



Principal's Welcome

External Review

Blackwood High School will be undergoing a DECD External School Review from 19 to 21 September. There will be two reviewers including the Department's External Review Officer, Ms Liz Schneyder and Review Principal, Mr Jim Michalanney. During the three days the review team will meet with staff, students and parents and the Governing Council.

The review looks at five areas of the school including:

- Student learning
- Effective teaching
- Effective leadership
- School community partnerships
- Improvement agenda

The reviewers will look around the school, visit classrooms and gather information to provide recommendations for further improvement. We are in the process of determining which students will meet with the reviewers. Our plan is to include groups of students from each year level. Once we have identified the students, parents/caregivers of each student will be notified.

If there are any parents who would like to join members of the Governing Council at 6:00pm on 20 September in the Conference Room please let Peta Clasohm know by 16 September by either ringing the school on 8278 0900 or email Peta.Clasohm@bhs.sa.edu.au.

Student Free Day and School Closure

A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 2 September for the annual School Closure. On Monday 5 September staff will be undertaking Professional Learning through the Institute of Educational Assessment. Our focus will be on making consistent judgements about student work. There will be no lessons for students on this day.

Student Achievements

Over the past few weeks we have seen two groups of students demonstrate their skills and abilities in more public forums.

Congratulations to the students who won the Innovation Award at the Southern STEM Expo for their work in Advanced Technologies.

This award was judged by business, industry and education representatives.

At the National Dance Stars Competition our three teams performed well with the Theatrical team bringing home a bronze medal.

I am always so proud of how our students interact with each other and in the range of contexts that they interact with others beyond our school.

Our SACE Stage 1 and 2 Food and Hospitality students will be catering for the Blackwood Rotary Club on 7 September in our Conference Room.

On 25 August we had the farewell dinner for our visiting Ushiku High School students and their host families. The care and consideration between the Ushiku and Blackwood High students clearly demonstrated the school values of care and respect.

Congratulations also to our sporting teams who have become state champions. On 13 September our boys netball teams will be competing in the State Finals. Go Boys! and best of luck.

Scoliosis

In this newsletter we have included information about scoliosis. Scoliosis is curvature of the spine and is a health issue for adolescent girls. The self detection brochure has been downloaded from www.scoliosis-australia.org. You may want to access this website for more information.

Facilities Upgrade

Over the past few weeks a new high end audiovisual installation has occurred in the school's gymnasium within the Blackwood Recreation Centre. The new system has a mixing desk for sound and two large projection screens.

This new equipment will be used to support school events and analysis of visuals of student performances in Health and Physical Education.

Race Discrimination Commissioner's Student Prize

Students have the opportunity to enter the Race Discrimination Commissioner's Prize. The prize is designed to promote research and discussion amongst young people. The competition is open to Year 10 and 11 students.

Entrants must answer one of the following questions:

1. What role should the law play in Australian Society's response to racism?
2. Ignorance is the root of racism. Discuss.
3. What challenges does racism pose to Australian Society today?

Entries can be either a 1000 word essay or a recorded video or audio speech of up to seven minutes. Entries close 17 September.

For further information go to the Australian Human Rights Commission website www.humanrights.gov.au

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 29 September. We are looking forward to meeting parents and caregivers in discussing student progress. Please look out for the information that will be sent in forthcoming weeks on how to book interview times.

Marion Coady, Principal

Principal Tours

9:00am Tuesdays

6 September
1 November

To book in for a tour please email blackwood@bhs.sa.edu.au or call the school on 8278 0900.

KYTON'S FUNDRAISING IS HERE!!

Since the IBMYP started at Blackwood High School, we have worked as a school to sponsor two children, Grace and Neema from Tanzania, through the recycling at the school as well as fundraising.

This year the school is fundraising money to support Grace and Neema through Kyton's Bakery Fundraiser. Please complete the enclosed order form and return to Student Services by 31 August 2016. Collection of orders will be available on the afternoon of Wednesday 7 September from the Front Office.



Blackwood High School Raising funds for Himeji Trip 2016

Help Blackwood High School Raise funds for Himeji Trip by purchasing the NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book. Hurry! FREE delivery for a limited time.

For a limited time, postage is FREE to any address in Australia when you buy the NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Book online from us!

The NEW 2016 | 2017 Entertainment™ Membership is packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more!

20% of the purchase of every Membership sold contributes towards our fundraising.

For enquiries, please contact: Sharna Granpre-Moliere on ph.: 8278 0929, Email: sharna.granpre-moliere@bhs.sa.edu.au



Blackwood High School High Achievers

- Congratulations to Madison Davies in Year 10 who was selected to umpire SAPSASA District Netball from 15 to 19 August 2016.
- Congratulations to Olivia Wheeler in Year 9 who is competing in the South Australian Team at the National Junior Road Race in Bendigo from 31 August to 6 September 2016.
- Congratulations to Nicholas Congedi in Year 12 who has been selected in the Australian Schools Orienteering Championships in Queensland from 23 September to 2 October 2016.
- Congratulations to Emma Gawronski in Year 10 has been selected for the DIPPP10 Program. This program sees her undertaking a course at Regency Campus of TAFE SA which started at the beginning of this term. Getting into this program is highly competitive



Year 10 'Big History'

This semester Blackwood High School is offering the Big History course for the first time. Big History is an interdisciplinary course that primarily includes concepts from both the Humanities and Science learning areas. Across the semester course, students look at the key events that have taken place in our universe's history; from the Big Bang 13.7 million years ago, to the current modern revolution, and everything in-between.

