



From the Principal



With the year rapidly flying by, we are fast approaching our many 'end of year' celebrations and events. Last Friday we held our whole school Year 12 farewell assembly, where we marked the conclusion of their 13-year journey of schooling and formal lessons. Year 12s will now prepare for their exams and complete any outstanding work over the next few weeks, with our formal Graduation event occurring in week 6 at the Capri Cinema. It is pleasing to note the array of post school pathways of our 2023 graduates, including study options of Allied Health, Sports Science, Education, Engineering, The Arts, Law as well as a number of apprenticeships and direct employment options. I wish our Class of 2023 all the best for the future and hope that they keep us updated as to the next phase of their lives.

As we plan for the new year it is always challenging to construct a timetable that meets the needs of all student choices, 7 to 12. While our timetabling expert Assistant Principal Mark Flynn works hard to maximise student outcomes, it is a highly complex process with many variables and financial implications. Unfortunately, when a subject is only selected by a few students, it can become financially unviable to run, which is understandably disappointing for those students. We do however make every attempt to find solutions before cancelling subjects eg. combining year levels, and will continue to be creative with our processes.

Care Group plays a vital role with guiding students to successfully navigate school life at Blackwood High School. The Care Group teacher should be the first daily point of connection, promoting students' sense of school belonging while supporting them to get organised for the day. Next year we plan to position care group back at the start of each day, so that we can enhance this element of care, drive daily attendance and punctuality and be timely regarding communications with home. Some changes to times across the day will occur and we will communicate this shortly.

With approximately two hundred new Year 7 students joining us next year, our Middle Years team are actively meeting with our local primary colleagues to ensure successful transition processes occur for all new children. We do not underestimate just how daunting it can be to begin Year 7 in a large secondary school and the importance of making all students feel welcomed and supported.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the Music team and volunteer staff for a highly entertaining Music Showcase evening last week. The show was well attended and included a large array of solo and group performances from all year levels. We have some very talented young 'musos' whose enthusiasm and passion was strongly evident, as was their willingness to support and encourage each other. Well done.

Chris Brandwood, Principal



From the Deputy's Desk

Although he may not have coined the phrase, Albert Einstein did state that 'time flies when you are having fun'. Well, it's Term 4 and we're almost half way through already. Even though we say it every year, it always feels like the year has flown by leaving very little time to finish what we started out to achieve in 2023.

Regardless, the end of term is rapidly approaching and there are some updates for all families to be aware of regarding end of year arrangements. Our Year 12 cohort have already completed the majority of their formal study program and, by now, will have completed SWOTVAC (Study Without Teaching Vacation), although many students have availed themselves of their subject teachers throughout the week for some support. The majority of exams begin in Week 4 and conclude by the end of Week 5. Good luck to all students!

Year 11 students will finish their formal learning at the end of week 6, with a series of Introductory Year 12 sessions across Monday and Tuesday of Week 7. The final celebration assembly will be on Tuesday 28 November, after which Year 11 students will have finished their studies for the year.

The formal teaching program for Year 10 students will conclude on Thursday 30 November with a series of 'Introduction to SACE' workshops on Friday 1 December, culminating in a celebration assembly at the end of the day. All Year 10 students are encouraged to then take up the opportunity to engage in Work Experience across week 8 and 9 before enjoying their holidays.

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students will finish their formal learning programs at the end of week 8, with week 9 being given over to Panel presentations and a range of fun activities for all students to participate in.

A more comprehensive timetable for the end of year will be distributed to all families via email in the coming weeks.

Jason Loke - Deputy Principal

Traffic Management

No Pick-up or Drop-off on School Site

Unfortunately, we do not have space for dropping off and picking up students on school grounds. There is an increase of this happening and this puts members of the school community at risk. We have had complaints about families driving into the school grounds during busy periods, and the backup of traffic leads to a flow on effect for other commuters.

Our school has a strict policy prohibiting pick-up and drop-off within the school premises. This policy is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all students, staff, and visitors during busy school hours.

We kindly request all parents and guardians adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **Use Designated Areas:** Please make use of the designated pick-up and drop-off areas located outside the school grounds. These areas are designed to facilitate a smooth and safe process.
2. **Plan Ahead:** Arrive at the school with sufficient time to ensure a stress-free drop-off and pick-up. This will help reduce congestion and ensure a timely departure.
3. **Follow Traffic Guidelines:** Please obey all traffic signs, parking regulations, and any instructions from school staff in order to maintain student safety and flow of traffic around the school.

We understand that finding a convenient parking or drop-off area can sometimes be a challenge, but we appreciate your understanding and cooperation in prioritising the safety of our students. By following these guidelines, collectively we can create a safer and more organised school environment.

Blackwood High School High Achievers

- Congratulations to Isabel Hobbs in Year 12, who competed in all schools athletics on 28-29 October for Blackwood High School. She came away with a gold and a pb in the under 18 girls steeplechase , bronze and another pb in the 1500 metres , bronze in 400m hurdles and bronze in 800 metres.
- Congratulations to Leani Van Der Berg in Year 11, who did fantastic at the 2023 Australian National Road Championships. On day 1 Leani came 5th in the Time trial. Day 2 was absolutely amazing when she had a fantastic road race and took out the title and won gold!!! On the last day was the criterium (short circuit lap racing). Leani did well in the heat to qualify for the finals. Again she rode at the front the whole race, closed the gaps a few times when there were attacks and was ready and switched on for the final sprint. She backed her gold medal up with a VERY CLOSE silver medal.
- Congratulations to Coben Powell and Flynn Stephenson in Year 11, who attended the National School Sports Swimming Championships held in Sydney during August. Coben won gold - 17-19 year old Male - 800m freestyle, silver - 17-19 year old Male - 1500 freestyle, bronze - 17-19 year old Male - 200m Butterfly and gold - 6 x50m State Relay. Flynn won bronze - Mixed 200m Medley State Relay and bronze - Mixed 10 x 50m State Relay
- Congratulations to Kaitlyn Aldridge, Summer Ross and Carly Milsom in Year 11, who took part in the U17 SANFL carnival in the recent school holidays.
- Congratulations to Sienna Aldridge, Lily Dunstall-Bruce and Olivia Baker in Year 9, who took part in the U15 SANFL carnival in the recent school holidays.
- Congratulations to Andre Jumpponen-Clark in Year 8, who umpired at the SANFL carnival in the recent school holidays.
- Congratulations to Amit Apsingaker in Year 7, who won a silver medal in GKR Karate championship at the state level in September.

