

NEWSLETTER

No 12 – 6 December 2013

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



CALENDAR

Mon 9 December

Yr 8 panel presentations
Yr 9 curriculum sessions

Tues 10 December

Yr 8 & 9 activity sessions

Wed 11 December

Year 8 & 9 Presentation
Assembly.
Reports & Cambiums
distributed.

Thur 12 December

STUDENT FREE DAY – Staff
PD for First Aid Certificate

Fri 13 December

Staff preparation for 2014

Payment of School Materials
& Services Charges and
Uniform sales

MON 20- & TUES 21

JANUARY 2014

9.00am-12noon

1.00pm-3.30pm

5.00pm-7.30pm

Mon 27 January 2013

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tues 29 January 2013

FIRST DAY of Term 1
commencing at 8.30am
with a whole school
assembly.

Mon 3 February

Year 8 Pool Day
**Whole School Orientation
Day** – alternative program
for all year levels.
Students and parents will
be advised about specific
year level activities early in
2014 school year.

The end of the 2013 School Year

Where has this year gone? It only seems like yesterday when the year started with a new group of Year 8 students. I have no doubt that for our Year 8 students it seems like a long time ago when they walked into the school to start their five years of high school. Our Year 12 students parents and caregivers have probably felt that the five years since their children started have gone so quickly.

On behalf of the staff of Blackwood High School, I would like to wish our students, families and community partners all the best for the forthcoming festive season. We hope that you are able to spend time with your family and friends celebrating together friendship, love and hope. We wish you a safe end to 2013 and a great start to 2014.

We wish the students and families that are leaving us all the very best. To the students we trust that you enjoy the paths that you take as you start on the journey of your unfolding futures.

School Holidays

With the summer school holidays approaching there can be an increased risk to school property. If anyone who sees suspicious behaviour on our school site can contact Crime Stoppers 1800 333000 or Police Emergency 131 444.

Semester 2 (Term 4) Reports

On Wednesday 11 December reports will be distributed to Year 8 to 11 students. Year 10 and 11 students can collect their reports between 9 am and 12 noon from the Senior Learning Centre (OSA). Staff will be involved in professional development on Thursday and Friday and Student Services will be closed.

Reports not collected during this time can be collected from Student Services from 16 to 18 December between 8.30 am to 3.00pm. Access to Students Services will be through the front foyer.

West Java Teachers

In the last few weeks we have hosted two groups of teachers from West Java. Each group has spent two days visiting and observing in classrooms and meeting with our teachers. They have been looking at how we plan for learning, classroom management, using ICT for teaching and learning as well as talking to staff about teacher quality and feedback to teachers. When these opportunities arise it enables us to reflect on our practices and realise how fortunate we are to be in a well-equipped school.



Staff Changes at the end of 2013

This year sees three of our staff members retiring from Public Education. These three staff have contributed a total of 31 years to Blackwood High School and 80 years to public schools.

- Mr Allan Thompson has taught at Blackwood High School since 2003. During this time he has taught science and mathematics including Year 11 and 12 Chemistry. His passion for chemistry can be summed up in the anonymous quote 'Better things for better living through Chemistry'. He has instilled his love of the chemical sciences in his students. This included running school holiday classes for them to better understand the Year 12 Chemistry requirements. Allan has been a key teacher supporting students making the smooth transition from primary to high school. Teachers within the teams he worked in were privileged with his willingness to share his resources that he had accumulated through his teaching career. Allan will be tackling the yet to be developed list of chores that have been not done or neglected due to his attention to preparing his teaching and marking student work.



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- Mr Richard Tan has worked at Blackwood High School for ten years after commencing teaching in Australia in 1990. During his time at the school he has taught chemistry, science and mathematics. His knowledge of the sciences are underpinned by a wealth of experience from his education and teaching in Malaysia. Richard has a passion for food and will continue preparing his culinary delights and spending more time with his family in his retirement.
- Mrs Kaylene Ryan has worked at Blackwood High School since 2004 and within public schools for 16 years. Whilst at our school she has supported many students in their learning and more recently tutored students using the Quicksmart Literacy program. Kaylene has worked across Year 8 to 12 in classrooms, preparing summaries of texts and modeling a belief that learners can overcome obstacles and barriers. She is retiring to spend more time travelling and with her family.



