



From the Principal



Term 3 is proving to be extremely busy at Blackwood High School (BHS), with a range of exciting programmes and activities across all learning areas. In the Arts, the musical production of 'Grease' has been a huge focus with six performances over three days. Well done to all students and staff involved for a fantastic effort and for delivering a highly professional show. On the back of that are the Dance Star national finals (from this Friday through to Monday 14 August) with several BHS teams battling it out at the Entertainment Centre. Good luck and 'break a leg', or perhaps not!

This is an extremely important time for our senior students, as for many Year 11 and 12 students, Term 3 presents some significant pressure regarding completion of work, particularly as Term 4 concludes quite early. Please ask your children to talk with their teachers and/or Wellbeing Leaders should they require some extra support during this busy time. I look forward to the Graduation ceremony at the Capri Theatre later this year.

Last week members of the Federal Australian Union and our Australian Education Union (AEU) visited BHS to launch a new campaign for improving federal funding for schools. The intention is to reignite the Gonski recommendations from 2012, that proposed targeting school funding strategically to students most in need of support. It was a productive visit as staff were able to talk informally regarding their

views and hear about the national plan for improved support. This movement is also supported by the Education Minister (Blair Boyer), who was invited but couldn't attend.

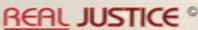
As you may be aware, the staff at BHS have been working on consistency of language and practice with regard to their interactions with students. The new Behaviour Guide provides a structure that encourages positive student choice and provides opportunities to re-focus behaviour. Staff have provided really positive feedback (via a survey) regarding how the focus on student responsibility and informed choice has enhanced student understanding and classroom culture. In addition, the last Student Free Day saw all teaching and non-teaching staff participate in a full day of Restorative Practices with an expert facilitator. This non-punitive counselling approach offers a consistent model of language and structured reflection relating to conflict resolution and encourages students to talk about and resolve issues/mistakes through conversation. Although they seem relatively simple, the questions below provide a consistent mediator script that supports students to reflect upon an issue, its impact and how to make things right. We hope to offer future training for students and possibly interested parents.

Chris Brandwood, Principal


Restorative Questions I

When things go wrong.

- What happened?
- What were you thinking of at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?

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From the Deputy's Desk

There are a number of significant events happening across the school in the coming weeks so I am taking this opportunity to update our school community on what has been happening at Blackwood High School.

Subject Selection processes are well underway, with a range of email notifications going out to all families about student subject choices for study in 2024. All families are encouraged to review the subject selection information and discuss with their child(ren) what options are available and how this may align to preferred future pathways. The Curriculum Prospectus outlines the breadth and depth of subject offerings at Blackwood High School in 2024 and is a valuable resource to review options, prior to finalising choices. Students need to think very carefully about their choices for 2024 so they can make informed decisions about which subjects to nominate. Once finalised, we use this data to support our whole school planning processes, including timetabling, staffing and class groups, to ensure the viability of our curriculum. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the school and they can direct your query to a member of our leadership team.



2024 Curriculum Prospectus



Our International Students continue to grow in number, helped significantly by the re-introduction of an Intensive Secondary English Course (ISEC). At the start of term 3, we welcomed 16 new international students to Blackwood High School as our first intake of ISEC students since COVID. Our ISEC class has been re-located to a more centralised and accessible location so that the ISEC students are fully immersed in the culture of Blackwood High school. A core group of highly skilled ISEC teachers work with these students, designing and teaching a bespoke curriculum, but also supporting these students to learn English along the way. At the start of 2024, it is anticipated that these students will enrol in our mainstream classes; enriching the cultural diversity of our school and making new friends wherever they are learning.

Finally, Snow Trip is back on! There is a tangible buzz in the air as we count down the days until over 60 students and 8 staff make their way to Falls Creek in week 5, for a life-changing experience. Once at the Snow, students will have daily lessons and spend an entire week traversing the icy slopes, supporting each other to become better skiers or snowboarders. There will be a lot of firsts, a lot of laughs, and probably a lot of tired and sore students by the end of it. But, without a doubt, it is an experience that students (and staff) never forget! If your child is currently in middle school, then tell them to start saving their pocket money, because this is one school trip they don't want to miss out on!

Jason Loke - Deputy Principal



Blackwood High School High Achievers

- Congratulations to Sienna Aldridge and Lily Dinstall-Bruce in Year 9, who represented South Australia in AFL football in the 15 and Under team that played in Ballarat, Victoria. South Australia finished 4th out of 8 teams.