At present the 29 Year 10 students who are studying this course have just completed a unit entitled, 'Creating the Universe' in which they study topics such as The Big Bang, the formation of stars, the creation of new elements, and the formation of our solar system and the Earth. Next we will be studying a unit looking at the emergence and development of life on Earth, before ending the semester with a unit looking at the modern world.

This elective course is a new way of studying history that, with the support of Bill Gates, is currently being rolled free in schools across the globe. Blackwood High School first became involved with the Big History Project in 2014 when we were invited to be one of the world's first IBMYP Big History trial schools. This led to three of our teachers being invited to the Seattle to undertake preliminary training and assist with curriculum development.

Interested students currently in Years 8 and 9 should give thought to this course in Year 10. Similarly, any interested parents/caregivers are encouraged to check out the free Big History 'Lifelong Learners' course available at <https://school.bighistoryproject.com>

Nick Gillies, IBMYP Coordinator and Big History Teacher

Course Counselling for 2017

Students are in the final stages of course counselling for their 2017 subjects. We have suggested that students use the 2017 *Curriculum Prospectus* to read about subjects and use the flow charts to see how they progress through each year level. The *Curriculum Prospectus* is available on the school website <http://www.bhs.sa.edu.au/curriculum/curriculum-prospectus/>

Students in all year levels select their subjects for 2017 online via Web Preferences. Information was provided through previous newsletters. Log in details were emailed to parents/caregivers and letters and sent home via Care Groups.

Year 10 and 11 students

On Monday 29 August formal lessons will not be scheduled for Year 10 and 11 classes. We are expecting all Year 10 and 11 students, with parents, to attend counselling session in the Resource Centre. Year 10 students will meet with their Care Group Teachers. Year 11 students will meet with members of the Senior Counselling Panel. Information about Year 10 and 11 key events, how to make appointments using the School Online Booking System (SOBS) and how to prepare for Course Counselling was sent home at the beginning of the term. Parents/Caregivers use SOBS, www.sobs.com.au/pt/parent.php, to make appointments for course counselling interviews on 29 August between 10:00am – 8:00pm.



Students prepare for course counselling by selecting their subjects online. They need to print a receipt and have it signed by the parent/caregiver. Students need to bring the signed receipt to their interview on Monday 29 August.

Year 10 students plan and deliver a presentation as part of their Personal Learning Plan (PLP) that will be assessed by Care Group teachers. Students have been provided with a planning template on Daymap.

Online subject selection for Year 8 and 9 students

Year 8 and 9 students will have received information about subject selection for 2017 in a letter that was sent home via Care Groups and during Pastoral Care during Week 2. Subject selection is also conducted using the online Web Preferences system, and a receipt, signed by parents/caregivers, should have been returned to Care Group teachers by Friday 19 August.

Additional Support

If you have questions or require extra support to consider subject options, please contact your child's Care Group teacher, their Year Level Leader or a Student Counsellor.

Year 8 and 9: janet.bradley@bhs.sa.edu.au and lee.knight@bhs.sa.edu.au

Year 10: benjamin.dening@bhs.sa.edu.au and david.garrett@bhs.sa.edu.au

Year 11 and 12: luke.northcote@bhs.sa.edu.au and mary.hodson@bhs.sa.edu.au

Student Counsellors: argie.buesnel@bhs.sa.edu.au or michael.winter@bhs.sa.edu.au

David Garrett, Deputy Principal

Dance Stars Nationals

Blackwood High School's dancers' determination, resilience and hard work was rewarded with an invitation to the 2016 National competition held on the Gold Coast. This was the third consecutive year Blackwood High School teams have qualified to compete in the Nationals.

Three teams performing at the Nationals representing South Australia and Blackwood High School in the Senior Hip Hop, Theatrical and Contemporary Dance sections.

The competition was at the Convention Centre at Broad Beach, Queensland against teams from Victoria, Queensland and New South Wales. The competition was of a high standard.

The Blackwood High School teams performed at their exceptional best and the Theatrical team who placed sixth in the state final finished with a bronze medal. The Contemporary team finished in fourth place narrowly missing out on a bronze medal by less than a point. The Senior Large Hip Hop team were certainly a crowd favourite, however it was a hotly contested category and they finished in fifth place.

I would like to acknowledge the parents who attended and supported the teams on the Gold Coast trip and thank them for their continuous support as audience members.

Congratulations to all the 2016 Dance Star competitors and coaches for their fantastic achievement in representing South Australia and Blackwood High School at the National Dance Star competition. Also all the performers and coaches who have also been part of the Junior Theatrical, Hip Hop and Contemporary teams performing in the State final.

Auditions for a place in the 2017 team will take place in Term 1 2017 and we look forward to expanding the program.

Katrina Constantopoulos, Dance teacher



One Point Dance Performance

Blackwood High School dance students in Years 8-12 had the unique opportunity to participate in a school dance education performance and workshop with the dancers and choreographer from One Point Dance Company. The performance titled 'Quick Fix' was an entertaining work which included dynamic physical choreography and bold text delivery, performed by a high energy cast. The work was like a flicking video clip of stories, questions and parodies that contain powerful relevant messages for teens and adults, around themes of immediate gratification and quick fixes influenced by the ever infiltrating world of media.

The dancers and choreographer Katrina Lazaroff taught the students a dance class and phrases from the work. The students will have the opportunity to task and further develop a choreographed work in dance classes.