On behalf of the school I would like to wish these three staff all the best as they embark on the next stage of their life's journey.

Farewelling Staff

At this stage of the year we are also farewelling a number of staff who have had a short term or year long position as teachers or support staff at the school. They include:

Mr Tom Allwood	ICT Support
Mrs Margaret Brockhoff	German and Humanities
Ms Lee Castle	Youth Worker with the Flexible Learning Program
Ms Maria Dimasi	English, Legal Studies and learning support
Mr John Forster	Science and Mathematics
Mr Thomas Gibbs	Sport and Recreation Trainee
Mr Adam Jurevicius	ICT Support
Ms Adrienne Kajewski	English and Humanities
Ms Liz MacAuslan	Learning Support
Ms Adelle Matthews	English, Humanities and Research Project
Ms Debbie Obst	Student Services
Ms Bianca Reddy	Health and Physical Education/Netball
Ms Jess Rogers	English, Humanities and Research Project
Mr Lane Van der Matten	Groundsperson

I would like to thank these staff for their work and commitment to Blackwood High School in 2013. We wish them all the best and may see some of them back in 2014.

Have you seen our new website?

On 2 December, our new website went live. You can access it at www.bhs.sa.edu.au.



The new website has been developed through the work of the Governing Council LINCS sub-committee, chaired by Jenny Pearce. I would like to acknowledge the work of Jenny Pearce (parent), Jenny Blenkinsop (parent), Fern Buranasak (student), Aident Jacobs (student), and staff members, Rogan Tinsley, Dan Smith, Michael Sadleir, Josh Deakin, Craig Duguid and Naoko Matsumoto. They contributed ideas for the website, provided suggestions and their feedback as it was being developed. We would welcome any feedback about the website including suggestions of information that may be included.

Planning for 2014

The Governing Council has approved the following Student Free Days for 2014:

- Tuesday 11 March
- Monday 28 April
- Monday 8 September
- School closure will be on Friday 5 September.

Sir Charles Bright Scholarships – only for Secondary School Students

The Sir Charles Bright Scholarship Trust invites applications from students with disabilities intending to study at University or TAFE in 2014. In 2013 15 scholarships of \$1,500 were presented. The scholarship is supported by the Royal Society for the Blind, Guide Dogs of S.A. and N.T, the Paraplegic and Quadriplegic Association, the Brain Foundation, UNA, Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. Applications for 2014 can be obtained from University and TAFE Colleges, by email from: <http://www.rphadelaide.org.au/scholarship.htm> or by phoning 8344 8130.

Applications close on Tuesday 24 December, 2013.

All applications being sent by mail should be addressed to Rosemary Penn, 26, McInnes Avenue, Broadview SA 5083.

Year 10 and 11 Celebrations

Two celebrations of student achievements occurred in Week 9. These included the Year 10 Graduation evening at the Blackwood Hills Baptist Church hall. The evening saw three diverse musical performances and six student comperes. We had many students receive awards for academics, leadership, sport and community service. We would like to thank the community partners who provided awards for our students.

On 3 December, the Year 11 presentation assembly saw parents, family, community partners and staff celebrate the achievements of our students. A special message came from Katrina Constantopoulos and four students currently in Vietnam as part of the World Challenge. We were treated to Vietnamese children and our students singing together.

Marion Coady, Principal

BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL HIGH ACHIEVERS

- ◆ Congratulations to Asha THURLOW in Year 10 who has been selected to represent South Australia in the Under 19 Women’s team who will compete at the 2013/14 Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships that will be held at the Glenelg Beach from 13-16 January 2014.
- ◆ Congratulations to Axel THURLOW in Year 12 who has been selected to represent South Australia in the Under 23 Men’s team who will compete at the 2013/14 Australian Junior Beach Volleyball Championships that will be held at the Glenelg Beach from 13-16 January 2014.
- ◆ Congratulations to Emma BOWNE in Year 12 who the ‘Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship’ through the Yungggorendi Indigenous Centre at Flinders University. It is the only one its kind offered in South Australia - Emma is hoping to get into midwifery a full paid scholarship of up to \$15,000 in the Health Science field.



