



# Newsletter

Term 3 Week 10 No. 15 – 24th September 2020

## Diary Dates



**\*\*Early dismissal tomorrow  
2:10pm\*\***

**Student Free Day**

**Term 4:**

**Monday 2nd November - Student Free**



**Are you missing a jumper, jacket, lunch box etc?**

**We have lots of unnamed property -  
please check lost property before the end of term.**

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## From the Principal

I often wonder how many parents read my articles and take the opportunity to find out about a few things that happen around the school and whether they are useful. Maybe I'm better off just believing that everyone looks forward to reading them and appreciates every word I write! Most of my newsletter articles are information sharing, or asking for parent support with things such as car parking etc. I'm afraid this week I don't have much to share so I'm going to editorialise a bit instead! Sorry for those who do look forward to what I usually write!

At different stages this year I have felt that the year has taken about twice as long to get through as normal. We have faced a few different challenges this year that is for sure. That said, here we are at the end of the third term and it doesn't seem that long ago I was meeting with staff to discuss what home learning would look like in preparation for the start of Term 2! It is amazing how time can also fly when you are busy.

Over the past two weeks I have been conducting tours for our 2021 Reception parents. Given our CoVID restrictions we have limited these to ten adults per tour, which has meant they are a bit more personal than the usual 25 plus we would have attending each of our two tours. The reason I mention this is that on more than one occasion during these tours I have had a parent telling me that a current parent has told them what a great school we are and spoken very highly of us. From my perspective this is obviously very pleasing, so thank you. These comments made to me on the tours also gave me a great opportunity to speak about our community, not just our parents who are great, but the wider Black Forest community as well. We are very blessed to have such a supportive community. 2020 has certainly made it very difficult for our numerous volunteers to engage with our staff and students but thankfully we have managed to find ways to continue this in an abridged version of what we would normally see. So thanks for hanging in and showing perseverance.

Despite the obvious challenges this year we have a lot to be thankful for as well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support this year, it has been greatly appreciated. We are very thankful for that. I hope you have an opportunity over the next couple of weeks to spend some time with your children and family and enjoy something that resembles a slower pace, whether that is getting away together or just relaxing at home. Hopefully we also see some weather which resembles Spring too.....

Stay safe everyone, see you all next term, the final run home towards the end of the year.



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# BLACK FOREST PRIMARY

## Black Forest Grounds and Facilities Update

Hi all, a lot has happened around since I last checked in with all of the plans of improving our school!

With COVID coming in earlier in term 1, we weren't exactly sure how everything was going to go with tradespeople on site. But luckily, after a few initial delays, we were allowed to have the tradespeople back on site, quoting up and helping to build and maintain our school.

### New Security Gates in the school car park

As you may have noticed, in the previous school holidays we had some security gates installed to ensure that (after our demolition works in January) no cars could drive onto our courts and do unlawful things! They are strong gates that look quite impressive and are able to be opened if we ever need access to more parking spaces. In the meantime, you would have also noticed, that we have moved our shipping containers down next to Dave's shed, so we can also have some extra room in the carpark. This has alleviated some of the days where we had to redirect some visitors to other places to park.



### Centenary Pavers

During the centenary celebration last year, we offered families and the wider school community a chance to buy a piece of history by purchasing a labelled centenary paver. Earlier in the year they were delivered and stashed away during the whole moving period from the old buildings. Long story short, we have them in the school and we are waiting on some quotes to have the pavers installed underneath the gazebo in Centenary Green. This will be hopefully finished early in term 4. This should fit nicely next to the new bell tower, and we are also looking to revamp the Gazebo to give it and the area around it a little more protection.



### Centenary Green Grass Area

Wow, has this area been popular since its redevelopment in 2019. So much so that we have seen some huge traffic making the grass area not so 'green' as advertised. Over the school holidays we are going to rope off the area to give it a little rest from foot traffic from OSHC and the general public, as well as aerating and fertilising the area to get through summer. We are continuing to think about how to keep this area as green as possible moving into the future.



### Senior School Toilets

Last year we received a grant from the local federal member- Nicole Flint, to beautify our school toilets. Thanks to the hard work and lobbying from Mr. Greene's 2019 year 5/6 class, and some amazing fundraising efforts from our fundraising committee over the years, in the upcoming holidays these toilets will be receiving a makeover! We are re-doing the floors with an epoxy coating, re-painting the partitions, painting the walls and ceilings with a crisp white, and upgrading the lights and windows to allow more light and ventilation through. In years to come, we will be looking to doing the other toilets around the school! Keep writing Mr. Greene! The photo to the right shows a similar design to what we will be going for.



