

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.



EVENTS

On **Thursday 26 May**, Blackwood HS hosted 61 teachers for the South Australian Middle Years Program (SAMYP) from 4.30 to 8pm. The teachers attended sessions covering the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program including:

- Physical Education
- Using the Unit Planner
- Assessment – principles and practices
- Arts, Visual
- Introduction to Science

Two of our staff, Craig Duguid and Glen Little presented workshops as well as ten of our staff participating in various workshops relating to their areas of teaching. One of the aspects that characterises schools involved in the IB is the ongoing professional learning that staff undertake out of school hours.

On **Wednesday 25 May**, we had a whole school assembly to acknowledge and celebrate two significant events. The first was the start of Reconciliation Week which went from 27 May to 3 June. One of the Reconciliation Group, Julia McCarthy, did an acknowledgement to Country. Blackwood High School is on the land of the Kaurna people. The theme of the 2011 Reconciliation Week is "Let's Talk Recognition".



The second aspect of the assembly was to induct the 2011 Student Representative Council (SRC). The SRC this year has 34 students with a strong representation of middle school students.

At the assembly Madeline Quinn was presented with 'Outstanding' Prize for



coming second in Australia in the 28th Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest. Madeline was the only South Australian student in the top 15 to receive an award.

On **Monday 30 May**, our Advanced Technologies area was handed back to the school. We have been busy setting up the area for teaching. This has included the computer area, a CNC, the electro-technology, wood and metalwork areas.

STUDENT FREE DAY

On Tuesday 14 June, we will have a second student free day. Our focus for staff professional learning will explore the Australian Curriculum, particularly Aspects of Asia. As well, staff will participate in different Information Communication Technologies (ICT) to explore how they can be used to deliver more effective teaching and learning practices.

YEAR 8 TO 12 EXAMS

Examinations have been set and underway between Week 6 and Week 10 of this term. This aspect of the school's program enables students to demonstrate criteria for the IBMYP in Years 8 to 10. For the senior school students the exams provide them with the opportunity to revise their work, and undertake assessment tasks similar to those expected in the subject they are studying. One of the characteristics of young people today is that they operate at "twitch speed" where they are able to move quickly between tasks and thinking. As educators, we need to provide opportunities where students develop concentration skills through learning experiences that require a focus on one task. Often, young people are described as multi-taskers. When people switch between tasks constantly research has found there are 50% more errors than if we concentrate on the one task.

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CALENDAR

- 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' whole school, workshops in PAC
- Fri 17 June**
Yr 11 'Swatvac'
- Sun 19 June**
Cabaret Festival at Festival Centre at 4pm and 8pm.
- Mon 20 – Fri 24 June**
Yr 11 Exams
- Thur 23 June**
Yr 12 Solo Perf. 7.30pm PAC
- Mon 4 to Fri 7 July**
Yr 10 & 11 Netball trip Melb.
Waverley International Comp.
- Mon 4 to Fri 8 July**
Yr 12 Exams
- Tues 5 July**
Principal's Tour 9.15am
- Thur 7 July**
Semester 1 Reports distributed to students.
- Fri 8 July**
Last day of Term 2
- Mon 25 July**
First day Term 3.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our three dance aerobics teams who are in the **finals on Saturday 2 July**. It was a pleasure to watch them perform on Saturday 4 June. What was really impressive was the very obvious support and encouragement they provided to each other.

Marion Coady, Principal

BLACKWOOD HIGH ACHIEVERS

- ◆ Congratulations to Laura in Year 12, who has been selected in the Australian U18 Lacrosse team to play in Germany from 25 July to 22 August.
- ◆ Congratulations to Jack in Year 12, who has been selected to represent the Secondary School Sport SA at the forthcoming School Sport Australia Football (Soccer) Championships to be held in Adelaide from 13-20 August.
- ◆ Congratulations to Jessica in Year who came second in the SSSSA Golf Championships at Grange Golf Club on Monday 16 May.
- ◆ Good luck to Emma in Year 8 who is competing in the SA Rhythmic Gymnastic team that is competing in Perth from 11-15 July.



PAST INTERNATIONAL STUDENT

This article appeared in the SA Government Term 2 International Education Services newsletter. "Congratulations to Xiang Zhou former International student at Blackwood High School.

Xiang ZHAO from China commenced his studies in the ISEC class at Blackwood High School in Semester 2, 2009 and joined mainstream classes in 2010.

Xiang was a very active music student and during 2010 was invited to study Stage 2 Music Solo Performance, where he achieved a very high standard. Xiang was deservedly awarded the Colin Wattchow Music award in 2010 for the highest achievement in music. He was presented his award at the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony at the Adelaide Town Hall in December last year. At the ceremony Xiang played a beautiful soprano saxophone solo 'Butterfly Lovers'.