Do you have an exceptional achievement? We would love to know.

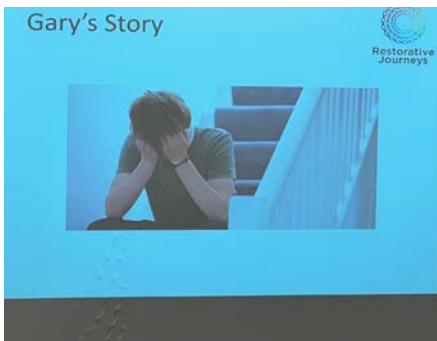
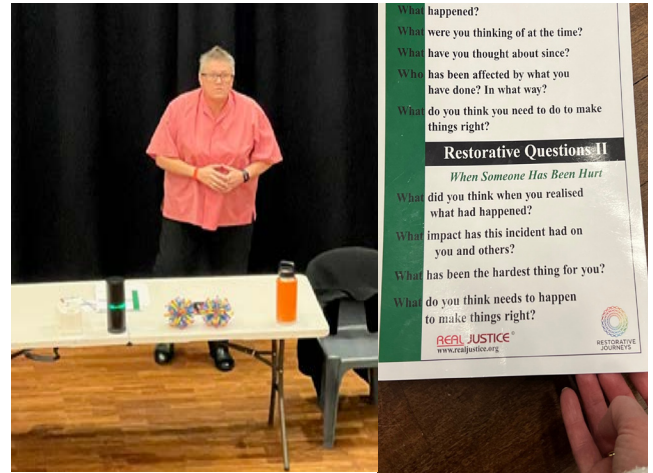
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Restorative Practices

Last term Kerrie Sellen worked with all of our Blackwood High School staff and a number of our Year 7 to 10 students around Restorative Practices.

On Tuesday of week 2, Kerrie returned to work with the rest the Year 7 to 10 students as well as run a Parent/Caregiver information session. Kerrie was able to share her expertise and knowledge in a very interactive presentation. Gary's story is a very powerful one which helps explore and examine why restorative practices are a powerful way of working with our young people.



It was good to see a number of our families keen to be part of this journey with us. We look forward to Kerrie returning next year to work with our 2024 Year 7 students.

Sue Richards - Assistant Principal Middle School

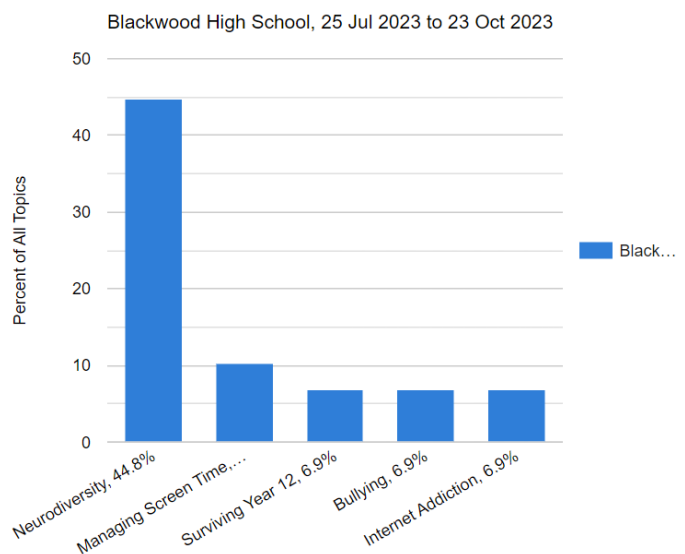
School TV

Our families and students are still very much accessing SchoolTV. It was interesting to see the jump in people accessing this information after the special report on Neurodiversity was shown. Screen time and internet addiction continue to be hot topics. Surviving Year 12 is also a commonly viewed topic for this time of year, with our year 12 students about to finish high school and considering "what next". They have spent 5 years in high school looking forward to the day they finish and now they are on that verge it's scary for many.

R U OK? was a special report published on SchoolTV

Understanding the growing challenges related to mental health among young people is an important consideration. Anxiety, depression and self-harm are all causes for concern. Factors like academic pressure, social media, family dynamics, and societal expectations are contributing to these issues. It's therefore crucial for parents and caregivers to take action early; remove the stigma around discussing mental health and offer accessible support to address the issues and the wellbeing of their children.

R U OK? contributes to suicide prevention year round by urging people to invest time in personal relationships and empowering informal support networks to identify signs of distress. We urge all families to take part, emphasising the value of genuine human relationships and reminding everyone to ask the important question, "Are you OK?"



School TV

Engaging in R U OK?Day activities goes beyond the classroom; it's a commitment to our students' overall development. By talking openly about mental health, schools create safe spaces where students feel understood, valued, and supported. As parents and caregivers, you can contribute by fostering open conversations, normalising feelings and breaking down mental health stigmas. Participating in R U OK?Day promotes compassion and shows our commitment to the wellbeing of the entire school community; reaffirming that together, we can truly make a difference.

