Welcome
Welcome to the new term, that has many events to both challenge and excite students across the school. There are opportunities for students to get involved in a range of activities including part in arts performances, camps, dance, science and technology competitions, sport carnivals and competitions, student leadership training and Work and Career Expos. And of course, supervised assessment tasks and examinations are coming later in the term.
For parents, at 6.30pm next Wednesday 13 May, well known psychologist Kirilee Smout will be talking about parenting of adolescents in the Year 12 Senior Learning Centre, and the Governing Council meets in the Conference Room at 7.00pm next Tuesday 12 May.

Changes to school leadership and staff
Many of you may have noticed in the last newsletter Marion Coady wrote that she would be temporarily stepping out of the Principal role for Term 2 to work with our partnering primary schools in the Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) ‘Numeracy and Literacy Results Plus’ program. While she is based in the school, I will be taking up her day to day Principal duties to manage school operations.

The Numeracy and Literacy Results Plus program is a DECD initiative that allows site leaders to put in place structures to achieve long term numeracy and literacy improvement. Marion brings her exceptional educational and leadership expertise to this project and she is looking forward to working on behalf of the Mitcham Hills Partnerships schools with Gaye Glade-Wright, Principal of Eden Hills Primary and Sue Caldicott, the Pre-school Director of Blackwood Kindergarten. She will resume her usual responsibilities from the beginning of Term 3. I am sure that Marion will keep our school community informed about developments that occur.

I am temporarily moving into the Principal role, with my usual responsibilities being taken on by Luke Northcote who has the position of Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Positive Education, with oversight of Year 10 for Term 2.

For Term 2 we would like to welcome English teacher Hala Fabbian, Maths and Science teacher Rachelle De Fazio. We would also like to welcome back Hannah Knight who will assist with the ISEC class and provide student support. Derek Nash will be taking Dennis Orell’s classes while he is on leave for four weeks.

In the meantime, during Term 2 I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead our wonderful team of teachers and leaders who provide the best possible education and opportunities that your children deserve. Please contact me if you have news to share, or issues or concerns to discuss.

Forward Planning
We have many significant events and activities happening this term that affect the whole school. Keep your eye on the calendar that is published on the school’s website, www.bhs.sa.edu.au

Major events include:

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Parent Teacher Interviews
At the end of last term our parent teacher interviews to discuss Mid-semester Reports were well supported by parents. We are fortunate to have so many parents who want to meet with teachers to discuss their children’s learning progress and achievements, and to work with us to support and extend each student to achieve their best. I want to recognise the commitment of our staff who work hard to make these interviews as helpful as possible.

The Year 8 Learning Centre, Senior Learning Centre and Resource Centre were buzzing with conversations from early afternoon until early evening. This year we did something a little different by providing a copy of reports to parents before the interview so that there was more time to discuss the information that they contained.

I would be interested in feedback from you about this change, or to hear suggestions to help us improve in the future.

Interschool Athletics
I would like to offer my congratulations to students for their performances at the Interschool Athletics Carnival on the last Thursday of Term 1. This year we competed in the A2 division and finished 4th in the overall placements; the boys placing 1st and the girls placing 8th in their divisions. Some of our athletes achieved outstanding results, with ten students winning their events, and two relay teams placing first. However, we are especially proud of the way that our students represented the school and competed to the best of their ability no matter where they placed. Our physical education staff put a great deal of time and effort into organising the lead up events and administration tasks to get our team to SANTOS Stadium. Well done everyone. You can read further details about this event later in the newsletter.

Student Free Day, 27 April
While the students were enjoying a final day of R&R before beginning the term on Monday 27 April, all of our staff were at school, continuing to revamp unit plans and assessment tasks to ensure that our students are learning content described in the Australian Curriculum. We will continue this process during a second student free day on 9 June (after the Queen’s Birthday long weekend).

City of Mitcham Parking Control
I have been contacted by the City of Mitcham asking me to remind parents and care givers and those responsible for dropping off and picking up children and students, that the Council is enforcing parking restrictions around schools and kindergartens. Information about parking restrictions was published in the first newsletter of the year. If you would like access to this information please contact Student Services. Blackwood High School parents, as from the start of this year, can park very briefly in Seymour Street on the school side to drop off and pick up their children.

