

# 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.



## Term 2 - Event filled term

The end of term 2 is rapidly descending on us. The staff have been busy finalising the reports for Semester 1 following the end of the semester. Reports will be distributed by Care Group teachers on Thursday 7 July for students to take home. Parents are invited to contact the school if they wish to follow up their child's report.

We are farewelling three staff from our school, including Mrs. Catharyn McKenzie who is retiring at the end of the term. Catharyn has worked in public education since 1970 teaching a range of Food and Hospitality related subjects and whilst she has only been in our school since the start of the year, she has made a significant contribution to our school and the schools in which she has previously worked. Catharyn is passionate about working with students. We wish her all the best in the next stage of her life and thank her for her work in our school.

Mr. Michael Whelan is finishing his time at the school as Mr. James Connell is returning from leave in term 3. We wish Michael all the best for the future.

Mr Thilo Hess will be leaving at the end of the term moving to Murray Bridge High School. Thilo is a German language assistant working in South Australian Schools for 2011. He has brought with him expertise that has added significant value to our German classes. We wish him well in his new school and for the remainder of his stay in Australia.

This term has continued to see our students have a range of opportunities to showcase their skills and abilities. Blackwood High School's participation in the Adelaide Cabaret Festival saw our students give two performances on Sunday 19 June. The students were well supported by their families and the community and demonstrated all too clearly how talented they are. Congratulations to all the students who showed commitment to participating in this school opportunity. David Campbell, the Cabaret Festival Artistic Director, mentored our students and has spoken very highly about their commitment and talent.

Following the evening performance the students were invited to perform in the Adelaide Festival Centre Piano Bar after Leo Sayer sang. This week they will give a community performance in the school's Performing Arts Centre on 1 July. This event has been scheduled to add to the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations of the school.



Our Year 12 drama and music students have performed for the community including the two drama performances and solo musical performances. These performances are a requirement of the SACE Stage 2 courses they undertake and provide an opportunity for us all to appreciate the hard work that takes place to stage these events.

On **Saturday 2 July** our three dance aerobics teams will compete in the South Australian finals to try and secure a place in the Australian finals later this year. Best wishes to our three teams.

In the last week of this term three Netball teams will travel to Melbourne to compete in the Waverley International Netball Championships competing against Sri Lanka and New Zealand. Best wishes to our teams as they participate in this competition.

Term 2 has seen the school link with Flinders University through project 21. This has seen eight of our students become involved in this exciting opportunity supporting their work in the compulsory SACE Stage 2 Research Project. Students involved will be



using a science research method investigate a science related issue including environmental issues.

## CALENDAR

### Mon 4 to Fri 7 July

Yr 10 & 11 Netball trip Melbourne  
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.

### Mon 1 Aug

2012 Course selection sheets & Curriculum. CDs distributed

### Tues 2 Aug

Principal's Tour 9.15am  
Yr 10/11 Parent SACE  
Information Meeting 7pm  
Yr 10 Personal Projects  
exhibition in Library 4 – 7pm

### Wed 10 – Sat 13 August

School Production in PAC  
7.30pm each evening

### Mon 15 August

Course Counselling Day (no lessons) Appointments 11am – 7.30pm

### Tues 16 Aug

Governing Council meeting  
7.00pm

### Mon 22 – Fri 26 Aug

Yr 10 Ski Trip / Alternate Program

### Thurs 25 Aug

Yr 8 Hepatitis B dose 2 & HPV dose 3



Government of South Australia  
Department of Education and Children's Services

T/A South Australian Government Schools  
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The students involved spent a whole day at Parafield Airport looking at the science equipment available through Airborne Research Australian (ARA) aircraft that can be used to collect first hand data to support their research issue. ARA will be flying missions to collect data and support data analysis that can be useful to students. Students involved in this program will be linked with scientists, use innovative technologies that inform decision making in South Australia. As part of their involvement, students will be required to give a short verbal presentation of their findings to their assigned scientist/professional. Later this year, there will be a display of student findings at a special exhibition at the South Australian Museum.

Blackwood High School is a member school of the Advanced Technology program. This has involved three of our staff, teachers of mathematics, science and technology, investigating curriculum that supports students to engage and see increased relevance of these three areas. To this end, the teachers are involved in developing the following:

- Year 8 unit on Robotics.
- Year 10 unit on Renewable Energy.

