

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.



WELCOME TO TERM 2

I would like to welcome back our students and families. During the school holidays significant work occurred on our ICT network to ensure its continued reliability. Work continued on the new Electro-technology facility.

Many staff were involved in preparing for Term 2 with some staff undertaking professional learning. This included staff attending the Advanced Skills Teacher (AST) two day workshop and one staff member involved in a forum consultation on the draft National Principal Standards with leaders from Western Australia. One staff member attended live performances to ensure they maintained up-to-date modern theatre practices. Another of our staff spent time in an Architectural Forum looking at how AutoCAD is used in industry. Another teacher attended ePortfolio training and an Art teacher worked at the SACE Board, showcasing Year 12 Art work.

Our support staff undertook training. This included the introduction of the new Work Health and Safety Legislation relating to chemical labelling consistent with international practice.

In addition to staff maintaining their professional knowledge, some teachers ran tutoring sessions for students. This included Year 12 Biology (*pictured on excursion to Waite Institute*), focussed on revision and exam style questions and Year 12 Drama rehearsals. In the interests of student learning our Counsellors enrolled students during the holidays so the new students could start on the first day of Term 2.



This term our staff will continue to support student teachers from Flinders University, The University of Adelaide and Uni SA. We have a number of student teachers undertaking practicums through this term. Welcome to Jovanna Petrov, James Hutchinson, Katelyn Linke, Renee Daish, Stacey Nolan, Jordan Hooper and Rogan Tinsley. The placement of student teachers with us enables our staff to mentor the next generation of teachers as well as share their knowledge and experience and expertise.

We welcome new staff to the school including: *Jess Rogers* – teaching English
Michael Whelan – teaching Mathematics
Bruce Oerman – teaching Design & Technology including Technical Studies
Rod Kuchel – teaching Legal Studies
Neela Gunawardena – teaching Chemistry, Science and Mathematics.

Following distribution of the Term 1 reports, staff have been working with students to develop learning improvement plans to address areas needing improvement.

This term is shaping up to be very busy. The Year 12 students will have their Formal on Friday 20 May. We are looking forward to this very important event with students and staff celebrating together.

We welcome back our Senior Spanish students who spent two weeks in Spain furthering their second language development and experiencing Spanish culture.

On Wednesday 11 May, we had a group of Principals from Indonesia visit with us. It was their first time in Australia, looking at our schooling system and school organisation. These opportunities enable us to reflect on our practices and engage in dialogue with leaders from other countries.

USE OF EARPHONES

I would like to draw parents' attention to the information in the school diary about earphones (see page 13). Year 8 to 10 students should not have earphones at school. Teachers require students to be able to listen at all times and follow instructions in the interest of learning and safety.

PARENT TEACHER EVENING

Thank you to all parents/guardians who attended meetings with Care Group teachers to discuss Term 1 achievements. For parents/guardians who were unable to attend, Care Group teachers will have made contact with you to discuss the report.

TEACHING IS INSPIRING

Many people will have noticed the 'Teaching is Inspiring' promotions in the media. The campaign is designed to promote teaching and to attract new and talented young people into the profession who are committed to making a difference to children and student learning. Further information about what it takes to be a teacher can be found at www.decs.sa.gov.au/inspire.

Marion Coady, Principal

CALENDAR

- 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
- Tues 24 May**
Yr 7 Netball trial at ETSA Park for 2012 Yr 8 Netball Prog.
- Thur 26 May**
Yr 8 HPV dose 2 & Varicella
Yr 9 Boostrix vaccinations
Principal's Tour 9.15am
- Fri 3 June**
Prim Schools' Music Festival
Auditions in Perf Arts Centre
- Tues 7 June**
Principal's Tour 9.15am
- Wed 8 & Thur 9 June**
Yr 12 Drama 7.30pm in PAC
- Fri 10 June**
EXODUS Perf. for Yr 8 & 9s
- Mon 13 June**
Queen's Birthday Holiday
- Tues 14 June**
STUDENT FREE DAY—Staff PD
Finance Advisory Com. 7pm
- Wed 15 June**
'Rock the School' all day perf.
- Fri 17 June**
Yr 11 'Swatvac'
- Mon 20 – Thur 23 June**
Yr 11 Exams



BLACKWOOD HIGH ACHIEVERS

- ◆ Congratulations to Alice in Year 10 and Charlotte in Year 8 who are starring in the production of Beauty and the Beast at the State Opera Theatre. Alice scored one of



the 28 principal cast roles after extensive auditions of approximately 300 students. The girls rehearsed all through Term 1 and also during the school holidays with only a break at Easter. The show is running for two weeks from 1-15 May. It is excellent to see the great reviews of the show and for Alice and Charlotte to excel at these activities and also balance their school work. Well done girls!