ANZAC Day Dawn Service
SRC Presidents Ebony Young and Chris Williams represented the school at the ANZAC 100th Year Commemorative Dawn Service at the Soldiers Memorial Gardens, Blackwood. Chris and Ebony laid a wreath on behalf of the school. SRC Coordinator Argie Buesnel also attended and commented how well Ebony and Chris represented the school.

South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) Wellbeing and Resilience Centre Launch
Marion Coady, Craig Duguid and David Garrett with SRC representatives, Ronan Naidu, Nathaniel Ramesh, Kate Westphalen and Ebony Young, accompanied by a number of parents, were invited to attend Premier Jay Weatherill’s launch of the SAMHRI Wellbeing and Resilience Centre on Thursday 30 April.

We were enormously proud of the way that Ebony, Kate, Nathaniel and Ronan represented themselves and the school. The students chatted confidently with DECD’s Chief Executive Tony Harrison, and Chief Education Officer Jane Johnston, answering questions about Blackwood High School and discussing their views on a range of issues. Ms Johnson was so impressed that she asked the students to make sure that she is invited to visit Blackwood next term so that she can talk further with them.

Blackwood High School has been investigating the potential of ‘Positive Education’ based approaches to improving the wellbeing of our staff and students. We have already established a research partnership with the University of Adelaide, and are growing connections with SAHMRI as we look into evidence based approaches to increasing the wellbeing of our school community. It is these connections that led to our school and student leaders being invited to the launch. Nathaniel will write about his impressions later in the newsletter. We are investigating opportunities to introduce Positive Education into the school. A recent example is that SRC members all participated in training day on Wednesday 6 May to introduce them to the language and principles of Positive Education to prepare for a University of Adelaide research project that commences later this term.
We regret the passing of long term volunteer Trevor Boreham

We would like to express our condolences to the family of Mr Trevor Boreham who passed away on Friday 1 May. Trevor, with his wife Leonie, worked as a volunteer in our Resource Centre for many, many years. In 2014 they were the recipients of the Inaugural Volunteers shield provided to the school by DECD. Trevor was also well-known to many Year 12 students as he acted as Invigilator at their final exams. We will miss his quiet and dedicated contribution to the school community. The Resource Centre staff particularly appreciated his willingness to do whatever he could to help make their jobs easier and the resources we provide for our students better. His family are thankful that he passed away quickly. We are grateful for his very significant contribution to the school.

Office Max Teachers’ Award – A Day Made Better

Office Max is looking for nominations to recognise exceptional teachers. Parents/caregivers and students can nominate a teacher who they feel has gone the extra mile for their students. Nominations can be done at http://www.adaymadebetter.com.au/#nominate-teacher.

SA Excellence in Public Education Awards - Share Celebrate Reward

Nominations are now open for the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards. The Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders and support staff from across the state. Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

For more information and to nominate an employee at your school or preschool go to: www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards.

Nominations close 5pm, 3 July 2015. For further information contact the Awards team on 08 8226 3079 or email DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au.

David Garrett, Principal

BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL HIGH ACHIEVERS

♦ Congratulations to Marnie Fiebig in Year 11 who is representing South Australia in the State Rhythmic Gymnastics team to compete in Melbourne from 25 May to 1 June, 2015.

♦ Congratulations to Dainon Mitchell in Year 9 who won the Inaugural Trailblazer by the Sea on Saturday 3 May. He came first overall for the eight kilometer run from Semaphore Surf Lifesaving Club to Henley Surf Lifesaving Club. The Rotary Club of Adelaide and Surf Life Saving South Australia have joined together to conduct this exciting new fundraising event on the SA calendar.

♦ Congratulations to Georgia Brown in Year 12 who captained the South Australian Under 17 Netball team at the National Competition has been selected for the Under 17 National Netball Squad

SAHMRI Wellbeing and Resilience Centre Launch

On Thursday, 30 April, Ebony Young, Ronan Naidu, Kate Westphalen, and myself, with Ms Coady, Mr Garrett and Mr Duguid attended the launch of the Wellbeing and Resilience Centre at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI).

The ceremony started with an official welcome to country, followed by a speech from Premier Jay Weatherhill, where he discussed South Australia’s future as the State of Wellbeing and the importance of preventing mental illness. Raymond Spencer (pictured), Chair of SAHMRI and the Economic Development Board (and a Blackwood High alumnus), talked about the importance of wellbeing and its relationship with South Australia’s economy. After the Premier officially launched the centre, we had light refreshments and it was exciting to meet influential people, like the Chief Executive of the Education Department, Tony Harrison. It was a privilege to attend the event and we look forward to what the future holds for the partnership between SAHMRI and Blackwood High School. It was truly inspiring to hear how greatly positive psychology impacted on Zack, a student from Salisbury High School. He talked about his wellbeing and resilience training which helped him out from the darkest time of his life to be the best person he can be.