SCHOOL OF LANGUAGES AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements in language studies in 2013, who were formally acknowledged on Tuesday evening 26 November at Elder Hall, the University of Adelaide. They are among a small minority of Australian Secondary School students who have studied a second (or third) language in senior school. This sets them apart from their peers and makes them very competitive on the global stage.

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| • Nadia Albrecht | French | Year 11 | Award for outstanding academic achievement |
| • William Hill | Japanese | Year 12 | Award for outstanding academic achievement |
| • Imogen Hughes | Japanese | Year 12 | Award of Merit |



MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE POLL

All our 702 families were posted information and voting slips about making the 2014 Materials & Services Charge legally recoverable. Thank you to the 59 families who returned their votes.

The result was overwhelmingly in favour of making our \$765 Materials & Services Charge for 2014 legally recoverable.

Kay Govin, Chair of Governing Council.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YEAR 9 STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who have been accepted to participate in the ‘Concophillips Science Experience’ at Flinders University Science Innovation Learning Centre (SILC) from 3 - 5 December:

Parsa Shorofi, Kabilan Venkatasalam, Nicholas Congedi, Nathaniel Ramesh and Calven Yap

They attended a series of workshops over three days at Flinders in Science & Technology, including working in the university laboratories, science career workshops, key note speakers and will work with ‘Young scientists of Australia (YSA)’ volunteers.

Jarrod Chave, Senior Leader: Innovations in Science & Technology

YEAR 8 PANEL PRESENTATIONS - REMINDER

Next Monday, 9 December all Year 8 students will be attending school in their uniform for their 15 minute panel presentation on their learning at Blackwood High for the year.

Students are asked to arrive at least 5 minutes prior to allow time to be settled and to set up. Parents and family members have made bookings times and are part of the panel that assesses the presentations made by their children.

Students will receive both verbal and written feedback about their presentations.

Please note that there are no other lessons on the Monday for Year 8 students except for their presentations.

Chris Olenich, Year 8 Leader

2014 BUS ROUTE CHANGES

Transfield Services wishes to notify our school community of changes to the services they provide to Blackwood High on behalf of the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

In order to simplify the identification of school services across the entire network we are changing school bus designations away from a single letter, e.g. School Bus "A", to a 3 digit number thus providing each service with its own unique identifier.

For some schools there have also been changes to the times and/or routes operated in order to better meet the needs of their students and also to accommodate operational changes across our entire network.

The specific changes relevant to Blackwood High School for Term 1, 2014 are as follows:

School Bus route number change and additional AM service to Blackwood High School

OLD route No School Bus K, NEW ROUTE No – **952 School Bus**, AM Service, Springbank Rd to Blackwood High School
"Route number change only"

OLD route No School Bus K, NEW ROUTE No – **952 School Bus**, PM Service, Blackwood High School to Belair Rd Stop 19
"Route number change only"

OLD route No School Bus A, NEW ROUTE No – **953 School Bus**, PM Service, Blackwood High School to Aberfoyle Hub via Murrays Hill Rd – Mondays ONLY "Route number change only"

OLD route No School Bus B, NEW ROUTE No – **954 School Bus**, PM Service, Blackwood High School to Belair Rd Stop 12
"Route number change only"

OLD route No School Bus F, NEW ROUTE No – **955 School Bus**, PM Service, Blackwood High School to Flinders Medical Centre "Route number change only"

OLD route No School Bus H, NEW ROUTE No – **956 School Bus**, PM Service, Blackwood High School to Flagstaff Hill Rd Stop 30 via Main and Black Roads – Mondays ONLY "Route number change only"

NEW SCHOOL BUS SERVICE Route No – **996 School Bus**, AM Service, Marion Centre to Blackwood High School - departing Marion Shopping Centre Interchange Zone A at 08:11am to Blackwood High School arriving at 08:36am

As stated, these changes will take effect from Term 1 2014.



SUMMARY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING EXPO AND WINNING TEAM

Blackwood High School- 1st PRIZE WINNERS

Year 11 Physics students from Blackwood High School attended the University of Adelaide's "Mechanical Engineering Expo" held at Wayville Showgrounds on 31 October 2013. This event sees engineering students exhibiting their various innovative projects and provides an opportunity for others to encounter engineering in practice and engage with the engineers of tomorrow. This year it showcased the knowledge and skills of more than 200 mechanical, aerospace, sustainable energy, sports and mechatronic engineering students.

