Term 1 2015

What a busy term we have had! Alongside the teaching and learning there have been many school events. We started with Orientation Days for all year levels, the Year 8 Pool Day and Sports Day followed by the colourful, cooperative and competitive whole school Athletics Day. The SRC and House Captains were presented to the school at an assembly. Our Open Night saw approximately 200 of our students demonstrate their skills and abilities ranging from acting as tour guides, performing, working in curriculum areas, including as demonstrators, as well as preparing and serving coffee. The evening saw in excess of 800 visitors. It was pleasing to get feedback about the obviously sound relationships between our students and staff as well as the confidence with which our students carried themselves.

The term has continued with a combined Year 8 and 9 drama and dance evening on 30 March. In the last week of the term a contingent of athletes from Year 8 to 12 will be competing at the International Athletics Carnival at Santos Stadium. Go Blackwood! We wish them all the best as they pursue their personal best in events and support each other through encouragement and determination.

A forth-coming event is Parent/Teacher interviews that will occur on 8 April from 1.45 to 8pm. We value the relationships parents and caregivers form with teachers to support student learning. There is further information about booking interview times on page four in this newsletter. This is the same information that has been sent home previously.

I wish all our students and families safe school holidays. Our Senior School students should be taking the opportunity to continue with some of their school work and combine it with relaxation so they return to school refreshed.

Term 2 2015

A friendly reminder, students will start Term 2 on Tuesday 28 April. Staff will have a Student Free Day on Monday 27 April. The focus of the day will be continued development for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. This includes unit planning and task development.

I will be working at Blackwood High School developing a Numeracy and Literacy Strategy during Term 2 to build on and strengthen the progress we have been making over the last four years. During the term David Garrett will take on the role of Principal.

Governing Council for 2015

Following the Blackwood High School Governing Council AGM the 2015 Council was formed. The following representatives are on the council.

Parent representatives
- Michael Tlauka (Chair)
- Sarah Allen
- Conny Meyer

Student representatives
- Chris Williams and Ebony Young

Community representatives
- Sam Duluk (member for Davenport)
- Lindy Taeuber (Mitcham Council)

Staff representatives
- David Garrett and Chris Plummer

Ex Officio
- Marion Coady

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Pastoral Care Worker (PCW)
The Australian Government and the local ministers group have provided funding for the continuation of Sam Thomson as the Pastoral Care Worker. A brochure was emailed or distributed to families last week. Students who wish to work with Sam other than in the context of our School Wellbeing program require a consent form from parents and caregivers. If there are any concerns about how Sam is working, contact needs to be made with me. I will then follow the Complaints Procedure that is outlined on the school’s website.

Changes to School Buses
Following concerns raised about the 605 bus services there are some changes that have been implemented. The 601B to the school in the morning has been upgraded to an articulated bus, increasing the capacity to carry more students. This should alleviate the pressure on the 605 bus and prevent the bus being full and not able to pick up any more students. If parents and caregivers have any concerns about the buses, please contact me at the school. Any issues that have been raised have been worked through in the interests of our students and their safety.

NAIDOC Week 2015
NAIDOC Week is from 7 to 14 July 2015. NAIDOC Week is to develop, within Australia and all communities, an understanding of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and contributions. This year, students have the opportunity to participate in a writing competition.

Year 7 to 9 students can enter a creative writing competition focussing on:
A feature newspaper article on how constitutional reform will benefit the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Year 10 to 12 students can enter an essay writing competition focussing on:
Explain why Australia should recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the constitution;
How will recognition improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and advance reconciliation.

Entries must be received by 27 June 2015 to GPO Box 454, Sydney NSW 2001. Further information is available from Mr Raphael Zadey, Leader of Humanities and English.

The University of Adelaide Early Entry Program
I am pleased to announce that Blackwood High School has formed a relationship with The University of Adelaide to guarantee entry for a group of student who wish to undertake science related degrees. Our students need to be doing a minimum of two SACE Stage 2 subjects in mathematics and science. Students involved in the program will have special lessons in the University. The first was on 31 March. The University guarantees our student’s entry into an undergraduate program provided they achieve an ATAR of 65 or above. The University provides support for students throughout the year. We are excited with this new opportunity which further extends the initiatives we have to link with universities.

2015 Year 9 NAPLAN
This year the NAPLAN assessment will occur from 12 to 14 May. We encourage all students to participate in the NAPLAN. As a group of teachers we can use the results to identify where we can make improvements in our teaching programs as well as identifying students to whom we need to provide additional support. Parents can request to withdraw their children from the NAPLAN following a discussion with Jarrod Chave or David Garrett and completing the relevant paperwork.

Bully Zero Australia Foundation
On 12 March I attended the South Australian launch of Bully Zero Australia Foundation. The Foundation operates a 24 hour bully hotline 1800 0 BULLY (1800 0 28559) which provides general information and support. The Foundation aims to protect and empower Australians to live fulfilling lives free from all forms of bullying. Our school has an antibully and harassment policy and procedure which is published on the school’s website. I would also like to indicate that if students are being bullied on-line by other students from the school then we would like to know. This requires screen shots of the bullying to be provided to us. We then work with families to address the on-line bullying which may include school consequences such as suspension or exclusion.