Dance student comments:

Working with the dancers was an exciting and beneficial experience. They shared what it was like to be a professional dancer, the training you require, and snippets of their work with us.

We were privileged to have the opportunity to learn phrases from the performance we watched. We worked with partners and learnt phrases based on techniques and the choreography we watched.

Katrina Constantopoulos, Dance Teacher



Summer/Spring Uniform

As the weather now starts to warm up again finally, can you please ensure that your child has their summer uniform available. Students have the choice of a school dress, skirt or shorts in two styles. Shorts can be teamed with a shirt or school polo top, as well as a jumper for cooler days.

Wearing non-school jumpers underneath school tops and other shorts, pants or leggings does not meet with Blackwood High School's Uniform expectations. You may need to ensure that your child has more than one set of the uniform to wear if overnight washing is not an option. Shoes, as always, should remain black in colour and with feet fully enclosed.

If you would like to discuss a payment plan for school uniform items please contact the relevant Year Level Leader who will assist you. In addition, lost property is in Student Services if your child has misplaced their school jumper or other item of clothing.

The Uniform Shop is accessible online and items may be order if you cannot make it into the shop during its opening hours. <http://onlineshop.devonclothing.com.au/blackwoodhs>

If your child cannot wear full school uniform on a particular day please provide an explanation in the diary. If a student does not provide a note to explain a genuine reason for not wearing the school uniform, consequences may also include, lunch time detention or after school detention. We may request a meeting with the family and member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss the issue.

Wearing the school uniform correctly is an important commitment to membership of the Blackwood High School Community.

Lee Knight, Assistant Principal Student Wellbeing



Year 8 Geography Coastal Excursion

On Tuesday 16 August three Year 8 Humanities classes (comprising Care Groups 8A, 8C and 8F) participated in a coasts excursion as part of their Landforms study. The excursion involved locating and describing key environmental management strategies in use at both Seacliff and Brighton beaches. Students sketched landforms, details of land usage and the natural forces in operation, all in preparation for their return to school, when they use the information gathered to write insightful essays on the management strategies currently in use in South Australia's metropolitan area. They are also able to proffer some of their own suggestions to improve the situation.



One of the highlights of any excursion is the opportunity to see understanding develop, from the theoretical to the practical, to transition students' thinking from the conceptual to the concrete. In discussions with Nick Gillies, Jason Gleeson and pre-service teacher Tasma Jefferies, we all noted the rapidity with which students developed a sound understanding of the interaction between human society and the natural environment. Students approaching us with observations about the sand dunes, competing land usage, the role of both soft and hard engineering management strategies, and of course, "Mr Zadey, will we have time to buy fish and chips?"

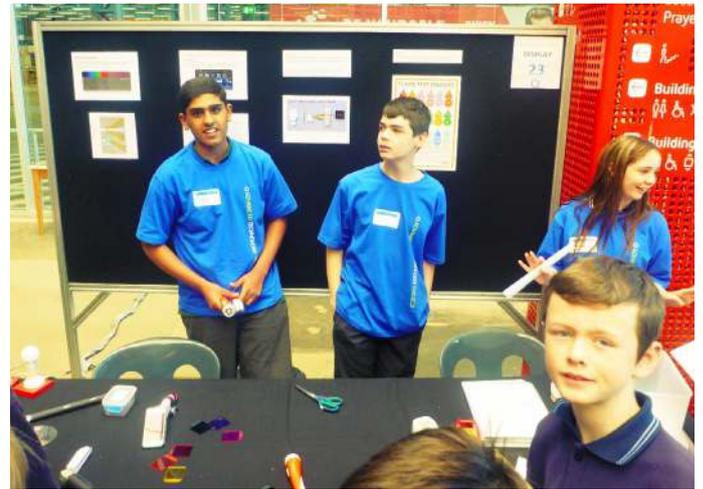
As a learning area, the Humanities team plans to make develop and incorporate exciting and fun excursions that extend student knowledge and understanding of both our physical and historical environments so they become a central feature of all Humanities courses at Blackwood High School.

Raphael Zadey, Senior Leader: English and Humanities

Southern Schools STEM Expo

Blackwood High School, Expert Judges Award – Most Innovative STEM Display.

Each year Blackwood High School enters the Southern Schools STEM Expo which sees a number of schools from the southern region gather at Tonsley TAFE to put forward a range of innovative STEM displays. The day sees up to 600 primary school students from feeder schools visit the expo and absorb the excellent work being done in the region. Schools are competing for two awards, the People's Choice award which is awarded to the best display as judged by the primary school students, Blackwood won this award in 2015. The second award is the much coveted Expert Judges Award, which is awarded to the most innovative STEM display as judged by representatives from Education, Business and Industry. Blackwood has won this award in both 2013 and 2014 and was again awarded the Most Innovative STEM Display for 2016. This is a huge achievement and a true indication of the forward thinking and innovative curriculum on offer at Blackwood High School.



Huge congratulations to all students and teachers that were involved in the Southern Schools Science Expo in 2016. This included Cameron Crawshaw, Ethan Keen, Lachlan Gillespie, Giordan Staines, Matthew Parker, Sam Moyes, Lewis Deller-Evans, Cheyenne Glover, Lachlan Gillies, Fabian D'Mello, Calvin Caggiano-Sims and to the two students who presented on the display that won the award, Riley Clarke and Declan Tichy.

Tom Oliphant, Technology teacher



Science and Technology Competitions

Congratulations to the following students who performed exceptionally well in the various National 2016 Science and Technology Competitions.

