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NEWSLETTER

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



Staffing update

Recently Ms Hanaa Zebian was farewelled from our school. Hanaa has worked at Blackwood High School for four years and has just won a teaching position in an International School in Qatar. We welcome Mr. Derek Nash who has joined us to teach mathematics. Our group of ten student teachers from Flinders University have completed their four week teacher practicum. We have welcomed two student teachers from The University of Adelaide who will be doing their practicum with us for the remainder of Term 3. They are:

- Ms. Ruth Bormann– teaching Music
- Ms. Rowyna McEwen – teaching Spanish and Humanities.

Potential amalgamation of Blackwood Primary and Blackwood High School

All parents and guardians of our currently enrolled students should have received information about the polling process that the Blackwood High School Governing Council is undertaking. The poll is about the potential amalgamation of Blackwood Primary and Blackwood High School. The Governing Council has agreed to gather the opinion from our school community through the polling process. A voting slip has been sent to each parent along with a pamphlet about the potential amalgamation of the two schools to form one Reception to Year 12 School in 2013. Parents can either post their vote, in the supplied reply paid envelope, or drop their vote into the school's front office. Votes need to reach the school by 12 September in order for parent preferences to count. If there are any parents who wish to seek further information about the information provided or the polling process, please contact the school.

Course Counselling and the 2012 Timetable.

Thank you to all parents and guardians who joined us for the Course Counselling day on

15 August. It was pleasing to see so many parents and students working with us in the partnership to plan future courses for our students. This process is to support them on their journey into the next year level and courses to support their preferred career pathway. Course selections will be used to create the 2012 timetable. The timetable will be created from student choices and will be developed over the next ten weeks. In Term 4, parents will be receiving confirmation of subjects for 2012. If there are any students who wish to make subject changes, it is important we know about this as soon as possible.

'Skool Life' performances

The last formal event for Blackwood High School's 50th Celebrations 'Skool Life' occurred from the 10th to 14th August. Students gave four evening performances and two matinees. Matinee performances were attended by a number of local primary school students. The evening performances were attended by members of the school community, former students and their families as well as members of the Blackwood Community. The energy and commitment of over 70 students supported by their teachers was evident throughout the whole week. Congratulations to all those involved. I would like to particularly thank the families of the student's in working with the school in this very important event where the skills and abilities of our students were showcased. I would like to publically acknowledge Robyn Trebilcock, our Arts Coordinator who directed, wrote and produced the production.



CALENDAR

- Tues 6 September**
Principal's Tour 9.15am
- Fri 9 Sept**
Show Day – School Closure
- Tues. 13 September**
Finance Advisory Com. Mtg 7pm
- Tues 20 September**
Governing Council Mtg 7pm
- Thurs. 22 September**
Yr 12 Dance
- Thurs 29 30 September**
Term 3 reports distributed
Parent Teacher Interviews
- Fri 30 September**
Last day of term
- Monday 17 October**
Term 4 begins
- Mon 24 October**
Year 12 Graduation
7pm for 7.30pm start
Adelaide Town Hall

Term 3 / Mid Semester 2 Reports

As we approach the midpoint of Semester 2, when teachers will be preparing student reports. On 29 and 30 September parents and guardians will be invited to meet with Care Group teachers to discuss student achievement. Parents will be able to book a time online or contact Student Services to make an interview time. Further information will be sent home shortly.

Year 10 Ski Week

Recently 75 Year 10 students and staff travelled to the Victorian Ski Fields to enjoy the experience of skiing and snow boarding. Reports from the accompanying staff indicated that the students had a great time and adhered to all the expectations of being responsible Blackwood High School students. The remaining Year 10 students undertook a week long program which was delivered by a number of organisations. The program included:

- First Aid for teenagers
- Dance Steps
- SA Unions – rights and responsibilities of Employees
- Financial Literacy/Sexual rights and responsibilities
- SAPOL – Risk taking and traffic safety, safe partying, personal safety and recruiting
- Relationship Violence – No Way
- Drug Arm Australia
- Zoo Excursion

The students also had the opportunity to gain their First Aid Certificate. Reports from students involved in this program indicated that they enjoyed the range of sessions and they found them useful. I would like to thank the organisations that agreed to contribute to this program, a new initiative for 2011.

