



# Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7 No. 19 – 27th November 2020

## Diary Dates

14 Days until  
End of Term!



*"We have loved spending time in the office but really, really want to go home now."*



## From the Principal

### Reception Transition

On Wednesday we were able to complete our transition program for our 2021 Reception students. We will have 69 students starting in Reception next year. We were concerned we would not be able to offer the final visit, where the children not only spent some time with our Reception teachers but also spent some time with Ben Caruso in Italian, Penny Baker in Music, Marc Zinndorf in PE, Lisa Nicholls in Science, and also spent some time in OSHC to meet some of the staff there too.

We look forward to the next crop of Black Forest Primary School students starting school next year.

### Class Placement Process

We have been working through all the preparatory tasks to produce our class lists for next year. Our staff will be looking at the class lists over the next few days and will spend time next week looking over the lists to make sure we have these as good as we possibly can. We will have a 'transition' of sorts on Wednesday 9 December just before recess where all children will go to their 2021 class, meet their teacher and see who else is in their class. We will then send home notification of the class placement to you along with our end of year report.

I have included the same message I had in Week One's Newsletter this term, just to reiterate how we will manage requests for changes once we publish class placements.

*In what will be a slight change from last year's process, I will respond to any request or concern I receive to let you know I have received the email, however, we will only consider these requests at the beginning of Week 5 of Term 1 after students have had four weeks in their class. It has been my experience that after two weeks almost every child has worked through any concern or anxiety, realised their class isn't as bad as they thought, and are quite happy to remain in a class where they have now made new friends! This also allows a suitable timeframe to allow most children to work through their concerns and develop their resilience.*

*Our process for creating classes is extensive. This doesn't mean it will be perfect for every child in every class but what we are aiming to achieve is the best possible fit for the whole school.*

I would like to expand on the last sentence just a little – When we are trying to place about 450 children currently in Reception—Year 6 into classes it is impossible to make every child's class placement 'perfect' in their eyes, and/or their parents eyes. We do look at all the lists and current class teachers check that for children who haven't been placed in a class with their preferred

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learning buddies that the placement is still appropriate and there are 'buddies' who will still mean that child is not left high and dry. This doesn't mean that we always get this right, hence the reason why we are prepared to look at this after a four week period. Often children who are disappointed in Week One are happy, with new friends, in Week Two.

## End of Year Events

Clearly our current restriction will mean several end of year events will either not be happening or they will be very different to how we intended them to be. By very different I am of course referring to our ability to have parents attending. We are waiting to see what happens on 1 December regarding restrictions, hopefully there might be some positive news.

At this stage our Xmas in the Forest will be a non-parent attended event. We are looking at ways we can provide parents with an opportunity to watch their children, however, with a number of children who are not able to be filmed (and then have that distributed to other parents) we need to work out how we will work around this. What I don't want to do is just remove the children who can't be filmed and make them miss out on the chance to join in with their class mates.

Class parties where we are having shared lunches will not be able to happen at this stage either. We are also working through what we will be able to provide for our Year 7 graduation.



## Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating

### *School Values :*

Senithi G, Luke B, Arwin T, Zack G, Lachie W, Ethan Q, Asha B, Imogen M, Zoe A, Erin E, Audrey V, Reza H, Atharv G, Daniela R, Wilson L, Henry S, Oscar B, Rubi P, Constance Z

### *Learning Achievement Award:*

Kai W, Navaisha M, Hugh R, Elliah W, Toby B, Blake L, Avril B, Olivia W, Ciaran S, Millie H, Ava C, James R, Darcy D-S, Josh D, Room 18, Amity W

## Registrations for Summer School Sports 2021 are now open!

### The sports offered in Terms 1 and 4 are:

**Softball (Years 2-7, \$65, Terms 1 and 4)** Training: TBA, but likely Thursday after school. Games held 8.30 or 9.45am, Black Forest Primary School oval and other locations around Adelaide.

**Cricket (Years 4-7, \$70/Terms 1 and 4)** Training TBA, Games held Saturday mornings at Glandore Oval and local schools.

Years 2-3 Master Blaster Cricket (formerly Kanga Cricket) will be held on Friday afternoons at Glandore Oval – more details below.

**Basketball (Years 2-7, \$20/year)** Games held at 3.50, 4.35 or 5.15pm, at Wayville Stadium, Monday Year 3/4 Boys, Tuesday Year 5/6/7 Boys, Wednesday Year 3/4/5 and 5/6/7 Girls, Thursday Year 2/3 Mixed. Trainings can be offered if a coach has time.

