

NEWSLETTER

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



WELCOME TO TERM 2

The beginning of Term 2 has started well with a whole school assembly to induct our Student Representative Council and acknowledge the achievements of our athletics team at the Interschool Athletics at SANTOS Stadium, late in Term 1. It is always heart-warming to hear about how young people work together to support each other as well as individuals achieving their personal best.

This term we welcome a number of new staff to the school:

Ms Mayumi Wong teaching Japanese

Mr Rob Healey teaching Visual Arts

Ms Rowyna McEwen teaching English as a Second Language

Ms Debbie Obst working in Student Services.

Mr Ben Denning has taken up the position of Year 12 Leader while Susan Lawrie is on leave.

Cyber Safety

As part of the Pastoral Care Curriculum our Middle School students participate in a program relating to cyber safety. Last term the Year 9 students participated in four sessions on a range of aspects of cyber safety including:

- cyber citizenship and the values underpinning responsible citizenship
- relationship and impact of the online world and the real world
- responsible and constructive ways to use technology and social media
- safe online practices
- safe mobile device use
- impact of bullying via facebook on teenage relationships.

This program has been supported by a guest presenter from Marion Youth Centre.

Recently there has been a focus in the media on geo-tagging. Geo-tagging is connected to jpeg photos which are 'tagged' to show where they were taken. Such a function enables people who took the photo to revisit where it was taken. For example, if you are on holiday in Bali or Queensland and took a photo you can click on the photo and locate the place it was taken. Many people load photos onto social media sites such as facebook. If the photo is geo-tagged then other people can use the tagging to find out where it was taken. This is where there is a danger of the wrong person locating a person. Further information about the dangers of geo-tagging can be found at the Australian Communications and Media Authority website.

The website provides information about disabling photo or face recognition functions, removing social networking tags and turning on privacy settings on social networking sites.

Online Safety Practices

Included on page 6 of this newsletter are some further tips to support students and parents/caregivers about how to exercise safe practices online.

Website Update

Recently a number of new school documents have been loaded onto the school website. They include:

- Parent Guide to Raising a Concern or Complaint. Essentially this document indicates the procedure for getting a concern or complaint addressed. It includes a flow chart illustrating the process. If the concern or complaint concerns a teacher, contact should be made with the teacher. If it is a concern or complaint is a school wide concern (such as a policy, procedure or an expectation) this should be directed to a member of the Executive team which includes the Principal. At Blackwood High School when you raise a concern or complaint you should expect contact from the staff member within 24 hours on school days.
- Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy and Procedure. There are two documents relating to this policy and procedure which have been developed with student, staff and Governing Council input and feedback. The first is designed for students to understand what they need to do in order to get support if they experience bullying and/or harassment. The second document is the context of bullying and harassment within our context of the 'Culture of Respect'. One of the school's values is respect, which is about valuing

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CALENDAR

Tues 8 May

Governing Council Mtg
7.30pm in Conference Rm.

Tues 8 & Wed 9 May

Year 11 Aquatics Days

Thur 10 & Fri 11 May

STUDENT FREE DAYS

Fri 11 May

Year 12 Formal

Mon 14 to Wed 16 May

Year 12 Aquatics Days

Tue 15, Wed 16, Thu 17 May

Year 9 NAPLAN testing

Fri 18 May

Yr 10 Career & Employment

EXPO at Wayville

Netball trials for Yr 7s at

Blackwood HS for 2013

Mon 21 May-Fri 1 June

Yr 8-10 Summative tasks

Tues 22 May

Yr 8 HPV dose 2 & Varicella

& Yr 9 Boostrix vaccinations

Thur 24 May

Canteen Mtg 2.30pm

Mon 4 to Fri 8 June

Yr 11 Exams

Yr 10 Work Experience wk

Tues 5 June

Principal's Tour 9.00am

Finance Advisory Com Mtg

6.30pm

Mon 11 June

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY –

Public Holiday



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individual and group differences. Within this context it is important that all students feel safe and cared for. Over the next few weeks, as a part of the Pastoral Care program, teachers will explain the way students can work through the anti-harassment and bullying procedure.

If any parents/caregivers have any feedback to either of these procedures we would welcome your comments. Comments to the concerns or complaints document need to be directed to Marion Coady and the anti-harassment and bullying documents to Craig Duguid.

2013 Premier's ANZAC Spirit School Prize

Eight South Australian students from Years 9 and 10 will have the opportunity to participate in the 2013 Premier's ANZAC Spirit Study Tour. Selection of the successful students is based on an application and interview judged by a panel. Applications close on Friday 21 September, 2012. Further details are available from Luke Northcote or [www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingandlearning/pages/Anzac/Anzac prize/](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingandlearning/pages/Anzac/Anzac%20prize/).