Writing Competition
The Conservative Leadership Foundation is conducting its annual writing competition. The competition is open to young Australians aged 16 to 23. An essay, up to 1500 words, must begin with
If I were Prime Minister, I would....

The competition winner will receive $1000. Two further prizes of $500 are awarded. The competition closes 30 April, 2015. Further information www.conservative.org.au/competition

Youth Mental Health Support (YMHS)
Services are now being provided for 16 to 24 year old young people who have mental health issues. Young people or their families can access these services by contacting the Mental Health Triage Service 13 14 65 (24/7).
**Talkin’ Road Safety**


Scroll down to Road Safety newsletters and ‘For Schools’ section. Past editions are also available. The latest edition includes information to assist people who are considering buying a car, some interesting information about self driving cars, drowsiness detection, breakdown on side of roads, the three second rule and using other functions of a mobile phone.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY BREAKFAST**

On Friday, 6 March, Emily Lauritsen, Eleana Willmott and language teacher, Jenny Arezina attended the International Women’s Day Breakfast, at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

It was hosted by South Australian Senator Penny Wong, who we were fortunate enough to meet. More than 2,360 people, mostly women attended. Leading Muslim leader, Monash University PhD candidate, Susan Carland was the keynote speaker. She talked about the way sexism is experienced by women from different backgrounds and experiences such as Muslim, indigenous, disabled and being gay. She emphasised the importance of recognising that each case is different and not a, "one size fits all" problem for women. She said it is important to ask women experiencing sexism, "What will work in your situation and how can we help make that happen?" Further, she added that we should also be talking about issues such as the high rates of domestic violence and the widening gender pay gap. It was an eye-opening experience as Ms Carland presented a different approach to reaching gender equality.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OPEN NIGHT 2015**

We are thrilled with the public’s response to Blackwood High School Open Night 2015, our own contribution to ‘Mad March’. Over 800 people attended, and each year the response gets bigger and better. People are coming to look at our school with children who are getting younger and younger. Some parents we spoke to have children who are in Year 3 or 4. They are beginning to think about where they want to send their children for high school and the word is out that Blackwood High School is a place that is well worth a look. With all of the opportunities we offer, it is a great place to send children to grow into young, thriving and successful adults.

The stand out feature of our Open Night was our students, 200 of them, closely followed by our enthusiastic staff. And we are very proud of them all. 34 of our senior students led tours around the school, explaining how our programs run and how our facilities operate. Wherever visitors went, they were met by our expert staff who explained how we engage and challenge our students. Students were at every display, welcoming, demonstrating, presenting and giving extra information.

Tours finished under the shelter of our Covered Outdoor Learning Area. Visitors lingered talk to Governing Council members while sipping a cup of café quality coffee, nibbling a cookie, and gnawing on a sausage cooked by Christian Pastoral Care Worker Sam Thomson and his team of Year 9 SRC students.

Visitors enjoyed the entertainment put on throughout the event by our talented music and dance students.

If you didn’t manage to get there this year, it will happen all over again next year. Meanwhile, if you have friends or family who are interested in finding out more about Blackwood High School, recommend they book onto a Principal Tour to see how a usual school day operates.

Marion Coady, Principal

Emily Lauritsen and Eleana Willmott, Year 11 students

David Garrett, Deputy Principal
BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL HIGH ACHIEVERS

・ Congratulations to Cameron Clohesy in Year 10 who was selected in the South Australian State Athletics team to compete in the National Athletics Competition in Sydney from 10 to 20 March, 2015.

・ Congratulations to Georgia Brown in Year 12 who has been named Captain of the State U17 Netball team. She will be competing in the National Netball Championships held 14 – 19 April.

・ Congratulations to Ryan Williams who won a Bronze Medal in the U17 Sprints at the Surf Life Saving State Titles held at Southport Beach last weekend. Ryan is a member at Normanville Surf Life Saving Club.

・ Congratulations to Year 8s, Bella Homes, Giordan Staines, Alina Tairli, Tiana John and Jordan Spells who are in the State U15 Volleyball squad competing at the Beach Volleyball Nationals at Glenelg from 9 - 12 April. Good luck!

・ Congratulations to Sarah Dredge in Year 9 for being selected in the State Sailing Bic team competing in Victoria in 2016.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS AND MID SEMESTER ONE REPORT COLLECTION

EARLY STUDENT DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

Further to the letters sent home Friday 20 March, we wish to remind parents and caregivers that students will be dismissed at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, 8 April to accommodate parent/teacher interviews and mid semester report collection. On Wednesday, 8 April students will have a Care Group session at 1:25 pm and they will be dismissed at 1:30 pm. Interview times will be available from 1.45 pm and finishing at 8.00 pm.

We understand that early dismissal causes difficulty for some families who require their children to be supervised until 3.10 pm. Please also note that school bus times will remain unchanged.