### Storage Shed

After the pool and the old buildings were demolished earlier this year, we are now lacking a significant amount of storage area around the school (hence the shipping containers!). So, in place of where the old pool used to be - we are installing a semi-permanent, three section shed with roller doors to allow some room for our P.E gear, parent network/fundraising items and some room for general storage including our Arts equipment. The structure is lined up ready to go with our builders, as soon as council approval is finalised. (Should be less than a month away!)

### Gym Gutters and Downpipes

During a recent tour with our Site Facilities Manager, he has let us know that the department will be replacing our very over used, and 'slightly' rusty downpipes, due to them being completely beyond repair. Although the process for these maybe a little longer depending on departmental paperwork, hopefully these will be coming in the first part of term 4.

### Working Bee

Now that restrictions have loosened, we are going to be bringing back the Black Forest Working Bee! We have lots of projects that we think we could do without spending lots of money on tradespeople, and with the 'many hands make light work' policy, we think we can make our school look fantastic. We have many jobs already on the list, including painting, weeding, gardening, helping to maintain the school garden, constructing and installing boundaries for garden beds, general cleaning and many more. If you think that you may be able to help out in any way, please keep an eye out for a confirmed date! We are thinking around week 4 of Term 4 at this stage- but will keep you in the loop!

Aaron Bayliss, Deputy Principal



RESPECT ENDEAVOUR COLLABORATION  
RESPONSIBILITY CREATIVITY

## Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating

### *School Values :*

Charlotte R, Furaha M, Annika L, Leah H, Archer G, Olivia A, Joseph H, Liliana M, Ciaran S, Rose M, Georgia O, Lachlan V G, Eliana P, Oday AM, Billie P, Satuti S, Oliver G, Jaxon E, Finn S, Henry S, Will M, Maddi G, Chloe T-E, Penny R, Stella C, Seni G, Charlotte S

### *Learning Achievement Award:*

Jensen G, Sarim A, April K, Charlotte R, Ava P, Logan DB, Scarlett E, Mia B, Caitlin McG, Abbie H, Jack D, Room 8, Harrison G, Lily Z, Henry Y, Audrey B, Lucy H, Kai W, Jacob W, Kiana P

## PREMIER'S READING Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2020 has now finished! After the very different and challenging circumstances of this year it was wonderful to see that 406 of our students completed the Challenge.

A very big thank you to our teachers and parents who supported their children's efforts in the Challenge this year.

It is always gratifying to see so many students reach the level that they are striving for each year. We are proud of all of our students who achieve their goal! However, I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of the 25 students who this year have reached Hall of Fame status and the 32 Year 6 and & 7 students who have attained Hall of Fame Reader for Life status.

Congratulations Everyone!

We look forward to being able to hand out the rewards once we receive them at the end of November.

**Janette Smith**  
**Library Manager**

## SAPSASA NEWS

Students at Black Forest have had an opportunity to trial for several Adelaide South East District Teams throughout term 3 (Hockey, Soccer, Netball and Australian Rules Football). This process of competing against other students in our SAPSASA zone gives children every chance to show off their skills, play in game sense activities and be involved at a State SAPSASA Carnival with hundreds of talented athletes from all over South Australia.

I'm pleased to say that 4 students from Black Forest were successful and played in 2 different sports this term. James R was our only student that made this year's A.S.E Soccer Team and was extremely proud to represent our school at this event. Our B.F.P.S soccer coaches and coordinator described James' as a highly talented soccer player who had the ability to do well throughout the trials and make this year's team. Our 2020 A.S.E SAPSASA Soccer Team played 8 games over three days. They were incredibly successful winning six games and drawing the other two. Overall, they were this year's Division 1 Champions winning GOLD medals and titled undefeated winners of the tournament. Congratulations James as this will be one of those special primary school memories, you'll never forget.

Our other three boys represented Black Forest in Australian Rules Football. Archie E, Zanen S and Sam K were our outstanding athletes who made this year's squad playing 9 gruelling games over three days. I have watched these three boys develop their craft over many years and it was wonderful to hear that they were selected in this highly talented team. The Adelaide South East boys won four games and lost five, but spoke about the incredible skills other players demonstrated, the speed of the game and friendships they made over this sensational sporting journey. Having coached this team for the last seven years, I know how hard and challenging this carnival is and appreciate the physical strength, mental toughness and resilience you need when playing at a SAPSASA STATE CARNIVAL. Well done boys as our school thanks you for your efforts.



