BEGINNING OF TERM 4

It seems that the year has hardly just begun, yet here we are farewelling our 2014 Class of Year 12 students and looking towards final assessments.

- Year 12 Examination in Weeks 4 and 5
- Year 11 Examinations in Week 6
- Years 8 – 10 Supervised Assessment Tasks coming up in Weeks 5 and 6

So this will again be a busy term, especially when you add to this the myriad of other opportunities that our students will be involved in, including performing through the ‘Blackwood’s got Talent’ and the ‘Sunset Festival’.

Students will be engaged in completing the remainder of their school year undertaking learning and assessment tasks. It is important that students see the last term as an opportunity to further their achievements and continue to build the foundation for 2015 and beyond. With the warmer weather, it will be easier for students to get up and arrive at school on time and commit themselves to their work.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

This week is significant for our Year 12 students. On 21 October, we joined with our Year 12 families, friends and members of the school community to acknowledge and celebrate the many talents of our graduating Year 12’s. Their achievements span a wide range from academics, leadership, sport and community achievements.

At the Adelaide Town Hall we engaged in the traditions and the joviality of such occasions with laughter and tears which symbolise the achievement of twelve years of schooling. Many proud students and parents were evident on the evening.

On Friday 24 October, a traditional whole school assembly marked the school farewelling the Year 12 Class of 2014. A brunch provided by Sam Thompson and his ‘Green Team’ provided the Year 12s as a cohort to telling stories, shedding tears and patting each other on the back with peals of laughter and lots of ‘selfies’.

On behalf of our staff and school community, I wish our entire Year 12 students the very best as they plan and plot their journey through the last few weeks.

Refer to the information for the Year 12 Written Examination on Page 8 of the newsletter.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We always appreciate parents/caregivers sitting down with teachers and students at our parent/teacher interviews at the end of Terms 1 and 3. It is always heartening to see the school buzzing with these very important conversations that can make a real difference to student wellbeing and performance. So thank you to the parents/caregivers who attended.

Our intention is to review feedback provided in Mid-Semester Reports with family members, gain a fuller picture of the interests and abilities of our students, and discuss ways to support and challenge each of them to do their best. At these interviews parents and caregivers are also able to request discussions with particular subject teachers if they would like further information.

YEARS 9 TO 12 DANCE PERFORMANCE EVENING

I would like to offer my congratulations to the dance students responsible for the choreography and performances that were showcased in the Performing Arts Centre, on 24 September. Students from Years 8 to 12 entertained the audience with dazzling pieces that were choreographed completely by students. They were ably supported by a technical crew that helped put together multimedia ‘back drops’, sound and lighting. It was very impressive.
YEARS 12 FOOD AND HOSPITALITY DINNERS
Parents of Year 12 students were treated to a fine dining experience as Mary Oleschenko and her Stage 2 Food and Hospitality students turned the Home Economics Centre into a restaurant style venue that we can be proud of. It was great to see the students working cohesively as a team to ensure that their invited guests were warmly welcomed and treated to a delicious menu featuring a choice of entrees, mains and desserts. Many parents were surprised at the quality of the food the teams were able to produce.

REGIONAL TRADE SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT
It was great to see that Blackwood High School well represented at the Regional Trade School Awards. This is an event that showcases the achievements students who are exploring training and employment options through vocational education and training.

Ross Maxwell topped off his achievement as ‘School-Based Apprentice of the Year’ at the SA Training Awards by winning the Regional School-based Apprentice of the Year Award. Year 11 student Maddie Davenport was a runner up regional School-Based Apprentice of the Year, and Callum Goodhand was the Blackwood High School VET Student of the Year. 2013 student Gemma Stewart won the Transition Award for demonstrating excellence in her transition from school to work. Gemma confidently addressed the audience about her experiences. Finally entertainment before the commencement of the awards ceremony was provided by Maddie Winter and Callum Goodhand.