Nathaniel Ramesh, Year 11 SRC Member
DAYMAP INFORMATION

DAYMAP PARENT / CAREGIVER LOGIN INFORMATION

Daymap is Blackwood High School’s online learning management system. Parents and caregivers can use Daymap to see student timetables and attendance records. Daymap also supports teaching and learning by providing information about lessons, linking students to resources and communicating assessment tasks and requirements.

You can now log into Daymap and see content relating to your child(ren). Daymap can be accessed through the school’s website www.bhs.sa.edu.au. Please follow the instructions below to access Daymap.

If you encounter any difficulties, please contact Kerrie Leong at kerrie.leong@bhs.sa.edu.au or 8278 0966.

We would also welcome any feedback you wish to provide about Daymap and how it is working for you and your child(ren).

Craig Duguid, Assistant Principal Information Systems & Learning Technologies

PHOTOS COMING SOON

MSP Photography has taken our school photos again this year. In 2015 the range of options available to you online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a smart-phone, parents will now have the option to purchase a High Resolution Digital Download of their child’s image and Family/Sibling packages will also be able to be ordered online!

An added incentive for our families is that MSP now offers a 10% discount for all family orders above $90.00 a family whether ordering online or through the envelope supplied.

Sharna Granpre-Moliere, Business Manager

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE KIRRILIE SMOUT PARENT SESSION

6:30pm on Wednesday 13 May 2015 in the Senior Learning Centre, Blackwood High School

Have you completed the reply form to attend the Kirrilie Smout Parent Session that was emailed to families? If not, please refer to the last page of this newsletter for the response slip or email information.
ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE - BLACKWOOD
On Saturday 25 April, SRC Presidents, Ebony Young and Chris Williams accompanied by Argie Buesnel, attended the wonderful and moving Centenary ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the War Memorial, Blackwood roundabout. Both students paid our respects and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. The service was an opportunity for people of Blackwood and surrounding districts to remember those who have fallen, served and made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. This year the RSL and Department of Veterans Affairs encouraged people to 'go local' to honour the ANZAC Cove landings at Gallipoli in World War One. Over 4,000 people attended the Blackwood Dawn Service.

Chris Williams, SRC President and Argie Buesnel, SRC Coordinator

YEAR 9 NAPLAN 2014
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for year 3, 5, 7 and 9 takes place from Tuesday 12 to Thursday 14 May.
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 15 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 student NAPLAN results to parents at the Term 3 report collecting evening. The school uses the NAPLAN results as one of a range of student achievement measures to implement appropriate support and extension strategies.
If you have any other questions regarding your child sitting the test, please contact Jarrod Chave or David Garrett. Further information can also be found by visiting the NAPLAN website at www.naplan.edu.au.
Jarrod Chave, Assistant Principal Middle School

YEAR 8 DEBATING TEAM ACHIEVES THEIR FIRST WIN!
Congratulations to our Year 8 debaters who achieved their first win for the season. Both teams competed at Pembroke College and had the task of convincing their audience that ‘Tobacco should be banned’ for the Affirmative. The students showed great teamwork and composure under immense pressure.
Team 1
Alex Lauritsen, Xuefang Liu, Joel Keen all delivered their arguments clearly and succinctly and received some very positive feedback as first time debaters.
Team 2
Congratulations to Team 2 for winning their first round of debating Harriet Cooling, Maiya Mathwin, Ruby Brown and Aimee Tulloch as our Chairman all received very positive comments.
Well done to Mr Raphael Zadey and Ms Jessica Rogers for guiding and assisting the students to prepare for the debate.
Mary Hodson, Assistant Principal Senior School

YEAR 8 UPDATE
PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM
The Year 8 Pastoral Care Program continues in Term 2 with an emphasis on building positive relationships and working to support each other. A key part of this is the Year 8 Camp in Week 4, which will provide a number of situations in which students can work with each other to develop trust and strengthen relationships.
In the second half of term we will be using Extended Care Group to look at different types of bullying and harassment, and how we, as a school community, can work together to prevent bullying and support affected students.