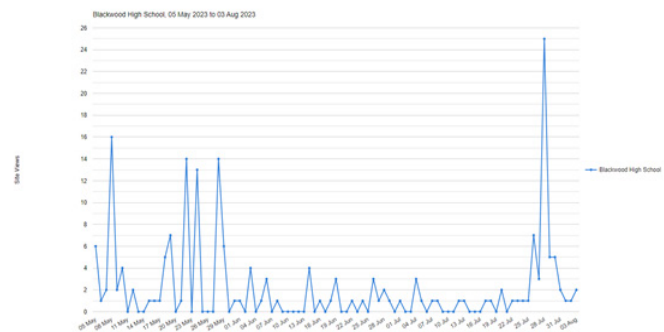
Do you have an exceptional achievement? We would love to know. Email susan.carrail483@schools.sa.edu.au with information.



School TV

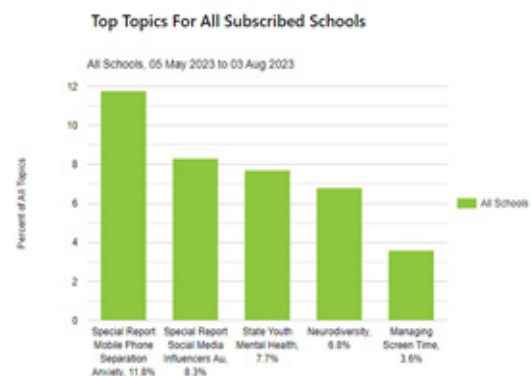
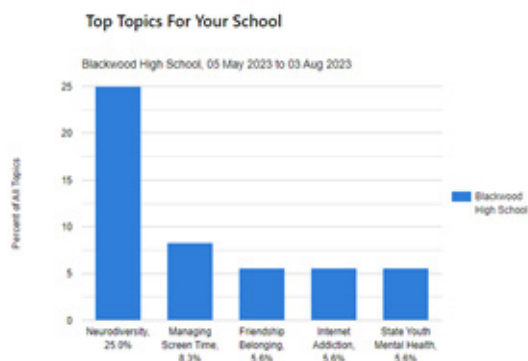
School TV continues to be popular with our students and families. One of the latest special reports focuses on Neurodiversity.

Neurodiversity emphasises the natural variation in how an individual’s brain functions and how they perceive and interact with the world, leading to diverse ways of learning and communicating. While most young people are neurotypical, some exhibit variations in brain development, such as ADHD, autism or dyslexia, making them neurodivergent.



Given the recent ban on phones in schools it has been interesting to see the spike in people accessing information on mobile phones and screen times across other sites. For us it hasn’t been a focus. This would be due to the successful introduction of yonder pouches in 2022. During the last few months we have had a number of our year 11 & 12 students engaging in Investigation topics of their choice and around health and wellbeing. It is pleasing to see they are accessing credible sources of information such as the ones found on School TV.

Sue Richards, Assistant Principal Middle School



GREASE The Musical

Welcome to “Grease, the Musical”!

Tonight, we transport you back to the 1950’s.

Here at Rydell High, the senior class of '59, a bunch of greasy “Burger Palace Boys” and gum-snapping “Pink Ladies take you on a roller coaster of friendships, romance, song and dance.

Our story revolves around a wholesome exchange- student named Sandy and a leather-clad lad named Danny who have a summer romance... but will this cross clique lines?

The 1950’s were an awesome time before technology and political correctness impacted our lives. Everything was fun and wholesome and in the dawn of Rock and Roll. The musical explores all this but also celebrates the time when the young still dared to dream that anything is possible in love and friendship.

Sing along to all the favourites ‘Grease Lightning’, ‘Summer Night’s’ and ‘Hopelessly Devoted to You’!!

“Grease” has provided a wonderful opportunity for the Blackwood High School Arts Team, staff and students to work collaboratively on the creative and production processes of our 2023 Musical. Each member of the team has been integral to their role in bringing the final vision to life. I applaud and thank the team for their work and commitment to this invigorating production.

I would like to express my gratitude to Brigitte Esvelt as Acting Director and Meg Spirat as Vocal Director. They have been fantastic in their roles to support the transformation of our cast in developing their characters and voice. Elisa England as Performance Integrity Coordinator has brought all the pieces together with her vision and musical theatre finesse.



GREASE The Musical

Michael Winter as Band Director and his student band supported by musicians Ben Phillips and Kim McGough have been superb. Acknowledgement for their creative input and polish to the production go to Seb Bowden, as media coordinator, Jude Hunter set and lighting design, Jeannette Beadnall set and prop design Sophie Arthur hair and makeup and Erin Woodward publicity and promotion

This year's choreography team has been student led and I have been impressed by the talent and the high quality dance moves choreographed by Leila Sophia and Temika

This creative team are all experts in their specific fields and have given so much time, energy, passion and dedication to ensure the vibrancy of the 50s has been brought to life, and inspiring our performance team.