Students who remain at school will be supervised to do personal study by teaching staff who are not required for interviews.

To assist our planning, we request that you contact your son or daughter’s Care Group teacher to let them know that your child will require supervision.

End of term arrangement Thursday 9 April and Friday 13 April are normal school days. Students will be dismissed at 3:10pm.

MAKING APPOINTMENT TIMES

Please book your interview between now and Tuesday 7 April by either:

1. Book online by going to:
   ► Type in Keywords box: Blackwood High School
   ► Select Parents click here
   ► Insert your Email, Name, Contact, Child’s Name and select Child’s Year Level
   ► Click Book Interviews, select Child’s Care Group Teacher, Time Slot and SAVE

OR

2. Return the form on the letter previously distributed to indicate when you can come to the school to attend your appointment.

Subject teachers will not be available for interviews on these occasions. However, we encourage parents to contact subject teachers by telephone if they have specific subject related concerns. Care Group teachers will also pass on requests to subject teachers after the interview.

A positive partnership between parents, teachers and students is vital in supporting your child’s learning. We thank you in anticipation for meeting with the Care Group teacher to support your child’s academic progress.

If you have any questions about the Parent / Teacher interviews and mid semester one report collection process, please contact your child’s Care Group teacher or me at school.

Craig Duguid, Assistant Principal Information Systems & Learning Technologies
UNITED NATIONS YOUTH SA CONFERENCE 2015

From the 13 - 15 March, I attended the United Nations Youth SA Conference at the Nunyara Conference Centre. Its theme was A Generation of Change: Indigenous Rights and Reconciliation.

There was a fantastic line-up of guest speakers consisting of some of the frontrunners of indigenous rights in Australia. They included: Professor Peter Buckskin, Dean of Indigenous Scholarship, Engagement and Research at UniSA, Dr Valerie Cooms, member of the National Native Title Tribunal and Shea Spierings, Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations. For the official opening of the conference, we received a Welcome to Country from Aunty Georgina Williams, a Kaurna elder. During the workshops, we learnt about the issues that Aboriginal people face in modern Australia and looked into detail at the Apology to Australia’s Indigenous Peoples, delivered by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. One of the activities was an interactive crisis simulation (ICS), which simulated the actions of both the British and IRA after the assassination attempt.

A social evening occurred on 14 March, where everyone dressed up, played games and danced. On the third and final day we participated in Model UN where we had to debate, amend and vote on three resolutions, the question of Child Soldiers, the question of Palestinian Statehood and a hypothetical crisis averision situation if China killed the Dalai Lama. All delegates were presented with certificates of participation at the end of the conference. It was a fun and exciting weekend. I am eagerly looking forward to returning next year.

Nathaniel Ramesh 11E

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE KIRRILIE SMOUT PARENT SESSION

Calm and Confident Teens: A parents' guide to helping teens stay calm, manage stress and frustration and cope in tough times.

To be held on WEDNESDAY 13 MAY at 6.30 pm in the Senior Learning Centre.

Parenting teenagers can be a job filled with frustration, anxiety and concern. Even harder is when young people are dealing with a crisis of some kind: depression, relationship break-up, loss of self-esteem, problems with peers or learning difficulties just to name a few. At these times, parents often feel helpless and don’t know what to do to help, while everything they do try seems to backfire.

This seminar is designed to give parents of teenagers confidence and skills in dealing with teenagers in difficult times. Specific topics covered include:

- Understanding the differences between generations - and how this results in particular crises for teens
- Helping teens when they shut down
- Building resiliency in young people
- Helping young people to make their own simple plans to get through difficult times
- Helping young people learn to stay calm and reassure themselves
- Maintaining boundaries when teens are stressed
- What not to do and pitfalls to avoid

Presented by: Kirrilie Smout, Clinical Psychologist specialising in adolescence. Kirrilie has worked with teens and their families for seventeen years. She has presented to over 40,000 young people, parents and teachers across Australia, has written two books on adolescence and is regularly consulted by print and television media about youth issues.

NEED HELP MANAGING STRESS OR ANXIETY?

If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety.

Developed by researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8 -17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are four programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.
SPORTS NEWS

SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR YEAR 9s - WINNER
A team of four boys competed at the Schools Individual Tennis Championships held at Birdwood High School on Wednesday 11 March. Dainon Mitchell won the consolation final.

SSSSA CYCLING TIME TRIALS - WINNER
Four of our students travelled to the Adelaide International Raceway on Thursday 12 March for the SSSSA Cycling Time Trials. U19 Alison Double, U17 Jarred Clarke and U15 Colm James and Olivia Wheeler took to the track to compete.

Alison Double’s performance earned her first place in her age group. She raced at an average speed of 44.3kmph over the 10.4km course. A fantastic achievement! Alison progresses through to the Tour event, taking place across McLaren Vale and Sellicks Beach on Thursday 7 and Friday 8 May. Good luck Alison!

YEAR 8/9 BOYS KNOCKOUT CRICKET CHAMPIONS
Our teams this term have done remarkably well in their state-wide competitions. The Open Girls and the Year 8/9 Boys teams were the pick of the group, reaching the State Final in their particular competition.