DECD Strategic Plan 2014 -2017
The Department for Education and Child Development’s new Strategic Plan 2014-2017 outlines how our public education system will become even stronger over the next four years. The plan is a commitment to children, families and the community to improve learning achievement, health, wellbeing, child safety, community engagement, and access to services. We look forward to working together with you to make sure your children continue to be healthy, happy, safe and are supported to do their best.

For more information, visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/strategicplan

STAFF CHANGES FOR TERM 4
We have welcomed Brenton Ward as our new grounds person. Brenton commenced at the beginning of Term 4 and will be replacing Garry Farr. Garry has decided to retire at the end of October 2014 after nineteen years of service to our school.

NETWORK NEWS - CYBERSAFETY
In a recent publication ‘Network News’ September 2014, there was an article on Cybersafety and the Top 10 Tips for Youth. This information was provided by the Australian Federal Police (AFP).

1. Use a strong password – a combination.
2. Don’t believe everything you read – make sure you know it’s coming from a reliable source.
3. Don’t give out any private information over the internet or through mobile devices about you, your family, friends or other people that know you.
4. Think before you send! You have to think about what you are saying and how the recipient (s) may feel.
5. Don’t hide behind a mobile device or computer screen. If you wouldn’t say it to someone’s face don’t say it at all!
6. Don’t post inappropriate or illegal content anywhere in cyberspace.
7. Make sure your social networking profile is set to private – check your security settings.
8. Only accept friend requests from people you actually know – even if it is a friend of a friend, it’s not a good idea to add them unless you actually know them.
9. Tell your friends to ask for your permission before uploading and/or tagging a photo of you on their social networking profiles.
10. Don’t click on any links that are embedded in emails – type the URL into the browser and go from there.

Tell Someone. Speak to an adult you trust if something makes you feel uncomfortable online or on a mobile device.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES

Mental health issues are an increasing phenomena in our community. A recent publication sent to the school provided with ten ways to support people with mental health challenges. The ten strategies include:

- Learn about mental health
- Avoid stigmatizing mental health
- Listen and learn
- Assist loved ones to seek help
- Offer meaningful support
- Take symptoms seriously
- Give your loved one control
- Offer unconditional love
- Build upon strengths
- Keep loved ones safe

Further information about each of these strategies can be found at [www.goodtherapy.org/blog/10-ways-to-support-someone-with-mental-health-challenges](http://www.goodtherapy.org/blog/10-ways-to-support-someone-with-mental-health-challenges)

BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL HIGH ACHIEVERS

- Congratulations to Brandon Penn who has been selected to compete in the Muay Thai Nationals being held in Queensland on 22 October to 28 October 2014.

- Congratulations Zac Cavouras, Brad Patterson and Adrian Albanese for being named in the team of the Year for the Southern Football League Mail Medal.

- Congratulations to Chantelle Fey who received Honors in the Cecchetti Intermediate Ballet Examination.

YEAR 10 GRADUATION

7.30pm Thursday 4 December at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church

Parents are welcome to join us in for the graduation of our Year 10 students at 7.30pm on Thursday 4 December at Blackwood Hills Baptist Church

The end of Year 10 is important at Blackwood High School. It marks the end of Middle School and transition to Senior School. Students shift from the International Baccalaureate to the South Australian Certificate of Education. Their learning programs go from a blend of required and choice subjects to self-selected subjects that follow personal interests and prepare for post school pathways. They move from learning that is completely supervised by teachers to programs that incorporate independent study. At Blackwood High School, Year 10 Graduation marks our students transition into young adulthood.

So parents/caregivers of our Year 10 students, please put Thursday 4 December into your diaries and onto your calendars to celebrate with us.

David Garrett, Deputy Principal

C.A.S. HAWKER SCHOLARSHIP

The 2015 C.A.S. Hawker Scholarships open on Monday 8 December 2014 and close on Friday 2 January 2015. The C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship is one of the most generous privately funded scholarships available to undergraduate students in Australia. Each residential scholarship is valued at up to $45,000 over three years.

Information about the C.A.S. Hawker Scholarship and an application form are available at [www.hawkerscholarship.org](http://www.hawkerscholarship.org) or by contacting the secretary to the Trustees on 08 8127 1654.