This special report provides guidance on how to talk to your child about mental health and engage in meaningful discussions. We hope you take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback. If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one or the wellbeing of your child, please consider seeking medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report https://bhs.sa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-r-u-ok-day. Blackwood High School has established a Wellbeing Week that incorporates R U OK? because we identified the need to raise the profile of mental health.

The latest special report is on Discussing War and Conflict

Children are frequently exposed to distressing news through the 24-hour news cycle and social media. These experiences can provoke anxiety, especially in young minds still forming their worldviews. Parents and caregivers should be mindful of overexposure to such content as it can lead to symptoms similar to post-traumatic stress disorder. Children's responses to trauma can vary, from being strong emotional reactions to being indifferent. It can leave an emotional imprint that can affect a child's behaviour and perception of danger.

Children need reassurance about their safety as they navigate uncertain times. Tailor conversations to your child's age and emotional maturity. Younger children benefit from simplified explanations focusing on peace, empathy, and cooperation. Older children can delve into historical events, root causes of conflict, and the complexities of international relations.

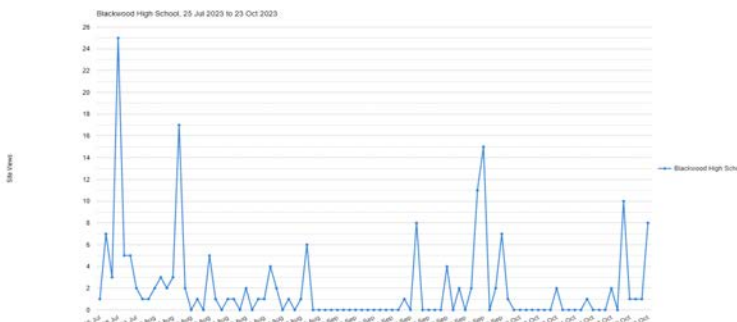
Before discussing these topics with your child, it is also important to assess your own emotions and comfort level. Staying calm and providing physical comfort will help your child regulate their own emotions. In challenging times, compassionate adults play a crucial role in helping children cope with anxiety and providing hope and understanding in our complex world.

This special report provides guidance on how to tackle this difficult topic and helping children understand there is still hope in our complex world. Please take a moment to reflect on the information offered, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If this raises any concerns for you, a loved one, or the wellbeing of your child, please consider seeking medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report [https://bhs.sa.sa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-discussing-war-conflict](https://bhs.sa.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-discussing-war-conflict)

Sue Richards
Assistant Principal Middle School



Middle School Update

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

Kojo Antwi	Amit Apsingaker	Jesse Atkins	Deya Bogdanovic
Macklin Brook	Jake Brown	Halle Burton	Abigail Cooper
Levi Fox	Amelia Gibb	Matilda Hodgson	Abigail Hutchinson
Clementine Kau	Guang Wen Lim	Abby Martin	Elyssa McAvoy
Lily Myles	Angus Nielsen	Campbell Page	Mara Parkes
David Salmon	Indiana Spraggs	Tayla Stockman	Lou-Juan Van Der Berg
Phoebe Wadham			

Year 7 Academic Achievement

Ayla Affleck	Tristan Alexander	Zahra Aubrey	Jaxen Bryce
Eliana Christinat	Ngoc Gia Hung Dinh	Claire Doig	Maxwell Eden
Katherine Ellinger	Charlotte Fehler	Peyton Hausler	Ebony Mellors
Angus Morley	Chloe Peachey	Sadie Pearce	Paige Spraggs
Amelie Taylor	Ashton Teoh	Lila Virgo	Chloe Woodger

Year 7 Academic Excellence

Sia Anderson	Sierra Bryce	Dakota Cassell	Emily Clarke
Henry Doran	Joshua Eastwood	Jade Elliott	Solveig Finnsdottir
Erin Francis	Milo Gilding-Smith	Isla Gould	Dunya Kotavila Arachchi
Lola Read	Joshua Smithies	Aeowyn Springham	Sienna Varga
Nainika Vemulapalli			

Year 8 Academic Encouragement

Noah Argent	Callum Athey	Casper Brettig	Hoang Anh Do
Lauren Dowsett	Miles Gooley	Max Herbert	Mahali Huxford
Norah Johnson	Mia McAteer	Issa Morris	Noah Pinheiro
Scarlett Poole	Jayce Potter	Davasish Pradeep	Riley Stone
Jemima Williams	Luke Zanker		

Year 8 Academic Achievement

Oriana Alarcon Hernandez	Summer Almond	Lilly Andrews	Kaajal Annapareddy
Kosta Athanasas	Luciano Bonada Valente	Lila Brown	Zoe Byrant
Erin Buckham	Levi Carey-Keane	Hugh Cayzer	Maia Eacott
Chloe Geue	Scarlett Giorgio	Fletcher Grace	Hannah Greenhalgh
Soraya Huppatz	Sienna Jeffries	Emily Jones	Ivy Lush
Nabil Malallah	Emily Mohr	Mahalia Oxlade	Mariia Prokhorova
Kaden Roscioli	Imogen Sansome	Jake Sexton	Aishath Shafeeu
James Sheehy	Jihwan Shin	Emily Stone	Ebony-Rose Sutton
Grey Talbot	Alexis Vowles	Liam Wicks	

Middle School Update continued

Year 8 Academic Excellence

Elijah Britton	Emily Bryant	Isabella Duguid	Lillian Fitzpatrick
Tran Anh Tu Le	Kangwood Park	Sophie Parker	Ellie Paulus
Daniel Schober	Amber Smith	Madeleine Surmon	Hanna Sved
Leah Weber	Haoran Yang		