A significant aspect of this program is for, Year 11 students from a range of schools including Blackwood High School, to choose one of the projects and conduct an in-depth investigation into the engineering and physics concepts associated with it. Collaboratively, in small groups, students produce a report that illustrates their findings and their learning of the scientific complexities of their chosen exhibit. These reports are submitted and judged by various experts within science and engineering disciplines and student groups compete for the highest scores as allocated by these judges.

We are pleased to announce that one of the groups from Blackwood High School consisting of Sam Upton, Daniel Hill and Tom Brown won first prize for their investigation and analysis of "Performance and assessment of archery bow-arrow interaction". This is yet another example of the quality and commitment of our students, within the Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) learning area to produce a piece of work that receives a recognition of excellence from experts and for us to successfully compete against a range of other schools. Congratulations to Sam, Daniel and Tom (receiving award at Year 11 final presentation assembly pictured right).



A big thank you and congratulations must also go to Mr Wayne Learmonth and Mrs Lindy Bartlett who accompanied the students on the day and Mr Learmonth for his support and follow up of students ensuring projects were submitted and were of high quality.

Jarrod Chave, Senior Leader: Innovations in Science & Technology

YEAR 11 PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY 3 DECEMBER 2013

This year’s Year 11 Presentation assembly was a wonderful event highlighting the achievements of our students and reflecting on the successes of the 2013 cohort. Annually our assembly is hosted by the Vice Presidents. This year Ethan Quigley and Caitlin Merlin, began the proceedings with a recount of the SRC’s 2013 focus and did an outstanding job as they announced our awards. This year’s SRC focus was on building leadership skills and working as a part of the community to improve opportunities for young people. Our SRC with the support of Ms Matsumoto raised funds for various organisations that raise awareness of cancer, including *Cancer Council Children’s Foundation, Jeans for Genes Day, Salvation Army* and *Footy Colours Day*. The SRC also adopted a World Vision Schools priority, focusing on global issues such as extreme poverty. They then used this focus, in conjunction with our chaplain Sam Thomson, during the *40 Hour Famine*.

For many years Blackwood high School has had the support of our Community groups such as The Lions Club and The Rotary Club of Blackwood. This year the Lions Bursary Awards were presented to our very worthy recipients, Erin Guppy and Daniel Hill. Both these students have shown perseverance and dedication and an exemplary attitude towards their school life.

The Rotary Award was presented to Eduard Pistorius in recognition of his outstanding service to the school and his high academic achievements

A long standing award at our school is **The Winn Award**, was presented to Marina Deller–Evans. Mr and Mrs Winn assisted in laying the foundation of the school. Wally Winn served as groundsman and caretaker at Blackwood High School for many years. The Winn family’s connection to the school remains a strong tradition. When Wally Winn passed away, a trust fund was established in his honour and, accompanied by a medal, is presented every year in memory of Wally and son Brett. The Winn family has established this award to recognize academic achievement, citizenship service to the school or sporting activities.



Many Service Awards were distributed during the assembly, acknowledged students participation in various activities within the school community, ranging from support for, dance, SRC service, music and art performances and leadership of the Blackwood high School’s four houses. Taken together, these awards represented a level of commitment to school and community that we can all be proud of.

The **Triple A Awards** have also been a common practice at the end of each term to acknowledge those students who exhibited an exemplary commitment to the school’s Culture of Respect, specifically a commitment to Attitude, Attendance and Achievement. The award is given to one recipient from each care group. This semester’s winners were:

- 11A: Yvonne Ingabire 11B: Jasmine Brock 11C: Lauren Bowshall 11D: Valerie Sameli
- 11E: Caitlin Merlin 11F: Lucy Vardas 11G: Bianca Millar

It was with great pleasure to award Heather Smith the **Year Level Leader’s Award** for this term. Heather has shown a keen interest in being involved in her school life, participating various activities and leadership opportunities, and being conscientious throughout the year striving for improvement.

Congratulations to Daniel Hill the **Year 11 Dux of 2013**, who achieved the most outstanding level of academic achievement on all subjects assessed over the four terms in English Studies, German, Mathematical Studies, Physics and Spanish (Beginners).