The Charles Hawker Scholarship perpetuates the memory of scholar, soldier and pastoralist Charles Allan Seymour Hawker and commemorates the achievements of one of Australia’s most respected statesmen. In 2011, the Trustees awarded four scholarships to students from three states and the ACT. Governor-General Ms Quentin Bryce AC presented the students with their scholarships at a function at Government House in Canberra. This year, Australia’s Chief Scientist Professor Ian Chubb AC presented four scholarships to students from three states, as did South Australian Premier Hon Jay Weatherill MP in 2013.

The scholarships are available to all Australian students. The majority have been awarded to students entering their first year of university study.

Selection is largely based on personal qualities and demonstrated leadership as well as academic ability. Undergraduate Hawker Scholars are able to attend a range of Australian educational institutions.
YEAR 11 NEWS

The Year 11 cohort have a busy term ahead completing Stage 1 of their SACE. Students will have the opportunity to apply for independent study privileges once all aspects of their Research Projects have been submitted.

This term SAPOL’s Road Safety Section delivered a road safety presentation entitled ‘The Fatal Five’, presented by a serving police officer. This powerful and interactive program discussed road safety issues, including the causes of road crashes such as fatigue, alcohol and drugs, speed, risk-taking, peer pressure, driver attitudes, and ways in which to reduce the risk of becoming a crash statistic. This program incorporates the use of contemporary government road safety messaging through partnership with the Motor Accident Commission (MAC).

The Road Safety Section also provides a free bi-monthly e-newsletter ‘Talkin Road Safety’ to schools which provides articles on road safety which are of interest to drivers and other road-users.

There are a number of web sites which may be of further value to you and our students.

- raa.com.au
- mylicence.sa.gov.au
- sapolice.sa.gov.au
- howsafeisyourcar.com.au

For any further information on road safety please feel free to contact the Road Safety Section on 8207 6586 or by email: DLSAPOLRoadSafetySection@police.sa.gov.au.

On 27 October 2014 Flinders University will be visiting and presenting information on courses and options available at Flinders University. In the final weeks of term leading up to examinations, Care Group teachers will be supporting students with exam revision and preparation strategies.

Katrina Constantopoulous, Year 11 Leader

YEAR 11 TERM 3 STUDENT AWARDS

**Academic Excellence**
- Chris Williams
- Tomono Sakurai
- Callum Goodhand
- Ruby Williamson
- Georgia Brown
- Madeline Green
- Dempsey Charlton

**Academic Achievement**
- Asha Thurlow
- Cintya A Gusty
- Jaesung Bae
- Alex Morrison
- Jing Wan
- Kaitlyn Litchfield
- Megan Roper
- Jess Reynolds
- Zac Stolinsk

**Culture of Respect AAA Awards**
- Megan Roper
- Monica Hart
- John Lim
- Maddy Torquati
- Callum Goodhand
- Andrew Hobbs

**Year Level Leader Award**
- Chris Williams
YEAR 12 GRADUATION AND FAREWELL

We are proud of our students’ achievements that we recognised at our Year 12 Graduation on Tuesday evening at the Adelaide Town Hall.

I would like to thank all our invited guests, parents, staff and students for joining us at our 2014 Blackwood High School Graduation. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the success of our students and watching a group of young adults be excited about the fact they had reached another milestone in their lives but also feeling a sense of sadness they were moving on. The evening was hosted by our SRC Presidents Daniel Hill and Rachael Thompson who did an outstanding job in representing their peers and ensuring the evenings proceedings progressed smoothly. Students received awards ranging from Service Awards, High Academic Awards and Service Awards. The valedictory speeches were delivered by Madeline McBeth and Madeleine McCarthy who spoke about their time at our school and their journey through school with their fellow class mates. The evening was celebrated with musical performances by the talented, Georgia Cosercas, Mollie Mooney, Marina Deller-Evans and Sam Upton.

Congratulations to all the Year 12 students, award recipients and those who participated in this celebration. I would like to wish the Year 12 students all the best in their exams and future endeavours.