Year 9 Academic Encouragement

Kristian Adam	Cohen Andrews	Amy Barnes	Wengang Cao
Cohen Carlier	Harrison Connor	Aimee Dunstall	Matilda Eden
Poppy Elliott	Raymond Forge	Emily Geyash	Cade Gould
Riley Grayson	Sophie Harris	Daniel Hockley	Andiswa Mbangani
Ariana Meszaros	Lucas Mines	Stephen O'Brien	Mia Palamaris
Tahlia Powell	Wilson Pumphrey	Haakon Skrodal	Abby Sorella
Lachlan Tasker	Liam Taylor		

Year 9 Academic Achievement

Myla Barrow	Mani Barton	Raoael Biju	Taurin Carceller
Taasha Centofanti	Tabitha Chemny	Kate Cheshire	Ona Chuwudi-Okafor
Tia Culpin	Lachlan Derrick	Ethan Doig	Charlotte Ellinger
Sienna Fiorgio	Myah Ingall	Samuel Ivanovic	Ethan Lewis
Jack Lyndon	Kaiwen Ma	Talon Mark	Lachlan Martin
Cohen Martin	Phoenix Mathers	Aden Mekawy	Jackson Muller
Lyla Newall	Griffin Prowse	Ella Rodda	Yo Sakamoto
Lachlan Scott	Michael Sergeyeve	Kyuhwan Shin	Grace Starr
Lukas Thiele	Astelle Uellendahl		

Year 9 Academic Excellence

Chanelle Alfari	Lincoln Baldwin	Naomi Belton	Summer Bland
Jared Croger	Ngoc Quoc An Dinh	Liu Fang	Caitlin Harris
Maya Kinnane	Asha Manfield	Scarlett Mercure	Henry Mettner
Clara Jenkinson	James Przibilla	Cody Shearer	Ethan Staude
Minh Gia Sung	Chelsea Taylor	Georgia Vandenberg	

Year 7 Academic Improvement Awards

Saxon Apthomas	Eliana Basedow	Noah Cornell	Isla Gould
Peyton Hausler	Angus Nielsen	Sadie Pearce	David Salmon

Year 8 Academic Improvement Awards

Summer Almond	Aurora Atkinson	Alexander Barton	Emma Billing
Lucas Brettig	Phoebe Brown	Hayden Gill	Madison Gloyn
Bejay Hamilton	Owen Hibbert	Sienna Jeffries	Norah Johnson
Madison Kain	Grace Longman	Riley McKee	Maxwell Nderitu
Samuel Parle	Campbell Parslow	Devasish Pradeep	Luke Redfern
Logan Rollings	Grey Talbot	Alexis Vowles	Charles White
Jemima Williams	Hugo Wood		

Middle School Update continued

Year 9 Academic Improvement Awards

Lincoln Baldwin
Lachlan Derrick
Kasey Galliford
Benjamin Haslam
Jasmine Mourkabi
Grace Starr
Matthew Tilley

Oliver Bennelick
Aimee Dunstall
Emily Geyash
Breanna Hiscock Mullen
Harry Mueller
Molly Tarone

Ona Chuwudi-Okafor
Raymond Forge
Emily Greer
Daniel Hockley
Ella Rodda
Lukas Thiele

Mason Da Silva
Megan Fry
Sophie Harris
Delilah Mew
Dale Shearer
Kelly Thompson



Modern History Update

On Thursday Term 3, Week 9, The Stage 2 Modern History class were very lucky to receive a visit from Professor Matt Fitzpatrick from Flinders University, an expert in the study of Nazi Germany. Matt spent the double lesson speaking to the class about different interpretations of German history and provided a more in-depth analysis of the content that we have studied so far.

Matt also spoke to the class about some of the exciting developments that are happening in the study of Nazism. Being fluent in German, Matt was also able to explore some German terms that are used, adding depth to the classes understanding.



A huge thank you to Matt for giving up his time to come and speak to the class and we hope to see him again next year!

Ben Phillips, HASS Leader and Stage 2 Modern History Teacher

Q&A

“Blackwood High School was invited to the live recording of ABC’s Q&A at Her Majesty’s Theatre during the recent school holidays. The show, known for its passionate discussions, took on an even more pronounced tone as the event was one of the last public events before the Voice to Parliament referendum that occurred at the end of that week. Rewatching the broadcast the following day did not fully convey the intensity of the body language of the panel within the theatre which created an atmosphere of incredible tension, the event will be one that will be remembered by all the staff and students that attended.” Nathan General

“Going to Q&A was a great experience because I got to hear and see people who were very knowledgeable about different topics and I got to learn about these topics as well. I also loved the experience of being with my friends and watching one of them get to ask a question on live television which was amazing to see. All in all I loved this experience and despite it being in the holidays I really think it was worth it”. Xan Natalier

Sue Richards - Assistant Principal Middle School



International Update

We have been very busy with all the International Student's this semester, with lots of activities and events. We celebrated the Mid-Autumn festival, also known as The Mooncake Festival. This Festival is most commonly celebrated in Chinese culture on the 15th of the 8th month of the Chinese Lunisolar calendar with a full moon at night.