Big Science Competition:

High Distinction

Jaimee Bruer - Year 12
Cameron Crawshaw - Year 11
Troy Wallace - Year 8

Distinction

Trevor Bruce - Year 8
Nicholas Congedi - Year 12
Ian Douglas - Year 12
Lachlan Gillespie - Year 9
Matthew Parker - Year 8

Credit

Emily Lauritsen - Year 12
Cameron O'Connell - Year 10
Emma Potter - Year 9
Allie Stocco - Year 8
Anna Tulloch Year 9
Keegan Witney - Year 9

ICAS Digital Technologies Competition:

High Distinction

Matthew Parker - Year 8
Troy Wallace - Year 8

Credit

Joshua Campbell-Rage - Year 9
Ben Curry - Year 9
Glyn Ellis - Year 8
Cameron O'Connell - Year 10
Bayan Sobhani - Year 8

ICAS Science Competition:

High Distinction

Joel Keen - Year 9
Emma Potter - Year 9

Distinction

Glyn Ellis - Year 8
Matthew Parker - Year 8
Troy Wallace - Year 8

Credit

Trevor Bruce - Year 8
Joshua Campbell-Rage - Year 9
Nicholas Congedi - Year 11
Matthew Crawley - Year 9
Cameron Crawshaw - Year 11
Ian Douglas - Year 11
Cameron O'Connell - Year 10
Cassandra Shannon - Year 10
Giordan Staines - Year 9
Kelly Whitehead - Year 11

Well done to all of the above students and all who participated in this year's Science and Technology Competitions.

Jarrod Chave, Senior Leaders: Innovation in Science and Tehcnology

HEIT Program

The Humanities English Information Technology (HEIT) primary school experiential program once again has debuted to great acclaim. 27 students from Blackwood High School's feeder primary schools descended on Computer Room 4 and embarked upon a journey into multimedia authoring and attractions at historic Port Adelaide. This exciting program allows students to visit a number of Port Adelaide attractions and explore film-making and journalism through the creation of television advertisements and magazine articles. In a few weeks' time the students and accompanying teachers will travel to the Port for a day of fun, sun and history. Students will be working hard for the next four Fridays creating their projects. The program will culminate in a presentation afternoon where the students' work will be displayed on a special Wiki.

Jess Rogers and Adelle Matthews, HEIT teachers

Education Exchange with Yokohama Teacher

Blackwood High School recently welcomed a teacher from the Yokohama City Board of Education as a part of their teacher training program. Blackwood High School regularly hosts teachers and school leaders from other countries, which provide important opportunities to develop student and staff intercultural understanding.

Ms Kotoni Nakagawa, who teaches students with mild intellectual disabilities and autism, learned about curriculum in South Australia, how we approach teaching and learning at Blackwood High School and how we support students with individual learning needs. Kotoni was an interested observer in many classes, but was also keen to work directly with some of our students to share Japanese cultural activities such as throwing traditional Japanese spinning tops. She even brought a tiny alloy top made by a high precision engineering company in Yokohama that manufactures components for satellites. A simple flick of the fingers set this top spinning for over five minutes! Kotoni also introduced Art students to traditional ink drawing, and left a gift of brushes and ink so that our teachers are able to introduce other students to this technique.

We would like to thank one of our teachers, Mr Steve Brown and his family for hosting Kotoni in their home for two weeks.

David Garrett, Deputy Principal

Visit to Year 8 Art Class

During Week 4 Ms Remete's Year 8 Art class were fortunate to have our guest from Japan Ms Kotoni Nakagawa share her knowledge of the traditional art of ink painting with us.

Our Year 8's used traditional brushes to learn the skills required to use ink and specialist papers to create beautiful calligraphic paintings. Many of the students were keen to develop their new found talents further and Ms Nakagawa generously left us a supply of brushes, inks and papers to continue creating beautiful Japanese inspired artworks.

Jenny Remete, Art teacher



Visit by Himeji Cultural Ambassadors

From 27 July – 8 August five Japanese students and their chaperone from our Japanese sister city, Himeji, visited Blackwood High School. The visitors were hosted by students from Years 9 – 12 who will be making a return journey to Himeji in October this year to stay with their exchange partner.

During the visit the group enjoyed a range of school experience lessons including cooking, learning about Aboriginal art, Australian history, 3D printing, PE, Photography and even a Drama lesson where they were introduced to circus skills by one of our pre-service teachers.

On an excursion to the city, the students enjoyed morning tea with the Lord Mayor of Adelaide and were treated to a tour of the magnificent Town Hall. The vibrant Central Market was the next stop where students sampled some of our unique South Australian produce. Koalas were patted and kangaroos fed at Urrimbirra Wildlife Park before a climb to the top of Granite Island afforded views of the Southern Ocean. Unfortunately the whales didn't put on a show for us this time.

Here are a few of the Japanese students' observations:

Blackwood High School is very big and there are some expensive high technology machines. The Japanese class talked and practiced with the teacher. I think it's a good way to learn a language"

"We went to the Town Hall. Although all of the building was beautiful, the pipe organ was particularly beautiful. I have seen one in a music text book before and I really wanted to see it. My dream was realised. But I couldn't hear the sound, so I want to come back to attend pipe organ concert."

"We went to the Central Market. There was many fruits. The sight isn't in Japan. Apple is smaller in Australia than in Japan. I always stomach full. I want Japan also incorporates a recess break."

