

Grade 4 A good general understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them effectively in **normal** situations. There is

occasional evidence of the skills of analysis, synthesis and evaluation.

Grade 5 A consistent and thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them in a **variety** of situations. The student **generally** shows evidence of analysis, synthesis and evaluation where appropriate and **occasionally** demonstrates originality and insight.

Grade 6 A consistent and thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them in a **wide variety** of situations. **Consistent** evidence of analysis, synthesis and evaluation is shown where appropriate. The student **generally** demonstrates originality and insight.

Grade 7 A consistent and thorough understanding of the required knowledge and skills, and the ability to apply them **almost faultlessly** in a wide variety of situations. Consistent evidence of analysis, synthesis and evaluation is shown where appropriate. The student **consistently** demonstrates originality and insight and **always** produces **work of high quality**.

Craig Duguid, Head of Middle School

SPECIALIST FOOTBALL NEWS

Umpiring Courses

On Wednesday 9 March the Year 9/10 Specialist Football class completed the South Australian National Football League (SANFL) Umpiring Course. Students participated in a range of theoretical and practical activities as part of the four hour course. All students successfully completed the course and Year 10 students will now put their skills into action by umpiring the Year 8/9 nine-a-side Carnival to be held at Flinders University on Wednesday 4 May.

The Year 8 Special Focus Football class also recently completed the SANFL Introductory Umpiring Course.

As a result of both courses, students gained an understanding of umpiring as a career and learnt

of current employment opportunities. Students also increased their knowledge and understanding of the rules of the game and gained an appreciation of the complexities and responsibilities of being an umpire.

West Adelaide Football Club Visit

On Wednesday 23 March the Year 9/10 Football class visited the West Adelaide Football Club (WAFC).



Students were fortunate to have a tour of the club by WAFC talent manager, Andrew Marks. The tour highlighted the history of the club and current talent pathways and programs. This was followed by a session with current league coach Andrew Collins and former Carlton player Brad Fisher. This session outlined the career pathways in football and the commitment required to play at the highest level. Brad also explained the daily training program of an AFL footballer. To conclude the session, the class completed a training session conducted by Brad Fisher. Thanks must go to Dave Reynolds (WAFC Development Officer) for his role in organising the visit.

Upcoming Special Focus Football events

Friday 8/4: Richmond Football Club – Recruiting Manager visit

Tuesdays 12/4, 3/5, 17/5: Auskick Coaching sessions at Blackwood Primary School (Year 8)

Wednesday 4/5: Year 8/9 nine-a side Football Carnival

Wednesdays 18/5, 1/6, 8/6: Coaching at Bellevue Heights Primary School (Year 9/10)

Glen Little, Football Manager

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation registered with all state and territory departments of education.

Each year they offer over **26 scholarships valued from \$2,500 up to \$10,800**. Students don't need to be A-grade to apply and the top language student doesn't necessarily win -- so you have a real chance of winning!

The organisation is offering: *3 x Indigenous Scholarship. Valued at up to \$10,800 each these scholarships are available to eligible indigenous students from Australia and New Zealand.

*12 x Language Scholarships. Valued at up to \$3,500 each these scholarships offer language students the chance to immerse themselves in the language and culture of their choice.

*2 x International Affairs Scholarship. Valued at up to \$3,500 each, these scholarships offer those with a keen interest in international affairs a chance to sample the world first hand.

*9 Creative Arts Scholarships. Valued at up to 35% of the program price these scholarships are in the form of an on-line t-shirt design competition called 'Make Your Mark'. The design theme for the current competition is 'FOREST' which invites students to celebrate 2011 as the International Year of Forests.

<http://www.makeyourmark.org.au/>

*Sports Scholarships USA program, which is open to recreational or amateur sports men or women of low, average, and high level ability involved in basketball, tennis, soccer, volleyball or golf. Australian students are in high demand at American universities. Sports Scholarships USA candidates are guaranteed a minimum of nine (9) scholarship offers.

