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CALENDAR Term 1 2017

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27th February

Adelaide Cup 13th March

Harmony Day 21st March

Parent Teacher Interviews Commencing 27th March

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Acting Principal News

Dear Families,

The 2017 school year has gotten off to a flying start! In my travels around the school over the last week I have seen some great abstract art, seen plans for a pirate ship, learnt that Pablo Picasso has a very, very long name, discussed what it means to be a positive digital citizen and been on a number hunt! Just to name a few! It has been great to see how the classes have jumped into learning. In Week 2 we welcomed four Pre-Service Teachers to BFPS; Charlotte Beecken, Lauren Bottin, Connor Fairlie and Jesse Castley. We hope that they enjoy their time in our classrooms and wish them all the best for their journey as a Pre-Service Teacher.

I would like to thank everyone who came out for our Acquaintance Night in Week 2. It was a great night and I thoroughly enjoyed meeting families. I would also like to thank the Staff and the Fundraising Team who helped with the BBQ on the night. Together we raised \$1294! Great effort!

This week I asked the Year 6/7 classes for nominations to become members of the BFPS Student Executive Committee. This committee will become the student leadership team and will be involved in the redevelopment of the R-7 student voice committee over the coming weeks. Eight of the nominated Year 6/7 students will be joining me at the GRIP Student Leadership Conference at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Tuesday. I will be asking them to share what they learned at the conference in the Week 5 Newsletter. I am hoping it will be a great experience for all.

Pupil Free Days have yet to be decided. We will let you know as soon as a decision has been made and Governing Council have approved.

In Week 9 of this term we will be holding Parent-Teacher interviews. We will be using the online booking service as has been used in the past. Please keep an eye out for information coming home in the next few weeks regarding allocations of meeting times for each class.

Thanks.

Brianna

"What I like about School" By Room 15 New Receptions.

Oliver: Drawing.

Isaac: Playing with the marbles and playing outside.

Sarim: Marbles and playing with Samreen outside.

Thenuka: The toys and the marbles.

Archie: Playing cars and Power Rangers with Tim.

Hunter: Sport, especially the bean bag game!

Asher: The Ipad and recess...a lot!

Felix: PJ Masks at fruit time and the blocks.

Jasmine: Making things and going on the calculator.

Silvie: Painting and Ipads.

Lucas: Watching PJ Masks, marbles and the blocks.

Moksh: Listening to stories and playing on the slide.

Tim: Balloon Maths on the whiteboard and Batman.

Poppy: Painting and Buddies.

Darcy: Playdough and the Marble Maze.

Cleo: Playdough and drawing too.

Annika: Playing in the playground and the blocks.

Samreen: Playing with the blocks and the sandpit.

Angeline: Playing with my friends and painting pictures.

Molly: The computer, calculators and the Ipad.

Winter: Playing with Cleo and making things with boxes.











Finance News

All families should have received in the mail an envelope containing the Materials & Services invoices, excursion levy invoices for this year. Also included in the pack were consent forms for 2017 and "student details" forms. Please check all the details on the 'student details' forms, make any changes necessary and return this form together with the consent form to the Front Office. If no changes are necessary please mark "all correct" on the form.

The **school fees** and excursion levies can be paid via the phone app "QKR" or at the finance window between 8.30am – 9.30 am each day. Last day to pay is 13th April 2017. If you are unable to pay in full by this date, please make contact with the finance office to complete a part payment agreement. ALL excursions, incursions and swimming are covered by the excursion levy for years Reception – Year 5. Parent /Caregivers will be required to return to the class teacher any permission / medical forms for years Reception to Year 5. Year 6 and 7 students will be required to pay for each excursion etc. as the need arises.

For those families who are eligible for **School Card**, this needs to be applied for each Calendar Year. Please send forms to the Finance Office for processing. School Card, once approved will cover the school fees component only. Part payment agreements are available for the excursion levy.

Uniforms can be purchased from the Finance Window between 8.30am - 9.30am each day. Uniforms can also be purchased at any time via the "QKR" app. Uniforms purchased via this method will be delivered to the classroom via the teacher's pigeon-hole. Please allow 24-48 hours for delivery. If the item is not available on QKR it means we are temporarily out of stock.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u> - the old uniform (the bright blue) is no longer part of Black Forest Primary School Uniform Policy. Black pants/shorts are not part of the uniform. Pants/shorts are navy blue, no bike shorts / leggings please unless worn underneath dresses/skirts.

QKR News!! - At the beginning of the year the application is 're-set". This means the next time you log into the system you will be asked to enter your student details. ie. Year level and Classroom. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER 'STAFF'** for either of these options if your child is currently attending this school. If you have already entered this option, please amend the details as soon as possible. This option is only used for actual staff and one or two families that use the OSHC during vacation time from other schools. If you are having difficulty entering the new details a help sheet is available from the Finance Office.

School Banking

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with school banking on Thursday mornings. If you have an hour to spare please contact Jessica 0431431854 or Kirsty 0408802531. Thank you

Canteen News

Welcome to a new term and a new formatted menu!

We hope you and your children like the changes to the Summer menu and the choices that are available. I have had some very positive verbal responses which is fantastic. The new ice blocks are within an amber range replacing icy poles, lifesavers and frosty fruits. These include a fruit based juice and a dairy Moosie. I understand some children may be fructose and lactose intolerant so icy poles may make a reappearance. Any feedback or suggestions are welcome via an email or come and have a chat to us.

We have decided to streamline the menu and have less stock on hand. The menu also represents healthier choices for the students. We follow the right bite guidelines set by the Government of South Australia. To understand this policy and the rules in place about products we can and can't sell visit the website https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net691/f/right bite ready reckoner.pdf

All the pasta bakes are homemade in Maria's kitchen and are available Mondays. Burgers are Tuesday's main menu item and are available with your choice of either chicken breast, beef or a vegan burger in a wholemeal roll. Wednesday we have a pizza base topped with a special tomato sauce with our vegetable mix hidden in it. Three varieties are available. Thursday we have nachos with a homemade meat sauce (hidden veggies) and kidney beans. A vegetarian option is also available. Avocado is an optional extra. Friday is hot dog day with gluten and fat free hot dogs.

Every day options are able to be ordered and include fresh sandwiches and salads. The chicken is fresh cooked chicken breast and the ham is lean. Sandwiches will be made with one slice of wholemeal and one slice of white. The choc oat cookies are made in the canteen with a mixture of oats, flour, egg and a sprinkling of choc chips. Our muffins are homemade and contain fruit or vegetables.

Slushies are made with 99% pear juice and different flavours will be available during the term.

Every last Monday of the month is Sushi Day. As well as the menu options, children can order sushi, either online or via an order form from the canteen. These orders need to be in by the Friday prior so the sushi may be made by Maria and delivered fresh on the Monday. This month is Monday 27th February so order yours now!

Each year we can successfully cater to the school community with recess items to sell over the counter but we need volunteers to do this. So please if you can help for even a day a term we would love to meet you and add you to the roster. You can contact me on corina.rowenstyles@blforest.net with your details and availability.

Corina