YEAR 8 ASSEMBLIES
We run a Year 8 Assembly once or twice a term. Traditionally, these have been organised and hosted by each Care Group, on a rotation. The Week 2 assembly was hosted by 8D, and featured no less than five musical acts, ranging from a DJ set, to grunge and classical piano. As a teacher who works outside of the arts, it is always a great pleasure and privilege to see the many talents shown by our students. I would like to commend all students who perform at assemblies for their perseverance, grit and bravery.

VACCINATIONS
The second dose of the HPV vaccine will be administered on Wednesday 27 May.
Dr Tinsley, Year 8 Year Level Leader
ARTS NEWS
Blackwood High School students were successful in winning a place in the Peace Pop-up Dance and Flag Pageant as part of the Come Out Children’s Festival celebrations, based on the theme of ‘Building bridges for a peaceful future.’ Visual Arts and Dance students, along with teachers Jenny Remete, Jeanette Beadnall and Katrina Constantopoulos have been involved in dance and flag making workshops have been held at the school and on location in preparation for the big reveal; an exciting performance that comes together ‘in a flash’ leaving the flags flying throughout the Come Out Children’s Festival to be forever remembered on YouTube.

COME OUT 2015
On Wednesday 29 April a combined group of students from Ms Beadnall’s Year 8 Art and Ms Remete’s Year 9 Design classes worked with two visiting artists to prepare for Blackwood High School’s contribution to Come Out 2015. This was a very special opportunity for our art and design students to collaborate and work with the Womad ‘flag man’ John Whitney to design and create the flags. We will be producing a series of large painted and smaller printed flags to decorate the Festival Plaza. Over the next two weeks both groups will be busy completing the flags in time to provide a back drop for the opening and other events during Come Out festival. Thank you to Ms Esvelt who also helped stitch the flags.

LIFE, ART & POLITICS – Drama Production Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 June.
The Senior Drama class is now in rehearsals for the production Life, Arts & Politics.
Dore: “Marx said art was expendable, people aren’t”
Danny: “Karl or Groucho?”
Two short and comic plays, interspersed with extra dialogue workshopped by the students, explore the insecurities, compromises and cynicism of the commercial art world and the future of politics in a post-apocalyptic era. These performances are the Drama students’ equivalent of their ‘examination’ and we hope to present them in front of a warm supportive audience over two nights to give students a real-life theatrical experience as part of their SACE studies. A play without an audience is just a rehearsal. So put the dates in your diaries. Tickets will be on sale two weeks before the shows or at the door.

Adults $10 and Students/Concession $5.
We are looking forward to using the new lights that were installed in the Performing Arts Centre over the holidays to add to the performance spectacle. It promises to be an entertaining evening!

Robyn Trebilcock, Arts Leader

STEM CAREERS COMPETITION
Today, everybody has heard of jobs like Sustainability Expert, App Developer and Social Media Manager, but these jobs have only been around for the last few years. Thanks to advances in science and technology so many new careers are being created that it is predicted that two out of three students at school now will end up with careers in brand new fields of work that do not exist today.
So what would your ideal job of tomorrow be: an Atmospheric Water Harvester, a 3D Printed Fashion Designer, a Bio-Hacking Inspector or even an Alien Lifeform Translator?
The RiAus Career of the Future competition gives you the chance to tell us what future careers you think will be available for you when you join the workforce as well as the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes. Click the link below to enter and for further details: http://riaus.org.au/ultimate-science-guide/usgcompetition/

Rogan Tinsley, Science Faculty Leader
STEM PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAM

We have commenced the fourth round of our highly successful program for primary school students focussed on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Thirty students from the six primary schools in the Mitcham Hills Partnership will participate in the 10 week program for three hours a week.

Students will learn a number of principles of sustainable design and energy production through hands-on workshops. After being given a design brief and a number of energy challenges, students then work in groups to design, manufacture and present a prototype product by the end of the program.

Concepts from previous years include sun-tracking solar panels, innovative vehicle designs and a system which uses outflowing flood waters to provide emergency power to isolated communities.

I eagerly await this year’s presentations.

Dr Rogan Tinsley, Science Faculty Leader

YEAR 11 AWARDS ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1

Celebrating student achievement was the theme of the first assembly for Term 2. Congratulations to all the Year 11 students who achieved an award for the following reasons.