Please note that the **deadline** for scholarship submissions is **30th April, 2011**. More information on scholarships is available from here

<http://studentexchange.org.au/programs/discounts-scholarships/>

NAPLAN TESTS FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

The NAPLAN tests for Literacy and Mathematics will be held in Week 2 of Term 3. NAPLAN is a snapshot look at students work through a multiple choice format for both calculator and non calculator approaches to Mathematics. It is a National test with the results posted on the 'My Schools' website. Blackwood High has allocated a week of class time to prepare students for the NAPLAN tests. Each student will be given a booklet of 3 Numeracy Practice tests for calculator and non-calculator and these will be worked through in lesson. In addition the NAPLAN TestS for 2008, 2009 and 2010 are posted on Studywiz. Students in Studywiz go to Shared Content (on the left hand side of the page), Year 9, then the featured item 'NAPLAN TESTS 2008-2010'

James Connell, Mathematics Coordinator

CAREERS EXPOS – May and June

The National Careers & Employment Expo – FREE ENTRY Will be held at the Jubilee Pavilion, Adelaide Showground, Goodwood Road, Wayville on **Friday 20 May 9am – 4pm and Saturday 20 May 10am – 4pm.**

Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo will be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on **Sunday 19 from 10am to 4pm and Monday 20 June 9.30am to 1.30pm** with NO ADMISSION CHARGE. See the website www.careersevent.com

MESSAGE FROM THE AMBULANCE SERVICE

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call.

He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE'. For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc.

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist, wrote: the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes. Host an international high school student in July through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected **students will arrive in July** for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany and Scandinavia. They will attend a local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

Call S.C.C.E now on 1800 500 501, email scceast@scce.com.au or visit our website (www.scce.com.au) to be part of this rewarding experience. **Southern Cross Cultural Exchange**

HIGH SCHOOL CABARET

13 talented singers and dancers from Blackwood High School are involved in this years High School Cabaret and are being mentored by David Campbell (*pictured*).

Performances will be on Sunday 19 June at the Arts Space Festival Centre at 4.00pm and 8.00pm. Tickets are \$25 Adults and \$21 concession and can be booked through Bass. Tickets for performers' families can be booked and paid for through the school.

Katrina Constantopoulos, Dance Teacher



★ Stars of tomorrow performing today ★

Adelaide Cabaret Festival with Blackwood High School and Pembroke School

One of the most popular and exciting performances of last year's program was *High School Cabaret*. We are thrilled to announce that this important initiative is returning!

Artistic Director David Campbell will be ably assisted by local Musical Director Matthew Carey, in tutoring a group of creative arts students from Pembroke School and Blackwood High School. Work has begun on these shows and both evenings are set to be spectacular. The talent, commitment and energy from the students are mind blowing!

18 > 19 JUNE Artspace 4pm & 8pm thr
 Pembroke School (18) Blackwood High School (19)
 Adult \$25 Conc \$21
 Festival Subscription: Adult \$21 Conc \$17

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Join the newest stars of cabaret as they tell their stories, their way.

Adelaide Festival Centre centrED | Government of South Australia Department of Education and Children's Services | Pembroke School | Blackwood High School

BHS Staff distribute goodwill & largesse in Myanmar.

During the January break three of our Blackwood HS teachers - Jude Wilson, Josie Pritchard & Lyn Underwood - travelled to Myanmar (Burma) with a group of fellow teachers to learn about the customs & culture of the peoples of this beautiful country. They visited many glorious Buddhist temples and sites, indulged in a plethora of diverse food tastes, photographed the stunning scenery and happy faces along their journey and purchased some beautiful and exotic mementos of their experience. Lyn, Josie and Jude are pictured at a school for street children in Yangon where they visited classes and donated books and stationery.