Mary Hodson, Assistant Principal Senior School

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Subject Awards

Advanced Manufacturing Technologies: Joshua Lissiman
Biology: Kara Booth
Business & Enterprise: Christopher Williams
Child Studies: Rachael Thompson
Dance: Maddie Davenport
Design: Michaela Adams
English Communications: Jasmine Brock
English Studies: Kaitlin Litchfield
ESL: Pakaporn Buranasak
Furniture Construction: Charlie Fletcher
Health: Sophie Watchman
Mathematical Applications: Erin Guppy
Mathematical Methods: Nicole Williams
Mathematical Studies: Corey Bridger
Physics: Casey Davies
Mathematical Studies: Caitlin Merlin
Psychology: Georgia Cosercas
Tourism: Bianca Millar
Visual Arts: Ross Maxwell
Workplace Practices: Marina Deller - Evans
Drama: Marina Deller - Evans
Food & Hospitality: Daniel Hill
Modern History: Daniel Hill
Health: Erin Guppy
Music: Daniel Hill
ESL: Jesse Mayman
Tourism: Madeleine McBeth
Visual Arts: Caitlin Merlin
Modern History: Mollie Mooney
Drama: Eduard Pistorius
Music: Ethan Quigley
Physics: Dieter Rowland
Chemistry: Heather Smith
Modern History: Jesse Tarasuk
Physics: Rachael Thompson
Chemistry: Samuel Upton
English: Nicole Williams

Service Awards

Zac Anderson
Lauren Bowshall
Pakaporn Buranasak
Zakaria Cavouras
Georgia Cosercas
Corey Cramp
Marina Deller-Evans
Vanessa Fleming
Erin Guppy
Daniel Hill
Jessica Mayman
Madeleine McBeth
Caitlin Merlin
Mollie Mooney
Eduard Pistorius
Ethan Quigley
Dieter Rowland
Heather Smith
Jesse Tarasuk
Rachael Thompson
Samuel Upton
Nicole Williams
YEAR 12 GRADUATION (Cont.)

Special Awards

Lions Language: Daniel Hill
Lions Bursary: Erin Guppy and Tamika Thomas
ADF Leadership - Long tan: Daniel Hill
Caltex: Eduard Pistorius
Gov Council: Rachael Thompson
Rotary: Caitlin Merlin
Rotary Scholarship: Eduard Pistorius
Dux 2013: Jiho (Colin) Han
Mayor’s Award: Nicole Williams
Frank Scriva Art Award: Bianca Millar
C E Wattchow Music Award: Georgia Cosercas
Vocational Student of the Year: Holly Spencer
School Based Apprenticeship (ASBA): Ross Maxwell
International: Shucheng Li (Steven)
Adelaide Festival Centre Arts Award: Marina Deller-Evans and Georgia Cosercas
Sports Award: Vanessa Fleming
SA Branch of the Order of Australia: Corey Cramp
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**Notes on the Written Examinations Timetable**

1. The written examinations for the following nationally assessed languages will be held on Tuesday 21 October, 1.30 p.m., South Australian time:  
   - Background speakers-level Persian and Russian (2 hours 50 minutes)  
   - Continents-level Armenian, Bosnian, Croatian, Dutch, Filipino, Hebrew, Hind, Hungarian, Khmer, Macedonian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Sinhala, Swedish, Tamil, Turkish, Ukrainian, and Yiddish (2 hours 30 minutes).

2. Special arrangements will be made for students enroled in subjects for which there are conflicting examination times.

3. Teachers who have students enrolled in Arabic (Beginners) should contact the SACE Board.
Congratulations

Recently a number of past and present Blackwood High School Vocation Education and Training (VET) students have represented the school in a range of regional and state competitions and it is with great pride that we recognise their fantastic efforts.

SA Training Awards – 9 September

Ross Maxwell: South Australian School Based Apprentice of the Year

This is a huge honour and Ross is the first winner of this award from this region. Ross has been a School Based Apprentice Chef with Windy Point Restaurant and Café since 2013.