Triple A Culture of Respect Awards were presented to a nominated student from each of the Care Groups as well as the Year Level Leaders award. Students were also recognised for academic achievement and excellence.

We also acknowledged students who represented the school in the following events:

International Women’s Day breakfast representatives Emily Lauritsen and Eleanna Willmott

and

The National Student Leadership Youth Summit attendees Emma Roberts, Kate Westphalen, Olivia Hallam and Jayde Blizzard

Triple A-Culture of Respect Awards

11A James Bounds
11C Bailey Badcoe
11E Sam Helbig

11B Lachlan Jefferies
11D Harry Dasovic
11F Erin Hegarty

Year Level Leader’s Award

Jess Pyke

Academic achievement

Tahlia Harrison Charlotte Meldrum
Erin Garrhy Jessica Kendall
Brooke Jenner Deanna Kelley
Nikki Schwarz Kate Westphalen
Nicholas Congedi Emily Lauritsen
Marnie Fiebig Ronan Naidu
Parsa Shorofi Kabilan Venkatasalam

Academic Excellence

Nathaniel Ramesh Abbey Hutton
Georgie Waters Maya Tlauka

Katrina Constantopoulos, Year 11 Year Level Leader
YEAR 12 AWARDS ASSEMBLY FOR TERM 1
The Year 12 cohort came together for our first assembly of Term 2 to recognize the outstanding achievements of our students.

High Academic success was recognized through certificates of Academic Merit for Students who recorded straight A's in all of their subjects and Certificates of Academic Achievement for those with A grades for the majority of their subjects.

Along with this we also continued a tradition introduced in 2012 to recognize students displaying the school’s Culture of Respect. The Culture of Respect Triple A Award acknowledges students who display not only Academic excellence but Attitude, Attendance and Achievement. We were also proud to present Riley Mitchell with the Certificate for her participation in the Youth Leadership Conference.

We congratulate these students and look forward to seeing even more following their example as the year continues.

Year 12 Academic Excellence
- Cintya Dharmayanti
- Madeliene Green
- Zachary Stolinski

Academic Achievement
- Georgia Brown
- Sarah Wardle

Triple A Awards
- Chris Williams
- Louise Lomman
- Ben Rowett
- Annalise Keen
- John Lim
- Ellie Bain
- Megan Roper
- Ellie Bain
- Calven Yap
- James Herrimann
- Callum Goodhand
- Dempsey Charlton
- Lachlan Hunt
- Tayla Randell
- Louis MacConnell
- Tomono Sakurai
- Jaesung Bae
- Madeleine Winter

University Faculty Visits
We continue to be fortunate to have visitors from faculties at Flinders University to run informal sessions with students about study and career pathways in their field of expertise. Late last term we were joined by the IT faculty to discuss their various media and programming courses, in Term 2 so far Law and Criminology (including Blackwood Alumnus Jordan Tutton) have been to speak and answer questions. Students should keep an eye on the daily student notices for further details on upcoming visits through Term 2 and the remainder of the year.

Ben Dening, Year 12 Year Level Leader

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE – WEEK 8, TERM 2
As you will be aware, Year 10 Work Experience is fast approaching. This will be running during Week 8 of this term, June 15 - 19. During this week students who have not been able to organise work experience, or who have organised an alternative time, will have an alternative program offered here at school. This program will also focus on work preferences, skills and choices.

An essential component of preparation for work experience is helping students to understand their rights and responsibilities at work in regard to Workplace Health and Safety, Equal Opportunity, Bullying and Harassment and Child Protection. The school has already run sessions for students covering much of this important detail. Additionally, over coming weeks, students will also take part in a range of activities during school hours. Each activity will support their work experience preparation.

A key component is the Passport to Safety – which is an online certificate that must be completed before students can officially attend their placement. Students will be provided details of this in coming weeks and it is a legal requirement that it is completed before they attend work experience.

Should you have any queries or concerns in regard to your child and work experience or our alternative program, please contact myself through the school on 8278 0900 or email luke.northcote@bhs.sa.edu.au.

Luke Northcote, VET and Work Experience Leader
SANTOS INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS 2015

After Blackwood’s own Athletics Day in early March, it was all eyes to SANTOS Interschool Athletics Carnival. Leading up to the big event, the Blackwood High School PE staff held weekly training sessions for all our student athletes across the track and field events. On Thursday 9 April, one hundred Blackwood students boarded the bus to SANTOS Stadium willing and able to compete against some of SA’s best youth athletes.