Spirit of Science – Maurice de Rohan Scholarship in 2012

Year 10 and 11 students have the opportunity to apply to go to London in December 2012. The program is to attend the young peoples' Christmas Lectures at the Royal Institute of Great Britain.

Students must be interested in Science in order to get one of the ten places available. The scholarship covers all expenses paid. For further information about the Royal Institution go to www.rigb.org. Application information about applying will be available from Robyn Giles, Leader of Science.

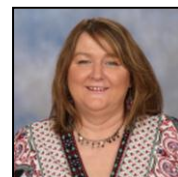
2012 SA Public Teacher Awards

This a fantastic opportunity for parents, students and staff to nominate educators for a SA Public Teacher Award which recognises the important role that educators and public education play in meeting the needs of every child. The categories are:

- Inspirational School/Preschool Leader of the Year
- Inspirational Secondary School Teacher of the Year
- Inspirational Primary School Teacher of the Year
- Inspirational Preschool Teacher of the Year
- Inspirational Early Career Teacher of the Year
- Excellent School/Preschool Support Staff Member of the Year
- Innovative School/Preschool Engagement with Business and the Community (team award)

Death of a Staff Member

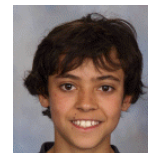
During the school holidays Ms Carolyn Shirlock died unexpectedly. Carolyn supported our school through her work in Student Services, coverage of staff absences and in Home Economics. She worked enthusiastically with students and staff and our thoughts are with her family and friends.



Marion Coady, Principal

BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL HIGH ACHIEVERS

- ◆ Congratulations to Nicholas in Year 8 who has been successful in gaining a position in the Primary Schools' Music Festival South Orchestra for the 2012 concert series. The Orchestra will have weekly rehearsals and performances at the Magic Millions Sales Auditorium Rehearsals and the Festival Theatre rehearsals and performances in August and September.
- ◆ Well done to Lucinda in Year 10 who exhibited and sold all three of her paintings at the Rotary Art Show, held at Flagstaff Hill Primary School in the holidays.



SUCCESS FOR 2011 BLACKWOOD HIGH STUDENT

- ◆ Congratulations to Angelo who was a Year 12 student at Blackwood High School in 2011. He will be presented an award on 27 May for being one of the two top SACE Aboriginal students.



SRC REPRESENTATIVES AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

On Thursday 29 March, on behalf of Blackwood High School, both SRC Presidents and Principal Ms Marion Coady were invited to attend Government House in the City for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

There were representatives from every school in the South Australia, the Governor Kevin Scarce, the Premier of South Australia Jay Weatherill and Leader of the Opposition Isobel Redmond. These valued members of society all presented speeches about their own childhood memories of the Queen and their appreciation for her service. They were all moving and it was an honour to be among such respected guests.

We were lucky enough to converse with both the Governor and South Australia's Premier during the proceedings. Together we also spent much of the evening mingling with student representatives from schools around the state. It was a good opportunity to share ideas and discuss our roles within our own schools.

This was a pleasant evening surrounded by members of state and students from throughout South Australia. We both look forward to attending a leadership event later this year at Government House and meeting up with the other student leaders we befriended during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration.



By SRC Co-Presidents, Alice Connelly and Lachlan Shields

YEAR 9 NAPLAN 2012 TESTING INFORMATION

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for year 3, 5, 7 and 9 takes place from Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 May, which is week 4 this term.

All schools in Australia participate in the assessment program at the same time. There are four components: - Language Conventions; Writing; Reading and Numeracy.

All students in Year 9 will participate in the assessment program. If your child is absent during this period there is the possibility of completing the assessments upon their return to school on Friday 18 May or Monday 21 May.

Student work is marked by a panel of external markers with results being returned to the school and parents later in the year, usually September. We communicate students NAPLAN results to parents at the Term 3 report collect evening. The school uses the NAPLAN results as one of a range of student achievement measures to implement appropriate support and extension strategies.

A letter was sent home with all Year 9 students during week two about the NAPLAN. If you have any questions regarding your child sitting the test, please contact Craig Duguid or the Principal, Marion Coady, by Wednesday 9 May to discuss.

This includes parents wishing to exempt their child from the test.

If you would like any more information please contact Craig Duguid or visit the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au.

Craig Duguid, Senior Leader Middle School

YOUTH ANZAAS 2012 – Science students in Year 10, 11 or 12 should apply now!