The SA Training Awards noted that: Ross, who has loved cooking since he was a child, says becoming a School Based Apprentice was the best decision he has made. He is in Year 12 at Blackwood High School, studying a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery at TAFE SA and is employed at Windy Point Restaurant and Café. It is a win-win situation because Ross is learning while working and gaining invaluable experience in a professional kitchen. The judges said Ross’ achievements included his involvement in the World Challenge experience and learning about struggle, famine and poverty.

Inner South Trade School for the Future Awards – 17 September

Callum Goodhand: Blackwood High School VET Student of the Year

Callum goes about his VET Training with a quiet assurance that deserves commendation. Listening to him play at the awards is testament to the fact that he is excelling in his chosen field, as is the fact that Callum was invited to play at the most recent Adelaide Guitar Festival as part of the inaugural Adelaide Guitar Festival Orchestra as one of the eighty most promising young guitarists in South Australia. This is a fantastic achievement.

Madeline Davenport: School Based Apprentice of the Year – Runner Up

Maddie is a great ambassador for how School Based Apprenticeships add value to the SACE. Since signing up with Chemist King, Maddie has continued to excel both at school and at work, completing both in a mature and dedicated manner. As she is also undertaking Year 12 as well as competition Dance outside of the school. Maddie clearly has a range of commitments to juggle. Not only has she met this challenge, Maddie has also flourished.

Ross Maxwell: School Based Apprentice of the Year - Winner

Ross has backed up his prestigious win in the SA Training Awards by also winning our regional ASBA Award. This completed what has been a highly successful year for Ross who must be highly commended for his dedication and hard work as an apprentice chef.

Gemma Stewart: Transition Award for Students Completing School the Previous Year

Gemma completed Year 12 in 2013 and successfully undertook an apprenticeship at Minda during 2014. She worked diligently during Year 12 towards her Certificate III in Allied Health whilst also completing her Year 12 subjects. Gemma’s transition to work must be commended and she is a fantastic ambassador for a VET Course and a dedicated attitude combining to create success. Gemma gave a keynote address at the awards ceremony in which she said ‘All in all I cannot stress enough the importance of planning the future, embrace, engage and value your career plant and I promise you it will develop!’

Applications for 2015:

Please ensure that all applications for courses taking place in 2015 are completed as soon as possible. Although there is no official cut-off date for enrolment (students can apply until the start of 2015), there is no guarantee that students applying late in the process will be placed in a course.

Any students can make an appointment to see me any time. Alternatively I can be contacted via email in the first instance at luke.northcote@bhs.sa.edu.au and arrange a time to meet.

Careers News

There have been a number of careers activities undertaken this year, both for the whole school, year groups and individual classes and learning areas. As part of this strategy, students in Year 10 (and other year levels as targeted) will be involved (anonymously) in a short state wide survey to determine their engagement with these activities and what they have found most useful. More information is available from luke.northcote@bhs.sa.edu.au if you have any questions.

Luke Northcote, Vocation Education and Training (VET)
ART NEWS

The last day of Term 3 saw a hive of activity in the Performing Arts Centre. Dozens of Year 6 students travelled to the school from Belair, Bellevue Heights, Blackwood, Coromandel Valley, Eden Hills and Hawthornedene Primary Schools to audition for the **STEP UP Programme** (Special Technology Enterprise Performance). Students who could not attend in person sent DVDs or emailed film clips showcasing their dance and drama skills. The standard was excellent, which made the job of the selectors, Katrina Constantopoulos and Brigitte Esvelt very challenging. Numbers were finally consolidated at 24 in the Performance Team and 13 in the Technical team, but the selectors were so impressed with the enthusiasm of all the applicants that they promptly decided to offer a special one-day skills extension workshop later in the term for the performers who did not make the cut.