The Year 8/9 boys played three matches in the lead up to the final against Heathfield High beating Cabra College, Hallett Cove School and Cardijn College.

Playing on a turf wicket was a first for many of the team and the decision was made to bat first. Traditionally batting has not been our strength but with an anchoring role of 35 not out by Kye Dean, and useful contributions from Cooper De Zylva, Lucas Millsom and Luke Bull, the team were able to compile a good score of 128 in their 35 overs.

With an amazing bowling performance the game before, the team were confident going into the second half of the match. Tight bowling meant that after eight overs Heathfield had only scored 28 runs as their first wicket fell. The next nine wickets would fall for 24 runs as the team tightened the screws and forced rash shots. Cooper De Zylva (3/11), Reece Millsom (3/4 off 6 overs) bowled very tightly in their spells and Tyler Clare (4/2 off 2.3 overs) had a chance at a hat trick as he cleaned up the tail end batters.

Congratulations to all the boys involved in the competition. It was great to see the good spirit and belief that was shown in each game and the result was testament to that. Thank you also to the parents who made the effort to come out and support the team on the day.

OPEN GIRLS KNOCKOUT CRICKET
Our girls also had great success reaching the finals for the first time in many years. For so long our nemesis team, St. Francis De Salle College, had knocked us out at the last step before the final. This year the hoodoo was finally broken. A last gasp win meant that we would play on the final day, drawn in a semi-final against Tatachilla College.

With the cricketing gods ruling two students out of the matches with illness on the morning that we were due to play, we went into the game with some players missing. Batting first on an overcast day, the girls opened brightly with our captain and seasoned veteran Maddie Green batting well, supported well by Riley Mitchell. Tatachilla managed to hold their catches, so when Maddie skied a ball to the outfield and the catch was held, they knew they had a big wicket. After a collapse of 5 wickets for 10 runs, Jess Reynolds (24 not out) and Rhianna Manfield (13 not out) batted really well to push the score up to 75 when the innings closed.

Tatachilla came out with intent, looking to get quick runs. With dropped catches costing us, the opening pair went on to score freely and made the score with one wicket down. Unfortunately, this was not a true indication of how well the girls had played throughout the competition and despite winning the consolation final, the girls felt a little deflated with the result.

With many of the team playing their last cricket game for the school after working together for the best part of four years, I would like to thank the girls for their hard work and for the fun we have had along the way.

Dan Smith, PE Teacher and cricket coach for both teams
YEAR 10 GIRLS PE
The Year 10 Girls PE class finished their “Fit to Lead” unit of work by taking a group of Blackwood Primary School students for a minor games lesson last week. The girls had prepared and practised their lesson and were rewarded with a successful session with the primary school students. Thank you to Blackwood Primary for “lending” us their middle school classes.

Janet Bradley, Health and PE Teacher

SELF DEFENCE SESSIONS
As part of the Year 9 Health and Physical Education curriculum, Brett Harrison leads a self-defence session each year. Brett has worked in the martial arts industry for over 30 years and is also a police officer. Last week he visited three classes, demonstrating and discussing safety moves and the law. Students will follow up this session with creating a routine in a scenario. This also links with the IBMYP Health and Physical Education criteria, ‘planning for performance’.

SPECIALIST FOOTBALL AND NETBALL - SPORTS INJURIES SEMINAR
On Monday 16 March the Special Interest Sports Programs held an evening seminar for both parents and students. The evening was well supported with 270 people attending. The focus of the seminar was to provide information on preventing and managing a range of sports injuries.

The presenter for the seminar was local Sportsmed physiotherapist Ned Pontifex. Ned shared his knowledge and experience from working with a range of elite level teams in both football and netball. Feedback following the evening was very positive from both students and parents.

As a follow up to the program students in Years 10 and 11 will participate in an "in class" session to expand on information presented in the seminar.

Specialist Program Managers Glen Little and Bianca Reddy

SPECIALIST FOOTBALL UMPIRING COURSES
As part of the Specialist Football Program students across Year 8 to 11 have recently completed a range of AFL umpiring courses. The courses completed have included: Year 8 - Introductory Umpiring Course, Year 9 - AFL Basic Umpiring Course, Year 10 - AFL 9’s Umpiring Course, Year 11 - AFL Level 1 Umpiring Course.

The classes have been fortunate to have Leigh Haussen (SANFL Umpiring Development Coordinator) conduct the courses. Students have gained invaluable leadership skills and knowledge. As an added bonus the Year 8 class had the opportunity to attend the AFL Roadshow held with current AFL Umpires; Chelsea Roffey goal umpire and Leigh Farmer field umpire. In this session students found out first-hand the requirements of being an AFL umpire. Students now have the opportunity to put these skills into practise with interested students registering with local umpiring panels. The Year 10 class will umpire the annual 9-aside-carnival which will be held early in Term 2.