How will science change your future..? Find out from *real* scientists in action at

Youth ANZAAS 2012 from 29 June to 6 July in Dunedin, New Zealand.

What is Youth ANZAAS? Youth ANZAAS is an annual residential international forum for Science students in Years 10 to 12. Every year, students from each State and Territory are selected to participate in Science activities and experiences over a period of a week. Behind-the-scenes tours, lectures with leading scientists, hands-on research, cutting edge technology – all this and more awaits you at Youth ANZAAS 2012!

Who organises Youth ANZAAS? Youth ANZAAS 2012 is organised by the Royal Society of New Zealand (RSNZ) and the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (ANZAAS) and receives financial support from the Federal Department of Education and Science.

When and where will it be held? Youth ANZAAS 2012 will be held in **Dunedin, New Zealand** from Friday 29 June to Friday 6 July to coincide with the University of Otago International Festival of Science.

We pay to get you there!

ANZAAS will pay the travel costs of successful applicants from Adelaide, Perth, Sydney, Canberra, Hobart, Brisbane and Melbourne to Christchurch in New Zealand. Travel from Christchurch to Dunedin will be by motor coach organised by RSNZ.

Participants pay only the conference registration fee of **\$700.00**: which covers **all** meals, accommodation, forum sessions, travel around New Zealand and tours.

How do I apply? Contact your local ANZAAS representative see details below to obtain an application form.

You must get your application in by **close of business Friday 18 May 2012** *Late applications will not be accepted see Mrs Giles, Leader of Science at Blackwood High School for an application form.*

SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

The annual health inspection was recently conducted by Gemma the representative of the Mitcham Council. We are proud to inform all parents and students that we passed with flying colours. Gemma was not hesitant in passing on that we had the best kept and clean canteen she has seen for many years. Thanks to all the Canteen staff.

WARNING: Notification was received from Mrs Macs' company that the newly introduced product 'Good Eating Sausage Rolls' **may contain egg.**



Barb Darby, Canteen Manager

NEW SMOKE-FREE LAWS FOR PLAYGROUNDS & COVERED PUBLIC TRANSPORT STOPS

From 31 May 2012, World No Tobacco Day, new State Government legislation will come into effect that:

- bans smoking within 10 metres of children's public playground equipment.
- bans smoking under covered public transport waiting areas, including bus, tram, train and taxi shelters and other areas used to board or alight from public transport that are covered by a roof.
- gives local councils and other incorporated bodies the ability to apply to have an outdoor area or event declared smoke-free.

Anyone aged 15 years and older can be fined for these offences committed under the *Tobacco Products Regulation Act 1997*. These changes will protect the health of children and the community and reduce exposure to second-hand smoke. Outdoor smoking in confined spaces is a potential hazard, particularly for children and people with pre-existing health conditions. Increasing the presence of smoke-free outdoor areas will also de-normalise smoking in the eyes of the community.



For further information or fact sheets, visit www.tobaccolaws.sa.gov.au or call the SA Health Tobacco Information Line on 1300 363 703. Assistance to quit smoking, call the Quitline is 137848 or visit www.quitsa.org.au

MATHEMATICS NEWS

The Mathematics Department have opened the Maths Help Club. The club is open to all students who are having difficulty with their Mathematics. Students can attend on a regular basis or just when they feel they need a little extra support. From Year 8 to Stage two, all students are welcome to attend. They will receive expert tuition from friendly and helpful Maths specialist teachers. The club is open every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during lunch time in the library. Please encourage your students to attend.

Glenn Smith, Leader of Mathematics

YEAR 10 NEWS

Year 10 students and parents are reminded that **Work Experience documentation is due to be returned to the school this week**. It is expected that all Year 10 students are participating in a Work Place Learning program during the week of 4-8 June. The major benefits of participating in the program include assisting with career and pathway planning, gaining confidence through learning and communicating in an adult work environment and applying their learning to the Personal Learning Plan (PLP). The criteria for assessment in the PLP require the students to reflect on their learning in the SACE capabilities of Work, Citizenship, Learning, Communication and Personal Development. All of these areas can be enhanced through Work Experience, however the students may focus on one, or all of the capabilities in the reflection process that is required for PLP task no 2.

We ask that parents support their students in securing a placement and to **return the signed Agreement Forms** to the school as soon as possible. Any questions in regard to organization of Work Experience should be directed to the Work Experience Secretary, Ms Sue Booth on 82780970. Students having difficulty in finding a placement should also speak to Mr Luke Northcote, the VET Coordinator.

An important aspect of preparing the students to embark on their Work Experience involves providing the students with information about Safety in the Workplace.

