



BLACK FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Celebrating 100 Years: 1919-2019



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 3 - 14th February 2019

Diary Dates

- 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

- School Photos

Tuesday 19th March

- Senior School Camp

Wednesday 27th March - Friday 29th March

- Pupil Free Day

Monday 1st April

- Sports Day

Friday 12th April



From the Principal



Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday night we held the Annual General Meeting for 2019. At this meeting seven parents were elected onto the Governing

Council for the next two years. We welcome Nick Bawden, Scott Tilbrook, Anna Wuttke, Miriam Hobson and Miriam Scherer to the Governing Council, and welcome back to Emma Johnston and Bob Harrington for another term.

I would like to acknowledge the contribution to the Governing Council of outgoing members Richard Stone, Michael Sherman, Alixe Boardman, Gillian Alsbury and Corina Rowen-Styles. We thank each of them for the past two years (at least) and recognise their work in helping to improve Black Forest Primary School.

Student Free Day

Governing Council has approved our first **Student Free Day on Monday 1 April** (no, it isn't a joke!). We are implementing a new writing assessment tool through the Department for Education, *Brightpath*. This online tool allows teachers to compare their students' work to calibrated exemplars to arrive at a scaled score. The process of comparing students' work to the calibrated exemplars promotes reliable teacher judgements. These judgements are comparable across teachers, schools and over time.

Once each piece of writing is scaled teachers are then provided with a list of 'next steps in learning' based on the student's assessment writing. This ensures each student will be provided with timely, accurate feedback designed to help them improve their writing based on where they currently are in their learning.

We will team with Prospect North Primary School on the day as they are at the same stage of their implementation of this online tool as us. The added benefit of this is our staff will collaborate with other teachers in their initial moderation and assessment of student writing.

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1919 Centenary Celebration 2019

Acquaintance Night

Tuesday was also the day we held our Acquaintance Night. We hope this was a productive and useful event for you to meet your child(ren)'s class teacher(s) and find out how the year will look in their classes. Acquaintance Night has long been a discussion in schools about how we best structure the night to cater for most parent's needs. To help us answer some of those questions Joel Catchlove has forwarded a survey to all parents so we can get your feedback about this. There is also a section for parents of Reception students (and also new students to the school could complete this section, some questions aren't relevant but comments would be appreciated) so we can gain an insight into the starting school experience too.

We already have a number of responses, so thank you. I encourage you all to provide some feedback, we would really appreciate it, thank you!

Black Forest's Birthday Celebration

9.30-10.10am

Thursday 21 February

**Parents welcome
Staff and students encouraged
to come in 1910s costume**



Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating school values in the past fortnight

Darcy D-S, Max N, Sophie D, Nathaniel P, Jhye T,
Jennie T, Levi C, Harpreet B, Jones J, Milla C,
Winter H, James H, Oliver G, Cullen H, Alesandro T,
Chloe H, Aiden F, Sameer N

Thank you for helping our school to be a safe and happy place to work and learn

STAFF PROFILES

Alan Redford-Insall

Year 6/7 Teacher, Room 8

After working as a chef for over 20 years, I decided to be more involved in promoting positive attitudes in young people. I have now been a teacher for 3 years.

Favourite book: The Australian Curriculum!

The most satisfying thing about my job is witnessing those "lightbulb moments" when you see understanding appear on students' faces.

When I'm not working I like to go fishing



Steph Burton

Numeracy Coach

I've worked as a teacher for 15 years with a background in supporting Critical and Creative thinking through the use of technology. I've been in the Numeracy Coach role for three years now and work across several schools including Black Forest.

Favourite book: *History of the Rain* by Niall Williams

The most satisfying thing about my job is working with teachers and students to support them with mathematics

When I'm not working, I like to do yoga, read books and walk my naughty pugs at the beach!



"What I like about school" Room 15 New Receptions



- ★ Buddy: Playing with the plastic blocks to make things.
- ★ Destiny: Playing cars and drawing.
- ★ Harshant: Playing the Marble Maze.
- ★ Lachlan: Playing with my friends.
- ★ Dimitri: I like playing in Koala Park.
- ★ Levi: Learning in Science.
- ★ Penny: Playing outside on the playground.
- ★ Leah: I like painting pictures.
- ★ Sanahasee: I like sticking paper bits with glue.
- ★ Jasmine: Playing with the wooden blocks.
- ★ Frankie: Painting pictures.
- ★ Amayah: Sport with Mr Z.



1919 Centenary Celebration 2019

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.

Keep your kids smiling



Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, preschool and most children under 18 years at School Dental Service clinics. The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Marion GP Plus Dental Clinic

Phone: 7425 8400

www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/sadental



HEALTHY STRONG FAMILIES Building resilience in a digital world

Location

Campbelltown Library
171 Montacute Road
Newton
(enter via front doors)

Wednesday 27 February 2019
7pm - 9pm

Are you looking for ways to help your child handle life's challenges?
Do you have an anxious child?
Do you worry about the impact screen time has on their developing minds?

Presenter

Mary Raschella
Parenting Educator

Come along to this FREE workshop for the latest research, practical strategies and tips on:
Building resilience
Managing anxieties
Screen time vs Green time

Cost - FREE
Creche provided

Refreshments provided

Bookings essential at:
<https://healthystrongfamilies.eventbrite.com.au>
For more information contact Rachel McCaskill on 8366 9272



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UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE RESPECT DIVERSITY COMMUNITY

2019 OPEN EVENING

6.00pm - 8.00pm
Principal's address - 6.10pm
Tours commence at 6.30pm

Wednesday
MARCH
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2019 PRINCIPAL'S TOUR

9.30am - 10.30am

Bookings essential for Principal's Tours
Register at: tours@uhs.sa.edu.au

Wednesday
MARCH
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Special Interest Programs available at Unley High School:

Summit (High Ability Learners) French Immersion
French Bilingual/Binational Rowing