- ◆ Congratulations to Year 11s Simon and Daniel who were selected in the State U18 Gridiron team that competed in Sydney from 17 – 23 April.



- ◆ Congratulations to Aron who had six individual events and was part of the U14 Boys 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay team that won Bronze at the National Swimming Competitions during the April holidays. Great effort.



- ◆ Congratulations to Year 11 student, Lachlan who is playing the lead role of 'Fulton' and Kara in Year 9, who is an 'East High Wildcat' in the Creative Souls production of 'High School Musical' from 16 – 18 June, at the Arts Theatre, in Angas Street, Adelaide. See the advertisement on the last page of this newsletter.



- ◆ Congratulations to our students who were successful with their application for the Bendigo Bank Based Traineeship program Hayden in Year 12 and James in Year 11.



ZONE SPORT - SUCCESS

Our Season 1 of Zone Sport was very successful with 3 teams winning the premiership. Mr Aulert's Year 8/9 Indoor Soccer boys won their Grand Final with a win over Unley HS and Sunrise. Cindy Ridley's Open Girls Basketball team defeated St Johns to claim the Premiership and Nathan Jefferies and Mrs Bradley's Year 8/9 Girls Basketball team (pictured) had a thrilling one point victory over Pasadena HS.



Season 2 Zone Sport commences in Week 4 of this term with Netball, Badminton, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball, 9 A-side Football and Table Tennis on offer.

Term 2/3 Knock Out competition is underway with teams in Netball, Basketball, Soccer and Football being organised for their first round encounters. Good luck to all teams.

Our Sports Trainee, Sam Hollis is settling in well, showing excellent organisational skills in helping run our Sports Program.

The PE Office in the gym is currently being expanded so that our eight staff will be able to operate in less cramped conditions. In the meantime, the PE staff are scattered around the school in various offices. Sam Hollis is set up with me in the Year 9 Manager's office in the main building.

Janet Bradley, Sports Manager

ARTS NEWS

SKOOL LIFE rehearsals are now up and running – the "Glee Singers" are rehearsing every Friday lunchtime and already sounding sensational and the 60s – 00s dance numbers are starting to take shape. After school rehearsals start in Week two – your child will be bringing home a rehearsal schedule you can keep for easy reference.

PERIL is the Senior Drama performance scheduled for 8 and 9 June at 7.30pm (see flyer on the last page of this newsletter). We are presenting 2 plays for Yr 12 moderation: "Happy Birthday Mum" by Helen Wyngaard, in association with **Maverick Musicals**, and "Can You Hear The Music Playing?" by David Campton, in association with **Dominie Drama**.

"Happy Birthday Mum" is a teacher's worst nightmare; coming across a student you failed in High School at the other end of a gun. "Teachers are still stuffing up my life!" How did Todd go from High School dropout to holding Sylvia at gun point?

It could be said that we all have something we would be prepared to sacrifice everything for – but it is different for every one of us. "Can You Hear The Music Playing?" is 6 mice hiding in an attic, while a lone piper tries to lure them out.

Thursday 9 June is the actual moderation night and we need a warm and supportive audience while the moderators are visiting us. **Wednesday 8 June** will be a slightly longer evening with several very short comic plays performed by the Year 11 Drama students who are not involved in the moderated pieces added to the program.

Tickets will be available at the door, or on **try.booking.com** very shortly.

The **CABARET** rehearsals are going really well under the guidance of **Ms Katrina Constantopoulos** and **Ms Maxine Moore**, with the students working at the Festival Centre several times with director **David Campbell** and his team. If you haven't purchased your tickets from the school, I urge you to book at BASS as soon as possible: only 130 tickets are available for each performance on **19 June** at the Festival Theatre Art Space.

Robyn Trebilcock, Coordinator Performing Arts

SCHOOL PHOTOS – msp photography

Students were given envelopes in care group for **THURSDAY 19 MAY**, School Photo Day. We ask you to take note the following information as provided by msp photography. Please take the time to read the instructions on the envelopes.