Marion Coady Principal

BLACKWOOD HIGH ACHIEVERS

- ◆ Congratulations Frances Collett who has been selected as an assisting artist for the Festival of Music. Frances will perform on 14 September.
- Congratulations Laura Evans whose Australian Lacrosse Team went to Germany and America
- ◆ Congratulations to the large group of students that sat for the Australian Mathematics Competition on Thursday 18 August. The competition consisted of multiple choice questions for which the students had an hour and a quarter to complete. The papers for Junior and Senior High were split into three sections from straight forward to devilishly difficult. All students enjoyed the experience.



Mr Connell

Australian Mathematics Competition

Chelsea Drew	10B	Georgia Oatley	8C
Ziqiao Chen	10B	Vladislav Zhelezarov	8C
Colin Han	10B	Patrick Forbes	8C
Parshad Sankey	10G	Louis MacConnell	8C
Boris k	10I	Madeleine Green	8C
Harrison Vince	11A	Dale Duffield	8D
Victoria Chan	12B	Kaytlin Gisborne	8E
Tom Tynan	8B	Zachary Stolinski	8E
John Lim	8C	Payton Plummer-Height	8E
Madeleine Green	8C	Milli Bedwell	8E
Rory Caire-McCaul	8C	Alex Morrison	8E
Siviana Sivam	8C	Gaby Grant	8E

STUDENT MENTORING

Last year the Flinders University Inspire Mentor Program was introduced at Blackwood High School. Currently we have expanded the program and have 12 Flinders University students who volunteer to assist students in Years 8, 10 and 12. The majority are working with Year 12 students supporting their learning in various subjects. Our students are being encouraged to develop their skills in organisation and time management. Mentors are sharing their expertise in a wide range of subjects including Biology, Child Studies, Drama, Legal Studies and Psychology. The enthusiasm



of the mentors has been matched by the appreciation of our students. Having someone else explain some course content in a different way is helping students who have missed school due to long term illness and with test preparation has proved successful. Assisting with setting up a revision plan and focussing on key material in their subjects has given several Blackwood High School students additional confidence in their final weeks at school.

Susan Lawrie and Glen Little

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK AUGUST 13 – 21 2011

Staff and students were involved in a variety of activities during and around National Science Week this year. We were represented at the Hawthorndene Kindergarten *Community Science Night* where children and their parents made magnets, observed insects under the microscope and investigated chromatography at the Blackwood High corner.

Our major focus during the week at school was the display of survival clothing from the Australian Antarctic Division, in the library. This provided a real link with Dr.

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David Hosken, a former student, at present at Davis Station, Antarctica, with many of the photographs with the display provided by him. Students in our Year 11 Biology and Physics classes and a Year 8 science class have been able to ask him questions via a telephone link and speaker phone. Communication with personnel at Davis Station is usually via email and the telephone link was dependent on a lack of interference from the *Aurora Australis*, and provided by the generosity of the Australian Antarctic Division so we were very privileged to have been able to use this form of communication.

On Tuesday 23 August we welcomed three Year 6/7 classes from Coromandel Valley Primary School to our school to experience science in a laboratory. During the lessons the students learned how to light the Bunsen Burner safely, and then use them to heat water and measure the temperature at regular intervals. Students also looked at several chemical reactions. Zac Young and Daniel Bartle, former Coromandel Valley PS students, were able assistants during the sessions.

Robyn Giles

ZOO EXCURSION

On Friday 26th August, 46 Year 10 students visited the Adelaide Zoo as part of the Year 10 program. Students were asked to observe the behaviour of several animals at the Zoo including the Pandas. While still in Year 10 and having just completed their Personal Learning Plan and Personal Project, they were introduced to the idea of using the Zoo as a basis for their Research Project in year 11, particularly if the visit was an enjoyable experience. A competition for the best photo and caption from the day closes on Friday 2nd September

SKI TRIP 2011

Students and staff alike enjoyed an amazing week of sunshine and good snow conditions. For the first time we were able to have an extra afternoons skiing because of our early arrival time at Falls Creek. Students eagerly disembarked from a 12 hour bus trip and took their baggage to 'Halley's Lodge,' nestled at the foot of the mountain right next to the lift to 'Cloud 9.' 75 students and teachers were able to be fitted out with ski clothing and equipment, settle into the lodge, change, have lunch and be up onto the mountain ready for ski lessons by 2:00 pm! Students had the opportunity to participate in Night skiing down Wombats Ramble, attend a fireworks display at the Frying Pan and a rather



risky trek to the 28 Stair Snowboard Rail jam featuring international riders at the Village Bowl.