On the 30 June five students and a teacher will be attending the Defence and Industry Conference at the Adelaide Convention Centre and involved in a video competition with support from experts in video production.

With the completion of the Advanced Technology facility earlier this term our Design and Technology staff are developing courses to deliver Certificate 2 Electrotechnology in 2012. The school has new equipment which will enable students to undertake courses which are web-based and participate in simulations relating to circuits and electromagnetic applications.

On 28 and 29 June the school hosted the Arts Showcase where students from primary schools visited our school. They were able to see the range of Arts opportunities in the school including dance, music and drama. The event enables our students in Years 8 and 9 to showcase their talents and abilities.

In the last week of the semester Year 10 students undertook a week's work experience as part of their SACE Personal Learning Program (PLP). All reports indicate that the week was worthwhile for students with staff receiving positive comments about our students meeting the expectations of the range of work places they choose.

The World Challenge team of students and staff held a successful quiz night on Saturday 25 June raising money for the team of students and the project they will be



undertaking later this year in Borneo. Thank you to all the students and their families who supported this event as well as organisations that donated prizes for the evening.

A visit to the school in the last few weeks of the term and the school holidays will see many fences, due to the replacement of the tarmac around the school to ensure the surface is more even. We anticipate, weather permitting, this work will be completed for the start of Term 3.

## Course counselling day Monday August 15

This year we will be running course counselling for the whole school on Monday 15 August from 11 am until 7.30pm. The day will involve all students and their parents meeting with Care Group teachers to discuss and nominate subjects for 2012. In Years 8 and 9 included in the meeting, will be a reflection on Learning Improvement Plans from Term 1 to assist in making further improvements for the remainder of the year. For Years 10 and 11 students the meetings will be about subject selections to support desired pathways beyond school, including further education and training to employment. Prior to the 15 August there will be meetings with year levels where students will be given information about the arrangements for the day and expectations about what needs to be prepared. On 1 August subject selection forms will be distributed to all Year 8 to 11 students in Pastoral Care. Parents will be able to book interviews with Care Group teachers on line or through Student Services. More information will be provided early in term 3.

### Year 12 studies

Students will attend only for their appointment. Year 12 students will have work set and home study scheduled. Year 12 students are about to commence a week of examinations. It is important they attend the exams for each of their subjects in preparation for the end of year. They have all been provided with an examination timetable and attend school only for their scheduled exams. The rest of the time they need to be completing preparation and revision for the examinations as well as completing assessment tasks. A number of teachers will be running classes during the Term 3 school holidays to support Year 12. Whenever possible, students need to take advantage of this additional opportunity that teachers are providing.

### 50th Celebrations

Celebrations for this significant event for our school will continue with the performance of 'Skool Life' which captures the five decades of schooling from the 60's to the present. To book tickets for this event from 10 to 13 August go to [www.trybooking.com/PVI](http://www.trybooking.com/PVI).

### Nut and Allergen Awareness Policy

At the recent Governing Council meeting a new policy was approved that aims to increase awareness of the increasing number of people within our school and in the community who suffer nut allergies.

"Nut allergies are one of the most common food allergies. While many reactions to nuts are mild, serious reactions can occur. Children with a nut allergy need to avoid nuts in their diet." (Children, Youth And Women's Health Service, Nutrition Department).

The new policy will be posted on the school website for next term. Students are encouraged to become aware of other students who may experience a severe reaction including anaphylaxis. As part of the staff training this year teachers and support staff participated in a Basic Emergency Life Saving (BELS) program which covered managing students with a severe allergic reaction.

### Some Important Dates

We have started planning for the end of year assemblies and graduations. Please put these dates in your diary:

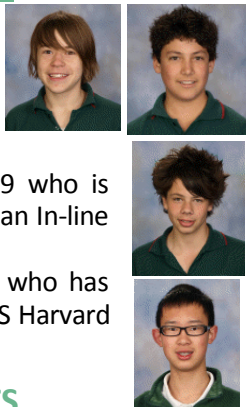
- ❖ **Year 12 Graduation** – Tuesday 25 October – 7pm for a 7.30 pm start – Adelaide Town Hall
- ❖ **Year 11 Ceremony** – Tuesday 6 December – 9.30 am at the school
- ❖ **Year 10 Graduation** – Thursday 8 December – 7pm – Blackwood Baptist Church
- ❖ **Year 8 and 9 Graduations** – Wednesday 14 December – during school hours at the school

Final details of each of these events will be given closer to the event.