**Orienteering (Years 3-7, \$30/year)** Training Tuesdays during school time, with additional activities on occasional Thursdays at locations around Adelaide. We are looking for a new co-ordinator/coach in 2021 – please let us know at school if you would be keen to help out!

The process for registering your interest in playing Sport in Term 1 and 4, 2021 is by QKR. You can register and pay through QKR now.

Submitting your registration by Thursday, 10th of December will help ensure accurate teams can be submitted for 2021.

### Year 2-3 Master Blaster Cricket – Registrations open January 2021

In 2021, Black Forest will also be offering Master Blaster Cricket (formerly Kanga Cricket) to all interested boys and girls in Years 2 and 3. This is a fantastic way to experience playing cricket and develop skills in a non-competitive environment. The program costs \$30, to be paid via Registration Link (to be published in 2021) with an additional \$10 to be paid to the school at a later date to cover school operational costs. Games will be held on Friday afternoons starting from 4pm at Glandore Oval.

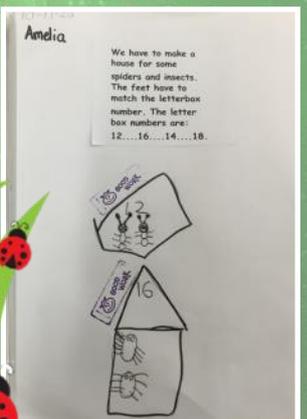
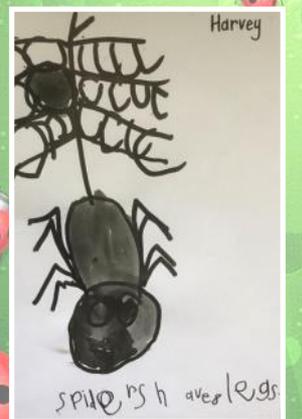
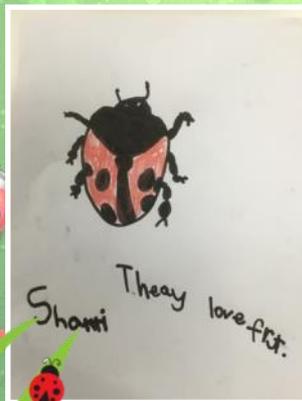


## Room 15 News

Last week we celebrated Book Week with a parade and children could dress up as their favourite book characters.



Our Inquiry topic this term has been Mini-beasts. We have drawn labelled diagrams, researched and written facts about insects and spiders, solved Maths problems and presented a talk to the class.





## SAPSASA Athletics

53 students in Year's 4-7 were extremely excited to be participating at this year's A.S.E SAPSASA Inter-School Athletics Carnival. Whether it's your first attempt or fourth, it's always a privilege to represent your school and challenge the best students in our region. Haydia H (winner of the 10 y.o girls Shot Put) and Willow M (4th in the 10 y.o girls 100 m) were our only 2 students from B.F.P.S that were going to compete at this year's STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS. Unfortunately, this was cancelled last week due to new COVID-19 restrictions and the girls missed out on one of the sporting highlights of the year. Our school would also like to congratulate the following students who finished 2nd - 10 y.o girls relay team, Mia B, Henry S and 3rd place - Lewis B, Abbie H, Joseph H, Willow M, Kaya L and Henry S as this is a great accomplishment with over 500 students competing from over 10 schools in our SAPSASA district. Another sensational effort from all students - Thank you for your hard work and commitment over the last two months of trials and trainings.

## SAPSASA Basketball

Our regional SAPSASA Basketball Championships were also held in Week 2. Once again, it was a pleasure watching our Year 6/7 girls and boys teams in action throughout the day. Strong competition, fair play and a positive team spirit kept us alert and focussed in all games with both teams able to cheer and support one another when they had a break between games. Many thanks to Sam Kelly (B.F.P.S Basketball Coordinator/Coach) as she coached each and every game and commented on how pleased she was with our student's efforts, attitude and overall performance. Both teams found the competition challenging throughout the day. Even though our girls and boys teams only won one game each, it was a great opportunity to demonstrate our skills and abilities at an incredibly high level. I wish all of our basketball student's good luck for next year and beyond as we have many "club" players who will continue to improve and enjoy playing in the future.

## SAPSASA Mountain Bike Championships

Finally, I would like to congratulate Josh E and Aiden F with their first ever attempt at this years SAPSASA Mountain Bike Championships. Both boys were keen to "have a go" and do something completely new with outstanding success. They competed in the team's event, (most schools have four or more boys in their squad) and ended up finishing 4th in the State. A pleasing result for both boys who obviously ride a lot on weekends and after school. Well done boys and all the best in 2021.

Marc Zinndorf

SAPSASA Coordinator