"I was nervous before meeting my exchange sister. But meeting her, I was happy because she was very cute and kind. She is a good girl. We went to Cleland to see and touch real koala and other animals! I'm very grateful to my family because they made my dream come true."



"I played circus games at drama lesson. First we greeted each other by making expressions of various feelings. Then we practiced some circus tricks: catching rings, spinning plates, juggling and sticks. I like spinning plates. I was good at it. Blackwood HS students were very wonderful. Japanese can't do like them."

"When they said, 'See you on Sunday', I felt sad. I don't want to go back to Japan."

We wish our five ambassadors, Nathaniel Ramesh, Riley Brown, Madi Brown, Shaya Hipper and Ruby Brown along with the accompanying teachers, Mr Michael Winter and Ms Joy Boath and safe trip in October and look forward to them sharing their adventures with us when they return.

Karyn Jones, Leader, International Student Programs



Sport News

Team 1:

The Year 8/9 Knockout Zone Team was coached by Emma Taylor, Rhea Kruse and Alyshia Cock.

The team competed in the A grade competition at school zone and finished the season quite successfully as runners-up!

The girls were a group of committed students who were always keen and happy to be there with their full efforts performed every week. They all improved over the course of the ten week season and were an absolute delight to coach. Unfortunately, they lost the Grand Final against St John's Grammar School 41-25.

Team 2:

Emily Coleman and Kelly Whitehead coached Blackwood 2, which comprised of Year 9 netball students competing in Division B1. The girls were competitive and worked well together to finish in the top two. They lost the Grand Final 29-20 against Blackwood 3, who went undefeated all season.

Team 3:

The Year 8 Zone Team competed in the B1 competition and was coached by Taylah Stevens and Emily Jayne. They had a very successful season being undefeated and finishing it off by winning the flag with a Blackwood vs Blackwood Grand Final 29-20. With a successful season came a bunch of successful, committed and enthusiastic girls, who always tried their best and had a positive attitude towards the team. Each player improved immensely and were a great group of girls to coach.

Team 4:

The Year 9 Blackwood 4 Zone netball team was coached by Isobel Stolinski and Olivia Jaensch. This team competed in the C grade competition and placed third at the end of the competition.

These girls were hard working and committed to their netball.

We really enjoyed coaching this bunch of girls and watching them improve over the season.

Team 5:

This zone season was very successful for the Year 8 Blackwood 5 Team. We started in B3 grade but were soon moved to B2 after winning all our first games. The competition in B2 was much stronger, however we still managed to win all our games landing us in the Grand Final. Our team had a tough battle but ended up victors 26-19 against Glenunga. We believe that everyone had an enjoyable season and we as coaches wish we could coach them all again.

Team 6:

The 2016 Blackwood High School Year 8 Zone Netball Team 6 was coached by Hayley Sutter and Shelby Adams. Unfortunately, the girls lost the final game against Unley High School 18-3 and therefore were runners up in the C2 division. The team always played to their best efforts and supported each other throughout the whole season. From the goalies who rewarded the team with a goal for every turnover, to the mid-court who always played with high intensity, to the defenders who tried their best to turn-over every ball. They were all hard-working, cooperative and success-driven and it a privilege to watch them grow stronger as a team.

Written by the Year 11 Coaches



Open Boys and Girls Knockout Volleyball

On Wednesday 3 August the Blackwood High School Open Volleyball teams competed in Round 1 of the competition at the Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre. The format was a full day Round Robin competition with eight schools involved in the competition.

The Blackwood girls' team competed strongly throughout the day, only losing one match and finishing in second position. The boys' team was also very competitive with two wins, one loss and a draw resulting in third position for the day. Congratulations to all students who participated on the day.

Glen Little, Leader Health and Physical Education and Luke Beenham, Sports Trainee



Year 8/9 Knockout Football

On Tuesday 2 August the Blackwood High Year 8/9 Football team played Henley High School in the Preliminary Final of the statewide Knockout Competition. Blackwood played a strong first quarter with six shots at goal. At quarter time the scores were Blackwood 2-4-16 to Henley 4-0-24. From quarter time onwards Blackwood were outplayed and found it difficult to create scoring opportunities. To the team's credit all players persisted throughout the game but could not match it with a quality opposition. Although experiencing a loss on the day, the overall Knock Out season was a success with Blackwood finishing in fourth position in the state.

Results were:

Blackwood 3 – 12 – 30 lost to Henley 17 – 16 – 118

Best Players - Kye Dean, Jules Marjanac, Mitchell Robertson, Jaden Hunter

Glen Little, Leader Health and Physical Education and Dan Smith, Physical Education Teacher



Open Boys Knock Out Basketball- State Champions

On Thursday of Week 4 Blackwood High School's Knock Out Basketball team had advanced through to the State Champions Carnival at Wayville Stadium. The carnival saw the team play against some of the best schools in the state in what shaped up to be a competitive day. The first game of the event saw Blackwood play their eventual Grand Final opponent, Encounter, in a game that went down to the dying seconds and resulted in a four-point loss, Blackwood wouldn't let this happen again. The following



two games Blackwood put on a clinic easily beating Golden Grove and Endeavour by considerable margins. Team play, pesky defense and boosted team morale propelled the team through the Semi-Final and into the Grand Final, again against Encounter, who sported a number of state basketballers, a reputable coach and an unbeaten record. The Grand Final proved a grind for both teams having played three games plus a semi-final leading up to it. It was competitive basketball at its best. Both teams traded baskets for most of the game with Blackwood clawing back eight point deficits twice. The game ended up going to double overtime and in true Blackwood style, the boys pulled themselves together and dug deep to get over the line in one of the greatest interschool basketball games I have seen.