By Karyn Jones, ISP Coordinator, BHS

YEAR 9 WINNERS

Early this term, Mr. Learmonth's Year 9 English class entered 'The Advertiser' Descriptive Writing competition, which had 20 books on offer as prizes. The newspaper published an A3 lift out in the Education section which required each student to complete a wide range of writing activities.

The entire class put in entries with the students being quite creative in "thinking outside of the square" in order to get their entries noticed. They were successful in winning two of the books which will be placed in the school library. Well done!

Horses for King Arthur by L.S. Lawrence

Mosquito Advertising by Kate Hunter

Wayne Learmonth

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

This year the Work Experience Week for Year 10 students is happening during **Week 8 (June 20–24)**. Students should have been approaching businesses and making their arrangements over the course of this term. Information was provided to students and sent home toward the end of Term 1 with all of the important details.

There are still a number of students who need to finalise their placements. Students are reminded that it is part of their Personal Learning Plan to attempt to organise their own placement; however, if they are finding it difficult then Ms Booth in Student Services or Mr Northcote in the VET Office are more than happy to help.

As **there are no alternative arrangements**, and it forms an important role in their SACE completion, Year 10 classes are not running during this week. It is an expectation that **all** students are taking part in this compulsory program.

Luke Northcote, Work Experience Manager

INNOVATE PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION.

Innovate is a group of clinical psychologists, committed to supporting people through difficult times and to helping people gain new insights and skills so that they can live full and meaningful lives. They offer a range of free articles about well-being (eg dealing with conflict in relationships), about caring for young people (eg helping teens with sleeping problems) specifically for teens (eg how to increase motivation for school). You can also sign up for their free e-newsletters which give regular advice about managing life and caring for young people. Everyone who signs up for the newsletter automatically receives via email a free report on 'Six Ways to Help Students through Senior School'. Visit innovateonline.net to view their services and information to parents.

Innovate has a consulting practice in Aberfoyle Park and Wayville. For other information or questions, please feel free to contact the Director of Innovate Psychology and Education, Kirrilie Smout, phone 83571711 or email: info@innovateonline.net. *Michael Winter, Counsellor*

FABULOUS AEROBICS

Blackwood HS entered 3 teams in this year's National School Aerobics competition at Westminster College on Saturday 4 June. The performances were outstanding with all 3 teams making it through to finals which will be held on the SATURDAY 2 JULY.

Junior Funk team The Bandits finished in 5th place the senior funk team Explosive also in 5th place and the senior Theatrical team in 3rd place.

Costumes were designed and created by Jeannette Beadnall, construction by Bronwyn MacLean and student teacher James Hutchinson.

Coaches and choreographers were Year 10 students Rachael Langham and Kelsey Fotheringham along with Year 11 students Torehn Lobow and Lauren Grigg.

Katrina Constantopoulos, Dance Teacher

SPORT NEWS

Open Boys Knockout Football

On Monday 16 May, the Open Boys Football team played in round one of the state-wide knock out competition. The first game of the day against Wirreanda High School was a close one with Blackwood leading by 3 points at half time. In the second half inaccurate goal kicking in the third quarter handed the lead back to Wirreanda. The last quarter was a hard fought contest with Wirreanda being the eventual winners by 8 points.



In the second game Blackwood played Woodcroft College. Again the game was a tight contest and at half time Blackwood held the lead by the slim margin of 2 points. In the second half the game remained tight but with improved accuracy in front of goals Blackwood held on to win by 3 points.

Game 1: Wirreanda 7-3-45 defeated Blackwood 5-7-37
Best Players: Daniel Bennetts, Lachy Milligan, Simon Whitehead

Game 2: Blackwood 7-4-46 defeated Woodcroft College 6-7-43

Best Players: Jarrod Lobasso, Sam Napier, Jack Schoen
Glen Little, Sam Hollis

Year 8/9 Knockout Football

On Tuesday 24 May the Year 8/9 Football team travelled



to Mount Barker to play matches against St Francis de Sales College and Cornerstone College. The first match against St Francis was a closely contested first half with St Francis taking control in the second half to win by 8 goals. In the second match Cornerstone College were winners by 11 goals.

With a young team consisting of predominantly Year 8 players it was pleasing to see our players' determined approach and persistence throughout all quarters.

Best Players for the day were Bradley Patterson, Nathan Shadiac and Wyatt Hammer.