Term 4 will also be extremely busy with two massive sporting activities (Inter-school Athletics and our Year 6/7 Basketball Championships) that will have over 60 children compete against many other schools from across South Australia.

**Marc Zinndorf—R-7 Physical Education Teacher / SAPSASA Sports Coordinator**



Term 3 has been another busy and exciting term in room 10. A highlight was an excursion to Monarto Zoo. This was a culmination of individual student research in term 2 into an endangered Africa animal. The children had a wonderful day seeing some of the animals they had researched and had lots of fun and teamwork building shelters with found materials in the event the children had to hide from a predatory animal! **"We saw lots of African animals we knew. We loved building cubbies with our groups like the chimpanzees do!" Zack G**



In recent weeks we have been fortunate enough to have two interesting presentations at school along with all the Junior Primary classes. The first was the RAA when the children learnt all about road safety and the second was a visit from the dental school to help the children keep their teeth and gums clean and healthy.

**"We learnt how to be safe on our bikes and crossing the road." Xavier B.**

**"We had a visit from the people at the dental clinic. They told us how much sugar we are allowed to eat each day and how often we should brush our teeth."**

We have also just completed a week of swimming lessons in the beautiful pool at Westminster School. Many new skills were gained and a lot of fun was had culminating in an underwater obstacle course on the last day.

**"Swimming was so fun! We did an obstacle course, rescues, diving under and laps of the pool." Lily T**





## Room 10 News - Continued

Sustainability has continued to be a focus this term learning about keeping waterways clean, recycling and composting. The students loved hearing all about 'Danny the Drip', a story about a drop of water and his journey down a river all the way to the ocean. The class also had an interesting morning in our school garden learning all about composting with Heather Gurney.

**"Danny the Drip taught us not to litter in our waterways." Isaiah S**



Currently the children are thoroughly enjoyed exploring technology through the years with Savannah Gargiulo, a final year student on placement in Room 10. Who would have thought it would take so long to dial a number on a Rotary Dial Telephone. **"Savannah taught us about collecting data and displaying it in different types of graphs. She also taught us about 'Then and Now'. I enjoyed the time when we sorted old and new things on the timeline."** Holly MacW

Information report writing has been a focus in literacy this term with some interesting facts discovered about frogs. The final handwritten copies are hanging in the classroom. The platypus is the current topic for a second information report, this time being presented in its final format as a Google Slides Presentation.

**"Did you know the Gastric Brooding frog gave birth to froglets from its mouth? They are now extinct."**



## SCIENCE TERM 3

This term in Science saw **the year 3's** having fun experimenting with ice and chocolate, and finishing with making ice cream!!! This further expanded on their learnings of solid turning into liquids, liquids turning into solids, and gases. The kids loved it but there is never enough!

**The year 4-5 classrooms** enjoyed deepening their knowledge about GASSES. They learned that Gas takes up space. Ask them to show you by doing the Mystery Tissue experiment! We learned that gas has weight. And the students loved learning how to make gas by creating CHEMICAL REACTIONS!!! We tested our gas making abilities by combining a solid and a liquid to fuel our vehicle.



**The Senior School** has enjoyed a term of learning about physical and chemical changes. They finished off this year with a crime scene investigation; they needed to find who stole the cake from the Science Room!!! To do so they complete a range of activities and experiments including testing chemical reactions with a mystery powder, fingerprint dusting, footprint analysis, and chromatography analysis. Good work students.





## CURIOUS SCIENTIST CLUB

Come and Wonder, Play, Create

We had 3 STEM challenges running this term.

Many children from all year levels came to enjoy the Challenge.

### CHALLENGE 1

The students who built the tallest structure with straws are

***Dawn, Ruby, Lucy, Holly, Mitchell, Kiara and Will***

### CHALLENGE 2

The students who built a structure that could support the most weight are:

***Oscar, Elliot, Andro and Marley from Room 20***

### CHALLENGE 3

The students who build the tallest structure with only one cube as a base are:

***Samuel and Ryan from Room 8.***

Come to the Science Room at Lunch on Thursday to collect your prize.



TO THE CURIOUS SCIENCE CLUB MANAGERS!!!

Science club will resume next term