The staff and students who created this production have been a joy to work with. Their passion, good humour and dedication have been inspiring. They have been a vibrant, fun, and energetic team. It is always affirming to go through this process and be reminded of these qualities and the incredible talent of Blackwood High School students. I am incredibly proud of what we have created together.

We have been thrilled to present this performance to the community. We hope that our talented cast and crew engaged and inspired you as much as they have inspired us.

Grease is the Word!

Katrina Constantopoulos - Leader The Arts



Book Week 2023

'Read, grow, inspire' with Book Week 2023

Book Week returns to Blackwood High School in week 5, 21 - 25 August, with the theme of "Read, Grow, Inspire." Through reading, we grow our understanding of the universe and are inspired by the many stories that lie between book covers.

The purpose of Book Week is to promote the importance of reading and the joy that is derived from it. Schools, libraries, booksellers, authors, illustrators and children celebrate Australian literature through a range of events. Blackwood High School's Resource Centre will host a range of lunchtime activities during Book Week including bookmark and badge making, competitions and even storytime!

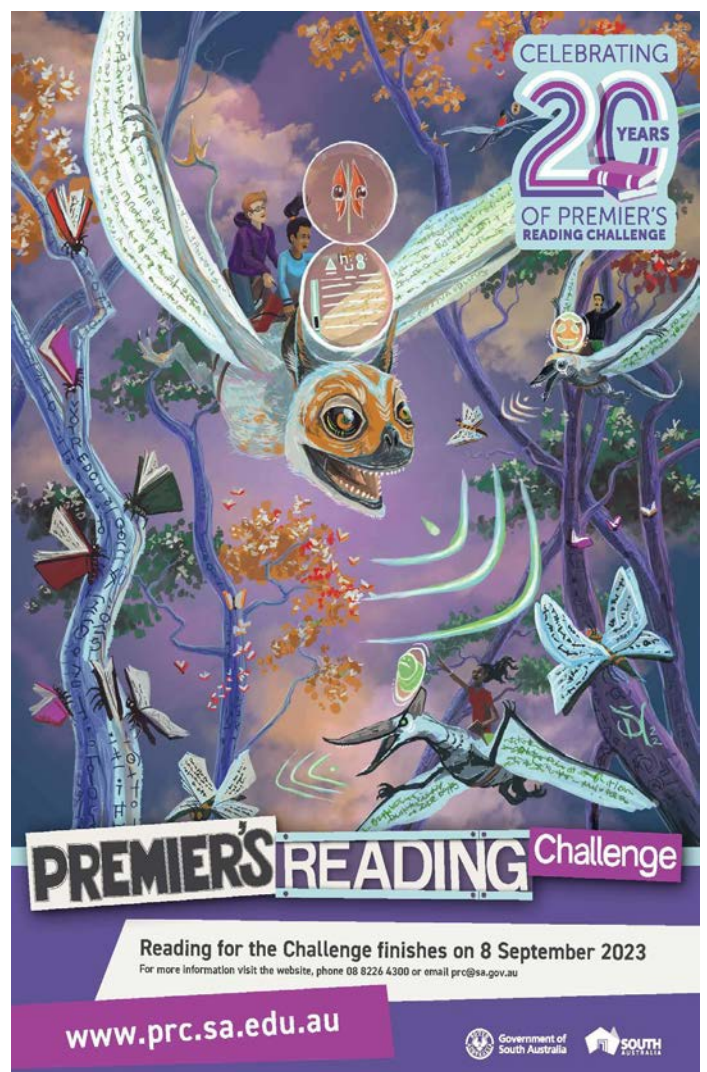


The event will culminate in a dress-up day on Friday 25 August, when students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character or someone who inspires them, in keeping with the theme of Read, Grow, Inspire. There will be a parade of costumes on the courtyard stage at lunchtime, with a range of prizes for the best dressed and most thoughtful and creative costumes. Students who come to school out of uniform are asked to pay a 'fine' of a gold coin, which will be donated to HeartKids.



Don't forget Premier's Reading Challenge – students who have completed the challenge should take their recording sheet to their English teacher for verification, then take it to the Resource Centre. Students who have completed the challenge will be given a 'limited edition' Finishers bookmark.

Keira James - Teacher Librarian



READ GROW Inspire



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World Challenge Update

This year we have reestablished our World Challenge program with an excited team of Year 9, 10, and 11 students travelling to Borneo in 2024. As part of this program, the student team will take part in planning and running the trip (with the assistance of leaders), trek through jungle environments, camping wild and working with local communities on a range of projects.

To support the students in their fundraising and to contribute to the community work that will be undertaken, the team have put together an extensive wine drive sampling from some of South Australia's most recognised wineries. We have been lucky enough to work with The Lane, Bleasedale, Bird in Hand and O'Leary Walker to be able to give you the perfect opportunity to buy up on "winter warmers" or even get ready for Christmas!

