



Newsletter

Term 1 Week 11 No. 6 – 8th April 2021

Diary Dates



Pupil Free Day

Monday 1st November

Casual Day Tomorrow

Early Dismissal: 2:10pm

Friday 9th April

Term 2 Commences

Tuesday 27th April

Garden Night

Wednesday 5th May

Next GC Coffee Morning

Friday 7th May



From the Principal

Last Day of Term

Friday will be the last day of Term 1 and **students will be dismissed at 2.10 pm**. We appreciate your efforts to get the consent forms for early dismissals back to us over the past couple of weeks. To [hopefully] add some further clarity to this process, we are now required (by the Department for Education) to obtain consent for each child at enrolment, and for all current students, to allow us to have the early dismissal at the end of each term. Previously we have only required approval from our Governing Council. The consent form provided by the department states reasons why schools could have an early closure (of up to one hour), however, we are not intending to have an early closure for any of the stated reasons other than the end of term closures at 2.10 pm. I understand this consent form has caused some confusion (and angst) and I apologise for that.

As my previous correspondence via email has mentioned, students who do not have parental consent will be supervised at school until 3.10 pm but they will not be in their classes and will not be engaged in their usual lessons during this time.

Again, thank you to all those parents who have returned their consent form, as well as those who have let us know they do not give consent.

All that aside, I hope you manage to spend some time with those you love, doing the things you love to do during the time your children are on school holidays. Hopefully it is an opportunity for them to 'refresh' too.

Sports Day

We received 168 responses to our survey about Sports Day. The survey results are posted in this newsletter for your information.

The results clearly show a high level of interest in a twilight event, with over 70% supporting the idea and 40% of our parents more likely to attend a twilight event. There would be (from Q2) a little more support for the twilight event if the student free day wasn't on the Monday. However, there were also a significant number of parents concerned about the twilight event (about 30% of responses)

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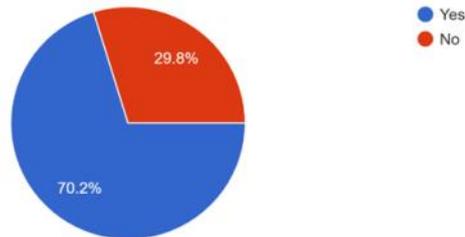


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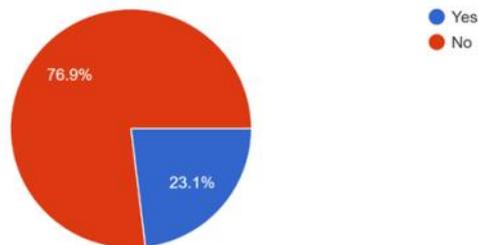
This leaves us with a bit of a dilemma, clearly we will make many families happy, and many families unhappy, whichever way we go. We hope we can find some middle ground here and to this end have decided to have the 2021 Sports Day as a day event and will have the 2022 Sports Day as a twilight event. The twilight event is planned to be bi-annual, so we will alternate between day and twilight each year. Our 2022 twilight Sports Day will be held on Thursday 27th October, with a school closure day the following day. We will not be having a student free day attached to this weekend.

Survey Results

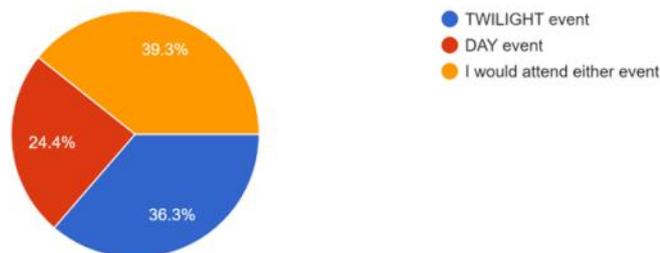
I would support the school holding a Twilight Sports Day on Thursday 28th October, with our school closure day on Friday 29th October, and, a student free day on Monday 1st November.
168 responses



If you answered NO to question 1, would you support the twilight sports day and closure the next day (as suggested above) if there wasn't a student free day (only answer this if you answered NO to Q1)
52 responses



I would be more likely to attend, or more likely to attend for longer, if it was:
168 responses



Vinnies Principal Sleepout

My fundraising page for the Vinnies Principal Sleepout is now live. Donations would be very much appreciated and can be done through this link:

<https://vinnies-sa.grassrootz.com/vinnies-2021-principal-sleepout/bfps-principal>

Thank you in advance.