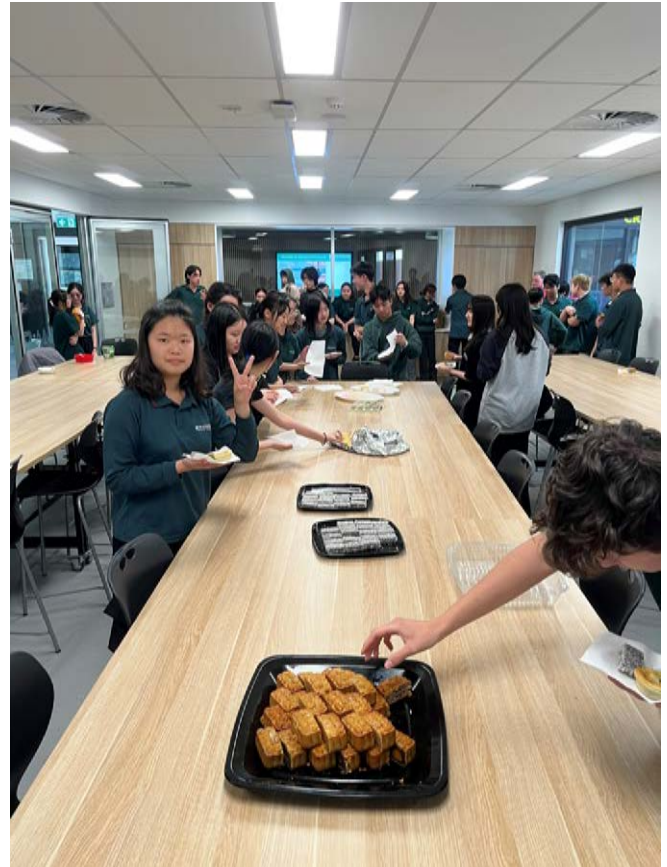
Our students celebrated this by all writing post cards home to their families followed by a lunch time party eating the traditional Chinese Mooncakes.

International Students will also participate in a number of excursions and in school activities during Term 4 including Beyond Boulder rock climbing, a trip to Cleland National Park with lunch at the Mount Lofty Botanical Gardens, and another roller skating incursion.

In Term 3 we said goodbye to three of our short term Japanese exchange students, Koyuki Yonemoto, Rika Honda and Ema Nakanisi, who spent the whole of the Term here with us.

Year 12 students, Jay, Sum and Kyuri will be graduating in a few weeks. Throughout their time with us they faced many struggles, including being unable to visit their families and return home during COVID. They have done really well to overcome these struggles and pursue their studies. We wish them all the best in their upcoming exams and in their future endeavours.

Andi Granpre-Moliere - International SSO



Languages Update

Year 9 Languages

This term, the Year 9 Languages Students participated in the annual languages excursion. Students studying German spent the day in Hahndorf exploring Annie's Cottage, the Hahndorf Academy and learning about traditional German food and architecture.

"We enjoyed seeing parts of the Smokehouse that was featured on the TV show 'Are you tougher than your ancestors?'. We liked having the opportunity to try new German food and learn about their culture." (Myah, Sienna, Myla and Matilda)

"The Hahndorf excursion was really good because we got to learn more about German history with the town's connection. I also liked free time where we got to explore the town for ourselves. Overall the excursion was a really good experience." (Andy)



Students studying Japanese travelled to Adelaide CBD where they visited the Himeji Gardens, the Art Gallery of South Australia, the Adelaide Central markets and a Japanese restaurant. Students on both excursions appreciated experiencing authentic elements of both German and Japanese culture.

In the Classroom

Students across both Japanese and German have had the opportunity to participate in cultural activities in the classroom. Students studying year 10 Japanese made Onigiri rice balls filled with tuna and mayonnaise, whilst students in years 8 and 9 studying German made Christmas themed gifts to link with their gift giving unit.

Sarah Andrews - Leader Languages and International Program



Senior School Update

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Year 10 Academic Encouragement

Sarah Akers	Thomas Brodie	Qiaoyue Chen	Taylor Christinat
Oliver Culpin	Gabrielle Dacayana	Lucy Duguid	Oliver Dupont
Claire Farrell	Ned Grace	Yinuo Guo	William Haines
Skipp Heilbronn	Molly Johnson	McKenzie Kamonai	Siun Kim
Hugo Livingston	Cooper Longman	Gabriel Micola Von Furstenrecht	Laszlo Neave
Yiwen Qian	Henry Rainbow	Grace Riddle	Haruka Shiraiwa
Bonnie Sinnott	Georgia Smith	Insha Solah	Maisie Springham
Aiden Stone	Layla Van Heerden	Ruicheng Wang	

Year 10 Academic Achievement

Amber Bolt	Eve Cowley	Sophia Elliott	Haflidi Finnsson
Levi Haddad	Eleanor How	Vihaga Iddamalgoda	Alice Jephcott
Zander King	Lettisha Laju	Benjamin Leach	Chen Liang
Leonora Malallah	Anna Palagyi	Paige Partridge	Ben Raymont
Charlotte Rungie	Grace Stevens	Lily Stockman	Zahra Thwaites
Kate Velisek	Sophie Vowles	Suzuka Watanabe	

Year 10 Academic Excellence

Lauren Armstrong	Chloe Brice	Megan Bryant	Huong Dinh
Alex Killeen	Annika Kraus	Shi Ying Lim	Kevin Manjooran
Oska Morris	Blake Surmon	Makayla Szymanskyj	Xavier Tan
Archer Taylor	Claire Zanker		

Year 10 Academic Improvement Awards

Henry Ayles	Ava Bagshaw	Liam Benson	Thomas Brodie
Lilia Butler	Luke Dowling	Oliver Dupint	Halli Finnsson
Tayla Hasenohr	Jaxon Hunter	Cooper Longman	Wil Mitchell
Jack Mrozowski	Laszlo Neave	Carter Parsons-Smedley	Cooper Paues
Sophia Piccirillo	Joshua Pilkington	Ben Raymont	Milan Roka
Harry Scholz	Isarak Tep		

Year 11 Academic Encouragement

Kaitlyn Aldridge	James Augur	Hannah Chant	Holly Coombes
Angus Dodd	Sophia Dunstall-Bruce	Chloe Grayson	Keith Greeneklee
Rachel Hartog	Hannah Mutton	Alexander Phillips	Kayla Reichman
Mia Scarborough	Harrison Slattery		

