



BLACK FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Celebrating 100 Years: 1919-2019



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 1 - 31st January 2019

Diary Dates

- Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training

TOMORROW Friday 1st February 2 sessions

9:00am - 11:30am 5:00pm - 7:30pm

- Life Education Years 3 and 4

Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th February

- Acquaintance Night

Tuesday 12th February 5:00pm - 6:00 pm

- Centenary Celebration

Thursday 21st February 9:30am

- Reception Nature Play Incursion

Tuesday 5th March

- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Monday 11th March

- State Library Excursion

Friday 15th March Room 20

Friday 22nd March Room 21

- Senior School Camp

Wednesday 27th March - Friday 29th March

- Sports Day

Friday 12th April

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From the Principal



Welcome Back

I guess it is fine for me to welcome everyone to the 2019 school year, however, it does seem a bit strange saying welcome back to Black Forest Primary School when I have been the one receiving so many welcome messages from staff, students and parents. Thank you for making my transition to Black Forest such an easy one (so far!), everyone has been very friendly, accommodating and made me feel very welcome.

I would like to especially welcome all of our Reception students and their families to Black Forest Primary School. For families who have their first child starting school this year I trust your experience has been a positive one and your child has enjoyed their start to school. If you have any concerns or feedback about your child's 'starting school' experience I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to email me at iain.elliott696@schools.sa.edu.au.

A special welcome too for all of our new students to BFPS.

Staffing Update

There have been a few changes to our staffing since last year. We welcome Tisha Brett and Ben Caruso to Black Forest. Tisha will be teaching in Room 22 this year, while Ben is right across from her teaching Italian in Room 19. We also welcome Cindy McConville back two and a half days a week from maternity leave. Cindy will be teaching in Room 17.

Bell Times

You would have (should have) received a letter from me earlier this week regarding a small change to our bell times. As I mentioned in the letter, the change is to ensure equity of time provision for each of the six lessons in the day. This does mean that lunch and



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recess will occur ten minutes earlier each day. Our start and finish time each day has not changed, the yard is open at 8.30 am, class rooms are open at 8.45 am, school starts at 8.50 am and the school day ends at 3.10 pm. Supervision in the yard finishes at 3.25 pm.

Attendance

I am very confident I don't have to sell the importance of regular attendance to school, and the strong link between attendance and achievement. Clearly it is going to be very challenging for students to learn if they are not here! What might be lost to some is arriving on time is a big part of attendance. Last year we only had 74 students who were not marked as late in their class roll book. I find that quite staggering! I'm not sure if this is a positive or a negative – we had 306 students who had one day late per term or less. I guess that depends on whether you think it is ok to be late? The really disappointing statistic is we had 88 students who had ten or more days of being late to school.

There are not many guarantees in life, however, I can guarantee that if you are not here you will not learn what was being taught that day. You have missed an opportunity to improve and/or consolidate your learning. The consolidation of learning is such a vital part of committing your learning to memory.

I know the staff at Black Forest have already been on a pretty big journey with their professional development and analysis of student results to determine what and how we can improve outcomes for students. We are wanting to push students to achieve excellence and not be satisfied with mediocrity. Achieving this will be hard to do if students are not at school. We would appreciate your support in our quest to make Black Forest Primary School a higher achieving school. I have every confidence in the ability of our staff to achieve this but we need your help too. High levels of student attendance and arriving on time will allow teachers to work more efficiently each day, resulting in a greater focus on teaching and learning.

Acquaintance Night

Tuesday 12 February will be our Acquaintance Night, between 5.00 – 6.00pm. Further information will be coming home to you next week but for now, keep this date in your diary. Acquaintance Night is a great way to meet your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and gain an understanding of what your child will be learning throughout the year, how teachers like to structure their class rooms and teaching, and how you can support that learning from home. It will also give you a chance to ask questions should you need or want to.

Sports Day

Another diary date is Sports Day, held on the last day of this term, Friday 12 April. Again, further information about this day will be coming home later in the term.