Huge congratulations to Isaac Jurecky, Cameron McGree, D'arcy Mitchell, Taine Mitchell, Daniel Nash, Bailey Dyer, Tyson Dyer, Bailey Gilbert, Kristian Ciabattoni and to Nathan Beenham for scoring.

Tom Oliphant, Coach

Beach Energy Women in STEM Breakfast

On 11 August we, along with two Year 10 students and Principal, Ms. Coody, attended the Beach Energy Women in STEM Breakfast held at Therbarton Senior College. This was third annual breakfast conference but the first time Blackwood High School attended. Emily and I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the guest speakers (as well as the food).



The first speaker for the day was Professor Karen Reynolds who is the Deputy Dean of Computer Sciences at Flinders University and a Biomedical Engineer. Her achievements are astounding and she has received extensive awards, including being named in the Top 100 most influential Engineers in Australia three times and was named as the South Australian Scientist of the Year in 2012. She talked about how important it is to have women equally represented in the male dominated careers of STEM as well as how important it is to have transferable STEM skills in the ever-changing world of today, and even more so in the future. She inspired and encouraged us to overcome any obstacles and pursue our passions in Science and Engineering.

Overall, this was a great success and we highly recommend and encourage students to attend next year.

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Jaimee Bruer and Emily Lauritsen, Year 12 Students

SRC visit to Flinders Centre

On Monday, August 15, a number of Student Representative Council members visited the Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer. The Centre is directly associated with the Flinders Medial Centre Foundation, the recipient of the school's fundraising efforts this year.

After being welcomed and thanked for the generosity of our staff and students by Professor Ross McKinnon, the Director of the Centre, we were split into two groups. Each group was given a tour of the Centre by Doctor Rebecca Keough and participated in a question and answer session led by Doctor Michael Michael. It was wonderful seeing the care and survivorship services provided to patients as well as the innovative cancer prevention and early intervention research undertaken at the Centre. It was also great to see the difference that donations like ours make in the lives of those affected by cancer.

We look forward to raising more funds for the Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer during the remainder of this year.

Parsa Shorofi, SRC Head of Public Relations and Graphic Design



Blackwood High School Debating

We're now coming to the end of the debating season, with the final debates taking place over the next week or so and I am proud to say that the efforts of our teams have not slackened. Jess Rogers, Mary Hodson and I remain as proud of them today as we were when they first took up the mantle in Round 1.

Over the last few weeks the teams have debated issues as varied as the question of whether Australia should switch to Nuclear Power, if the development of Artificial Intelligence poses an unacceptable risk to our humanity and that the Racial Discrimination Act should be repealed.

The most impressive aspect of the debating thus far has been the ability of our students to effectively participate in and win short preparation debates (when the debating topic is made available only 90 minutes prior to the debate start).

Our Year 9 teams, Blackwood Green (Anna Tulloch, Ruby Brown, Aimee Tulloch and Maiya Mathwin) and Blackwood Red (Matthew Driver, Harriet Cooling, Joel Keen and Cassandra Bates) have enjoyed a successful season, facing some very skilled opposition and are currently sitting in 17th and 24 position respectively. Their achievement has been especially impressive given that Blackwood Red comprises first-time debaters and boasts two very talented Year 8 students. It soon became abundantly clear to all of us that the Year 9 competition is by far the most dynamic and daunting in the entire competition.

Our Year 10 team, comprising Allaina-Jean Chadwick, Cassandra Shannon, Yaqi Wei, Jack Chaplin and Damon Gray has won half of its debates thus far, placing a very respectable 9th in the competition; a very impressive outcome given that they are all first-time debaters.

Our Year 11 teams, Blackwood Blue (Hiromi Hill, Isobel Stolinski, Jesse McKinnon, Dominique Contreras-Gonzalez, Amelia Watson and Molly McCarthy) and Blackwood Green (Ethan Keen, Martin Nachazel, Louis Tsitouras, Nathaniel Ramesh, Kabilan Venkatasalam and Emma Roberts), came in 17th and 19th respectively. As a coach and observer, these senior teams stood out, exhibiting a willingness to pull together and draft perceptive and at times profound arguments around some of the greatest challenges facing modern society.

On behalf of Mary Hodson, Jess Rogers and myself, I would like to thank these intelligent and committed students for their efforts during the competition, and acknowledge their willingness to take on a challenge, often outside their comfort zones and do their school community proud. I would also like to thank and acknowledge the parents who transported students to and from the venues and who lent their support to the teams.

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge the unceasing support of Jess Rogers and Mary Hodson in the training of the teams and heading into Adelaide after a long day at school in order to watch and support our teams.

Well done everyone!

Well done everyone!

Raphael Zadey, English and Humanities Coordinator



2016 Secondary Principal Association Conference

Presentation at the 2016 Secondary Principal Association Conference on 'Evidence based Positive Education Implementation'

On Friday 19 August Craig Duguid and David Garrett led a workshop with over 40 secondary school leaders about how Blackwood High School has been going about systematically introducing Positive Education. This important work commenced three years ago. Since 2014 fourteen of our staff have travelled to Geelong Grammar to learn about Positive Education and what schools can do to improve the wellbeing of the school community. Other staff have participated in other training and learning to raise their awareness about what we can do to increase wellbeing for learning.