Term 2

Term 2 begins on Tuesday 27th April due to the ANZAC Day public holiday on the Monday.



RESPECT ENDEAVOUR COLLABORATION
RESPONSIBILITY CREATIVITY

Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating

School Values:

Miles W, Louise S, Milla N, Henry S, Charlotte W, Zak Z, Lily Z, Neve C, Luke B, Ridley S, Levi S, Beth O'S, Auston M, Oscar B, Abigail N, Hugh W, Regan O'R, Riddhima B

Learning Achievement Award:

Emily McD, Archer G, Eliot H, Sofia S, Morgan K, Seb C, Charlotte R, Liliya L, Hunter G, Clark M, Zoe A

Governing Council News

Coffee Morning Update

On Wednesday 31st of March, the Governing Council held our first "Meet the GC" coffee morning. It was a great opportunity for us to meet some of the parent community and to discuss a variety of topics. Many subjects were discussed including uniforms, pupil free days, parent-teacher interviews, acquaintance night, sports day, parent volunteers, communication and the buddy bench. We have a number of items to raise at our next meeting!

We have decided to make these informal coffee mornings a regular thing so please do come along to say hello and have a chat if you can.

Black Forest Governing Council Coffee Morning dates for 2021:

Friday 7th of May, 8:30 - 9:30am

Wednesday 9th of June, 8:30 - 9:30am

Friday 30th of July, 8:30 - 9:30am

Wednesday 1st September, 8:30 - 9:30am

Friday 22nd October, 8:30 - 9:30am

Wednesday 24th October 8:30 - 9:30am



Please remember that the Governing Council now has a dedicated email address. If you are not able to attend a coffee morning but would like to get in touch, please do not hesitate to email us via governing.council446@schools.sa.edu.au



GARDEN NIGHT 2021

Wednesday 5th of May
Black Forest Primary School Garden

The BFPS Garden Night is back! This year due to COVID restrictions we will be running two sessions. Information of where to book in will come out early in Term 2.

Session 1 3:30-5:00pm

From 3.30pm Plant Sale in Garden
BBQ, veggie patties, drinks and ice
cream available

4.00pm Choir and strings
ensemble performances

5.00pm Close



Session 2 5:00-6:30pm

From 5.00pm Plant Sale in Garden
BBQ, veggie patties, drinks and ice
cream available

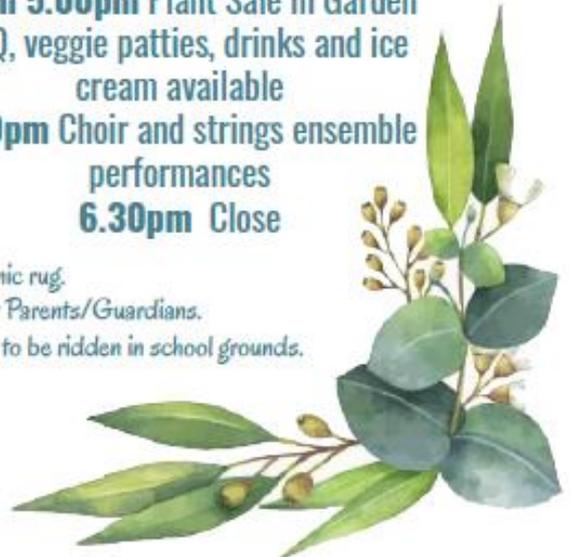
5.10pm Choir and strings ensemble
performances

6.30pm Close

Bring along chairs or a picnic rug.