Friday, 17 October saw the programme up and running, with preliminary physical and technical workshops and a group brainstorming session to decide on the themes and format of the final product. For the next five weeks students will be specialising in the areas that interest them most:

- Extension Performance Skills
- Photography and Film Making
- Theatre Lighting
- Sound Mixing
- Media Imagery

The program will culminate with students creating their own live performance at the school on **Monday, 24 November** at 5.30pm in front of friends, families, staff and invited guests. On this first day it was wonderful to watch the enthusiasm and passion these students have for telling their stories through performance. The technical team, under the mentorship of Tom Oliphant and some of his Year 10 Photography students, already have footage to be used in the ‘Making of...’ DVD that each student will receive and some terrific ideas for the sound, lighting and film images they will be using to augment the show. Exciting times!

A reminder about upcoming events:

- SACE Stage 2 Music Final Performance on Monday, 3 November
- SACE Stage 1 Drama Final Performance on Wednesday, 5 November
- Community performance for Blackwood Rotary Christmas Fair at Karinya on Sunday, 9 November
- Sunset Arts Festival, including outdoor concert, SACE Stage 2 Art & Design Exhibition and Blackwood’s Got Talent on Wednesday, 12 November.

It is a busy time of year and we thank all the family and friends who come out to attend all these endeavours. It is not a performance without an audience, and we appreciate your ongoing support.

**RECONCILIATION SA YOUTH CONGRESS**

Recently Blackwood was invited to attend the annual Reconciliation SA Youth Congress. The Congress was held at Marion Football Club. Students from schools such as Prince Alfred, Wirreanda High School and Mercedes to name a few had the opportunity to discuss ways of combating racism in society.

Seb Dragan, Damian Bahr-Kelly, Kobe Cavouras, James La Vande represented Blackwood High School brilliantly and took part in some tough discussion surrounding how racism can take place and what types of racism exist. Most students indicated at the end of the two days of the Congress that racism could be very subtle or very obvious. Our Blackwood representatives worked together in developing a plan of action to implement in our school. I would like to acknowledge the students who took time out of their studies to take on such a hard and thought provoking topic.

Students from Blackwood High School had the chance to participate in role-play activities that included actors from the University of South Australia. Our students also met the head of Reconciliation SA Mr Mark Waters who was very impressed by our students. Any Blackwood High School students who would like to attend next year’s Congress please feeling free to contact me through the front office or Resource Centre.

Thanks to Sam Thomson our Christian Pastoral Support Worker for helping make this day happen!

**Matthew Kauschke, Aboriginal Secondary Transition Officer**
POSITIVE LESSONS - ATHLETES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM (PLAY)
Towards the end of Term 3 students from the Year 9 Specialist Football and Netball classes participated in the PLAY Program conducted by the Adelaide Football Club. The Program is an initiative that utilises athletes as positive role models to improve the lives of young people by sharing the benefits of Positive Psychology and Positive Education.

Forty three students participated in the four week program working with the staff and players from the Adelaide Football Club including the High Performance Manager Paddy Steinfort and players Andy Otten, Matthew Crouch and Matthew Jaensch.

Students participated in a range of activities used to sustain or improve their well-being. The program was an outstanding success with students actively engaging in all activities and discussions. Students completed pre and post surveys and the data from these surveys will now be used over an extended period to measure improvements in student’s mental fitness and the effectiveness of the program.

Glen Little, Specialist Football and Peta Maher, Specialist Netball

OPEN MIXED NETBALL
Blackwood High School held the inaugural Southern Zone Sport Open Mixed Netball Competition on 16 September. Six teams in total participated - Blackwood High School providing two teams, Unley High School three teams and Brighton High School one team.

A big thank you to umpires: Jess Pyke, Rachel Millington, Amy Buckney, Jane Whitehead, Shannon Gaskell and Ashton Gaskell.

Blackwood 1 - red team (left) consisted of Riley Mitchell, D’Arcy Mitchell, Daniel Nash, Darby Knight, Brooke Jenner, Vic Nicholls, Isaac Jurecky and Erin Hegarty.
Blackwood 2 - green team (right) consisted of Britt Smith, Emily Pettman, Sarah Wardle, Taylah Revink, Bailey Mandemaker, Jesse Coleman Jones, Kynan Chaplin, Chris Williams, John Lim, Daniel Bartle, Will Knight and Brad Nottle-Justice.