The hard work paid off; Blackwood boys placed first in their Division A2, with ten first-placings and 354 points (16 point lead). Twelve events were won across the day with Blackwood finishing fourth overall on 598 points. Girls placed eighth. Blackwood competed alongside Mount Gambier High School, Mid North Schools Education Cooperative, Renmark High School, Adelaide High School, Faith College, Temple College and Far West schools.

Congratulations to all students who participated, for their commitment and performance. We are very proud of our students’ athletics abilities and determination, and it really showed on the day up against the tough competition.

In particular, we wish to acknowledge the following student athletes who placed first in their event, a tremendous achievement given the high standard of competition on the day.

**Girls**

Hiromi Hill
- U15 90m Hurdles (14.80s)
- U15 Long Jump (4.82m)

Emily Pettman
- Open Pole Vault (1.80m)

**Boys**

Macca Short
- U14 400m (58.98s)

Jake Burdon
- U14 800m (2m24.24s)

Ryan Williams
- U16 100m (12.02s)
- U16 200m (24.07s)

Isaac Jurecky
- U16 Triple Jump (11.28)

Cameron Clohesy
- U16 800m (2m06.79s)
- Open 2000m Steeplechase (6m46.71s)

Nathan Dunn
- Open 800m (2m19.75s)

Bailey Badcoe
- Open 1500m (4m52.98s)

River Moore
- Open 3000m (10m02.41s)

U14 and U16 Boys 4 x 100m Relays also took home gold.

**U14 BOYS RELAY**

Jaden Hunter
Macca Short
Darian Dragun
Ben Hughes

**U16 BOYS RELAY**

Ryan Williams
Matt Walton
Trent Elder
River Moore

Congratulations to the following students who also achieved a ‘standard’ in the top five percent based on event records.

Ryan Williams U16 200m
Macca Short U14 400m
Cameron Clohesy U16 800m and Open 2000m Steeplechase
Jake Burdon U14 1500m
U16 Boys Relay Team
Hiromi Hill U15 90m Hurdles and U15 Long Jump

All individual placings and school scores can be found at,


A big thank you to the PE staff Glen Little, Chris Olenich, Steve Aulert, Dan Smith, Bianca Reddy and Janet Bradley for their hard work leading up to the event, and on the day.

Bring on SANTOS 2016!
ZONE SPORT TERM 1

Week 4, Term 1 marked the beginning of Zone Sport for 2015. The first season showed significant interest, as 75 students returned nominations within the first three weeks of the year. These numbers show significantly increased participation from previous years, proving that after-school sport is stronger than ever! Eight teams were entered into the Season 1 of competition, four of which being Year 8/9 Boys Indoor Soccer teams. Other teams included 8/9 Girls Volleyball and Indoor Soccer, Year 8/9 Boys Basketball, and Open Boys Indoor Soccer. Soccer was then the predominant interest, partly thanks to Australia’s Asian Cup victory in January no doubt.

All teams showed impressive performances throughout the season, as well as significant skill development. Special congratulations go to the Year 8/9 Boys Indoor Soccer Team 4, comprised of Henning Ostendorf, Daniel Hughes, Eddy Tse, Alex Brock, Brayden Elliot, Gage Goulding, Luke Karran, Reece Millsom and Nathan Laity, and coached by Steve Aulert, the boys finished top in their competition. The Year 8/9 Volleyball Girls showed an impressive run, holding an undefeated status all season up until their Grand Final against Glenunga International, losing in straight sets against a very skilled and very experienced team.

Without coaches and umpires the season would not be possible, so a big thankyou to Steve Aulert, Janet Bradley, Sam Thomson, Tom Oliphant, Nick Kusmanoff, Adrienne Kajewski, Trevor Clarke, Riley Mitchell, and John Lim for helping out in these areas. Overall it was a very successful season for all students and staff involved.

Season 2 begins in Week 4 Term 2, so keep the nominations coming in! Sports on offer include soccer, football, badminton, volleyball, netball and table tennis. Students, please see me in the Gym office for any queries.

Bec Whetham, Sports Trainee and Steve Aulert, Sports Coordinator

YEAR 10 GIRLS PE – ROCK CLIMBING

Late last term the Year 10 Girls PE class travelled to Urrbrae High School to use the school’s rock climbing wall. The girls challenged themselves on a variety of climbs and helped to belay their peers. For many this was a new way to exercise and the experience was exciting and fun.