Children to be supervised at all times by Parents/Guardians.

This is an alcohol-free event. No bikes or scooters to be ridden in school grounds.



ROOM 12 NEWS

In Room 12 the children have been doing lots of fun and interesting 'Getting to know you activities' with their Buddy Class Room 16. The Buddies have also supported Room 12 during the construction of their individual 3D 'Mars Drone'. They assembled the drone using Room 12's individual 2D designs together with cardboard boxes donated by family and friends. Room 12 decision to focus their research on Mars as their Planets project was due to the landing of the rover Perseverance, and the drone Ingenuity, on Mars on February 18th this year.

In March this year the Junior Primary School had the opportunity to explore the 'universe' via the visit of the Planetarium held in the school Hall. There they entered the 'dome' and found out more about the solar system, stars and constellations.



ROOM 12 NEWS CONTINUED

Room 12 also focused on School Values including Responsibility, Creativity, Collaboration, Endeavour and Respect. They practice mindfulness and quiet meditation to support themselves and others and follow the concept of Mindfulness by filling each other's Invisible Buckets with Kindness. During this time the children were supported by the stories of Pete the Cat who doesn't let small things bother him. Their buddies from Room 16 also helped them with their Pete the Cat puppet.

During Literacy the children engage in the activities of InitialLit. They spend time discussing and interacting regarding many new concepts including compound words, nouns, verbs, sight words and sounds, story book lessons, digraphs and phonemes.

In Maths we used a lot of hands on manipulatives e.g. ascending and descending order, skip counting, place value, presenting and discussing outcomes including projecting distance using self made paper airplanes. Proportion was investigated in Art during portrait drawing and painting ... and of course the fun of making a net via their 3D Easter baskets!



Finance News

Reminder -Materials and Service Fees are due 9th April 2021. The only exception to this is school card applicants that have already submitted their applications online for 2021 and families that have entered into part payment agreements with the finance office. School card applications must be applied for each *Calendar Year*. If you think you may be eligible for School Card, please check the website at www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard for full details and applications. Below is an extract from the website listing eligibility income limits:

Income limits

The tables below list the income limits for applications lodged in 2021 – based on the family's gross income in 2019/2020. To qualify for School Card, your family's gross income must be below a certain limit. This limit depends on how many dependent children you have and whether your child attends a government, independent, or Catholic school. You will need to provide proof of income – such as payslips or Centrelink information.

Eligibility income limits for a student attending a government school

Number of dependent children	Gross annual income limit	Gross weekly income limit
1 child	\$60,867	\$1,171
2 children	\$61,954	\$1,192
3 children	\$63,041	\$1,213
4 children	\$64,128	\$1,234

If you are not eligible for School Card and are experiencing difficulty in making payments please contact the Finance Office before the due date to discuss a payment arrangement.

OSHC News

Exciting News.....

From the beginning of Term 2, we are changing our opening times! Based on family feedback and requests we are now going to open the service from 6:45am instead of 7:15am. This will also mean that all users of the Before School Care program will get a higher CCS, as this is calculated over the length of the session. So you'll pay less too.

Fee Increase (effective 5th July)

Governing council have approved a fee increase. This increase will become effective from 5th July 2021 .

The increase ensures the service remains viable and offers a high quality program. We have also timed the increase at the same time families will get the benefit of the CPI increase on their childcare subsidy, thus reducing the impact on the out of pocket costs to families.

Fees will be:

Before school care - \$12.00

After school care - \$24.00

Vacation care excursion days - \$57.50 (non excursion days will remain at \$55.00 per day)

Vacation care program - Autumn

Days are booking out fast. Book in on Fully Booked to avoid missing out.

<https://blackforestoshc.fullybookedccms.com.au/family/login>