Glen Little, Football Manager

KNOCK OUT SPORT

Congratulations to our **Open Girls Touch team** who made it to the State finals held at the Touch SA grounds on Thursday 2 June. The girls came 7th overall. Good luck to the teams that have made it through to the second round of the SSSSA Knock Out competition.



- Our Open Boys Basketball team defeated Norwood Morialta HS and Marrayatville HS to progress to the second round which will be against Unity College.
- Our Year 8/9 Girls Football team defeated Heathfield HS and will meet Henley HS in round 2.
- The Open Boys Soccer team had a convincing win against Birdwood HS to also progress onto round 2. Good luck to all.

Janet Bradley, Sports Coordinator

SPECIALIST FOOTBALL NEWS

The Year 8, 9 and 10 football classes have been developing their coaching skills by conducting coaching clinics at local primary schools. Students were involved in planning, managing and coaching three one hour clinics. The Year 8 football class successfully conducted clinics for 120 junior primary students at Blackwood Primary School and the Year 9/10 football class worked at Bellevue Heights Primary School with all classes from Years 4 to 7. To compliment their practical experience



students are working towards completing the official AFL online 'Auskick' coaching course. The program has been beneficial for both primary and secondary students.

Students in the football program have further developed their coaching and communication skills and have gained an understanding of the importance of thorough planning to achieve successful goals.

Glen Little, Football Manager

SENYO HIGH, 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 18 students (4 boys and 14 girls) 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 **\$430 will be paid to each host family** to defray expenses for the two week visit.

The Japanese students are very keen to find out about their host family!

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

Karyn Jones, Coordinator International Student Programs and LOTE

SRC TRAINING AND INDUCTION

SRC members had a leadership training day on Monday 16 May at the Blackwood Baptist Church. The Honourable Iain Evans, member for Davenport/Shadow Treasurer was a guest speaker. The students participated in team



development activities led by the senior school chaplain, Sam Thomson, and they also discussed school issues.

On 25 May, the 2011 SRC members were inducted at a formal whole school assembly. Guests included the Mayor of Mitcham, Michael Picton and SRC members' parents. Principal, Marion Coady, formally addressed the assembly and congratulated SRC members on taking up leadership. Mayor Michael Picton concluded the ceremony with a wide-ranging talk about the meaning of leadership.



President (Yr 12) male	Kenny Vaswani	12F
President (Yr 12) female	Juling Smythe	12B
Vice President (Yr 11) male	Lachlan Shields	11H
Vice President (Yr 11) female	Alice Connelly	11B
Vice President (Yr 10)	Jess Smythe	10G
Vice President (Yr 9)	Ruth Brady	9B
Vice President (Yr 8)	Madeleine Winter	8C
Secretary (Yr 12) male	Bryn McComb	12B
Secretary (Yr 11) female	Rachel Lowden	11J
Treasurer (Yr 11)	Victoria Chan	12B

Naoko Matsumoto

ARTS NEWS

SKOOL LIFE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! Rehearsals are now up and running and it's going to be sensational – and a celebration of schools, teachers, students and how things have changed over 5 decades. To book this event, please go to <http://www.trybooking.com/PVI>. See the poster in this newsletter for all the details!

Peril At time of writing, the Year 12s are in final rehearsals for the Senior Drama Moderated performance **Peril (8 & 9 June)**. The show is looking terrific and a credit to the hard work of all the senior students involved. Unlike most other subjects, the performing arts – Music, Dance and Drama – are often a group effort, even though each student is assessed individually on his/her performance within the group. If one student misses a Maths or English exam, they are the only one affected, but if a performing arts student misses an exam, it affects the whole cast. In an age where the rights of the individual are seen as paramount, it is wonderful to see young people work together as a team, looking out for each other and doing the best for everyone.

A special thankyou must go to some of our parents: **Mrs Tracy Lobow** for the terrific giant crayons and cotton bud; **Mrs Sherrie Heinrich** for the mouse tails; and fellow Drama teacher **Ms Brigitte Esvelt**, for the stunning mouse ears for "Can You Hear The Music Playing?". Thanks also to **Mr Eric Harrison, Garry Farr, Lane van der Matten** and tech team **Tom Shinnick, Brendan Maidment** and 'apprentice' **Nathan Munn** for all the hours they've put into setting up the lights and ensuring that the technical side of the show runs smoothly.