Glen Little, Specialist Football Manager

YEAR 8 SPECIALIST NETBALL - 3 CHEERS COMMUNITY PROGRAM
The Year 8 Specialist Netball class has been participating in the Beach Energy 3 Cheers Community program. The program is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of the community. The Beach Energy 3 Cheers Community Program is the first program in South Australia delivered by professional sportswomen delivering key life altering messages whilst reiterating the Australian Curriculum. Adelaide Thunderbirds Netballers who visited us this term include Leigh Waddington, Cody Lange and Samantha Poolman. The topics covered by the players included netball, healthy eating, healthy bodies and healthy minds.

Bianca Reddy, Special Interest Netball Manager
COASTAL EXCURSIONS: A NEW APPROACH

In mid-March Chris Bourlioufas, Adelle Matthews and I, along with Sam Thomson and pre-service teacher Frank Deans-Costi, accompanied four Year 8 Humanities classes on a field trip to Seaclliff and Brighton beaches. The excursion, designed by Chris Bourlioufas as a hands-on approach to the new geomorphology component of the Year 8 Australian Curriculum, provided students with the opportunity to develop a range of cognitive and manipulative skills that supported their understanding of geomorphology. The excursion was supported by pre- and post-excursion classroom activities that established the learning context, and provided the students with opportunities to consolidate their learning and provide feedback on the experience.

Students developed an enhanced understanding of coastal management and protection strategies, as well as different, and often competing forms of land usage. Their geography skills were developed through measurement and sketching activities, identification of wind direction and its impact upon waves and wave/current-driven erosion and deposition. One of the most rewarding aspects of the excursion was the opportunity for students to develop an ability to read and develop an informed understanding of a physical environment. Of course, it was also fun.

Raphael Zadey, Humanities and English Leader

YEAR 8 UPDATE

BURFIELD SHIELD
The Burfield Shield is awarded to the Care Group which shows the highest level of commitment to the school community throughout the year. First term has had a high emphasis on physical activities and team engagement. So far, Burfield Shield points have been awarded for Care Group Survivor (Orientation Day), Pool Day, Sports Day and Athletics Day. The current leaders are the 8C Cheetahs, but all other teams are hot on their heels.

PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM
The current focus of the Pastoral Care Program has been on starting Student Portfolios. Through a number of activities students have reflected on their strengths and values. These form the beginning of the Portfolios, which will build through the year, as more Care Group activities are included. In particular, we will begin goal-setting next term, as we discuss the results of Term 1 reports.

Students may also wish to add in any certificates from extra-curricular activities. At the end of the year, the portfolios will be an invaluable resource as students prepare for their Panel Presentations, in which they will reflect on their learning through Year 8.

YEAR 8 CAMP – ARBURY PARK
We are very excited to officially announce that a Year 8 camp will be at Arbury Park Outdoor School, a DECD residential school, which “promotes cooperation, wellbeing, and ecologically sustainable ways of living”. Students will stay for two nights, and experience a range of activities over three days designed to build teamwork, resilience and an appreciation of the natural world.

Camps will be held in Week 4 of Term 2 (18-22 May). To accommodate the whole year level, the seven Care Groups will be divided into two camps: Camp 1 from Monday to Wednesday and Camp 2 from Wednesday to Friday.

Further details, including camp fees and scheduling of the Care Groups, will be provided in a letter.

Dr Tinsley, Year 8 Level Leader
BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL - HIMEJI CITY YOUTH AMBASSADORS EXCHANGE
PROGRAM 2015

This program is an exciting opportunity to represent Blackwood High School on a two week cultural exchange visit to Adelaide’s sister city in Japan - Himeji.

WHEN: In August this year a group of Japanese students will travel from Himeji to Adelaide and stay at Blackwood High School for twelve days. Five selected Blackwood High School students will make a return visit to Himeji in the Sept/October school holidays.

WHO: Five students will be selected to participate in the program.

Students with a demonstrated commitment to promoting inter-cultural understanding and friendship between young people from other countries and culture are invited to complete a selection process. This includes attending an information meeting in Room 7 at lunchtime on WEDNESDAY 8 April (last week of Term 1), completing a written application – due Week 1, Term 2 and attending an interview. You do not have to be studying Japanese to apply for the exchange program.

Parents of interested students will be invited to attend an information session early next term.

COST: Airfare to Japan (approx. $1850), passport, travel insurance, spending money, gifts for host family.

PROGRAM IN HIMEJI: In Himeji, students will attend school with their host/buddy, join in club activities, enjoy an excursion to another city (e.g. Kyoto, Nara, Kobe or Hiroshima) and experience a range of Japanese cultural traditions such as Shodo (calligraphy) and tea ceremony. They will also have a tour of the World Heritage listed Himeji Castle.

The exchange is reciprocal in nature – participating Blackwood High School students will be expected to host the Japanese visitor in their home during their stay in Adelaide or make arrangements for another family to host the student. The group travelling to Japan will be accompanied by teachers from the school and hosted by their Himeji exchange partner.


Contact Ms Jones, International Coordinator, with questions or for more information.