Congratulations to the following students who have shown outstanding **Academic Achievement** in their subject areas.

STUDENT	SUBJECT	STUDENT	SUBJECT
Lucinda Cawrse	Art	Jarrah Eglinton	Japanese
Jasmine Brock	Biology	Rachael Thompson	Netball
Caitlin Merlin	Biology	Thomas Brown	Physical Education
Corey Bridger	Chemistry	Sophie Watchman	Psychology
Aimee Johnson	Child Studies	Eduard Pistorius	Specialist Maths
Madeline Meldrum	English Communications	Pakaporn (Fern) Buranasak	Design and English as a Second Language
Aron Hunt	English Pathways	Georgia Cosercas	Music and Tourism
Lauren Potter	English Studies	Marina Deller - Evans	Drama and Research Project
Vanessa Fleming	Food & Hospitality	Erin Guppy	Dance and Mathematical Applications
Joshua Albanese	Football	Madeleine McCarthy	History and Legal Studies
Ethan Quigley	Furniture Construction		



The assembly also marked the opportunity, to farewell Ayumi Fujiwara, a Japanese exchange student who spent the last year with us. During her time she made new friends and committed herself to both the school and local community. We wish Ayumi all the best and hope she takes with her many special memories of her time at Blackwood High School.



Congratulations to our wonderful performers at this event, Ayumi Fujiwara who played 'Moonlight sonata' and Georgia Corsecas, Molly Mooney who were accompanied by Mr Dening, Caitlin Merlin and Deng Zhang who performed 'Bright side'.



Our **Sports Students** of the year were Eduard Pistorius and Vanessa Fleming both showing enthusiasm, commitment and high participation in the sports area. They were involved in a range of sports and assisted with sporting events. They have been terrific ambassadors for Blackwood High School and must be commended for their outstanding effort.



At the presentation Blackwood High students were announced as winners of the **University of Adelaide's Mechanical Engineering Expo** competition. Sam Upton, Daniel Hill and Tom Brown **won first prize** for their investigation and analysis of "Performance and assessment of archery bow-arrow interaction".

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Students at Blackwood High School are also able to undertake Vocational Education and



Training as part of their learning and accessed various certificate courses to complete their SACE and move into their chosen pathway. This year's **VET Student of the Year** was Sarah Funnell who has been working on her Certificate II and III in media. Sarah has applied herself and shown a keen interest in this field. This year's **School based Apprenticeship Award** was presented to Perry Tippett who also has shown an excellent work ethic and dedication to completing his apprenticeship and using it as part of his



SACE.

FAREWELL RITUMEIKAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL!

I wish to thank the fourteen families and the school buddies who hosted our third and final Study Tour visit from Japan for 2013. The two week visit was very successful with many students saying they didn't want to return to Japan at all! The students' confidence in speaking English grew every day and they were keen to share stories of the activities they had enjoyed with their hosts. They really appreciated the effort you made



to show them a taste of our way of life



and they were always animated in their conversations with each other when discussing the previous evening's dinner or adventure.

Highlights for the students included visiting Cleland and patting a koala, kayaking at Port Noarlunga, making meat pies and Rocky Road, shopping and visiting the Central Market.

Thank you once again to the families involved and congratulations to the wonderful student hosts and buddies who treated the visitors with warmth and respect and were such terrific ambassadors for our school.

HOMESTAYS WANTED!

Planning is already underway for our next Study Tour visit. We will be hosting another Japanese group of 19 students from Morioka Chuo, Japan from 10 - 21 March next year. If you are interested in hosting a young Japanese visitor or would like more information, please contact me here at the school. karyn.jones@bhs.sa.edu.au or phone 8278 0900. A homestay payment is made to families hosting a student.

Karyn Jones, LOTE & International Student Programs

BLACKWOOD ROTARY CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sunday 17 November saw the music Staff Ben Dening, Michael Winter and myself at Karinya Reserve for the Annual Rotary Christmas Fair. Year 11 students Georgia Cosercas, Marina Deller-Evans and Mollie Mooney took time out from their examination revision, Year 10s Callum Goodhand, Phoebe Bourne, Stephanie Clark, Kaytlin Gisbourne and Ebony Young gave time up from their weekend and Hannah Worden, Year 12, came back from 'the rest of her life' to put on a concert. The Weather was perfect, the crowds friendly and the stalls filled with yummy food, produce and crafts on sale for a good cause.