Senior School Update continued

Year 11 Academic Achievement

Temika Armstrong	Gemma Bruche	Sophie Calliss	Sophie Cheshire
Alexandra Comitis	Sarah Esmaeili	Jasmin Farrugia	Saskia Fitzpatrick
Amali Fox	Elana Garard	Nathan General	Twinkle Gomes
Fraser Grigg	Charlize Hough	Aqeela Hussain	Mia Jephcott
Sarangi Jose	Emily Kain	Harper Knight Smith	Cadence Lorenz
Jack Maguire	Hannah Martin	Carly Milsom	Maxwell Offler
Lila Parker	Victoria Perry	Max Peters	Mack Porter-Wright
Alice Przibilla	Sienna Richardson	Summer Ross	Leila Sansome
Matilda Sigley	Grace Smith	Breanna Trehearne	Filippo Villa
Molly Williams			

Year 11 Academic Excellence

Eden Dale	Trang Thy Dien	Hoi Kiu Lee	Oscar Lewin
Charlotte Mohr	Eleanor Natalier	Anneli Smith	Leani Van Der Berg
Amelie Vandenberg			

Year 11 Academic Improvement Awards

Tiago Baker	Ella Barnes	Keith Greeneklee	Fraser Grigg
Sidney Heilbronn	Aqeela Hussain	Kalen Ifould	Edward Jordan
Brittany Nottle-Justice	Max Offler	Lila Parker	Tori Perry
Kayla Reichman	Sienna Richardson	Ryah Salangsang	Milly Sithole
Harrison Slattery	Yeonghun Song	Lachie Sorella	Phoebe Street
Chris Tucker			

Year 12 Academic Encouragement

Lauren Buckham	Holly Chatfield	Olivia De Luca	Jesse Harris
Makedde Hinton	James Keating	Jack Keen	Daniel Kolesnyk
Saskia Little	Mya Marquez	Samantha Matson	Kelly McArdle
Caden Ratcliffe			

Year 12 Academic Achievement

Matilda Fogarty	Lara Higgins	Ella Holmes	Max Mettner
Olivia Paltridge	Ethan Roscioli	Erin Stephenson	

Year 12 Academic Excellence

Kobe Chemny	Rosy Michael	Anna Twining	
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Year 12 Academic Improvement Awards

Mason Carey-Keane	Kobe Chemny	Ricky Goncalves	Tyla Hancock
Tyson Kershaw	Kylie Kim	Connor McMartin	Lily O'Brien
Abbey Raymont	Cassandra Rayner	Charlotte Taylor	

Senior School continued



Farewell Year 12

Week two saw the end of official classes for our Year 12 students. Whilst some students have finished for the year, most are focusing on revising for their end of year exams and have been attending the review sessions that have been running during the past week. Exams begin on Monday 6 November and run through to 17 November. We wish Year 12 students all the best with their final results.

This year the last week was a bit different for the Year 12 students with them organising a series of theme days over that week. The events were fantastic and saw a great deal of creativity. We had cross gender day, dress as your parents/caregiver day and dress as your future career day. This concluded with a Colour Run on the oval on the final day.

We also had our Farewell Assembly and brunch on Friday 27 October. There was the usual array of air horns, streamers and party poppers but the group was very well behaved and respectful towards the speakers throughout the assembly. The brunch was prepared and served by the Green Team from Encounter Youth and it gave the students one last chance to mingle with their teachers.

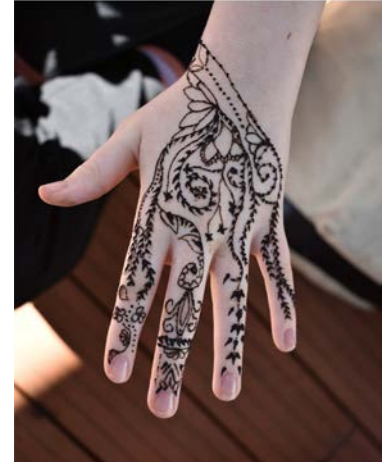
We are looking forward to the Graduation Evening on Tuesday 21 November at the Capri Theatre in Goodwood as our final celebration of thirteen years of schooling. During the evening we will recognise the achievements of our finishing Year 12 students across the year within their subjects and in the school community.



Wellbeing Week

Wellbeing Week celebrations 2023 proved to be more colourful and creative than ever before! We believe it was a resounding success with so many students and staff getting involved in a range of activities and events, including.:

- Live music performances
- Dance competition
- Staff vs. Students volleyball games
- Henna/Mindful Painting
- Interactive Wellbeing Expo
- SA Native Animal Rescue
- Arts and Craft activities (rock painting, friendship bracelets, origami and badge making)
- General knowledge quiz
- Photo Booth
- Hot Chocolate



Wellbeing Week is all about supporting student wellbeing and de-stigmatising mental health. This year the week's theme was: 'Without a Heart you Fall Apart,' raising awareness for not-for-profit organisation HeartKids—a charity supporting families impacted by Congenital Heart Defect/Disease (CHD). HeartKids was selected by our Student Wellbeing Ambassadors due to the impacts of CHD faced by two of our students. The Friday concluded the week with our Wellbeing Expo with external community service providers promoting wellbeing attending, and a gold coin donation casual day (proceeds going to HeartKids). In total, we raised over \$350 for HeartKids.

"I really enjoyed wellbeing week. It was a week full of different fun activities each lunchtime; my favourite was when the band was playing in the courtyard. The casual day on Friday was a great way to raise money for HeartKids." —Hanna Sved, Care Group 8F

"I felt that Wellbeing Week lifted my mental health and brought our school community together." —Aisha Kandil, Care Group 11F

Thank you to everyone who organised and participated in events and those who donated a gold coin to support HeartKids. We look forward to Wellbeing Week 2024 where we will continue to promote wellbeing and positivity within our school.