YEAR 9 ASSEMBLY – CARLY RYAN FOUNDATION

At our last year level assembly, Sonia Ryan and her assistant, Kia from the Carly Ryan Foundation delivered a powerful presentation on cyber safety. The presentation complimented our current pastoral care unit on cyber safety. Sonia lost her daughter, Carly, to an online predator five years ago. The Carly Ryan Foundation has a website that gives adolescents and parents strategies to guard against online dangers. The “online contract” is particularly useful for parents to use with their children. Sonia, in conjunction with the SA Government, have created a free app called, ‘Thread’ that can be used for personal safety. Year 9 students have been given information about and further information on it can be found at the thethreadapp.com.

Janet Bradley, Year 9 Level Leader
ENGAGING HEARTS AND MINDS TO REVERSE THE BIODIVERSITY CRISIS

“Let us be in no doubt – we are in the midst of the greatest biodiversity crisis the world has ever seen.” These strong words were written by Professor Andrew Lowe, who spoke to a class of our Year 11 Biology students in Week 9, and explained how the current crisis outranks the end of the dinosaurs in terms of species extinctions. Prof Lowe (pictured below) is the Director of the Centre for Conservation Science and Technology at the University of Adelaide.

But there is hope. Scientists are helping to reverse the effects of land exploitation and habitat destruction. Prof Lowe’s own team are using the latest in genetic analysis techniques to identify the true source of rainforest hardwoods used in Australia. This information empowers consumers and has forced importers to scrutinise their suppliers.

An article extracted from one published by Professor Andrew Lowe on his lab’s blog (https://biodiversityrevolution.wordpress.com/2015/03/03/engaging-hearts-and-minds-to-reverse-the-biodiversity-crisis/), which highlights the need for all of us to be aware of the state of our ecosystems.

Dr Rogan Tinsley, Leader: Innovation in Science

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE 2016 WESTERN FRONT TOUR?

In late September 2016 we will take a group of Blackwood High School students to Le Quesnoy in north-eastern France. The trip, running from Week 9 of Term 3 through to the end of the Term 3 holidays, will celebrate the anniversary of Australian military service on the Western Front during World War I. This exchange will be reciprocal in nature, so while our group will make the trip to France in 2016, a French group will make a return trip in Term of 2017. The French group will stay with the same students who hosted them in Le Quesnoy.

In Le Quesnoy, students will be involved in a full program of activities during their stay, activities organized by our exchange partner school, Cité Scolaire Eugène Thomas. The focus of the tour will be the shared Franco-Australian heritage that is the experience of the Western Front in World War I, especially participation in commemorative activities around that heritage. Students will also experience French culture and life, while sharing some of our Australian values and traditions with their French hosts. They will attend school with their host/buddy on 2 to 3 days each week, join in social and community activities, and enjoy a final weekend in Paris, in addition to visiting a range of French villages and towns.

While in France, teachers will be accompanying the students; ensuring their welfare, guiding their participation in all of the exchange activities and supporting them if they have any problems during the stay.

At this stage we expect costs to be in the range of $5,500, which will cover flights, transfers, a weekend in Paris, tour coach fares and insurance.

Interested students and parents are invited to contact me on 8278 0954 or email raphael.zadey@bhs.sa.edu.au for further details about the nature of the tour and selection details. Further details will be published as planning progresses.

Raphael Zadey, Humanities Leader
HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS AT BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Harmony Day is on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is the 15th year it has been running. The message of Harmony Day is ‘everyone belongs’. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home and provides a great opportunity for students to learn that not only do they share common ground with other cultures, but also that our differences make Australia a special place to live.

Blackwood High School celebrated on Friday 20 March. International, exchange and new students were invited to join teachers for a shared morning tea in the Resource Centre. The staff provided a range of cultural dishes. The morning tea was a great success. Students in Art explored themes of cultural diversity through painting and drawing while dance and drama students were introduced to the concepts culture, race and ethnicity and have prepared performances to present to their peers at the end of the term.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

Twenty five Year 11 students nominated by their Care Group teachers were invited to participate in a Leadership Conference hosted by Flinders University. The conference was designed for students that either have leadership aspirations, or students that have leadership potential.

The first speaker, Robert Dean the founder of Burger Theory and the 2012 South Australian Young Entrepreneur of the Year, talked about seizing opportunities, leading the way into new territory and how to bring others along with you.

The second guest speaker, Kate Rush, is an awarded public speaker, passionate strategist and committed social advocate. She spoke to the students about the importance in setting goals and taking action sharing with them her insights to the key components in developing effective leadership skills.

The students then participated in a Leadership Challenge in which they had to work in groups to solve a variety of problems and fun challenges, competing for points. The two teams from Blackwood finished in second and third.

Students were then treated to a complimentary lunch and an opportunity to meet and network with other students from a range of public and private high schools.

The KEYNOTE PRESENTATION was delivered by Vinh Giang the 2013 South Australian Entrepreneur of the Year, magician and professional speaker. He is pictured in the back row with Blackwood High students. Vinh took us on an unforgettable journey through finding the courage to take risks, what it takes to be a leader and the wonderful art of magic.