On Friday May 18 all Year 10 students will be involved in a special Year 10 Focus morning. Normal lessons for Year 10's will not run, and students will be involved in a number of workshops designed to support their studies in the PLP and to undertake Passport to Safety training.

Representatives of the University of Adelaide will deliver a Career Planning seminar to all the Year 10's as part of this program. Normal lessons will resume in the afternoon.

On Friday 11 May, (a pupil free day) and Saturday 12 May, the National Careers and Employment Expo is available at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds. We encourage all students and families to attend this event. Seminars and exhibitions provide a range of valuable careers information. Further details can be found at www.eocexpo.com.au/adelaide.

Throughout the remainder of Term 2 students will continue Careers investigation and research using a number of resources and websites, including Myfuture.edu.au and the Job Guide. Research into career options and personal pathway planning is an important aspect of PLP task 3, which leads the students toward making informed decisions during the Course Counselling process that occurs during Term 3.

The final reminder for Year 10's is that their Personal Projects are due in week 1 of term 3.

We intend to hold an Exhibition of all the student's Personal Projects in Week 2 of term 3, on the night of the Year 10 and 11 SACE Parent Evening, Thursday 24 July. Parents will receive an invitation to this event early in Term 3. In the meantime, students are advised to take advantage of the forthcoming Student Free days on May 10 and 11 to continue work on their Personal Projects, or to visit the Careers Expo.

ADVANCE NOTICE: Change of date for the Year 10 IBMYP Graduation at the end of the year – the date for this important event is now the evening of Wednesday 5 December.

Jenny Hilterbrand, Deputy Principal

THE NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

The National Youth Science Forum is an exciting opportunity for our current Year 11 students

The National Youth Science Forum is a unique program that enables students on the point of entering their final year of secondary school the opportunity to get a hands-on feel for careers and learn about study options in the diverse fields of science, engineering and technology.

There are three sessions offered, each for 144 students from all parts of Australia, plus some from overseas. Two sessions run in Canberra, and one in Perth. Students live on campus as University students, gain an insider's perspective on campus life, and experience real science, working with real scientists in a range of laboratories and workshops.

Students gain the knowledge, skills and perspectives that enable them to make informed choices about Year 12 studies - University course options - and provide them with a sense of confidence about how to progress into a future of their choosing.

In school holiday breaks during Year 12, students also have the opportunity to return to campus in university and industry locations around the country, to build further expand their knowledge and experience, and gain increased perspectives that assist in the successful transition to University.

An overview of the Application and Selection process is provided in the Information Leaflet: <http://www.nysf.edu.au/doc/NYSF13flyer.pdf>

If you would like a printed copy of the Information Leaflet please contact Robyn Giles.

Meanwhile for further details and help with the application process: <http://www.nysf.edu.au/applying>

Robyn Giles, Leader of Science

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange has many students arriving on Sunday 10 June, from France. They are still looking for families for six French boys, aged between 14 and 17 years of age. The students will attend the school nearest to where the family lives. With only five weeks before their arrival it is getting URGENT that families are found for them. If you are interested please contact Jenny Hanson, the SA Inbound Manager by email jeh1313@bigpond.net.au for more information.

2012 WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

We are participating in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Thanks to your support, in 2011 we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned.

From now until Sunday 1 July 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points.

All students will be distributed an Earn & Learn sticker card for families to collect stickers if they shop at Woolworths.

For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. Once the card is completed, they can simply return it to the collection box in Student Services or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including Mathematics and English resources, Art & Crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School or visit the Woolworths website www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

Marion Coady, Principal

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 3 May the Blackwood High School Athletics team competed in the Interschool Athletics Carnival B1 competition at SANTOS Stadium. The team consisted of 80 enthusiastic and motivated students with a number of students competing in athletics for the first time.

Throughout the carnival all competitors performed at a high level with a number of students achieving personal bests. The following students performed particularly well and are to be congratulated on achieving a 'Standard' (a level set by SSSAA).

Ollie Crump	Open Boys 800m	2 min 02.00s sec
Lachy Scott	Open Boys 3000m	9 min 26.02 sec
Nathan Shadiac	U/16 Shot Put	13.11 metres

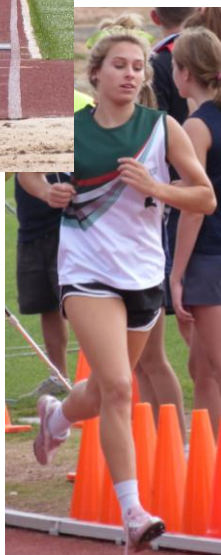
The team spirit displayed throughout the day was outstanding with students showing strong support for each other. Towards the end of the day, prior to the relays, the overall scores were very close with less than 30 points separating the first and second placed schools.