Robyn Trebilcock,
The Arts Coordinator



PERFORMING ARTS TOUR BUS

Wednesday 27 November was our tour of three gigs in one day – Ms Brigitte Esvelt, Mr Ben Dening and I took 24 Music, Dance and Drama students to Coromandel, Bellevue Heights and Eden Hills Primary Schools where we performed a showcase of our talent and then our students ran workshops in all three arts, tutoring their slightly younger peers. Our program featured 'Blackwood's Got Talent' indoor winners Matt Albrecht and Rhys Hopkins reprising their winning act, along with Ryan Williams and Ronan Naidu, (2nd place), Madz & the Sass Dolls (Entertainment Award), the Year 9 theatre sports team and the award-winning Year 9 and a Year 10 Dance group from the same night.

Our students were brilliant ambassadors and worked very hard in the 37 degree heat - unloading the bus, setting up the gig, performing, taking the workshops, packing up the equipment, back into the bus, to do it all over again in the next school....and then the next.

Congratulations to all of them, and the Performing Arts staff on a very successful tour.

Robyn Trebilcock, Arts Leader.



POSITION VACANT – SCHOOL CANTEEN

We have a position as a Canteen Assistant in the Blackwood High School Canteen for three hours per week on a Monday commencing on Monday 3 February in Term 1, 2014. If you are interested please phone Barb Darby, the Canteen Manager on 8278 3766 for further information.

Barb Darby, Canteen Manager

2013 CSEM STUDENT EXPO

On Wednesday 13 November our Year 10 Science Extension class went on an excursion to the Flinders University to see the exhibitions and projects on public display at the School of Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics Student Expo.

After getting lost numerous times, our class finally reached our destination of the Computer Engineering building and had an opportunity to check out and learn about a diverse range of projects, many of which were interactive.

Some highlights from the exhibition include a facial recognition computer program that can use images built into the software to recreate and replicate the emotion so that it can be identified and Anti-Spam software that can pinpoint the location of the sender anywhere in the world, A national competing programmed robot called the 'Flinders Knight' and an amazing music mixing program designed to interpret the kind of mechanical of usually very expensive and complicated processes in a free, interactive and highly engaging and entertaining way.

Many displays served medical and/or health related purposes such as a toddler walker designed to stimulate healthy muscle and bone growth in late developers so that they don't have problems later on in life and a fun game designed to encourage healthy eating habits in children at a young age.

Overall it was a fantastic learning experience and was a great opportunity for people to see the kind of education available in the School of Computer Science, Engineering and at Flinders University. It also provided an incentive for everyone for further learning possibilities.

By Phoebe Bourne Year 10 student

YEAR 10 GERMAN EXCURSION

Heute sind wir in die Stadt gefahren um Mittagessen im Deutschen Klub zu essen. Wir haben Würste mit Kartoffelsalat und Pommes oder Sauerkraut gegessen. Zum Nachtisch gab es leckeren deutschen Kuchen. Wir haben deutsche Musik gehört. Es gab auch viele ältere Gäste, die Deutsch gesprochen haben. Es hat viel Spass gemacht!

By Callum Goodhand, Jane Whitehead, James Herriman and Kaytlin Gisborne, Year 10 Students



YEAR 8 AQUATICS DAY

School was held at the Port Noarlunga Aquatic Centre, on the beach, on Friday 15 November for all Year 8s at Blackwood High School. Students selected two activities to try, one for the morning and one for the afternoon.

Activities available included surfing, body boarding, snorkelling, Wave skiing, sailing, sail boarding, canoeing and fishing.

Students were given wetsuits to wear as the water was a bit cool, but by lunch the sun warmed everyone up and it was a brilliant day.