**Marion Coady, Principal**

### BLACKWOOD HIGH ACHIEVERS

- ◆ Congratulations to Campbell and Matt in Year 10 who have been selected for the Space School from 13–15 July. Thanks to the Science staff for promoting this opportunity
- ◆ Congratulations to Nathan in Year 9 who is competing at the 2011 North American In-line Hockey Championships next month
- ◆ Congratulation to Ziqiao in Year 10 who has been selected for a position in the US Harvard Summer School for two weeks.



### YEAR 12 LANGUAGE STUDENTS

The School of will be running a Vacation School for Language Students on Wednesday 13 July from 8am to 4pm. Languages covered include:

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| Chinese    | Italian    |
| French     | Japanese   |
| German     | Spanish    |
| Indonesian | Vietnamese |

The focus of the day will be the curriculum statement, preparation for Year 12 Exams and opportunities for conversation and discussion in the language studied. Cost is \$10 for Blackwood High School Students. Further information from Marya Paskvan-Jonarovic 8301 4800 or [www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au](http://www.schooloflanguages.sa.edu.au)

### SPORT NEWS

#### Open Girls Knockout Soccer

Blackwood HS went to Hahndorf Soccer Pitch on 10 June.

**BLACKWOOD VS ST FRANCIS DE SALES**

Blackwood High School won 4 goals to 3

Goals by: Emily Pike 3, Zoe Smet 1

**CORNERSTONE COLLEGE VS BLACKWOOD HS**

Cornerstone won 4 goals to 3

Goals by: Katrina Vlachos 1, Tess Fletcher 1, Zoe Smet 1

Thanks to Molly Fletcher (Captain) who organized the team in the warm up and led by example on the field.

Thanks also to all the girls for the quality soccer and determined effort over both of the games - you did yourselves and the school proud. The team was:

Captain - Molly Fletcher

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| Katrina Vlachos | Tess Fletcher | Phoebe Siviour   |
| Hannah Lowden   | Sarah Bye     | Zoe Smet         |
| Bianca Warren   | Emily Pike    | Cathy Dyer-Steel |
| Jana Marwitz    |               |                  |

Linesperson: Corey LeMieux Coaching Assistant: Sam Hollis

#### Open Girls Indoor Soccer

Blackwood HS participated in a Carnival at Pasadena High on 20 June 2011

**Coach:** Christine Olenich

**Team:** Jana Marwitz, Katrina Vlachos, Molly Fletcher, Hannah Lowden, Phoebe Siviour, Emily Pyke

**Game 1:** Blackwood 3 defeated Unley 2

Goals by: Jana 2, Katrina 1

**Game 2 :** Blackwood 6 defeated Adelaide 3

Goals by: Emily 3, Jana 1, Katrina 2

**Game 3:** Blackwood 17 defeated Glenunga 0

Goals by: Emily 6, Jana 4, Phoebe 3, Molly 2, Katrina 1, Hannah 1

**Game 4 :** Marryatville 9 defeated Blackwood 2

Goals by: Emily 1, Katrina x 1

Result – Marryatville through to State Final. Blackwood High School second. WELL PLAYED GIRLS.

*Christine Olenich*

#### Year 8/9 Girls Knockout Football

Score: Blackwood 0 – 0 lost to Henley 12 – 8 80

The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 8/9 Girls K/O Football was held on the Wednesday 22 June at Henley High School. The girls battled hard all game but were outmatched by a more experienced Henley side. Their persistence to continue giving their best efforts while getting beaten is something they should all be extremely proud of. Melanie Gogler put immense pressure on the Henley forwards and saved a number of certain goals. Better luck next year girls!