I would also like to thank the teachers involved on the ski trip for their work leading up to it and with organization during the week on the mountain, as well as the behind the scene people that helped make the trip such a success.

Jeanette Beadnall

SPORT NEWS

Yr 10 Boys Basketball K/O

On Tuesday, 30th August Blackwood High School hosted the Yr 10 Boys K/O Basketball first round. In a three way competition between Unley High School and Charles Campbell Secondary School, the boys didn't get off to the ideal start, going down to an extremely strong Unley side 78 – 40. The boys were eager to play better in their second match, and came out with great drive and determination to get Charles Campbell on the back foot early. Blackwood was victorious in their second match 62 – 43. Considerable mention to Brett Turner and Jasper Young, who were fantastic all day. Also big thanks to Denam Moore and Nathan Frick for coaching.

Zone Sport

Season 2 of Zone Sport finished in Week 4. Out of our 10 teams competing in Netball, Badminton, Table Tennis and Basketball we had one Premiership won by our Yr 9/10 Boys Basketball team. Congratulations boys.

Season 3 commences next week with 9 teams competing in Indoor Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball and Badminton.

Congratulations to our Yr 8/9 Boys Knock Out Netball team who won through to the State Finals on Wednesday 31st August. They finished third in the State. Congratulations to Nelson Edwards, Ben Anderson, Corey Sawyer, Bradley Patterson, Justin LeMieux, Will Knights, Daniel Hill, Aron Hunt, Wyatt Hammer, Richard Wilson, Nathan Shadiac and Charlie Fletcher.

Janet Bradley Sports Manager

VET COURSES 2012

The list of VET Courses available across our region is now available for students and parents to look at and begin the enrolment process for next year. You can find the course booklet by logging on to <http://www.qualitylincs.com.au/regional-training-programs.php> and clicking on to Regional Training Programs.

Many of the courses on offer have limited places and it is important students wishing to do a VET Course in 2012 enrol as soon as possible.

Please also ensure that the decision to enrol into a VET course is carefully considered – including the career path this will lead to. Students enrolling in a course and withdrawing after two weeks run the risk of incurring either full course fees or a withdrawal fee.

I look forward to hearing from you and helping your student to begin their career pathway.

Luke Northcote

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CANTEEN

The Canteen will be opening for breakfast as on Monday 5 September. Hot drinks and hot food will be available for the student's that don't get time to have breakfast before leaving home in the mornings or are still hungry before school starts. Hungry and thirsty students can have their need will be taken care of at the School Canteen.



2011 YEAR 8 PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- Information for families
- Are you interested in being a panel member?

It is a tradition in our school that Year 8 students prepare a formal presentation about what, why and how they learn. On Monday 12th December, in Week 9 of Term 4, this year's Year 8s will participate in our annual panel presentations.

We have sent a letter to the families of Year 8 students outlining the structure of the presentation, including the essential information that Year 8 lessons will be cancelled on the Monday. Students will only attend school to deliver their presentations. Early next term, we will invite families to nominate times to attend.

Each care group will have its own panel. Panels consist of Care Group teachers, other Blackwood High School staff and students' family members. They may also include members of the local community. In the past, local business people and service club members have participated in our panels. Participation gives community members an opportunity to see what happens in our school and to raise their profile amongst our students. It also gives us a sense of belonging to a wider community.

If you are interested in sitting on a panel, even for an hour or so, please contact me by email or phone. We will be kind to you and feed you if you are with us during the lunch hour! The training is simple and 'on the spot'. You will listen to students, read their letters, ask them questions and provide written feedback on forms we have already designed.