1. Each student requires their own envelope to present to the photographer on the day, even if payment is in their brother or sister's.
2. Fill out the order form with your child's correct details.
3. If you wish to pay by credit card you will need to collect a credit card payment slip from Student Services.
4. If you require a family photo you can collect a family envelope from Student Services.

If you have any queries about school photos, phone Master School Portraits on 8391 3951.

Mike Sadleir, Senior Leader Data & Daily Management

SCHOOL MURAL OPENING May 20th

There will be an official opening of our new Mural on the stairwell near the OSB on Friday 20 May.

Yvonne East is an emerging artist who has been commissioned to paint a mural that best suits our surroundings and takes in the multi-culturalism that makes up our school community. There are photos of the progression of her work in the front foyer of the main building and of the students whom she mentored and who helped to create the mural. You can visit Yvonne's web site www.yvonneeast.com to see more of her work, which has photos of the Blackwood High School mural.

There is a short film clip on U Tube

<http://www.youtube.com/user/yvonnethepainter/>!

Organizer - Jeanette Beadnall

Blackwood High Reconciliation Group

In 2010 a group was formed at our school, committed to the recognition of Aboriginal culture. This year's group



(pictured below) has goals to inform our generation of Aboriginal beliefs, their connection to the land, as well as promoting reconciliation. The first step to reconciliation is to relate to and understand each other's cultures. Many rumours have been passed around over the years, showing Aboriginals as inferior and even unable to perform basic jobs. This is WRONG!

Our names are Matt and Campbell and we will be busting myths about Australia's Indigenous people.

This month's myth busted: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are all alcoholics

Unfortunately, there is a well known urban myth stating that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are all alcoholics who can't handle their grog. This is however

completely untrue and totally ridiculous. Alcohol abuse is a thread throughout Australian colonial history and remains a problem for many communities, black and white. It has in fact been proven that 37% of Aboriginal people do not drink alcohol at all, as opposed to only 22% of non-indigenous people.

Matt Rowley and Campbell Stafford - Year 10

National Reconciliation Week – 27 May to 3 June

The theme for this year's Reconciliation Week is 'Let's Talk Recognition' and our group will be celebrating this with two special events. The first is a whole school assembly where our members will talk to the students about reconciliation and the need to recognise the important contributions Indigenous Australians make to our Australian culture. This will also be recognised with an art display showcasing a variety of work ranging from artefacts to dot paintings and modern prints. We invite all members of our school community to visit this exhibition in the library during Reconciliation Week.

Sue Daw - School Librarian

HUMANITIES COMPETITIONS

2011 Eden Prize (Year 10 Students)

In this competition students are required to respond to the question:

Geographers consider that due to technology the world is a smaller place in the 21st Century. Has this made the world a better place?

1st prize: \$1250 2nd prize: \$750 3rd prize: \$500

The response can be presented in the form of a computer presentation (maximum of 15 slides), website (maximum of 10 pages), 1000 word essay, or video production (maximum of 5 minutes). The entry must be from an individual and not a group.

Closing date for entries: 3 October 2011.

National History Challenge 2011 (Years 5 – 12)

Topic: Australian Democracy Defining Moments

Research and create an entry on an important milestone in Australia's democracy. Examples of milestones include an event, an announcement, a law that has been passed, a protest, an issue, the birth or death of a person and a speech.

Entries can be presented in the following formats:

- Research essay (individual)
- Performance (individual or group)
- Three-Dimensional model (individual or group)
- Multi-media (individual or group)

Prizes

Prizes include the following:

- State year level winners will receive cash prizes of \$200, a National History Challenge medallion and a certificate.
- National year level winners will each receive \$300, a National History Challenge medallion and a trip to the awards ceremony in Canberra.

Due date: 28 July 2011.

Please see Mr Nicholls (Room 1) for further details about these competitions.

Chris Brookes, Humanities Coordinator

UNI SA BONUS POINTS

Students at Blackwood HS may attract bonus points for entry into Uni SA. There are two levels of bonus points.

- *Achievement bonus points* – these are rewarded to students who study and pass Year 12 subjects relevant to their intended degree. A minimum of 2 points per subject, up to a maximum of 5 points are awarded automatically through SATAC.