Nathan General - Student Wellbeing Ambassador on behalf of the Student Wellbeing Team



SACE Exhibition

OPEN STUDIOS

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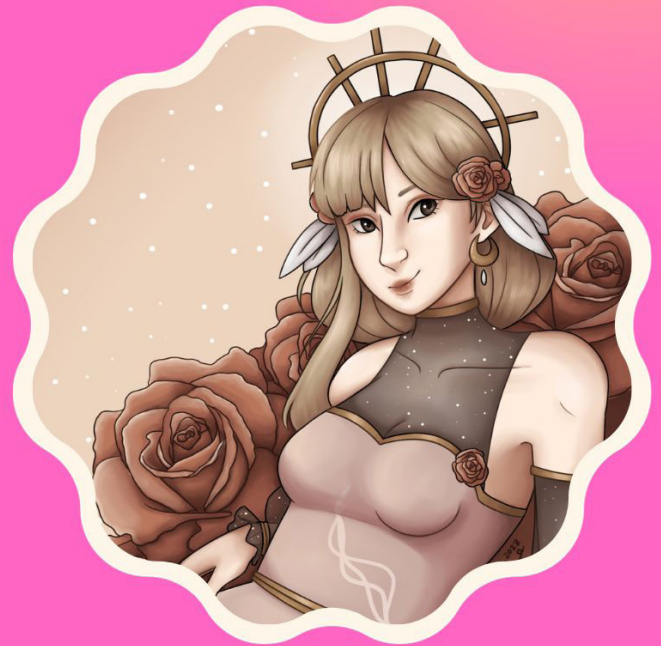
You're invited to Blackwood High School's SACE Technology, Visual Art and Design exhibition.

29 NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY | 5-7 PM

BHS CREATIVITY CENTRE

Come along for an evening of celebrations, as we showcase the work of our talented Stage 2 students across art, design and material solutions (wood, metal and textiles).



Music Update

The 2023 Music Showcase went off with a bang! Featuring students from Year 7 – 12, the audience was treated to performances from classroom music students and extra-curricular ensembles. The Stage Band opened the evening with the classic stadium rock and a jazzy number Kicking Goals. Solo performers and class bands from Year 9, 10 and SACE blew the crowd away with songs like Dani California, This City and Mariage D'Amour, while the Vocal Group and Instrumental Music ensembles highlighted the woodwind, string, brass, percussion and vocal students. Students learn music in a range of styles, from Disney musicals to classical pieces, Irish tunes, and contemporary pop. The groups performed renditions of I Just Can't Wait To Be King, Waltzing Matilda, and Titanium, showcasing a range of performance skills. Thank you to all staff and students involved for celebrating music at Blackwood High School!



Meg Spirat - Music Teacher



Food Technology Update

Our Year 7 Food Technology classes are now half way through their course and we have been impressed with the enthusiasm and pride that the students are displaying in their work. They have had the opportunity to create dishes whilst focussing on knife skills, kitchen safety, collaboration, and presentation. They have now completed their summative muffin practical where they were able to design, produce and evaluate their own healthy muffins.

The year 8 Food and textiles elective course have seen some excellent textiles products made, including personalised drum stick and music holder and a customise school slouch bag. We have seen students take pride in their work and develop great everyday skills. The students have also been working on futuristic farming and sustainable farming methods.

The Year 9 Food Technology classes have been investigating how food products are marketed with the challenge to create a food product, that fits into a specific marketing campaign. They are preparing for their first summative cook for this term, and we are excited to see their design ideas and culinary skills come together.

Year 10 Food Technology are working toward their next summative practical task. Their current unit delves into the world of pies and tarts. They have embraced the opportunity to refine their cooking skills and there have been many impressive plates presented this semester.

The Year 11 Students worked hard on their group task and produced amazing cupcakes for the staff's morning tea for wellbeing week. They concentrated on design, flavour and the theme of without a heart you fall apart. The team collaboration was clear to see.

The Year 12 Students finished their 2023 learning with a team task and produced a modern morning tea for our hard working executive team. They worked well collaboratively and produced a fun and tasty menu for the staff.



Toni Hughes - Leader Technologies



Student Wellbeing Fundraiser

This term the Student Wellbeing Ambassadors have chosen to use our canned food drive to collect and fundraise for Catherine House. This charity support women experiencing homelessness and aims to support them. They accept donations of unopened foods that are still in date (e.g., cans) as well as full sized toiletries and kitchen equipment (i.e., cutting boards etc). Please think about donating a few things this food drive to help combat homelessness and food insecurity. We are starting to collect items next week on Monday and there will be a prize for the Caregroup with the largest number of donated items.

Xan Natalier - Student Wellbeing Ambassador

JOIN US FOR A CAUSE!

TOGETHER WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE FOR
WOMEN



CATHERINE HOUSE



The care group with the most donations wins a **MYSTERY PRIZE**

We are collecting for **Catherine House**, which is a charity helping homeless women

Drop your products off at the **Student Wellbeing Centre**

We are collecting all of **November** and **December 2023**

What can I donate?



Everything donated must be unused and in its original packaging.
Some examples:



- Personal care items like toiletries
- Packaged food with ingredients listed
- Dining sets and kitchen accessories
- Arts and crafts supplies



Sport Update

Ekiden Relay

On Thursday 19 October Blackwood High School competed in the annual Ekiden Relay hosted by School Sport SA. The Ekiden relay is a team event which comprises of 8 legs over a total distance of 20.6km. The event was held in Bonython Park in 28 degree conditions. We entered an open mixed team. The runners accepted the challenge and competed well with some excellent split times across the board. Special mention to Coby Hibbert who ran his 2.8km leg in 9:33 which was the 3rd fastest time across the day. Well done to the team comprising of Isabel Hobbs, Daniel Chigwidden, Coby Hibbert, Jarrod Scutchings, Chelsea Dredge, Cooper Longman and Scarlett Poole.