CABARET What a thrill it was to have the Adelaide Cabaret Festival director David Campbell visit our school to work with our students in their final preparations for the performance on **Sunday 19 June**. The students, along with directors **Ms Katrina Constantopoulos** and **Ms Maxine Moore** and costume consultants **Ms Jeanette Beadnall** and **Ms Brigitte Esvelt**, worked into the evening in an intense but fulfilling rehearsal – something I'm sure our students won't forget! **I hope you have your tickets!**



ROCK THE SCHOOLS IS NEARLY HERE! Wednesday, 15 June (after the long weekend) the 8 ton rig rolls into the school with \$50,000 worth of sound and lighting equipment to put on a gig for Years 8–11. Lots of giveaways, like last year. The band this year is **Red Ink**. Check out <http://rocktheschools.com.au/> and listen to their track if you want a preview.

Robyn Trebilcock, Coordinator Performing Arts

CABARET FESTIVAL - SURPRISE

Rehearsals for the 2011 Adelaide Cabaret Festival have been incredible. The students have been mentored by David Campbell in three rehearsals at the Festival Centre



and a surprise rehearsal at BHS was held last week with David Campbell and piano accompanist Mathew Carey.

The performers have also been invited to perform at the opening of the Cabaret Festival the Variety Gala Performance alongside Simon Burke and featuring the BHS Cabaret group performing their version of "I'm Your's!"

High School Cabaret is on at the Arts Space Adelaide Festival Centre on **SUNDAY 19 June**, 4.00pm and 8.00pm. Also look out for the group on 'Today Tonight' current affairs later next week.

Katrina Constantopoulos, Cabaret Director

TECHNOLOGY CAREERS NIGHT

This annual event presents everything you need to know about the career and study pathways into the SA technology industry, with a program featuring presentations and industry exhibitions.

To be held for families on

WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST, 6.30 - 8.30pm

Wayville Showgrounds.

Entry FREE but bookings essential; go to <http://www.tia.asn.au/careers/career-evening-2011>

Technology Industry Association website: <http://www.tia.asn.au/home>

CAREERS EVENT FOR THE ATTENTION OF YEAR 10, 11 & 12 STUDENTS

UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES AND DISCOVER WHICH ONE IS RIGHT FOR YOU AT THIS YEARS INFORMATION SESSIONS, EXPO AND CAREER EVENINGS.

The Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo - to be held at the **Adelaide Entertainment Centre** on **SUNDAY 19 JUNE, 2011.**

Find out about universities (both SA and interstate), government employers and agencies, VET training, Higher Education Colleges, Defence Forces and more. For more details please see <http://www.careersevent.com/AdelaideTSCEA/Home.php> [1]

Argie Buesnel, Student Counsellor BHS

YEAR 8 PASTORAL CARE

At BHS, we recognize how important it is for students to feel that they belong. Along with having a sense of place, students need to feel safe.

Most Year 8 students share a care group with a teacher who teaches them for two subjects. With other students and their teacher, they achieve familiarity and a sense of place.

Almost immediately they arrive at BHS, students are organized by older student mentors and our Chaplains to attend a pool day where care groups vie in good spirit and humour for victory in frivolous games. Soon after, care groups and their teachers participate in a tabloid sports day. The morning gives children an opportunity to bond with others in the care group and with their teacher.

As a sense of belonging develops, confidence grows. For students feeling troubled, there are many sources of support, including our counsellors, chaplains and teaching staff.

Our pastoral care program also addresses issues of harassment and cyber bullying. This term for example, all Year 8 (and 9) care groups have attended information sessions given by the SA police on cyber safety and the laws about cyber bullying. In Monday care group sessions, teachers have worked through the nature, impact and legal consequences of cyber bullying with students. Teachers are using resources provided by our junior school specialist counsellor, Michael Winter, the Police and other online resources. Please refer to Michael's article in this newsletter for further information.

We are aware and do care. When students, parents and teachers tell us that harassment may be occurring, we act.

Soon, we will be contacting parents and care givers with details about the panel presentations which Year 8 students will deliver at the end of the year. These presentations provide our students, parents and teachers with the opportunity to celebrate the outcomes of our students' participation in learning and personal development programs.

Our pastoral care program is continually developing. In pastoral care meetings we have begun a review of our Year 8 program, and in our Student Well Being Team we will review our whole school program. If you have ideas about ways to add to our program or about useful resources, let me, or Craig Duguid, Senior Leader Middle School, know.

Chris Bourlioufas, Year 8 Manager

ZOO VENTURES & ZU-FARI

Adelaide Zoo offers ZooVentures 9am-4pm weekdays during the July holidays for children aged 6-12 years. They are cared for by two qualified teachers for a full day of fantastic Zoo experiences and are provided with unique opportunities to meet with Zoo animals and their keepers. Cost is \$55 per day.

Monarto Zoo offers Zu-Fari for children aged 8-13 years for \$65 per day, including the bus trip up to Monarto Zoo. Please book for either experience by phoning 82672434. For more information visit www.zoossa.com.au/education.