The scene was set for a nail biting finish but after numerous relay trainings during lunchtimes the relay teams were well prepared to finish off the day strongly for the BHS team. The hours of effort paid off with Blackwood achieving 3 firsts and 2 seconds out of a total of 8 relays. These results provided a significant boost to the team's overall score.

At the end of the day Blackwood High finished in first position with a total of 615 points defeating six other schools.

The first placed position has also resulted in Blackwood High School being promoted to the A2 division in 2013. This is a significant achievement as the team has shown continued improvement over the last 5 years climbing from C2 to A2 (5 divisions in 5 years). Congratulations to all students in the team.

Glen Little and Janet Bradley



CYBER SAFETY GOLDEN RULES

1. **Supervise**
 - Know when your child is using the internet.
 - Be available to help them when they have problems or questions.
2. **Know what your children are doing online**
 - Know your child's favourite websites.
 - Know where your child is going online.
 - Know who your child chats to online.
 - Know what your child is downloading and uploading.
3. **Check their social networking profiles**
 - Ask your child to show you his/her profiles.
 - Check the profile(s) privacy settings – make sure they are locked so only people with permission can see the full profile. Keep personal information to a minimum.
 - Check your child's online friends and contacts, block anyone who is inappropriate or who posts inappropriate material.
4. **Talk about what not to do online**
 - Anything your child does online is traceable and trackable.
 - Discuss the need to respect other people's privacy.
 - Discuss responsible behaviour online and offline.
5. **Keep your computer's security up to date**
 - Ensure your computer's firewall, anti virus, anti spyware and program updates are installed.
6. **Talk about Cyber Bullying**
 - Discuss what types of activities are cyber bullying.
 - Discuss the impact of cyber bullying on the victim and the bully.
 - Tell your child they must tell an adult if they are experiencing cyber bullying.
 - Understand the threat of taking internet and phone access away may lead to a child not reporting cyber bullying.
7. **Know what their mobile phones can do**
 - Know the functions of your child's mobile phone.
 - Speak to their service provider about how to restrict services, if required.
 - Discuss with your child what is acceptable use of their mobile phone.
8. **Get down with the lingo**
 - Become familiar with the language of the internet, computers and mobile phones.
 - Become familiar with Text Speak – abbreviations used in SMS and online chat.
9. **Ask Questions**
 - Your child is your best resource, ask them to help you learn about the internet.
 - Talk to other parents and teachers.
 - Use the internet to help you learn.
10. **No internet in bedrooms – ever!**
 - Always know when your child is online and what they are doing when they are online.
 - If the computer must be in the bedroom, have the computer screen facing the door and keep the door open.

PARENTING COURSES - EFFECTIVE LIVING CENTRE 26 King William Road, Wayville.

All sessions are held at The Effective Living Centre.

Bookings essential on 8271 0329 or www.effectiveliving.org

Cost for all sessions: \$15 regular, \$10 conc. or friends of ELC, \$20 per couple

Working through Grief and Loss with your Child – Wednesday, 9 May at 7:30-9:30 pm

Life is made up of big and small changes and every change involves loss as well as opportunities. How we deal with change is important to our mental health and wellbeing.

Fun not Fuss with Food - Wednesday, 30 May at 7:30-9:30 pm

Nutritionist and psychotherapist Peter Hill will lead a discussion around strategies to change behaviour, while supporting developmentally appropriate independence and curiosity with eating.

Helping your Child Deal with Emotions Constructively - Wednesday, 20 June at 7:30-9:30 pm

It is not easy living with our own emotions, let alone our child's ups and downs. Yet parents can help their children to safely express their feelings and manage strong emotions. It is a gift which will serve them well for a lifetime.

CENTRACARE 33 Wakefield Street, Adelaide – Bookings on 8210 8200. Single sessions at cost of \$5.00 each.

Mum's House, Dad's House: Wednesday 9 May 1.00-4.00pm / Thursday 24 May 6.00-9.00pm / Tuesday 5 June 9.30am-12.30pm / Wednesday 20 June 6.00-9.00pm.



student exchange
AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

STUDENT EXCHANGE - FREE CITY INFORMATION EVENING IN ADELAIDE_ at 7.30pm

THURSDAY 10 MAY. Go to the Medina Grand Adelaide Treasury, corner King William and Flinders Streets, Adelaide to meet their staff, hear comprehensive information on all aspects of exchange, ask questions, meet other students considering going on exchange and scholarships are available. The next FREE live online information sessions on the same night at 6.30pm (AEST).

www.studentexchange.org.au or phone 1300 135 331.