- *Aspire bonus points* – these are for Year 12 students at Blackwood HS who are on Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy and/or School Card. An application form can be downloaded from www.unisa.edu.au. The completed form needs to be returned to Uni SA. Students who qualify for Aspire bonus points, will automatically get 5 points added to their university aggregate when they apply through SATAC.

SPECIALIST FOOTBALL NEWS

Richmond Football Club Recruitment Visit to BHS

On Friday 8 April the Year 8 and Year 9/10 football classes were fortunate to have a visit from the Richmond Football Club's Recruiting Officer Mathew Clarke. Mathew presented an engaging workshop



on a range of topical football issues. He shared with the group his wealth of knowledge and experience on the pathways in elite football. The presentation outlined to the classes the developmental pathway to playing AFL with specific information on the AFL draft process. This included information on; psychological testing, the qualities and character traits that recruiting officers look for, goal setting, leadership, draft camp testing and the importance of a good education.

The students judged the visit as both a rewarding and informative experience. For players in development squads, the presentation gave specific information on how to progress to the next level. Students were also impressed with the information on the vast array of careers in the AFL outside of playing. **Glen Little**

Year 8/9 Nine A-side Football Carnival

On Wednesday 4 May, the Year 8 and 9 boys participated in the annual Southern Zone Nine A-side Football Carnival. Blackwood High entered two teams in the thirteen team competition. Blackwood Green had a successful start to the day, winning their first four games to earn a spot in the semi final round. Unfortunately, this is where the winning streak came to an end. In a close game, Blackwood Green lost by 22 points and finished fourth in the overall competition. The best player for the day for Blackwood Green was awarded to Chris Williams. Blackwood Red had a tougher draw on the day and worked hard for one win finishing in twelfth position overall. The best player for the day for Blackwood Red was awarded to Aron Hunt. Overall the day was a success and thanks must go to the Year 10 football students who did a fantastic job in their umpiring roles.



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Glen Little and Dwayne Treasure

SANTOS ATHLETICS 2011

On 13 April, Blackwood High School sent 70 students to Santos Athletics stadium for the 2011 Secondary School Sport Graded Athletics Championships.

Last year's success in C1 meant that we were promoted to B2 grade. Our goal was to finish mid competition at the end of the day. Therefore, it was with much excitement that we finished second place in the Boys and third in the Girls out of the seven schools in the grade.



BOYS		GIRLS	
Golden Grove	387	Naracoorte	357
Blackwood HS	375	Nuriootpa	344
Nuriootpa	367	Blackwood HS	334

Our Captains, Jack Schoen and Frances Collett led from the front. Jack came 1st in the Open Boys 100m and Open Boys Relay and Frances came 1st in the Open Girls 1000m Steeplechase, 1st in the Open Girls 800m and 3rd in the Open Girls 400m.

Three Standard winners were recorded – meaning performances that are of an exceptionally high level. They were Lachlan Scott who won the Under 15 1500m in 4:32.00min and the 800m in 2:11.00min. Daniel Evans won the Under 16 Boys Shot Put with a throw of 13.39 metres.

Congratulations to the Open Boys Relay team (Jack Schoen, Sam Napier, Shannon Chiappini and Kazuto Kamimura) for winning. Second place relay teams were Under 14 Boys and Under 15 Boys. The Under 14 Girls and Open Girls came third.

First place winners on the day were:

Lauren Bowshall	U14 400m
Robyn Campbell	U15 800m
Shannon Chiappini	Open Long Jump and Triple Jump
Dan Hall	U16 Javelin
Kazuto Kamimura	Open 400m
John Lim	U14 triple Jump
Denam Moore	Open 2000m Steeplechase
Lachlan Scott	U15 1500m and 800m
Daniel Evans	U16 Shot Put
Brett Turner	U15 High Jump
Zac Young	U14 Discus

Well done to the PE staff who organised their teams and conducted training sessions before school and at lunch times. Thank you to the athletes for putting in their time and effort. Every place counted in our overall success. It was well worth it! **Janet Bradley, Sports Manager**

SENYO HIGH SCHOOL, JAPAN – STUDY TOUR

2011 HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

Planning is underway for our next Study Tour visit from Senyo High School in Osaka, Japan.

The group of approx 20 students will be with us from Monday 25 July (the beginning of Term 3) to Sunday 7 August. This will be the school's seventh visit to BHS.

A payment of approx \$430 will be paid to each host family to defray expenses for the two week visit.