Some of the highlights of the journey were:

- visiting hill tribe villages where our group had funded the purchase of forty-eight pairs of spectacles for the older members of the community - the looks on their faces, as they wore glasses permitting them to see clearly for the first time, was a heart-touching moment
- visiting a school in Yangon where we donated books, stationery & stickers and spent time with the children in their classes



- travelling by boat across the vast Inle Lake and through villages where houses are built on poles 2m above water level
- sponsoring and participating in the initiation ceremony of three boys aged 6, 9 and 10, in becoming monks.

A nine year old novice is pictured left, being shaved and dressed in monk's robes at an initiation ceremony.

This journey was an unforgettable experience and will certainly assist these South Australian teachers with their work in helping students understand the complexity of our global society.

Jude, Josie & Lyn

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is a national celebration of communities, cooperation and cultural diversity. On Monday 21 March, Chris Rebbeck and the students in his care group 8D organized and hosted a barbecue for Year 8s.

A well run and tasty affair, the barbecue gave our newest students another chance to connect and an opportunity to contribute to other communities and their development. We raised about \$140 for the two girls BHS supports in Africa, Grace and Neema.

The Resource Centre had a fascinating display of bags from around the world and hosted the Harmony Day morning tea. The International students experienced Australian food whilst mixing with students and staff from different cultures.

Chris Bourlioufas, Year 8 Manager





Friday 18 March was a day with a National focus on Bullying and Violence in Schools. Bullying is a concern for us all and can come in a range of forms including physical, psychological, electronic or cyber. Bullying is a concern that our school takes seriously and continually works to address it.

Teenagers often do not disclose what is happening at school to staff but may disclose it to their family and friends. If you are aware that your child is being bullied at school please contact the school. If your child is being bullied you can:

- Talk with your child and make an appointment with the Care Group teacher, Year Level Manager or our counsellors to discuss your concerns
- encourage your child to report bullying to a trusted adult at school as quickly as possible after an incident of bullying. Bullying thrives in a culture of secrecy, so informing the school is important. The school has a process used to support students who are bullied. At home there are some strategies that can be used to reduce the opportunity of cyberbullying specifically monitoring internet use and particular social networking sites.

For more information and ideas to understand and deal with bullying, visit the Bullying. No way! Website www.bullyingnoway.com.au. For immediate help, children and young people can phone the Kids HelpLine (1800 551 1800) or visit the Kids HelpLine website at www.kidshelpline.com.au.



EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE – Bring home a brother or a sister

In June/July 2011, students aged 14 – 19 years from Europe, the USA and South America will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 2-10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice another language, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.



Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family...and your relatives and friends....will grow and learn as you all get to know your new 'son' or 'daughter' from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website. <http://studentexchange.org.au/>

HEALTHY INSPIRATIONS *(Sponsors of the Blackwood High School 50th Birthday Celebrations)*

An exciting concept in women's weight loss fitness and relaxation exists in Adelaide. Healthy Inspirations is a modern, well appointed facility that offers a unique, revolutionary approach to healthy weight loss and exercise.

The Healthy Inspirations program provides:-

1. Personalized eating plans.
2. One on one support.
3. Exercise program.
4. Stress reducing relaxation.

It is the combination of these 4 components at the one location that makes Healthy Inspirations different from any other program. It offers a total lifestyle solution and is about inspiring women to change their lives for the long term for the better. It is not a quick fix. It is not a gym. Imagine a program that is based on sound nutritional principles, resistance exercise and personalized support three times a week!

Benefits the whole family. Mother and daughter packages are available.

Healthy Inspirations offers all this and more.

If your goal is a healthy future and you can see that weight loss, toning up is a critical part of that goal, then taking action is the next step.

So....why wait? Call now! Book a free consultation and discover how you can immediately start to feel fitter and healthier. Healthy Inspirations is a sponsor for the coming Quiz Night extravaganza and in addition are pleased to offer all Hawthorndene Primary School members including family a special offer simply by bringing in this newsletter.

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