Orders can be made until Friday 18 August using the QKR app or direct orders can be placed through the school. Orders can be picked up from the conference room on Wednesday 30 August between 2:30 and 4:00pm.

Dan Smith - World Challenge Coordinator



2023 WORLD CHALLENGE FUNDRAISER

The World Challenge program is a student led initiative that this year sees students and staff from Blackwood High School venturing to Borneo on a 21 day expedition. Students will engage with locals on a community projects, undertake self-sufficient jungle treks, all the while having the responsibility planning and running their own trip.

Money from this wine drive will serve to enrich the community engagement project undertaken in Borneo and support students in their fundraising efforts.

WINE ORDER FORM

(Please note all prices include Tax & GST)

Wines	All cases are dozens unless otherwise specified	No. of Cases/ Dozens	Total \$
Bleasdale - Langhorne Creek			
Bleasdale – Pott's Catch – Verdehlo (6)	\$120.00		
Bleasdale Bremerview Shiraz (6)	\$120.00		
Bleasdale – Mulberry Tree – Cab Sauv – (6)	\$120.00		
Bleasdale – Second Innings – Malbec – (6)	\$120.00		
Bleasdale - Wild Plum Cab Merlot – (12)	\$180.00		
Bleasdale Sparkling Shiraz 750ml (6)	\$120.00		
Bleasdale Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc (6)	\$120.00		
Bleasdale Red Brute Sparkling shiraz	\$140.00		
The Lane - Adelaide Hills			
2022 The Lane Sauvignon Blanc (12)	\$270.00		
2023 The Lane Pinot Gris (12)	\$260.00		
NV Lois Sparkling Blanc de Blancs (6 pack)	\$130.00		
Bird in Hand - Adelaide Hills			
2022 Bird in Hand Sparkling (6)	\$120.00		
2023 Bird in Hand Sauvignon Blanc (6)	\$120.00		
2022 Bird in Hand Bush Series Chardonnay(6)	\$120.00		
2022 Bird in Hand Bush Series Shiraz (6)	\$120.00		
O'Leary Walker - Barossa			
2021 O'Leary Walker Clean Skin Shiraz (12)	\$120.00		
	Total Cost		\$

Orders are to be paid via the Qkr App (or by phone 08 8278 0942) and will need to be placed by end of day FRIDAY 18 August 2023 for pick up from Blackwood High School Conference Room on WEDNESDAY 30 August 2023 from 2:30pm to 4.00pm.

For further enquiries, please contact Dan Smith at the school on 8278 0900.

O'LEARY WALKER



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HAND

Middle School Update

This term we have the upcoming GOAT (Greatest of all time) Challenge between learning communities. The EC (Exploration Centre), DC (Discovery Centre) and CC (Creativity Centre) will battle each week in care group challenges to accumulated points for ultimate middle school glory! Art, Sports, General Knowledge and Team activities will be included.

Student Achievement Awards

Well done to the Year 7, 8 and 9 students who successfully achieved Academic Awards. Students who received GPAs of 85 to 89.9 received Academic Encouragement Awards. Those students who achieved GPA's of 90 to 99.9 received Academic Achievement Awards. Students who received GPAs of 100 received Academic Excellence Awards. Students continue to be eager to improve their GPAs and, by setting achievable goals during their Care Group lessons, it has been wonderful to see this happening. Congratulations to the following students – outstanding effort! These students should be very proud of their efforts.

Year 7 Academic Encouragement

Felix Adams	Kojo Antwi	Deya Bogdanovic	Tahlia Bolt
Michala Bolto	Macklin Brook	Abigail Cooper	Austin Dahal
Isla Gould	Felix Hardy	Oeyton Hausler	Fletcher Humphries
Clementine Kau	Guang Lim	Lucas Noble	Mara Parkes
Indiana Sanderson	Paige Spraggs	Beth Stevens	Willem-Jan Van De Kerke
Lou-Juan Van Der Berg	Lila Virgo	Phoebe Wadham	Chloe Woodger

Year 7 Academic Achievement

Tristan Alexander	Sia Anderson	Zahra Aubrey	Jake Brown
Sierra Bryce	Jaxen Bryce	Halle Burton	Eliana Christinat
Jimmy Cook	Ngoc Gia Hung Dinh	Claire Doig	Maxwell Eden
Katherine Ellinger	Charlotte Fehler	Solveig Finnsdottir	Milo Gilding-Smith
Dunya Kotavila Arachchi	Abby Martin	Ebony Mellors	Angus Morley
Chloe Peachey	Lola Read	Ayla Richardson	Charlie Roberts
Joshua Smithies	Tayla Stockman	Amelie Taylor	Ava Williams