If you are interested in hosting a student please contact me at school via email karyn.jones@bhs.sa.edu.au or phone 8278 0900.

IHOLA! SPANISH TRIP

Students from Blackwood HS, Pembroke College and Aberfoyle Park HS travelled to Salamanca, Spain on 16 April for two weeks. We attended school during the day and explored the city at night. We had the opportunity to see the sights of beautiful historic buildings and taste the amazing Spanish cuisine. Students gained a much better knowledge of the language, learning from their surrounds, as well as formal lessons. We made great



bonds with our host 'mums' and enjoyed their home environments. Studying Spanish as a subject enabled us to travel overseas and have a life changing experience. During this invaluable cultural trip we received a term's work in Spanish. We were invited to a civic reception in the Town Hall by the Tourism Minister of Salamanca. The above photo was published in 'LaGazetta', the newspaper published in the north of Spain. Spanish Beginners is a Stage 1, SACE subjects and can be taken in Years 11 and 12.

by Year 11 students, Rachel Lowden & Victoria McAuliffe

Parenting Children with Eczema

ARE YOU CHALLENGED BY YOUR CHILD'S ECZEMA?

The University of Queensland is conducting research into parenting children with eczema. Parenting a child with eczema presents many challenges (everything from the daily application of creams and avoiding eczema triggers, to more general parenting tasks). The aim of this study is to understand the factors that make the management of childhood eczema particularly difficult, and to use this information to develop strategies that might assist parents in managing their child's eczema.

If you are a parent of a 3 to 10-year-old child with eczema, we would love to hear from you!

Results of this study will be made available to all participants.

To complete the online survey, please log on to: <http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/eczema>

For further information about the project or to request a survey to be posted to you, please email Katie Sillar (katie.sillar@uqconnect.edu.au) or phone Amy Mitchell (07 3365 7305) at the Parenting and Family Support Centre in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland, St Lucia QLD 4072 (Fax: 07 3365 6724).

PARENTS NIGHT – University of Adelaide

You are invited to meet with University Staff to learn more about key dates, application processes, costs and other questions you have about the journey to University. Our information Parent Night will help inform you, bust some uni myths and hopefully answer those curly questions!

WEDNESDAY 18 MAY at 6pm in the Napier Building – North Terrace Campus. Register interest on line at www.adelaide.edu.au/infonight/

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Applications for the 2012 National Youth Science Forum are now open! Students can register to attend one of three 12-day sessions held in Canberra and Perth each January. Successful applicants will visit leading laboratories and participate in cutting edge science. They will speak to researchers and engineers, and learn about career paths through university and beyond.

All Year 11 students with an interest in science, engineering and technology are encouraged to apply online at www.nysf.edu.au/applying.

Applications close 31 May 2011.

Robyn Giles, Science Coordinator

SA Public Teaching Awards

Celebrating inspiring teaching

Nominations are now open for the inaugural SA Public Teaching Awards. Don't miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional of the South Australian public education system.

The SA Public Teaching Awards aim to recognise and reward dedicated teachers, education leaders and support staff who have made an inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

To nominate a member of your school go to: www.decs.sa.gov.au/teacherawards

Nominations close 5.00pm Friday 3 June 2011.

For further information contact Virginia Barter on 08 8226 3079 or email virginia.barter@sa.gov.au.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We have them for sale! This year's Entertainment Books are available from the front office or by phoning our Finance Officer, Sharna on 8278 0929 with your credit card details.

The new 2011 | 2012 Entertainment™ Book...
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Entertainment™ Books are filled with hundreds of valuable offers from the best restaurants, attractions, cinemas, sports, hotel accommodation and much more... receive 50% off, 25% off and 2-for-1 offers.

Choose what you want to do, and when you want to do it, with offers valid from now until June 1st, 2012.

At the same time, you will also be helping your community fund-raising efforts!

CYBERSAFETY HELP BUTTON

The Cybersafety Help Button is designed to keep children and parents safe online. This is FREE OF CHARGE at www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton. It was developed in consultation with the Australian Government's Youth Advisory Group and the Consultative Working Group on Cybersafety. Once downloaded, it sits on the computer desktop or within the taskbar. When the button is clicked, users are taken directly to a web page where they can **talk, report** or **learn** about cybersafety issues.