“Taking part in the Learning to Lead Conference was truly beneficial. The teambuilding activities were really fun and ensured that all members of the team cooperated in order to succeed. All of us learnt how to better seize opportunities, persevere, set goals and take action. Vinh’s presentation was the highlight of the day, where he told us of the importance of perspective, doing what you’re passionate about and that our actions are dictated by our beliefs.” Comments by Nathaniel Ramesh.

Katrina Constantopoulos, Year 11 Level Leader
THE 2015 NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP YOUTH SUMMIT

On Friday 13 March, Year 11 SRC Students, Jayde Blizzard, Olivia Hallam, Kate Westphalen and Emma Roberts went to Saint Peters College 2015 Leadership Summit where we discussed how we can improve our school.

The summit was unique because it was run for students, by students. We spent the day in the amazing Memorial Hall with its beautiful facilities and surroundings. We met with students from 33 different schools around Australia; some of the 116 students had travelled to St. Peter’s College especially for this summit. We were introduced to the Appreciative Inquiry Model. This model focuses on identifying what is working well, analysing why it is working well and then doing more of it. We had to challenge ourselves and look at the things that are working well at our school and build on them.

The day was split into four parts with each section having a different activity in which we got to meet passionate student leaders. While we had an enormous amount of fun with all the games and enjoyed the wonderful food we also put these new ideas down onto paper and discussed how we could make them happen at Blackwood High School. Throughout the summit, the focus was on four key areas: discover, imagine, design and deliver.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY - BO$$ CAMP

Do you know of any 14-18 year olds who are perhaps looking for something to do with their friends in the school holidays, as well as meeting new people? Maybe they are looking for something different to do that isn’t boring or expensive?

Introducing entrepreneurship to teenagers, BO$$ camp is being held at the University of South Australia on 16 - 17 April 2015, 9.00 am – 5.00 pm each day.

Hear from inspiring speakers, work with amazing mentors, connect with entrepreneurs and most importantly have fun. There is a huge prize pool worth thousands of dollars too!

So how can you get tickets? Well if you make a quick video saying why you want to come and email it to scott@bosscamp.com.au then you and a friend could go for free thanks to our generous sponsor BDO.

If you’d prefer to go straight to the tickets, a set number have been heavily discounted from $197 each to $37 each, again due to the support of sponsors like the City of Adelaide, City of Salisbury, Adelaide Business Hub and the City of Onkaparinga.

Here is the link to register: http://bosscamp.com.au/registernow/

And enter the following relevant promo code:

If you live, work or go to school in the City of Adelaide: cityofadelaide
If you are in Northern Adelaide: salisbury
Port and Western Adelaide: adelaidebusinesshub
Southern Adelaide: onkaparinga

And, you can still get a discount of $100 off by entering the wfbp promo code.

Tell your friends, parents, principals and teachers and make sure you don’t miss out as this experience will change your life. For further information go to www.bosscamp.com.au.

SANTOS ATHLETICS DAY

SANTOS Athletics Day is on THURSDAY 9 APRIL at SANTOS Stadium, Mile End commencing at 9.00 am.

Pole Vault training in full swing, that is a compulsory part of the A2 Division where Blackwood High School is currently ranked.

ALL PARENTS WELCOME!
BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL WORLD CHALLENGE

TRIP TO AFRICA TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE…..

Twenty seven Blackwood High School students finishing Year 10 and Year 11 will travel with four staff to Botswana and Zambia in Africa during November and December this year for one month.

THE AIMS

Humanitarian work – to fund raise enough money to participate in a project with school or orphan children to make a difference in their lives.

Personal Challenge – to experience new cultures, backpacking in a remote country, camping in the desert, living in villages, and trek adventure areas in Africa.

Group Challenge – to make wise decisions on behalf a group (budget, food, travel arrangements). These decisions are entirely made by students.

THE STORY SO FAR

This eighteen month challenge started with students being asked to fundraise and work to save enough money to finance their trip to Africa. Many have been working in part time jobs to secure the funds needed to go overseas.

The BHS World Challenge team has been involved in fundraising for the humanitarian project. Big events such as a quiz night, movie night and hosting a BBQ at the Tour Down Under have raised significant funds. The team worked as a slave for a day having been sold off for a few hundred dollars, and team bonded in an amazing race event around the Adelaide CBD.

WHAT’S NEXT?

Blackwood High School World Challenge Cabaret night
Date: Friday 12 June, Goodwood Community Centre
$25 ticket Book your tickets at Trybookings http://www.trybooking.com/126193
Entertainment by Raunchy Star and The Artisan Rabbits

FOOD:

• Pre booked Dip platters available for $10
• Pre booked $20 Chicken Souvlaki platters (5 souvlakis / Pita / tzatziki)

DRINKS – Bar Provided - To purchase wine, beer, soft-drink, water.

NO BYO permitted thanks.