9/10 Boys Statewide Basketball

The year 9/10 Boys Statewide Basketball Team competed against Unley High School, St Johns Grammar School and Adelaide Botanic High School in their first round. First up against Unley High School this was one of the closest games of basketball we had seen for a long time. The biggest margin of the game was 6 points and the lead changed several times throughout the match. The Blackwood High School team held their nerve to win the match by 5 points. In the next match against Adelaide Botanic High School, this match was more comfortable with our team in control for the start of the match. We won by 15 meaning we had to win our last match to guarantee our way through against St Johns Grammar School. This match was again close with Blackwood High School leading for most of the match but were pipped in the last quarter to lose 40-44 which in the end eliminated us from the competition by point percentage.



9/10 Girls Statewide Basketball

The Year 9/10 Girls Statewide Basketball Team were grouped with Unley High School and Adelaide Botanic High School in their round 1 competition. Playing Unley High School first we knew they were going to be strong and our girls did really well in the first quarter to hang in the game and only trailed by 4 at quarter time. From there Unley High School put their foot on the throat and overcame our girls. The final score was 65-28. Our second game against Adelaide Botanic High School was closer and we fought hard in the match and competed really well. It was low scoring early and the teams were fairly equal in skill level. Our girls were able to score more fluently in the second half to win the match 46-38.



Sport Update continued

Weekly Sport

The final season of weekly sport is underway and will run through until Week 6. Blackwood High School has 3 teams involved, summary of positions below

Year 7/8 Boys Basketball Division 1 – 2nd

Year 9/10 Boys Basketball Division 1 – 3rd

Year 7/8 Girls Volleyball Division 2 – 5th

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Ambrose Golf – There are a couple of spots available in teams for Ambrose golf which will be held on Tuesday 28th November. If you are interested in attending see Justin in the PE office for more information.

Justin Callahan - Specialist Sports Course and School Sports Officer

CITY OF MITCHAM 

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 10 2023

School Immunisation Catch Up Clinic

The City of Mitcham is conducting a **FREE** catch-up immunisation clinic for students who have missed their immunisations at school.

Vaccines that will be available include:

Year 7 and Year 8 Students

HPV – Gardasil 9 and DTP – Boostrix

Year 10 Students

Meningococcal B – Bexsero Dose 1 & Dose 2

Meningococcal ACWY – Nimenrix

Where and When

Thursday 23 November 2023

3.30pm – 6.00pm

City of Mitcham – Civic Centre

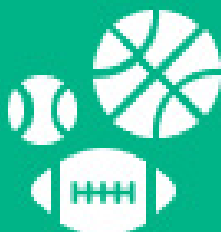
131 Belair Road, Torrens Park

Contact the City of Mitcham on 1300 133 466 or visit www.mitchamcouncil.sa.gov.au for more information.

MARIONLIFE YOUTH

GO PROGRAM
2023

On@CoM SUPPORT



Its On@CoM and
you can GO beyond
Club connecting, Equipment
support, Fee Support

Generously funded by the City of Marion

Our MarionLIFE Youth team will help you make
contacts with local clubs to help you get more
involved after your come and try at an On@CoM
activity.

MarionLIFE

MarionLIFE Community Services Inc
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HOW DO I GET GO-ING???

STEP 1 - Attend an On@CoM Event

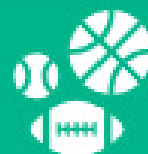


STEP 2 - Contact us at MarionLIFE Youth
by calling or texting 0434 308 246

STEP 3 - Let us know the On@CoM
activity you attended.

STEP 4 – Chat with us to find a local club
to get you more involved!!!

- Funding Support Available



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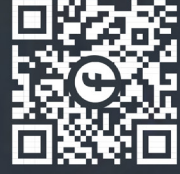
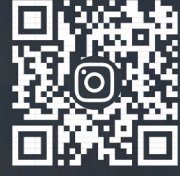
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PLAY GRIDIRON

JUNIORS COME & TRY DAY

- 18TH NOVEMBER
- 9AM REGISTRATIONS
- 9:30AM START
- DRY CREEK RESERVE



HOLIDAY SWIM

ENROLMENTS OPEN

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GET IN QUICK!

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Calendar Dates

Term 4 Monday 6 - Friday 10 November Stage 2 Exams	Monday 20 - Friday 24 November Year 11 Exams	Friday 1 December Final Day for Year 10 students
Monday 6 - Tuesday 7 November Outdoor Ed Kayaking Camp Year 10	Tuesday 21 November Year 12 Graduation Capri Theatre	Monday 4 - Friday 8 December Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 7 November Governing Council Meeting	Friday 24 November MADD Arts Festival	Thursday 7 December 2024 Year 7 Transition Day
Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 November Netball Camp Victor Harbour Year 9	Monday 27 - Tuesday 28 November Stage 2 Preparatory Sessions	
Monday 13 - Friday 17 November Stage 2 Exams	Tuesday 28 November Year 11 Final Assembly	
Tuesday 14 November Finance Meeting	Tuesday 28 November Year 7 Transition Parent/Caregiver Information Sessions	
Friday 17 November Flinders University UNITEST	Thursday 30 November Specialist Sport Program Assembly	
Friday 17 November Principal Tour	Friday 1 December Principal Tour	

School Contacts

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Student Wellbeing Centre: 8278 0900 or see website for staff email contacts