Mrs Bradley, Health and Physical Education Teacher
BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BIG EVENTS

YEAR 8 CAMP: 2015

WHO: A TEAMERS... BANDITS... cheetahs... 8Delaideans...
Elev8ors... FLAMING FURIES... golden unicorns...

WHERE: ARBURY PARK OUTDOOR SCHOOL

WHEN: WEEK 4, TERM 2
18-20 MAY 8B, 8C, 8E & 8G
20-22 MAY 8A, 8D & 8F

WHY: TO ENHANCE YOUR PERSONAL SKILLS,
CAPABILITIES AND KNOWLEDGE, BOTH
THROUGH DISCOVERY AND PRACTICAL
EXPERIENCE.

Note: Yr 8 students: Please return all consent and
medical forms together with payment
to Student Services by Friday 8 May

Arbury Park facilities

World Challenge Experiences in Africa in 2014

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 - $25p/head
Goodwood Community Centre

Book tables of 8 today at
http://www.trybooking.com/126193
THE LANGHORNE CREEK YOUNG PEOPLE’S WRITING COMPETITION RETURNS FOR 2015. Entries close 21 August 2015

This year’s writing competition has two categories. There is an Open category and Haiku category. The topic for the Open category is Celebrations. The topic for the Haiku category is Free choice.

We are proud to announce our new partners......

The SA Women’s Writers Group will sponsor and award the Lochee Anderson Youth Literary Award to our Open category Year 8-10 winner. The Bindii Japanese Genre Poetry Group will sponsor and judge the new Haiku category.

Competition is open to South Australian students only. There are fantastic individual and school prizes available for winning entries across the 5 age groups......

Rec/Year 1 – Picture Book
Year 2/3 – up to 500 words
Year 4/5 – up to 1000 words
Year 6/7 – up to 1500 words
Year 8-10 – up to 2000 words

Schools need to shortlist and enter their best entries. Shortlisted entries from each school, in each age group and category will be invited to a special presentation day at Langhorne Creek Campus – Eastern Fleurieu School. Published authors will be running workshops on the day to further inspire the budding young writers.

All details including teacher’s notes, entry forms and requirements can be found on our website at http://www.langhorncreek.com/events/regional-view/2015-young-peoples-writing-competition

Any other enquiries, please contact via e-mail at writing@langhonrecreekwritersfestival.com

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE IN DENTISTRY, ORAL HEALTH AND MEDICINE

The Faculty of Health Sciences invites you to attend a showcase of our Dentistry, Oral Health and Medicine programs at the University of Adelaide.

When: SUNDAY 31 MAY, 2015
Sessions: 11.00 am Dentistry/Oral Health and 1.00 pm Medicine
Where: The Braggs Lecture Theatre, North Terrace Campus, The University of Adelaide

Tours of the Dental Simulation Clinic and Robin Warren Clinical Skills Facility are available before and after the sessions.

Register Now – places are limited.

The sessions will be recorded and uploaded to the Faculty YouTube channel post event for anyone unable to attend. The 2016 Admission Guides are available now.

We encourage future students, parents, guardians and wider community to attend.

Please note: domestic students who have commenced study at another tertiary institution other than the University of Adelaide will not be eligible to apply for medicine.

HELPING TEENS THROUGH ADOLESCENT EMOTIONS

Wednesday 13 May 7.30pm - Presenter Vina Hotich
26 King William Road, Wayville 5034 South Australia
Phone: 8271 0329 Tuesday Wednesday & Friday 10am – 3pm

Transitioning from childhood through teenager years to adulthood can be a tumultuous journey for all involved. This seminar aims to help parents identify ways to enable teenagers to express their stress, anger and other strong emotions effectively and respectfully.

This is a great one to attend, giving some great insights as to what is happening to teenagers’ brains and physiology as well as practical suggestions.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children. SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au
‘WE LOVE DOGS!’

Drawing / Painting Competition for students

Calling all artists, animal lovers and particularly waggy-tailed canine fans!

Help us celebrate this year’s RSPCA SA Million Paws Walk with our drawing competition for kids.

You can win one of these great prizes:-

1st A beautiful book, full of great pictures of different dogs
2nd An age-appropriate book from the Premier’s Reading Challenge
3rd A year’s Junior Membership to the RSPCA South Australia

Also, the first 10 runners up will receive an awesome show bag of goodies!