SILENT AUCTION – of many varied goods and services donated. Simply add your name to the list, put in a bid ($ amount) and then see if you are lucky to get it for that price! You can track the bids as they will be written and you may need to increase your bid to be successful.
INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

After a postponement due to a forecast of 37 degrees this year’s Athletics carnival was held a week later on Thursday 5 March.

Participation was high and the day started off with the spectacle of the 100m finals for all age groups. Throughout the day there were a number of fantastic individual and team performances. Matching last year’s performances thirteen records were broken highlighting the individual athletic abilities of our students. Nine of these record breaking performances were for individual events, with four relay records also being broken.

Congratulations to the following students who are now in the Blackwood High School history books.

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<td>Hiromi Hill</td>
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<td>Madison Ludlam - 31.37 in 2011</td>
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<td>C. Watts - 9.6 m in 1982</td>
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<td>U16 Girls Shot Put</td>
<td>Maya Tlauka</td>
<td>7.6m</td>
<td>Georgia Brown 7.5 m in 2014</td>
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The following students are to be congratulated on winning age group trophies:

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<td>James Bounds</td>
<td>Ashby</td>
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The house spirit and rivalry was truly alive and well with students dressing up in the “Old School Retro” theme and proudly wearing their house colours. The team results for the day were as follows:

1st Russell 1549
2nd Madigan 1315
3rd Ashby 1032
4th Mills 990

Congratulations to all students and staff for making the day an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

Students are now training for the annual Interschool Carnival to be held at SANTOS Stadium on Thursday 9 April. This year our team will compete in the A2 division.

Glen Little, Leader of Health and Physical Education
Order your Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital memberships before 1 May 2015 and you’ll receive an extra $160 in Early Bird Offers! (Subject to availability)

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
Blackwood High School’s World Challenge Cabaret Fundraiser

- Raunchy Sugar and The Artisan Rabbits performing exclusively with support acts from students.
- Pre-ordered Gourmet Chicken Souvlaki platters, dip platters and bar available.
- Silent Auction
- Proceeds going towards community projects in Botswana / Zambia.

7.00 pm 12 June. Tickets - $25 per head
Goodwood Community Centre

Book tables of 8 today at http://www.trybooking.com/126193

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Coromandel Community Centre Inc
"Connect and Contribute to your Community"

Selfie with a Spin

Become an artist for the day: reinvent the ‘selfie’ with alternative lighting, angles & props.

The workshop will be run by experienced and dynamic young artist; Steph Fuller (www.stephfuller.com) who will encourage and guide participants through the digital art process.

This workshop is part of National Youth Week. This year’s theme is “It Starts with Us”.

Workshop is aimed at 10 to 18 years. Bring own IPad, camera, smart phone or IPod (including cents to download images)

One image will be selected and framed for display in a local business and/or gallery.

WHERE: Coromandel Community Centre and Weymouth Oval precinct (depends on the vision of the artists!) 442 Main Rd, Coromandel Valley

WHEN: Sunday 12 April 2015
TIME: 1 to 4pm
COST: FREE but bookings essential on 8370 6680 as spaces are limited

Event courtesy of City of Onkaparinga, National Youth Week Grant

Weymouth Oval, 4428 Main Road, Coromandel Valley, SA 5251
Phone (08) 8370 6680, email: info@coromandelcc.org.au
www.coromadelive.org.au
5 February, 2015

2015 IS THE YEAR THE PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES KICK OFF IN ADELAIDE

The countdown has begun! 2015 will see the Pacific School Games held in Adelaide for the first time.

Incomparable to any other international school sport championship, the Pacific School Games provides opportunities for around 4000 school-aged students to participate in nine different sports at the highest level.

Students aged between 10 – 19 years from at least 12 countries, including every Australian state and territory, will compete from November 21 – 29, 2015 in the sports of Swimming, Diving, Basketball, Touch Football, Baseball, Softball, Football (Soccer) and Table Tennis, as well as Goalball for the visually impaired. Competitions will take place across Adelaide at the Glenelg Baseball Club, Pasadena High School, Wayville Stadium, Adelaide Shores, Westminster School, South Australian Aquatic Centre, the Netball Centre (formally ETS Park) and the City Parklands.

Pacific School Games General Manager Les Rauert said countries far and wide, particularly from around the Pacific and Asia have been invited.

"Once the Pacific School Games were seen as a Games for the Pacific, it is now a Games held in the Pacific and we expect up to 20 countries to attend.

“We are excited about the opportunities that Adelaide offers for our participants, especially the city’s educational, cultural and social experiences that we aim to engage all students in during the week of the Games,” he said.

How can you get involved in the 2015 Pacific School Games?

The Pacific School Games is searching for students, teachers, officials and volunteers who are interested in being a part of the largest school sporting event in Australia. Whether you’re interested in assisting with sports or teams, hosting educational excursions or performing at the opening ceremony, there are endless opportunities for you to get involved.

If you are interested in volunteering with us, please contact us at pacific.school.games@edumail.uic.gov.au with your details and a little bit of background to let us know how awesome you are and where you may best fit as part of the 2015 Pacific School Games workforce in Adelaide.