Parking

The location of our school provide challenges for arrival and collection of children. The safety of children walking or riding bicycles to school is essential. Parents are asked to observe the following restrictions:

Staff Car Park area off School Avenue is for staff use only. To ensure the safety of children at the end of the school day, *the gate to the staff car park will be closed from 3.00pm - 3.25pm when families continue to park in this area.*

Parents are asked NOT TO walk their children through the Staff Car Park gate, but to use the pedestrian gate nearby.

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Parking in Oban Avenue

- On the eastern (hills) side: No Parking between 8:00am – 9:00am and 3:00pm – 4:00pm. This means *you may stop your vehicle* during those hours, *to let people off or pick them up, but you must not park*, ie. You must not turn your engine off, and/or leave your vehicle.
- On the western (sea) side: No Standing between 8:00am – 4:00pm. This means you *must not stop your vehicle at all* during those hours, even to let off or pick up passengers. Outside of the 8 hours specified, you may park as long as you like!
- In the turning circle **NO STANDING ANYTIME**. This means you *must not stop your vehicle in this area at any time*, even to let off or pick up passengers

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Students may be dropped off here. Please do not park across driveways.

Footpaths and Nature Strips: These areas are set aside for pedestrians – it is illegal to park a vehicle on either of these.

A limited amount of parking is also available in the South Road Car Park.

News from Joel Catchlove

Expression of Interest – Casual Canteen Worker

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for a casual canteen worker to be employed 1 day per week. Please contact Corina at corina.rowenstyles@blforest.net for more information and to register your interest.

Happy Birthday Black Forest!

This year marks 100 years since Black Forest School first opened in 1919. There will be a number of celebrations and activities happening to mark this event throughout 2019, including the main event – a public celebration to be held on Sunday 15 September. Save the date!

On February 21 we will be marking the school's official birthday with a small ceremony at 9.30am for students, staff and family members. Students and staff are encouraged to dress in period costume from the 1910s, and the morning's classroom program will be based on activities from the early 20th Century. More information will be sent home shortly.

Digital Citizenship

At Black Forest we have a strong emphasis on developing skills to use technology responsibly, safely and effectively. In the first few weeks of school, each classroom has a focus on developing classroom expectations and agreements to support the learning of each student. Digital Citizenship is an important part of this. This week, every child from Years 3-7 will bring home a Digital Citizenship Agreement that they must sign in order to use digital technologies at school. The Agreement is based around the three principles of Looking after Yourself, Looking after Others and Looking after Property. While the agreement will be discussed in class and returned to throughout the year as part of your child's learning, we appreciate parents and family members discussing the agreement with their children. Completed Digital Citizenship Agreements are due back at school on Friday 8 February 2019.

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STAFF PROFILES



Ben Caruso

Teacher, Italian & Room 6

*Started teaching in 2017.
Worked at St Michael's college
and Sacred Heart College.*

What are you reading at the moment?

Tim Cahill Biography

What is your favourite holiday destination?

Santorini, Greece

What is your favourite saying/catchphrase?

"Be the best you can be"

What is your favourite movie?

"Goal" - Great soccer movie!



Iain Elliott

Principal

Started apprenticeship in Railways, Port Augusta in 1986. Began teaching 2004. 8 years at Port Augusta School - 4 years as Deputy Principal. Principal at Quorn Area

School 2012-2014. Principal at Forbes Primary School 2014-2018.

What are you reading at the moment?

Shane Warne: "No Spin"

What is your favourite holiday destination?

Canada

What is your favourite saying/catchphrase?

"If you think you will, or you think you won't, you'll probably be right"

What is your favourite movie?

"A Star is Born"

Calling all former students, staff and families of BFPS

We're currently seeking stories and memories from past students, staff and families of Black Forest to compile for the school's upcoming centenary.

We welcome your memories of:

- what the school grounds and buildings were like when you attended
- memorable experiences
- what games and activities you played
- significant people at the school
- any other stories or anecdotes you remember!

We welcome the stories of past students from 1919, all the way to the 2000s!

Feel free to email your recollections to joel.catchlove402@schools.sa.edu.au, or phone 8293 1204. We're currently in the process of assembling a resource with images and stories of the school through the decades that can be used as a basis for learning in 2019 and beyond.