Year 7 Academic Excellence

Dakota Cassell	Emily Clarke	Henry Doran	Joshua Eastwood
Jade Elliott	Erin Francis	Elyssa McAvoy	Aeowyn Springham
Sienna Varga	Nainika Vemulapalli		

Year 8 Academic Encouragement

Kaajal Annapareddy	Noah Argent	Kosta Athanasas	Luciano Bonada Valente
Lila Brown	James Conlon	Maia Eacott	Kaitlyn Fitzgerald
Lachlan Geue	Emily Jones	Sungsan Kang	Elliott Phillips
Noah Pinheiro	Scarlett Poole	Daksh Punni	Kaden Roscioli
Imogen Sansome	James Sheehy	Grey Talbot	

Year 8 Academic Achievement

Oriana Alarcon Hernandez	Lilly Andrews	Zoe Bryant	Emily Bryant
Hugh Cayzer	Isabella Duguid	Scarlett Giorgio	Fletcher Grace
Soraya Huppatz	Tran Anh Tu Le	Ivy Lush	Nabil Malallah
Mia McAteer	Emily Mohr	Mahalia Oxlade	Sophie Parker
Jayne Potter	Mariia Prokhorova	Daniel Schober	Jake Sexton
Aishath Shafeeu	Emily Stone	Ebony-Rose Sutton	Leah Weber
Luke Zanker			

Middle School Update continued

Year 8 Academic Excellence

Elijah Britton	Erin Buckham	Levi Carey-Keane	Lillian Fitzpatrick
Chloe Geue	Hannah Greenhalgh	Kangwoo Park	Ellie Paulus
Amber Smith	Madeleine Surmon	Hanna Sved	Liam Wicks
Haoran Yang			

Year 9 Academic Encouragement

Cohen Andrews	Lincoln Baldwin	Amy Barnes	Raphael Biju
Rhiannon Borowski	Cohen Carlier	Tabitha Chemny	Mia Chin
Tia Culpin	Emer Doherty	Ethan Doig	Matilda Eden
Poppy Elliott	Aiden Fogg	Sienna Fiorgio	Cade Gould
Samuel Ivanovic	Alexander Johns	Ethan Lewis	Rosa Marks
Cohen Martin	Phoenix Mathers	Andiswa Mbangani	Aden Mekawy
Jackson Muller	Poppy Newall	Finlay Offler	Tahlia Powell
Griffin Prowse	Wilson Pumphrey	Yo Sakamoto	Abby Sorella
Grace Starr	Hayley Winning		

Year 9 Academic Achievement

Sienna Aldridge	Myla Barrow	Taurin Carceller	Kate Cheshire
Jared Croger	Ngoc Quoc An Dinh	Charlotte Ellinger	Lewis Green
Myah Ingall	Kyumin Kim	Maya Kinnane	Scarlett Law
jack Lyndon	Kaiwen Ma	Lachlan Martin	Ariana Meszaros
Clara Mills	Charles Myers	Lula Newall	Mia Palamaris
james Przibilla	Lachlan Scott	Michael Sergeyev	Ethan Staude
Minh Gia Sung	Chelsea Taylor	Georgia Vandenberg	

Year 9 Academic Excellence

Channelle Alfar	Mani Barton	Naomi Belton	Summer Bland
Taasha Centofanti	Liu Fang	Caitlin Harris	Asha Manfield
Scarlett Mercure	Henry Mettner	Cody Shearer	Astelle Uellendahl

Year 7 Academic Improvement Awards

Tristan Alexander	Emily Clarke	Jimmy Cook	Claire Doig
Solveig Finnsdottir	Elyssa McAvoy	Lucas Noble	Magnus Oxley
Emma Rowney			

Year 8 Academic Improvement Awards

Heath Elliott	Eddie Hicks	Harley Hodge	Soraya Huppatz
Jake Slattery	Eloise Smith		

Year 9 Academic Improvement Awards

Lincoln Bladwin	Carter Bolt	Aiden Cartwright	Taasha Centofanti
Alev Cheng	Poppy Elliott	Myah Ingall	Phoenix Mathers
Karman Sidhu	Caiden Szcotka	Soh Yoshioka	

Middle School Update continued

This year has sped past and we cannot believe that we are halfway through the year and heading towards 2024!

Over the last few weeks the Year 8 students have been focussing on:

- Changing elective classes for the new semester. Most students have started new classes with new teachers in subjects like Food Technology, Materials Tech, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Active Lifestyles. Many students have reported really enjoying the experience of participating in new classes with their new teachers.
- Looking at their individual GPA scores and using these to set personal goals to improve their learning this term. Students are concentrating on completing tasks thoroughly and by due dates as well as putting more effort into homework and their understanding, in order to achieve higher grades on their formative work and summative assignments.
- The Learning Communities annual G.O.A.T challenge. The 3 Middle School Learning Communities (CC, DC and EC) are starting competitions against the other Learning Communities - to win the coveted G.O.A.T trophy. Students will be able to compete in an art challenge, an active challenge and a class Kahoot challenge. Points will be awarded to each class, which will go towards their Learning Community's final score. The idea is for each Learning Community to continue to develop a sense of community and team spirit through this competition.