Both Blackwood teams showed competitiveness and talent, beating opposition teams by big margins. The Grand Final came down to the two Blackwood teams and it was a good game with Blackwood 1 taking out the Grand Final. Well done to all Blackwood players.

Adam Delcano, Sports Trainee

AFL MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE
In the Challenge held during Numeracy Week that had over 60000 entrants, two of our students finished in the top 20 for South Australia. In recognition of this significant result both Nathan Laity and Casey Jade Rutter will receive a prize of a full size AFL football. Congratulations to you both.

Glenn Smith, Leader Maths
SOUTHERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE MAIL MEDAL AWARDS NIGHT

The Southern Football League Mail Medal Awards night was recently held and the Flagstaff Hill Falcons Club had six Blackwood High School boys nominated for Team of the Year.

On the 15 September, Hayden Kernahan, Harry Ashwell, Macca Short and Reece Milsom got selected for the 2014 Under 14 Southern Football League Team of the Year. This is the twenty two best players for the ten teams in the league. We got invited out to the Southern Adelaide Panthers Football Club for the Mail Medal night to collect our awards and find out who would win the Best and Fairest for all of the grades. For Under 14’s, Tynan Carney won the medal and he is in Year 9 at Blackwood High School.

It was also a very good night with the Flagstaff Hill Falcons, (which Harry, Macca and Reece play for) winning the Best and Fairest for B Grade and A Grade.

Reece Milsom and Macca Short, Year 8 Students

Blackwood High School Forest Soccer Club supported four teams this year that have gone from strength to strength. The teams were led by a terrific team of coaches and managers along with parent support. What a great effort from everyone involved and appreciated by the committee. The U18 Blue Team and the U16 Red Team ended the season finishing on top of the ladder. The U16 Blue’s and the newly formed U15s had a tough season but are placed to have a good season in 2015. Well done to all teams for an outstanding year.

The U18 Blue Team also took out the Cup Final against Southern Breakers. Coached by Dave and managed by Mark this season, it was a fitting way for the Year 12 players to end their playing days for the school. What a great effort! The U16 Red Team played well to be runners up in their Cup final.

We hope to see some new players for the 2015 season which will commence in May with an information night early in March to meet new parents coming across from the Primary School. Thanks to Nat Elliott for volunteering to take over the role of President next year, I’m sure he will have plenty of support from the parents.

For information please contact Nat Elliott (President) or Mark Bridger bhforestsoccerclub@gmail.com
Have you ever wondered how the teenage brain works?

Adults find teenagers baffling at times particularly in relation to their behaviour. We often consider their behaviour is irrational. There is an explanation for this.

Teenage brains are not fully developed and will not be fully developed until they are 25 years old. Their brains, like their bodies, go through growing pain. Teens make decisions which are irrational as their brains are processing thoughts and emotions irrationally. This means that how we respond to teenagers is important. Responding to them in ways that are sympathetic and understanding assists adults and the teenager. It is easy to get caught up in thinking they are making our lives deliberately difficult and out to get us. To understand the teenage brain the infographic assists us.
NEWSLETTER NO. 10 – 24 October 2014

“Bushfire Prevention for the Blackwood Hills”

The Blackwood Rotary Club is hosting a dinner meeting on the subject of “Bushfire Prevention for the Blackwood Hills.”

For such an important topic, we would like to open the evening to everyone in Blackwood and the surrounding community.

The cost of the evening will be $24 (two course dinner and coffee/tea).

Chris Martin, regional commander of the Country Fire Service, region 1, will be our guest speaker and will be available to answer your questions.

Venue: The Belair Country Club

When: 6.30 for 7pm on Tuesday October 28th, 2014

Cost: $24 (two course dinner)

Bookings are essential
Contact: Rotarian Jeff Hunter
jeffhunter16@bigpond.com
or Mobile: 0413 169 977

3 or 4 days of Science Activities for students in years 9 & 10

ENJOY
3 or 4 days in which you will be introduced to some of the wonders of science and technology.