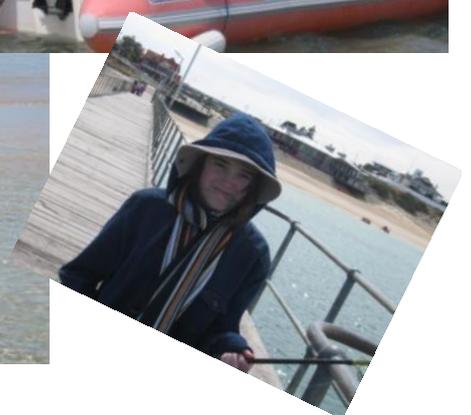
Blackwood High School Staff and a few students cooked a BBQ lunch that was enjoyed by all, with many coming back for second or third helpings!

It was a day of hanging out with friends, learning new activities and being physically active. What fun! Year 8s can look forward to aquatics opportunity again in Year 9.

Chris Olenich, Year 8 Leader



YEAR 8 AQUATICS DAY



YEAR 10 GRADUATION EVENING – CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

On Wednesday evening 4 December at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church, approximately three hundred students, parents and families, invited guests and staff celebrated Year 10 Graduation. At Blackwood High School Year 10 Graduation is a long standing tradition which marks an important point of transition. Students move from the IBMYP to the SACE, from adolescence to young adulthood, from school based to SACE and VET accredited learning and assessment. They are entering the culmination of their journey through school as they prepare to enter their post school pathways.



Principal Marion Coady commented in her opening address, “Many you have faced the challenge of completing Year 10. This has involved in you working with your teachers, completing assignments and being prepared to persevere when some things do not come very easily. This commitment to your education puts you in good stead for the future. Next year, as you move into Year 11 you will be faced with new challenges – new subjects, new teachers, different students in your classes, new opportunities.”

The program showcased the achievements and talents of our Year 10 cohort. Student presenters Georgia Brown, Willem Mallee, Ebony Young, Payton Plummer-Height, Sheridan Bartlett and Lachlan Hunt hosted an evening that included performances by guitarists Callum Goodhand and Phoebe Bourne and vocalists Maddie Winter, Madeleine Torquati, Bethany Upton, Chloe Yates, Alena Hohl and Stephanie Clark. Valedictory speeches by Cintya I Gusti Ayu Agung and Patrick Forbes, along with reflections on the year by netballers Jessica Reynolds and Maddie Steer provided a glimpse into the world of Year 10s at Blackwood High School.

The achievements of dozens of students were recognised through Subject Awards, IBMYP Recognition Certificates, Service Awards and Personal Project Merit Awards, after which every student was presented with a Graduation Certificate. The evening culminated with the announcement of the major award winners.



Blackwood High School congratulates Sportsperson Award winners Bailey Mandemaker and John Lim (*below left*), Australian Defence Force Long Tan Award winner Ebony Young (*below centre*), Rotary Award winner Megan



Roper, Magarey Shield winner Asha Thurlow and the Dux of Year 10 Madeliene Green (*below right*).

The evening concluded with a challenge from the Deputy Principal to the students, “Build on your best. Build on what is good. Build on your strengths. Build on your friendships and support networks. Don’t be afraid to take your next step towards success in Senior School. Don’t settle on just getting by. Aim to build your knowledge and skills to face the next challenge.”

David Garrett, Deputy Principal



MAJOR AWARDS

Rotary Shield: Megan Roper (*in Africa with World Challenge group*)

Magarey Shield: Asha Thurlow (*in Africa with World Challenge group*)

Sports Awards: Bailey Mandemaker and John Lim

DUX of Year 10: Madeliene Green

Long Tan Award: Ebony Young

Year 10 Subject Awards

<i>Brittany Smith</i>	Applied Standard Mathematics
<i>Damian Kolman</i>	Art 2D
<i>Yi Han</i>	Art 3D
<i>Sheridan Bartlett</i>	Child Studies
<i>Jing Wan</i>	Design
<i>Henry Vaughan</i>	Drama
<i>Kaitlin Litchfield</i>	English
<i>Jaesung Bae</i>	English as a Second Language
<i>James Herriman</i>	Extension Mathematics
<i>Dempsey Charlton</i>	Food Technology
<i>Adrian Albanese</i>	Football
<i>Madeliene Green</i>	Girls and Physical Education
<i>Christopher Williams</i>	Humanities
<i>Lim Kimpheng Sun</i>	Intensive Secondary English Course
<i>Zachary Stolinski</i>	Japanese
<i>Georgia Brown</i>	Netball
<i>Jessa Kloeden</i>	Photography
<i>John Lim</i>	Physical Education and Health
<i>Luke Beenham</i>	Specialist Physical Education
<i>Liam Krenn</i>	Technology Materials
<i>Cintya I Gusti Ayu Agung</i>	Textiles
<i>Megan Roper</i>	Dance and World Challenge
<i>Nadia Albrecht</i>	Extension Science, Mathematical Studies and Science
<i>Callum Goodhand</i>	German, Music and Vocational Education