Be sure to ask for your parent/carer’s permission to enter.

Entry details:

Size: A3 maximum
Material: Paper or thin card
Art craft: Pencils, crayons, paint or anything you like
Theme: Our sheer love for dogs!
Age: Max age 16 years

Please include your full name, date of birth, e-mail address and/or postal address & contact phone number on the back of your artwork.

Send to RSPCA SA MPW ‘We Love Dogs!’ Art Competition, GPO Box 2122, Adelaide SA 5001. Deliver to our offices at 16 Nelson Street, Stepney or our shelter at Lonsdale, or e-mail to education@rspcasa.org.au

Closing date: Friday 29 May 2015

Winners will be notified by Friday 19 June with the artwork and first name of the winner shown on our Facebook page and on PRC’s website.

Premier’s Reading Challenge & RSPCA SA Million Paws Walk ‘We Love Dogs’ Art Competition

Terms and Conditions:

Maximum age is 16 years, one entry per person - Maximum size of artwork is A3
Parent permission for artwork to be used in social media must be signed – only first name and age will be included if the artwork is used.
Consent forms will be sent to all winners prior to publication. All entrant details must be included on the back of the artwork.

Artwork must be received by COB Friday 29 May

No correspondence to be entered into. Judging will be done by a panel made up of RSPCA SA Education and Premier’s Reading Challenge staff. Winners to collect prize/s from RSPCA SA at mutually arranged time after notification.

Artwork can be collected from the RSPCA SA after the competition.
ATTENTION
ALL MUSICIANS
12 – 16 YEARS

17th Annual Vocal & Instrumental MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS

1st Prize $2000
2nd Prize $1000
Plus Public Concert Performances

Full details at www.mmcsa.org
or *phone 8242 7333

Applications close 29th August 2015
Audition day 12th September 2015

This 2016 Scholarship is offered by The Metropolitan Male Choir of S.A.

Kids don’t have to put up with OCD!

A free online OCD treatment program is available for 12-17 year olds for a short time only

Does your son or daughter:
• seem particularly fussy about keeping their hands clean?
• find themselves checking, touching or counting things even though they know they don’t really have to?
• have trouble finishing school work or chores because they have to do something over and over again?
• worry a lot if something isn’t done exactly the way they like?

Does your son or daughter have difficulty stopping these habits, and do they seem to interfere with their lives?

These symptoms may be signs of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD).

The University of Queensland is offering a FREE ONLINE OCD TREATMENT PROGRAM for teenagers aged 12-17 for a short time only.

The 12 week internet-based program is supported by a clinical psychologist who is a specialist in treating teen OCD. Parents can also access an online program and specialist support.

Please contact Dr Cynthia Turner at cynthia.turner@uq. edu. au to discuss your child’s suitability for this free program or find out more about the program at:

http://www.exp. psy. uq. edu. au/ocd

(child & adolescent sleep clinic)

Does your teenager have a sleep problem?

Does your teenager:
• have trouble falling asleep?
• not fall asleep until late at night?
• have trouble waking up or getting out of bed in the morning?
• miss school or feel fatigued throughout the school day?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, your teenager could benefit from a new treatment program being run at the Child & Adolescent Sleep Clinic, within the School of Psychology, at Flinders University.

For more information please call 8201 7587 or email casc.enquiries@flinders.edu.au

www.facebook.com/cascsleep
28 April, 2015.

**Invitation to attend a parent seminar:** Calm and Confident Teens: A parents' guides to helping teens stay calm, manage stress and frustration and cope in tough times

**Place:** Senior Learning Centre  
**Date and Time:** 13 May 2015 at 6:30pm

Dear Parent/Caregivers

We are holding an information seminar for all families who would like to meet with renowned Psychologist Kirrile Smout. She has delivered sessions to our Year 12 cohort in regards to the challenges faced at school, managing stress and brain training.

We are now offering a Parent/Caregiver session which is designed to help parents cope with the common challenges in parenting a high school student, and to give ideas about how to support students during this time.

**Topics covered on the night 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

Yours sincerely

Mary Hodson  
Assistant Principal, Senior School

David Garrett  
Principal

Please return this reply slip to Student Services by the 12 May 2015 or email your response to elisabeth.macauslan@bhs.sa.edu.au

If you would like to attend the Kirrile Smout 'Helping students through High School',

Student’s Name: _______________________________  Care Group: ______

Names of people attending: _______________________________