PERFORM
Interesting experiments in a university laboratory.

HEAR
 Hear from scientists, teachers and engineers.

LOCATED
at all universities nationally.

COST
$115.00 GST Inc for 3 days and $180.00 for 4 days

PROGRAMS
not specified.

SCHOLARSHIP
may be available through Rotary or the National Office.

DATES
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6 things parents of teens must know about gaming:

1. Gaming is everywhere. Online, mobile and console gaming is a billion dollar industry - it’s bigger than Hollywood. Half a billion people worldwide play online/computer/mobile/console games for at least half an hour a day - and only 25% of regular gamers are under 18.

2. There are great things about gaming. Regular gamers have better visual spatial skills than those who don’t play. After gaming, people do better on some cognitive tests. Gaming has been found with decrease in stress and depression for many people in experimental trials. Gaming is often social - people are playing, together online to solve problems. And gaming is moving into solving real world problems - health, aid and social organisations are moving towards using gaming to get people to act prosocially and solve personal and world dilemmas.

3. There is also a dark side to gaming. Many games are professionally designed by psychologists and marketers to be addictive. It is easy to spend increasing numbers of hours on games and to sacrifice other important areas of life in the pursuit of a gaming goal. There are many teens (and adults) who are genuinely addicted to playing games. Also, many games are violent and disturbing. There is some inconclusive but worry - evidence that for some people playing violent games may increase the chance of them behaving in anti-social ways. Finally, gaming is interfering with a generation of teenagers’ sleep. Watching that brightly lit screen late at night stops young people from sleeping well, which leads to tired, irritable and amotivated students.

4. It’s mostly about the quality of the time spent. Every hour spent on gaming is a hour not spent doing something else. What could the teenager be doing instead of gaming? If it was simply watching TV or another arguably low importance task - then maybe gaming is a great stress-relieving, thinking skill-developing task. If it was getting extra sleep or finishing off an overdue assignment - then maybe the gaming time is not well spent.

5. Parents need to stop nagging teens about their gaming time and be cheerful about it instead. Being relentless negative about something a teenager loves to do is only going to turn them away from the most important people in their life - us. Show interest in their gaming, ask questions about it, play with them, be happy for them when they pass a level.

6. Parents need to stop nagging teens about their gaming and be cheerful about it instead AND AT THE SAME TIME - SET THE RULES. Don’t nag and lecture. The teenager is going to ignore you and you will get resentful that they don’t listen. Instead pleasantly set the rules and stick to them. “You game when this happens, between these hours, only this game and not that, not at this time and only when this happens. We will review the rules on this date”. And then stick to it. Don’t walk away and expect them to follow the rules. Be there, and make sure it happens. Yes, there will be tears, tantrums and outrage. It will pass and you will be glad you took a stand.

Remember: Gaming: it’s everywhere, it has advantages for the teen, there are pitfalls, it’s about the time spent, parents need to be cheerful about it and set the rules.

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Mitcham Council's Trail Projects and Dirt Jumps

Winter is over and the weather is perfect for outdoor activities. The City of Mitcham has been upgrading trails throughout Council woodland reserves for the community to use all year round.

When visiting Council’s trails through the next few month’s users may notice a number of changes including new signs, new plantings, trail surface upgrades and small crossing installations. All of these works are being undertaken to improve the trails facility and ensure reserve users can have a great time in the outdoors.

Council welcomes bike riding through most of its reserves, however Randell Park is one reserve where bikes are not allowed (this is currently being reviewed). There are great mountain bike riding opportunities across the Mitcham Council area, so check out the website for more details:


Along with developing the trails network, Council has developed dirt jump areas, which encourages BMX and dirt jumping. You will find these areas in the following locations:

- St Marys Park (Quinlan Avenue, St Marys)
- Mortlock Park (West Parkway, Colonel Light Gardens)
- Apex Park (Watahuna Avenue, Hawthorndene)
- Lynton Reserve Four Cross Track (Beagle Terrace,

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