We also have a contact list of past students and staff to send out updates regarding centenary events. Email joel.catchlove402@schools.sa.edu.au if you would like to be added.



Italian News

Dear Parents/Carers, Welcome to the 2019 school year.

My Name is Ben Caruso and I will be teaching Italian in Room 19 from Tuesday to Friday and Year 6/7 in Room 6 on Monday.

In 2018, I worked at Sacred Heart College as a Year 6/7 teacher. I am a passionate and dedicated educator and I am very excited to be a part of the Black Forest Primary School community. I look forward to meeting many of you at Acquaintance Night.

Feel free to contact me via email. ben.caruso@blforest.net

Kind regards,

Ben Caruso



Finance Office News

Materials & Services 2019

All Fees must be finalised by the End of Term 1 2019. Cash & EFTPOS Payments can be made at the Finance Office between 8.30am – 9.30am every morning. *We encourage families to pay online via the QKR APP.*

There is also an option of part payment via **Direct Debit** if you wish to complete a Direct Debit request form, please contact the Finance Office.

Part Payment agreements are approved with the understanding that funds must be available for direct payments to be processed and all payments must be completed by the end of Term 3 (27th September 2019). We would appreciate your support in ensuring all payments are finalised by this date. Thank you.

The only students exempt from this charge are approved School Card applicants.

School Card must be applied for each Calendar Year.

If you think you may be eligible for School Card, please go to the sa.gov.au website <https://www.sa.gov.au> > education & learning > financial support > school card scheme > applications

We thank all the families that promptly pay the Materials & Service Fees each year. The monies received go directly to Materials and Services which enables each student to have access to curriculum resources allowing them the best possible opportunity for learning at Black Forest Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support of our community.

South Australian state school term dates

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2019	29 January – 12 April	29 April – 5 July	22 July – 27 September	14 October – 13 December
2020	28 January – 9 April	27 April – 3 July	30 July – 25 September	12 October – 11 December
2021	1 February – 16 April	3 May – 9 July	26 July – 1 October	18 October – 17 December

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Registrations for Summer School Sports 2019 closing soon!
Summer School Sports will be played during Terms 1 and 4, 2019.

School Summer Sports available:

- Basketball (Years 2-7) Held after school Monday-Thursday, Wayville Basketball Stadium
\$40 for Terms 1 and 4, or the whole year
Additional cost of \$5.50/week for stadium entry
- Registration now closed
- Softball (Years 2-7) Saturday mornings at local schools \$55/season
- Cricket (Years 4-7) Friday nights and Saturday mornings at local ovals and schools \$70/season
- Orienteering (Years 4-7)
Trainings held weekly during school time, additional trainings after school leading up to championship events
\$30/year

Registration and payments must be made by **Friday 15 February 2019** preferably through QKR. All registrations and payments received after this date will be placed on a waiting list. Softball registration must be received by Friday 1 February to meet association timelines.

Coaches and Team Managers

We welcome the assistance of parents and relatives in supervising and coaching. You don't need to be an expert, just a generous person keen to give kids a chance to have a go! All volunteers must have a DHS Criminal History Screening Clearance and Responding to Abuse and Neglect Training. Contact the Front Office for more information.

Paying for School Sports

All school sports must be registered and paid for before the season commences, preferably through QKR. Payment plans or assistance with registration is available through the Finance Office.

The due date for payments is Friday 19 February 2019.

QKR is an app that allows you to pay for school sports and a range of other school activities through your smartphone.

1. Go to the App Store or Google Play Store and download and logon to the QKR app.
2. Search for "Black Forest Primary School"
3. Select "Sports Fees"
4. Select "2019 Summer Sports Registration"
5. Fill in the required details and submit your payment.

All Summer Sports registrations and payment must be received by Friday 19 February.

For more information view the Sports Policy at <http://blforest.sa.edu.au>, or contact Marc Zinndorf on 82931204 or at marc.zinndorf807@schools.sa.edu.au

Information regarding Kanga Cricket has been emailed out. Please contact [bfpscricke@gmail.com](mailto:bfpscricket@gmail.com) for more information.