Year 8 students are looking forward to another busy and exciting term!

Thyrza Veitch – Middle School Learning Community Leader



Senior School Update

Well done to the Year 10 and 11 students who successfully achieved Academic Awards. Students who received GPAs of 85 to 89.9 received Academic Encouragement Awards. Those students who achieved GPAs of 90 to 99.9 received Academic Achievement Awards. Students who received GPAs of 100 received Academic Excellence Awards. Students continue to be eager to improve their GPAs and, by setting achievable goals during their Care Group lessons, it has been wonderful to see this happening. Congratulations to the following students – outstanding effort! These students should be very proud of their efforts.

Year 10 Academic Encouragement

Siam Almond	Finlay Baker	Louis Brown	Emily Chapman
Taylor Christinat	Eve Cowley	Gabrielle Dacayana	Violet Dowsett
Sophia Elliott	Claire Farrell	Ned Grace	Levi Haddad
Molly Johnson	Siun Kim	Leng Man Lei	Hugo Livingston
Ryder Lush	Galen Marks-De Andres	Gabriel Micola von Furstenrecht	Paige Partridge
Ben Raymont	Grace Riddle	Charlotte Rungie	Grace Stevens
Layla Van Heerden	Sophie Vowles		

Year 10 Academic Achievement

Sarah Akers	Lauren Armstrong	Amber Bolt	Oliver Culpin
Lucy Duguid	Alice Jephcott	Alex Killeen	Zander King
Lettisha Laju	Oksa Morris	Anna Palagyi	Bonnie Sinnott
Georgia Smith	Insha Solah	Lily Stockman	Blake Surmon
Makayla Szymanskyj	Xavier Tan	Archer Taylor	Zahra Thwaites
Suzuka Watanabe			

Year 10 Academic Excellence

Chloe Brice	Megan Bryant	Inara Eacott	Eleanor How
Benjamin Leach	Shi Ying Lim	Leonora Malallah	Kevin Manjooran
Maisie Springham	Kate Velisek	Claire Zanker	

Year 10 Academic Improvement Awards

Caleb Bravington	Ethan Bravington	Thomas Brodie	Lilia Butler
Eve Cowley	Jakob De Jager	Haflidi Finnsson	Harry Harding
Halle Harper	Daniel Harvey	Arabella Luke	Amber Mangelsdorf
Wil Mitchell	Addisyn Mosman	Layla Moyle	Ginger Neave
Kaleb Odgers	Zoe Slate	Harper Stewart	Tyson Von Boltensstern
Dane Walls	Sarah Williams		

Year 11 Academic Encouragement

Caitlin McMartin	Lila Parker	Corben Powell	Wilfred Reedman
Matthew Turner	Shino Watabe		

Year 11 Academic Achievement

Kaitlyn Aldridge	James Augur	Molly Boulby	Bianca Brusic
Sophie Calliss	Hannah Chant	Alexandra Comitis	Eden Dale
Mackenzie Darling	Angus Dodd	Sarah Esmaeili	Jasmin Farrugia
Saskia Fitzpatrick	Amali Fox	Elana Garard	Nathan General
Twinkle Gomes	Jessica Greenhalgh	Charlize Hough	Ben Ivanovic
Mia Jephcott	Sarangi Jose	Emily Kain	Hoi Kiu Lee

Senior School Update continued

Year 11 Academic Achievement continued

Carly Milsom

Alexander Phillips

Grace Smith

Hannah Mutton

Summer Ross

Evelyn Stoten

Eleanor Natalier

Matilda Sigley

Alyssa Tilley

Elijah Page

Anneli Smith

Year 11 Academic Excellence

Temika Armstrong

Sophia Dunstall-Bruce

Jack Maguire

Alice Przibilla

Amelie Vandenberg

Sophie Cheshire

Harper Knight Smith

Hannah Martin

Leila Sansome

Molly Williams

Katherine Crosby

Oscar Lewin

Charlotte Mohr

Breanna Trehearne

Trang Thy Dien

Cadence Lorenz

Max Peters

Leani Van Der Berg

Year 11 Academic Improvement Awards

Benjamin Birkby-Ras

Nathan General

Jensen Palmer

Hunter Waller

Kobe Dooley

Flynn Harris

Taj Samuel

Amirah El-Sayed

James Lawrence

Malika Sithole

Elijah Fisher

Brodie Manfield

Matthew Turner



Food Technology Update

Year 10 Food Technology students have completed their first summative assessment task requiring them to create a breakfast dish featuring current trends seen in local cafés. We had some exciting and well-presented products.