*Janet Bradley, Sports Coordinator*

### SPECIALIST FOOTBALL NEWS

On Friday 24 June the Year 8 Specialist Football class visited the Adelaide Football Club. Students had the opportunity to tour the facilities and gain an insight into



the professionalism of football at the elite AFL level. Students enjoyed seeing the training facilities including: the gym, weights room, sweat box, lecture theatre, locker rooms, pool, ice baths and rehabilitation facilities. Throughout the tour the students were provided with information on nutrition, fitness components and specific training schedules. The class also participated in fitness tests and had the opportunity to compare their results with the Adelaide players. To conclude the tour students had a training session in the indoor training facility “The Shed”.

*Glen Little, Football Manager*

### PARENT WORKSHOPS

**Centacare, 33 Wakefield St, Adelaide**

**Inside His Head** – Understanding Teen Boys - FREE

6-9pm on Thursdays 18, 25 August and 1 September.

**When Your Kids Push Your Buttons** - \$20

10am – 12pm over 6 weeks 9 August – 13 September

**Dealing With Change After Separation** - \$5 per person

Register on 82108200 or email [registration@centacare.org.au](mailto:registration@centacare.org.au)

### COROALIVE175

175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Coromandel Valley meeting Wednesday 13 July at ST John’s Anglican Hall, Main Road Coromandel Valley at 7.45pm. Supper provided.

**NEWS**

**SCHOOLS** was a great success again this year, as you can see by the photos overall, a very valuable experience for Performing Arts students who want to pursue a career in performing, lighting and audio technology, event

management or business in the entertainment world. The rest of the school was treated to a free concert by emerging band 'Red Ink'! A terrific day!

**HIGH SCHOOL CABARET** was a sensational performance and a brilliant experience for our students. If you missed out on the show at the Festival centre, you have one last opportunity on Friday, 1 July in the Performing Arts Centre. Don't miss it. We are destined to see more of these hugely talented people in the future.

**SKOOL LIFE** rehearsals are up and running, including Sunday rehearsals from 1pm – 4.30pm. Holiday rehearsals are on the two Wednesdays, from 10am – 1pm. The Dance numbers are looking fabulous and some of the costumes we have are lots of fun. **We need your help!** If you have any of the following items and are willing to give/loan them to us, we would be very happy to hear from you. **PLEASE LABEL CLEARLY WITH YOUR NAME ANYTHING YOU WANT BACK.**



- AFRO WIGS – any colour. Need 5 black ones for main characters
- Fluoro lycra leggings, scarves
- Leg warmers
- Hippy beads and head scarves.
- "Happy pants" (if you don't know what they are, you aren't old enough!)
- Black bomber jackets
- White button up business shirts
- 60's shifts



**ARTS SHOWCASE** performances have been going on for the last two days, with over 300 primary school students visiting the school to see our Dance, Drama and Music students from 8 – 10 showcase their talents. Emceed by Hannah Worden and Tosh Glenn, students were treated to "Welcome to the 60's" by the 9/10 Band, stunning Dance numbers, including previews to some of the SKOOL LIFE numbers, and the Junior Funk Team who are competing this weekend in the Dance finals, plus thought-provoking plays from and Yr 8 and Yr 9 Drama classes. Hannah and Tosh, who wowed us in the High School Cabaret, also treated the audience to solo numbers, with Hannah a striking – and tuneful – mermaid, with a song from that Disney film. Brilliant work also from our students in leading workshops in the three separate areas, with Year 6 and 7 students learning new steps/ new drama skills and new performance highs as vocalists, mentored by our year 9 and 10 students. It was fantastic to watch our young people acting as leaders for their younger peers.

*Robyn Trebilcock, Performing Arts Coordinator.*

**SCIENCE EXPERIENCE**

On June 20, the Australian Antarctic Division and Questacon in Canberra collaborated to make a link between Davis Station and the Questacon studio, which was switched through to schools across Australia. A group of Blackwood High School students watched the live stream on a screen in the biology laboratory. At 1.30pm Station Leader Graham Cook and LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging instrument) scientist Dr Ray Morris spoke to and answered a few questions, one of which was from Roseanna Barbato about hygiene and water availability. We now know there is a reverse osmosis machine to make fresh water out of the sea water.



**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. Date, time and venue: Wed 10 August, 6.30pm – 8.30pm, Wayville Showgrounds. Entry is free but bookings are essential; go to <http://www.tia.asn.au/careers/career-evening-2011>