Chris Bourlioufas Year 8 Manager
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UniSA Career and Program Information Sessions in September

Open Day was a huge success with more than 11 000 students visiting UniSA's City West Campus. During September UniSA would like to give students the

opportunity to visit their prospective home campuses. The following Career and Program Information Sessions will be available in September:

- Education, Arts and Social Science
- Art, Architecture and Design
- Here's Health
- A Taste of Business
- Festival of Innovation

Further information, and registration pages can be found at



University Of South Australia

SATAC important dates 2011/2012

MONDAY 1 TO WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST	Delivery of SATAC University Guide to SA/NT and border schools.	Delivery of SATAC TAFE Course and Admissions Guide to SA/NT and border schools.
MONDAY 8 AUGUST	UniWeb opens for applications.	TAFEWeb opens for applications for January/February commencement
FRIDAY 30 SEPTEMBER	Late fee applies to undergraduate university applications after this date. Final closing date for Medicine/Surgery, Dental Surgery and Oral Health at The University of Adelaide. Late applications not accepted.	
MONDAY 31 OCTOBER	Applications for STAT attract extra fee after this date.	Late fee applies after this date. Note: some courses will not accept applications after this date.
WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER		Equal Consideration not guaranteed after this date. Late fee does not apply after this date.
FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER	Equal consideration closing date for some university courses.	
THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER		Correspondence received after this date in support of an application is not guaranteed to be considered in the offer rounds.
WEDNESDAY 28 DECEMBER		Deadline for changes of preference to be guaranteed equal consideration for the Main offer round – earlier dates apply for some courses.
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WEDNESDAY 4 JANUARY	Deadline for changes of preference to be guaranteed equal consideration. Deadline for applicants who applied by 2 December to pay their processing fee and still be guaranteed equal consideration.	
MONDAY 9 JANUARY		Main offer round letters received in the post from this day and available on TAFEWeb from 9am.
THURSDAY 12 JANUARY	Main January offer round letters posted from SATAC. Details on UniWeb from 6pm on same day.	
MONDAY 23 JANUARY	Late January offer round letters posted from SATAC. Details on UniWeb from 6pm on same day.	
TUESDAY 24 JANUARY		Further offers made to some courses from this date.
THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY	February offer round letters posted from SATAC. Details on UniWeb from 6pm on same day.	
FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY	Mid-February offer round letters posted from SATAC. Details on UniWeb from 6pm on same day.	

www.unisa.edu.au/events

Argie Buesnel Student Counsellor

The City of Marion Library Service has an upcoming author talk & book signing by Winner of Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year, **EMILY RODDA**
WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

6.30pm - 7.30pm (including book signing) Cost: FREE!

Where: Marion Cultural Centre Domain Theatre, 287 Diagonal Road, OAKLANDS PARK

Phone: 8375 6855 - bookings essential

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries regarding the above or if you require some additional promotional material.

Tracey Hornsblow

Adult Programs Assistant - Libraries | City of Marion

Arts News

CONGRATULATIONS to the **HIGH SCHOOL CABARET** troupe, who have been shortlisted for a RUBY AWARD, for brilliant contribution to the cultural life of South Australia. The announcement will be made on 9th September in the Banquet Room, Adelaide Festival Centre. Well done again to everyone.

CONGRATULATIONS to Frances Collett, who was chosen again this year as an assisting artist for the Schools Festival of Music at the Festival Theatre. A great effort!

SKOOL LIFE FAN MAIL:

- “It looked like it was done by professionals” (Angela, Belair PS)
- “A magnificent performance...I would like to see it again” (Georgia)
- “I congratulate all of the hardworking staff and students of this excellent, lovely, enjoyable, heart warming and musical extravaganza experience. It really was a show to remember!” (Iona)
- “A five star production” (James)
- “I did not get bored at any point of it” (Gracie)

We did it! Six performances to large appreciative audiences, some of whom came back for a second performance. And all agreed – cast, crew, band, staff and students – that in the end it was worth all the blood, sweat and – lots of – tears.

A picture is worth a thousand words, so here are a few to commemorate the occasion – or show you what you missed!



