End of Term One

Wow, eleven weeks down already, time flies when you’re having fun. I find it difficult to believe we are at the end of Term 1 and about to commence two weeks of holidays.

I have asked parents and caregivers on more than one occasion to support us by placing a really high value on student attendance and punctuality, or getting here on time. So, the really good news is our overall attendance in Term 1 is higher than the overall attendance rates for the last three school years! Our level of lateness is also down from what we saw last year. However, we still have over 600 recorded late arrivals in the first ten weeks, although this is about a 3% improvement I feel like we have some further improvement. My goal is to have less late arrivals recorded than we have students each term, so I want our lateness to drop under 500 each term, as a starting point!

I am sending home a letter to ALL FAMILIES about your child(ren)’s attendance this term. For more than 180 students this will tell you that you have attended every day this term (up to and including Monday 8 April). For a further 110 students, you will see you have only missed one day. For 362 of our 510 students, we have made the target of 95% attendance, well done and thank you so much to those students and parent for placing such a value on regular attendance.

There will be many of you who have attendance rates lower than 95% but will have valid reasons for this during Term 1. For example, an overseas holiday or extended serious illnesses. For those of you who do have these extenuating circumstances and attendance in Term 1 is not reflective of the norm, please don’t feel that I have singled you out. The letter is for all parents to show you what attendance looks like in Term 1, and what 13
years of school would look like if the same trend occurs. Obviously this doesn’t apply to all extended absences in term 1 but it certainly will apply to some.

Multiple lateness and unexplained absences are where we want to see an improvement and I again ask parents to try and resolve this issue.

We are asking our staff to work really hard on improving our academic results for all children. Without your support in getting children here on time every day our job is much harder. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

**Good News Stories**

We were contacted by ACARA recently, who administer NAPLaN. We were informed that ACARA has identified our school as having demonstrated substantially above average gain in reading and numeracy achievement, in 2018 for our Year 5 students, as measured by NAPLAN. Great news!

We have also been successful in obtaining $10,000 in a **Way2Go Wheels Hub Funding** grant which will be put towards the new bike shed, thank you Mr Catchlove for applying for this funding.

BFPS will also have two staff members, Melanie Milne and Alan Redford-Insall involved in professional development in 3D Printing, which also involves a free 12 month subscription to Makers Empire, a software package for 3D Printing.

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**Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating School Values**


**Learning Achievements**


Thank you for helping our school to be a safe and happy place to work and learn.
We hope you can join us for our annual Sports Day, this time with Centenary-themed events!

**TIMETABLE**

8.50am - Students assemble in classrooms

9.00am - Official Opening, Netball Courts

9.10am - Health Hustle and Team Chants

9.30am-10.30am - Tabloid events (R-2 classes in the main yard and Centenary Green, Years 3-7 at the Oval)

10.30am-11.00am - Recess in the Main Yard (Oval out-of-bounds), including Cookbook Cake Testing!

11.00am-12.00pm - Tabloid events (R-2 classes have a break in class, Years 3-7 at the Oval)

12.00-12.30 - Lunch in the Main Yard (Oval out-of-bounds), Canteen open. Have a picnic in Koala Park or Centenary Green!

12.35pm-2.10pm - Championship Events, Oval (R-2 students to meet at classrooms at the end of lunch, Year 3-7 students to meet on the netball courts). Championship events include sprints, relays, Tug o’ War and the shield presentations.

2.10pm - Early dismissal for last day of term

**COLLECTING YOUR CHILD**

At the end of the day, all students will be asked to assemble in class groups with their teacher. Please ensure that when you collect your child you notify your child’s teacher.

**COFFEE!**

Local business Rise and Grind will be on-site selling coffees from the beginning of the day. Please be aware that EFTPOS is not available, so bring your cash!

**CAKE!**

As part of the development of the Centenary Cookbook, the Education and Wellbeing Committee will be offering cake testing in the Centenary Green rotunda for a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards the production of the Cookbook. See below for a message from Tamara Agnew, Governing Council chair:

“Come and see us and sample some cake at the BFPS Cookbook Cake Stall at the Sports Carnival! For one the bargain basement price of a gold coin (preferably one with a 2 on it!) you can try a cake or two, and vote on your favourite. With so many gorgeous cakes submitted for the book, we thought this might be a fun way for students and their guests to decide which ones should be in the book. All funds will go towards graphic design and printing.

Come and see us in the rotunda - enjoy some delicious cake with your coffee and spend some time in the beautiful new Centenary Green!”

We hope you can join us this Friday in team colours!
Growth and Development Family Workshops

Black Forest Primary School will be hosting a Growth & Development Family Evening on Tuesday 7 May 2019.

The sessions are conducted by Kidz Biz Education and are designed to be fun, informative and easy to understand. These highly interactive sessions will provide students and their parents and caregivers with an introduction to basic personal and social development education; traditionally known as the ‘facts of life’. Sessions will be facilitated in a manner that is not conducive to an awkward or threatening environment.

There will be two sessions run on the evening and the topics covered in each are:

**5.40-6.30pm, Session 1: ‘Where Did We Come From’ (suitable for Reception to Year 4 students)**
- Myths about where babies come from
- Conception
- The 9 months of foetal development
- The birth process

**6.40-7.30pm, Session 2: ‘What’s Happening To Us?’ (suitable for Year 5 to 7 students)**
- Puberty (physical and emotional)
- Body image and media influences
- Getting along with parents

Families can choose to attend both sessions. The cost for attendance is $10 per family.

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Growth and Development Family Workshops

Tuesday 7 May 2019

Child’s name: ................................................................................................................................. Room number: ..........

We would like to attend:

[ ] Session 1: ‘Where Did We Come From’ (suitable for Reception to Year 4 students)
[ ] Session 2: ‘What’s Happening To Us?’ (suitable for Year 5 to 7 students)

Number of adults attending: ......................... Number of children attending: .........................

The cost of these sessions is $10 per family, payable via QKR or the Finance Office.

Signed: ........................................................................................................................................

Please return to the Black Forest Primary School Front Office by Friday 3 May 2019
1919  Centenary Celebration 2019

Springbank Secondary College

Open Day
Wednesday 27 March 2019
4.00pm-5.30pm
and
6.00pm-7.30pm

Principal’s Tours
Tuesday 9 April 2019, 9.00am-10.00am
Thursday 16 May 2019, 9.00am-10.00am
Friday 14 June 2019, 9.30am-10.30am

267 Daws Road, Pasadena SA 5042
Please phone 8152 6800 or email dl.0975.info@schools.sa.edu.au to register your interest

2019 Term 2 Principal’s Tour

Unley High School

Principal’s Tour
9.30am - 10.30am
Tuesday 7 May
Bookings essential for Principal’s Tours
Register at: tours@uhs.sa.edu.au

101 Kitchener Street,
Netherby SA.
8394 5400
info@uhs.sa.edu.au
www.uhs.sa.edu.au
We link up families who have come through tough times with families who want things to change.

Family Events and Link ups are free

Want to be involved in Family by Family??

We are currently looking for people willing to share their time with another family

Contact Family Coach Leanne 0432043537 or Emma 0478109701 for a confidential chat

1919 Centenary Celebration 2019

Edwardstown Football Club Inc

100 Years of History

1919-2019

FOOTY SEASON IS HERE

DON’T MISS OUT

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

All ages - Auskick to U16’s, Girls and Boys

For more info contact:
edwardstownfcjuniors@gmail.com

Celebrating 100 Years in 2019