Our Year 11 Food and Hospitality classes have been busy making coffees featuring coffee art. Students had fun creating coffees featuring hearts, tulips and other fine designs on top. Many of the staff became our customers and provided feedback on student's ability to create a visually appealing and very tasty coffee.



With a new semester comes a new group of Year 9 Food Technology students. These students have been working hard creating their own kitchen and food safety videos, putting theory into practice. The end results have been very engaging and it was a good opportunity for students to creatively share their knowledge. Their next task sees the year 9s creating their own gourmet burgers.

The Year 11 Child Studies students have been investigating how much screen time children are accessing, and ways of reducing this by modifying an online game to become a physical hands on game for children to play. We have tested the game and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Year 12 students have been working on their Investigations and looking forward to having these completed. Topics are vast and varied including Multigenerational Raising of Children, Art Therapy, and Attachment Theory, just to name a few. It is excellent to see the range of topics students have come up with.

Toni Hughes - Leader Technology and Food Technology Teachers



Sport Update

School Sport SA have recently changed the names of their competitions. The name Knockout Sport has changed to Statewide Schools Competitions. Moving forward Statewide and Statewide Schools will be the names you will see. Zone sport is also being phased out and will now be called weekly sport. The “zone” term was used when only schools in the Southern Zone were part of the competitions. School Sport SA have updated their plans to include schools outside the southern zone, and now refer to it as weekly sport.

Statewide Schools Competitions

Year 11/12 Boys Soccer

The Year 11/12 boys soccer team played against Heathfield High School and Tatachilla Lutheran College in their round 1 matchups. A number of players unavailable to play for Blackwood High School gave the opportunity for less experienced players to be involved. A good output from everyone but we were unable to beat either team on the day. Heathfield High School beat us 7-0 and Tatachilla Lutheran College beat us 4-0.

Year 7/8 Boys Football

The year 7/8 boys football team hosted Underdale High School and Wirreanda High School in round 1. We played Underdale High School first beating them comfortably 12.8.80 – 4.4.28. In our next game against Wirreanda High School we always had control of the match but just couldn’t get clear enough to be comfortable. A late burst from our boys saw us in 9.7.61 – 6.5.41 to put us into round 2.

Year 11/12 Girls Netball

The year 11/12 girls Statewide Netball team played against Concordia College and St Francis de Sales college in round 1. In the first game we played Concordia College defeating them 55-31. Our second game was against St Francis de Sales College, which we won 62-16 and puts us into round 2 against Berri Regional Secondary College. A win in this match puts us into the State Championships.

Year 10-12 Boys Netball

Our Year 10-12 boys netball team played in their round 1 Statewide Schools competition against Seaview High School and Adelaide Botanic High School. Playing Seaview High School first, we won 37-20. In our next match against Adelaide Botanic High School we won 44-26, which puts us into round 2 against St Francis de Sales College.



Year 9/10 Boys Football Round 3

Our round 3 match against Bordertown High School was played in Taillem Bend. With the winner booking a spot in the grand final, it was a close match. Blackwood High School managed to kick clear in the 3rd quarter to lead by 6 goals. Bordertown High School played an incredible last quarter getting the margin back to 6 points with only minutes remaining. Thankfully our boys hung tough and kicked the final goal of the match to seal the win by 13 points 10.6.66 – 8.5.53. We play Seaton High School in the grand final on Wednesday 16th August.



Sport Update continued

Year 11/12 Boys Football vs Henley Round 2

After beating Brighton Secondary School comfortably in round 1, the prospect of playing Henley High School was much tougher. The team went in with the right mindset and had a crack at the Henley High School team. Trailing by 3 goals at quarter time, our boys did a really good job matching Henley High School in the 2nd and 3rd quarters, scoring 3 goals and conceding 6. The final quarter was a struggle with our team out of breath and Henley High School kicking easy goals, to put them into the final. Henley High School won the match by 95 points.

Year 7/8 Boys Basketball State Finals

In week 9 term 2, the year 7/8 boys team played in the state finals of their competition. The team played against St Peter's College, Golden Grove High School, and Cardijn College in our pool. We beat St Peter's College 24-12 but lost to Golden Grove High School 10-19 and Cardijn College 31-35 putting us 3rd in our group. In our playoff, we played Encounter Lutheran College but lost 27-35 placing us in 6th in division 1. A great effort from the team.

Weekly Sport Competitions

We are entering the final weeks of the term 2/3 weekly sport season. The next season of weekly sport starts in week 7 this term and will run through until week 6 in term 4. A full list of sports on offer and the nomination form will be available in week 4.