Why SA Ambulance Service does not support I.C.E

You have probably seen or at least heard of the In Case of Emergency (I.C.E) campaign doing the rounds on popular social media sites such as Facebook, incorrectly labelled as a 'message from the ambulance service'. SA Ambulance Service (SAAS) in fact **did not** initiate this communication!

For those who haven't seen it, the I.C.E campaign encourages everyone to store the number of a person to contact in case of emergency under the name I.C.E in your mobile phone. It then states paramedics and other emergency services personnel can look in patient's mobile phones for I.C.E contacts in an emergency.

So what is SAAS's take on I.C.E?

In short, SAAS does not support the I.C.E campaign, and our staff don't look for I.C.E numbers in mobile phones in order to alert a patient's emergency contacts. In an emergency situation, the primary concern of SAAS paramedics and ambulance officers is the treatment of our patients. Tracking down and notifying next-of-kin is generally the role of SA Police (SAPOL).

There are also a number of additional reasons why SAAS does not support the I.C.E campaign, including:

- > A person's belongings are not always easily identifiable in the case of an emergency, especially if more than one patient is involved.
- > There is also a chance that a mobile phone may have been borrowed from someone else.
- > The consequences of notifying the wrong person's I.C.E contact could be extremely distressing for that person.
- > People's circumstances also change, and I.C.E contacts may not always be updated accordingly.

Obviously, whether you or your family choose to use the I.C.E method for your personal networks is completely your choice – just understand that SAAS ambulance officers and paramedics will not look for your I.C.E contacts should an emergency occur.

We hope this helps to clarify any uncertainties and make clear our reasons for not supporting the I.C.E campaign.

Ray Creen, Chief Executive Officer SA Ambulance Service

EXPERIENCE ANOTHER CULTURE AND LANGUAGE THROUGH AFS!

**Ever dreamt of visiting another country?
Always wanted to learn another language?
Ever Imagined a White Christmas?**



Experience another country and go on the adventure of a lifetime. An AFS student exchange is all about excitement. New countries. New cultures. New friends. There are heaps of countries to choose from. If you want to experience something new, take the leap and join the hundreds of young Aussies who head overseas with AFS every year. You won't be a tourist. You'll live like a local, and get a genuine taste for local life.

We have different kinds of programs around the world (80 different countries – 250 cities & programs) that offer great experience through one of these programs:

High School programs: students who would like to go for one Year program, a Semester or a Trimester studying High School and have the chance to learn another

language and immerse in another culture. Age group between 14-18 years old.

Cultural programs: is an intensive short program from 4 to 11 weeks, where the students have a language, cultural or special program experience. Perfect for the students whose schedule does not allow for a semester or year abroad, but would still like the experience of living with a host family and attending a high school or for any one that would like to have a short exchange experience. Age group 14-25 years.

Volunteer programs (GAP programs): are for students who have finished high school and would like to have a break before start university or for the ones that would like to have some work experience overseas, participating at community projects such as environmental or conservation programs, helping in childcare, assisting disability or homelessness or working in wildlife Programs run from 2 weeks to 11 months. Age group +18 years old.

For more information visit our website or contact Claudia 0414919851 / claudia.chavez@afs.org
www.afs.org.au

KODOMO NO HI (Children's Day)

The Japan Australia Friendship Association (JAFA) is a volunteer community organisation established in 1998 to further the community's appreciation and knowledge of Japanese people, history, culture and language. It also helps newly arrived Japanese to be integrated and accepted into the community.

This year the Association was awarded a grant from the Multicultural Education Committee (MEC) to work with schools to increase their participation in community festivals. Late last term Year 8/9 students of Japanese worked with two cultural ambassadors and their teacher



Ms Matsumoto, to explore some aspects of Japanese culture. The students were keen to explore the arts of calligraphy and origami (paper folding). The products of these workshops were displayed at the Japanese Kodomo No Hi (Children's Day) celebration held at Cowandilla Primary School on Sunday, 1 May. Some students attended the festival and enjoyed the exhibits of Japanese flower arrangements, origami collections, bonsai, artwork by local Japanese artists, and work by other students from schools participating in the Multicultural Education Committee Schools in Community Festivals program. There were also performances of traditional Japanese folk dancers, popular and traditional vocal performances, martial arts exhibitions, and Japanese instrumental performances.