Many students and parents may recall that the University of Adelaide has been helping us to collect data about the wellbeing of our students over the last

three years. Parents and care givers have provided permission for their sons and daughters to participate in the annual survey. This has helped us to better understand the wellbeing of our student population; the areas in which students are thriving as well as where we can do more as a school to help.

Members of our school community will also remember that in 2015 PhD Candidate Amber Halliday worked with a group of students in a 'Participatory Action Research' project to help us understand how students think of wellbeing, how they believe they could best learn to improve their wellbeing, and what the school can do about it. The logo featured above and used in the presentation was created by a Blackwood student as a part of this work. As a result of the students' action, the University of Adelaide developed a resilience program that all of our Year 9 students have been completing as part of the Year 9 Pastoral Care Program in 2016. The University also developed a teacher training program to make sure that the Year 9 teachers developed the skills required to teach the program.

The school leaders who attended David and Craig's session were interested to hear about how we are using a strategy to 'Measure it, Live it. Learn it/Teach it, Embed it', based on the work of world leading Positive Psychologist Professor Martin Seligman. They were also interested to hear about how Blackwood High School's unique partnership with the University of Adelaide is enabling us to develop an 'evidence based' approach in this important area of education.

Craig Duguid, Assistant Principal and David Garrett, Deputy Principal

2016 YOUTH WORKSHOPS



21,22 AND 23 SEPT 2016

Youth Workshops for academically gifted students in years 8-10

held in state-of-the-art facilities at Flinders University

Schools and families are invited to nominate gifted students from Years 8 to 10 who would benefit from in-depth workshops led by experts in their field. Students passionate about creativity or sciences are especially encouraged to attend this year.

There will be a variety of topics to choose from including: *Animations, Creative Writing, Engineering, Genetics, Law, Robotics / Solar vehicle and Space.*

Date: 21,22 and 23 September, 2016

Time: 9:30-4:00pm

Cost: \$195 for 3 days of workshops and course materials. Special financial consideration may be given to country students and students who would be precluded by financial constraints.

Cost for family or school members of GTCASA: \$160 (GTCASA membership number will be required).

To register your interest: please send the following details to youthworkshops@live.com.au

- School/family name and postal address
- Contact name, e-mail and telephone number/s

You will be sent a nomination form plus detailed information about the range of workshops being held.

Alternatively, **register online** here:

<http://gtcasa.asn.au/workshops/youth-workshop/>

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ADOLESCENT SCOLIOSIS SPINAL CURVATURE



The National Self-Detection Program

*Information for schoolgirls in years 7 and 9
and their parents*

A health promotion program recommended by the Spine Society of Australia. The program is endorsed by the Paediatrics and Child Health Division of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.

WHAT IS SCOLIOSIS?

Scoliosis is a lateral or sideways curve of the spine. The spine also rotates on its long axis as it curves. It usually develops during early adolescence (age 10-13 years) when growth is most rapid.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE OF SCOLIOSIS?

The cause is unknown, but 80-90% of cases occur in otherwise healthy adolescents. This is called idiopathic (cause unknown) scoliosis.

We know that scoliosis is NOT contagious and NOT caused by bad posture, a soft mattress, carrying a heavy school bag or junk food.

WHY IS EARLY DETECTION IMPORTANT?

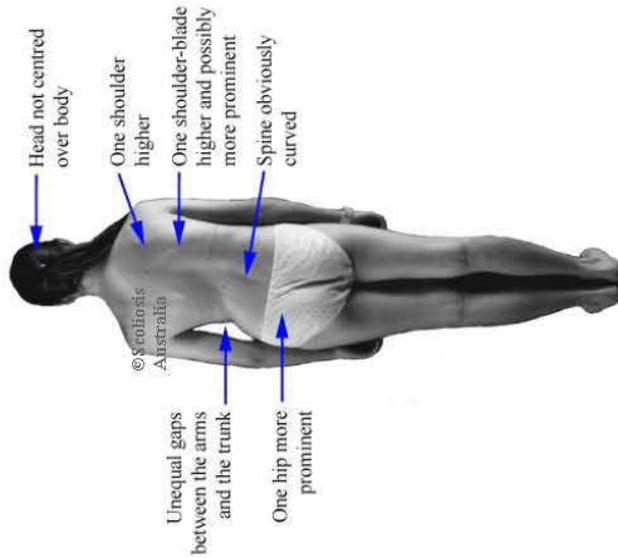
While very small curves are common and of no significance, about 2% of girls have a curve which warrants medical observation during the growth period. Three girls per 1,000 will require treatment during the growth phase. If treatment is required, the earlier it is undertaken, the better the long-term result. This is the basis for screening since in the early stages scoliosis produces no symptoms. The way to detect scoliosis is to look for it!

WHY THIS BROCHURE HAS BEEN PRODUCED

This brochure is designed to make parents of schoolgirls aware of the outward signs of scoliosis. From time to time all government and non-government schools in Australia will be asked to download this brochure from www.scoliosis-australia.org and to distribute it to girls in Years 7 and 9 (11 and 13 years of age in most states and territories).

If after reading this brochure you or your parents think you may have this condition, please consult your family doctor.

WHAT ARE THE OUTWARD SIGNS OF SCOLIOSIS?