Year 7/8 Mixed Volleyball

The year 7/8 Mixed Volleyball team plays each Tuesday afternoon against local schools. The team had their first win in the final week of term 2 and are improving each week. The team's serving consistency has been a big factor in the improvement. Currently – 5th on the table

Year 8/9 Football

The year 8 and 9 football classes have shared their matches in the weekly sport competition on Wednesday afternoons. The team remains undefeated and goes into a grand final against Blackfriars Priory School confident of another win to secure the premiership.

Netball

The weekly sport netball competition has been held on Wednesday afternoons at Netball SA stadium. Our year 7 and 8 netballers have been enjoying the competition along with some of our year 9 and 10 netballers, and some year 7/8 girls not in the netball program. Each team has had success on and off the court.

- Year 7/8 Red – 1st in Division 1
- Year 7/8 Green – 6th in Division 1
- Year 7/8 White – 1st in Division 2
- Year 7/8 Black – 2nd in Division 3
- Year 7/8 Orange – 1st in Division 3
- Year 7/8 Blue – 5th in Division 4
- Year 9/10 Red – 2nd in Year 10-12 Girls Division 1



Justin Callahan - Specialist Sports Course and School Sports Officer

Wellbeing Update

WELLBEING WEEK – WITHOUT A HEART YOU FALL APART

11-15 September 2023

Wellbeing Week has been an annual event held at Blackwood High School since 2018. Created by the Student Wellbeing Leadership Team, the weeklong event provides opportunities for BHS students to experience fun, inclusive activities while connecting with the community and promoting good mental and physical health.

Students are encouraged to check out the range of lunch-time events including badge making, origami, staff v student sport matches, henna art and many more. This year, the theme of Wellbeing Week is Without a Heart You Fall Apart. Research suggests having a grateful heart helps people feel more positive, relish good experiences, and deal with adversity.

On Friday, September 15 we will also be inviting all students to join in the celebration by wearing casual clothes. If your child chooses to wear casual clothes, please ask them to bring a gold coin which will go towards a donation to Heartkids. HeartKids is the only organisation in Australia dedicated to supporting families impacted by congenital or childhood acquired heart disease.

There will also be an opportunity on the same day for students to make connections with community organisations by attending the Wellbeing Expo held in Creativity Centre during lunch. This expo will give students the opportunity to see what services are in the community for support, such as Bfriend, Australian Red Cross, Uniting Communities Street Link, Shine SA, St Johns Youth Service, Feast Queer Youth Drop In, to name a few. The Student Wellbeing Leaders are very much looking forward to the exciting week and will share their stories in the subsequent newsletter.

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BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL'S



WELLBEING WEEK

WITHOUT A
HEART YOU
FALL APART

W 8 T 3
SEPT 11TH-15TH

CASUAL DAY ON FRIDAY
15/9

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE
DONATED TO HEARTKIDS

STURT SABRES JUNIOR TRIALS

Date: Sunday, 20 August 2023
Venue: Springbank Sports Centre

Register now to play Junior District basketball for the Sturt
in 2023/2024.

Bring a
basketball
and a drink
bottle!

BOYS TRIALS

Under 10 Boys	9:00am to 10:00am	Born 2015, 2016
Under 12 Boys	11:00am to 12:00pm	Born 2013, 2014
Under 14 Boys	1:00pm to 2:00pm	Born 2011, 2012
Under 16 Boys	3:00pm to 4:00pm	Born 2009, 2010
Under 18 Boys	4:00pm to 5:00pm	Born 2007, 2008

GIRLS TRIALS

Under 10 Girls	8:00am to 9:00am	Born 2015, 2016
Under 12 Girls	10:00am to 11:00am	Born 2013, 2014
Under 14 Girls	12:00pm to 1:00pm	Born 2011, 2012
Under 16 Girls	2:00pm to 3:00pm	Born 2009, 2010
Under 18 Girls	2:00pm to 3:00pm	Born 2007, 2008

Please arrive 15 minutes before your start time

REGISTER VIA TEAMING



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Calendar Dates

Term 2

Tuesday 15 August

Governing Council Meeting

Monday 21 - Friday 25 August

Book Week (Theme: Read, Grow, Inspire)

Saturday 19 - Saturday 26 August

Snow Trip

Friday 25 August

Book Week dress up day

Friday 25 August

Principal Tour

Tuesday 29 August

Finance Meeting

Monday 4 September

School Closure (Show Day)

Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 September

Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camp

Friday 8 September

Principal Tour

Monday 11 - Friday 15 September

Wellbeing Week

Wednesday 13 - Friday 15 September

Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camp (Deep Creek)

Friday 15 September

Casual Day (Fundraiser)

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