Karyn Jones, Coordinator International Student Programs

MORIOKA CHOU STUDY TOUR

From 26 February to 12 March, Blackwood High School hosted a group of 15 students from Morioka Chuo High School in Japan. The students arrived in full school uniform after more than 24 hours 'on the road' and were rather anxious as they waited to be collected from school by their homestay families. However, it didn't take long at all until they were chatting away at school (in Japanese) and sharing their various host family experiences with their classmates. Highlights of their school program included their involvement in our Athletics Carnival (although I think some were rather confused by the 60's fashions on display!), cooking sausage rolls and rocky road with the support of Year 11 students, a visit to Warriparinga Living Kurna Cultural Centre in Marion and a history walking tour of Glenelg.



The day before the students were due to return the terrible earthquake and tsunami struck Japan. The epicentre was around Sendai which is just south of Morioka Chuo High School. We were most concerned as we couldn't make contact with the students' school or families. The homestay families played a vital role in ensuring the students felt comforted and supported. Once it was established by their agent that he would get them home once they arrived back in Japan, plans went ahead to send the group on their way as scheduled. It was with a degree of nervousness and trepidation that we farewelled the group to return to their families in Japan. We have since learnt that one of the students lost her mother and sister in the tragedy. Our thoughts and

prayers are with all the people affected by this terrible event.

Although the students' English wasn't always brilliant, they were able to say how kind and helpful their families were and really appreciated the effort you made to show them a taste of our way of life.

Some of the feedback comments from the students included:

- They did not look unpleasant when I didn't understand English. I appreciate they were really trying very hard to make me understand.
- Sometimes I was at loss in the different environment to Japan, but I was happy the families made sure I was comfortable. I was most impressed by having experiences which I could not do in Japan. There is not such a big place for camping in Japan. I really enjoyed it!
- I was really anxious on the first day about how I was going to manage during the two weeks, but my buddy and her family's kindness helped me to enjoy every day.
- I had enjoyable experiences watching basketball and cricket games. I was pleased they taught me Australian culture kindly.
- The stay here was really wonderful as the meals were delicious and I had many new experiences such as playing in the pool and visiting the beach, etc. It was a memorable experience for me to learn how to make my favourite banana bread and good to have recipes. I liked my host father wearing a T-shirt written in Japanese. I thought he was nice father as I watched him cooking lamb and sausages.
- They were really kind to me which helped me a great deal to enjoy the life in Australia. My English was not satisfactory, but I enjoyed communicating with them. I am grateful to you. I enjoyed everyday because of my kind homestay. I enjoyed the camping best. I was glad I came to Australia when I saw the beautiful beach. I could express better my appreciation to my homestay if I could speak better English.

It will be the incidental experiences the students enjoyed with their buddies and homestay families and the friendships they formed that will remain with the students well into the future.

Karyn Jones, Coordinator International Student Programs



Share Your Australia and bring the world to South Australia!



Would you like to host an international student? Open your heart and home to wonderful students with Education First and experience the joys of hosting! If you can offer meals, a bed and a loving home, call us today! All students come with their own spending money and go to a local high school. We provide ongoing support and guidance to both students and families. Contact us on 1800 251 877 or www.effoundation.com.au



Parents, want to find out about drug and alcohol use, risk taking and how that relates to young people?

FREE Session!

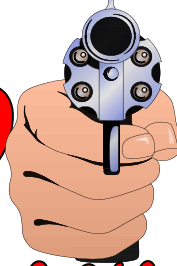
The South Western Youth Workers Network presents Paul Dillon, the best selling author of 'Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs' who has been working in the area of Drug Education for the past 25 years is running this session.

You are invited to Marion Cultural Centre, 287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park on TUESDAY 31 MAY, 7-9pm.

Email Kathy.mickan@health.sa.gov.au or phone 0411774354 for more information.

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Identity

- ❖ Explore the stages of development and needs of teenage girls
- ❖ What does it mean for us as parents?
- ❖ Consider the important roles mum and dad play in the lives of teen girls

Venue Centacare Adelaide 33 Wakefield Street Cost Nil

Duration 3 weeks Time 6.30pm to 9.00pm

Dates (all dates to be attended) Week 2 – Wednesday 29 June 2011
Week 1 – Wednesday 22 June 2011 Week 3 – Wednesday 6 July 2011

Bookings essential, please contact Centacare on 8210 8200 or email your details to: registrations@centacare.org.au

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