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HOW SCOLIOSIS IS DETECTED

Apart from the outward signs with a teenager standing as illustrated, the reliable **Forward Bend Test** is used in the diagnosis of scoliosis. This simple visual examination requires the teenager to stand with the feet together and parallel and bending forward as far as she can go with the hands, palms facing each other, pointed between the two big toes. In scoliosis, one side of the upper chest (thoracic) region or the lower back (lumbar) region will be more than 1 cm higher than the other. The prominence is most often on the right side in the thoracic region. If the difference between the two sides is less than 1 cm, it is highly unlikely that a significant curvature is present and the difference is simply due to asymmetrical growth of the two sides of the body. This is called torso asymmetry and is of no significance.



The Forward Bend Test

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WHAT ABOUT BROTHERS AND SISTERS?

Scoliosis tends to run in families. When a curve is detected in one member of the family, other children should also be examined by the family doctor. If there is a history of a blood relative, especially a female cousin, having been treated for scoliosis by brace wearing or surgery, then this strengthens the case for spinal examination as a regular health check between 10 and 13 years of age.

Scoliosis which requires treatment is far less common in boys than in girls. The ratio of boys to girls requiring treatment is about 1 to 10.

IS TREATMENT SUCCESSFUL?

Yes, modern methods produce excellent results when a curve is detected early. In most cases an inconspicuous spinal brace is worn. Surgery is needed in only one out of three cases which require treatment.

There is no scientific evidence that physical therapy (exercise programs) and spinal manipulation (chiropractic adjustments) will either correct a scoliosis or halt its progression.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF SCOLIOSIS IS NOT TREATED?

The curve may increase unnoticed during the growing years. Moderate and severe curves may also increase in adult life. Some curves may increase with pregnancy. Severe pain, physical deformity and wear and tear arthritis may occur during middle life. Early detection is important for a healthy future.

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HOW DO YOU DETECT SCOLIOSIS? Simply look for it!

It only takes 30 seconds



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Tuesday 4th October - Alberton Oval | 9am-12pm OR 1pm - 4pm



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Registrations close Friday 9th September



PARENTS in EDUCATION WEEK

12-15 September 2016

Parent engagement helps children learn best
Free parent information sessions to help you support your child's learning

Monday 12 Sept

Tuesday 13 Sept

Wednesday 14 Sept

Thursday 15 Sept

Thursday 15 Sept



Dr Margy Whalley

Helping you to get involved in your child's learning and development in the early years.

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Christies Beach or view online

For parents of children 0-5 years of age.



Kirrilie Smout

Understanding the mysterious world of teens at home and at school.

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Murray Bridge or view online

For parents of secondary school children 13-18 years of age.



An evening with Minister Susan Close and guests

Discussing views on childhood: the role of education, schools, parents and the community.

Time: 6.30-8pm

Location: Semaphore Park or view online



Andrew Fuller

Unlocking your child's genius.

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Elizabeth or view online

For parents of primary school children 5-12 years of age.



Jodie Benveniste

Understanding your child's development and learning.

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Elizabeth or view online

For parents of primary school children 5-12 years of age.

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YMCA SA is very excited to announce that we are running Junior Parliament for a second year in the October school holidays. Applications are now open for 12 – 15 year olds who want to learn about parliament, meet new friends and develop their leadership skills!

What is Junior Parliament?

YMCA SA Junior Parliament is an apolitical program that gives young people an opportunity to learn about democracy, parliament, team building, public speaking and leadership in a fun and supportive environment. Junior Parliament is run by young people for young people. It's a chance for young people to have their say on issues they care about, meet some new friends & develop their leadership skills. Participants take part in a 3 day / two night camp which involves skills and leadership training and some fun recreational activities.

About the program...

- WHEN: Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th October 2016 (the second week of the school holidays)
- WHERE: Rostrevor College & Parliament House Adelaide
- WHO CAN APPLY? Junior Parliament is open to anyone in South Australia aged 12 - 15 years old.
- COST: There is a participant fee of \$200 per person which covers meals, accommodation and transport while on camp.

Apply now!

Applications are now open. Apply here: <https://form.jotform.co/62088672070861>

Questions?

Please email Alana James at alana.james@ymca.org.au or call 8200 2514. Our website also has more information.

Calendar Dates

Term 3 2016

Monday 29 August

Course Counselling Day Years 10 and 11 by appointment

Friday 2 September

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday 5 September

STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 6 September

Principal Tours 9am

Friday 9 September

Year 7 HEIT Program Excursion

Tuesday 13 September

Governing Council Meeting
7pm

Friday 16 September

Year 7 HEIT Program

Friday 16 to 27 September

Morioka Study Tour

Wednesday 21 September

Year 12 Dance Choreography
Performance

Friday 23 September

Year 7 HEIT Program

Monday 26 to 27 September

Year 11 Aquatics

Tuesday 27 September

Year 8 Immunisations (HPV)
Year 7 HEIT Program
Presentation

Thursday 29 September

Parent/Teacher Interviews -
Report Collection 1:30-8:00pm

Friday 30 September

Last day of Term 3

Term 4 2016

Monday 17 October

First day of Term 4

Monday 17 to 18 October

Year 7 Pre-order Uniform Fitting
Days Conference Room 3:30-
6:30pm

Tuesday 25 October

Year 12 Graduation Recreation
Centre 7:30pm

Friday 28 October

Last day for Year 12 students
(Assembly lesson 1)

Tuesday 1 November

History Bee and Bowl
Principal's Tour 9am
Governing Council Meeting
7pm

Monday 7 November

Year 12 Exams commence

Friday 11 November

Remembrance Day Assembly