IBMYP Accreditation

<i>Sheridan Bartlett</i>	<i>Liam Beck</i>	<i>Rebecca Candy</i>
<i>Stephanie Clark</i>	<i>Callum Goodhand</i>	<i>James Herriman</i>
<i>Alena Hohl</i>	<i>Alexandra Karstens</i>	<i>Annalise Keen</i>
<i>Paige Keenihan</i>	<i>Samuel Leadbeater</i>	<i>Rebecca Leung</i>
<i>Kaitlin Litchfield</i>	<i>Payton Plummer-Height</i>	<i>Zachary Stolinski</i>
<i>Jane Whitehead</i>	<i>Ebony Young</i>	





TYPHOON HAIYAN CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER
 Brought to you by K1 The Entertainment Supporting the Australian Red Cross

This year there is an even greater reason to get your family and friends together to celebrate Christmas!

To raise much needed funds for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan which devastated parts of the Philippines in November, there is a **FAMILY CHRISTMAS FUNDAY** being held at the Flagstaff Hill Oval.

Come along, join in and support the efforts of the Australian Red Cross to help the victims of Typhoon Haiyan get their lives back together.

- 3 live bands
- sausage sizzle
- Yiros van
- BBQ spit
- International Food (gluten free options)
- Ice Cream Van
- Coffee Truck
- Raffles
- Silent auctions
- Kids activities
- Face painting
- Henna Workshop

And much more...

Even an appearance by Father Christmas and his helpers!!

WHEN: 22nd December 2013 - from 11am to 4pm
WHERE: Flagstaff Hill Oval on Coromandel Road, Flagstaff Hill

Gold coin donation at the entrance

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CHANGES TO ADELAIDE METRO PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACROSS METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE

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On 26 January 2014, the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, Public Transport Services (PTS) and service providers will be making changes to Adelaide Metro public transport services in the metropolitan area.

School bus services in the North South, Outer North East and East West areas will also be renumbered to be more consistent with bus route numbers in these areas. While there are no significant changes to these school bus services, it is important that affected students obtain information regarding the old and new route numbers from the Adelaide Metro website at www.adelaidemetro.com.au from mid January. Once implemented, all school and industrial bus services across the Adelaide Metro Network will be assigned a dedicated route number.

As part of the changes, PTS will once again conduct a public awareness campaign closer to the implementation date. This will include media advertising including press and radio traffic reports, information from the Adelaide Metro website, letter-style flyers to all householders in affected areas across metropolitan Adelaide and the roll out of detailed customer information through timetables and kerbside information.

Information will also be available via the Adelaide Metro InfoLine 1300 311 108 and the Adelaide Metro InfoCentres at the corner of Currie and King William Streets and the Adelaide Railway Station, North Terrace, open 7 days a week.

Please disseminate this information to advise students and parents of these changes and the importance of seeking further information from the Adelaide Metro website (www.adelaidemetro.com.au) or the Adelaide Metro InfoLine on 1300 311 108 from mid January 2014.



Dental Excellence would like to inform all Primary and High School Students of the wonderful benefits available to them through the recent changes to the Medicare Teen Dental Plan set out by the Australian Government which has been replaced with the Child Dental Benefits Schedule effective from the 1st of January 2014.

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule provides a capped benefit entitlement for basic dental services for children aged 2-17 years in families who meet a means test. The means test will be the same as the existing Medicare Teen Dental Plan, which requires receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A or other certain government payments.

For 2014, the benefit is capped at \$1000.00 per child.

More information is available on the Department of Health Website

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Our treatment rooms are very child friendly and are equipped with music, movies, video games, puzzles books and toys.

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