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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Chromebook Parent Information Session

5.30-6.30pm

Wednesday

8th November

### NEXT SUSHI DAY

27th November

### CHRISTMAS IN THE FOREST

Thursday

December 7

## TERM 4 NEWSLETTER No. 18 - 2nd NOVEMBER

### Leadership News

Fantastic news for Black Forest Primary

The recently announced state investment in school infrastructure sees Black Forest as one of the public schools to be upgraded as part of the Building Better Schools program. <https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/your-public-school/media/major-school-upgrades-announced>

\$5 million will be invested in our school to improve, refurbish and accommodate growing numbers.

The school was selected based on current and historical enrolment figures, forecast school-aged population growth, school capacity and condition and historical maintenance.

Staff, students and the school - community will be included in development and delivery of the project to ensure the outcomes we want are achieved. While the time line is not yet clear, we will be assigned a project manager and an architect in the next few weeks.

The pool and transportable building plan for demolition and the plans for grounds development are now closer to becoming a reality.

Materials & Services Charges 2018

As per the invitation sent to the school community on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October:

An invitation is extended to the whole school community to attend the next Governing Council / Public Meeting

Date: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Time: 6.00-6.20pm

Venue: Staff Room

The agenda will include the 2018 Materials and Services Charge with proposed charge of \$400.

Please refer to the original invitation for a copy of the composite of the charge and the 'watermarked copy'

Enquiries regarding this charge can be made at the public meeting or by contacting the school directly prior to the meeting.

In lieu of attendance at the Council meeting, parents can express their views in writing to the Chairperson, Governing Council.

**Student Free Day Tomorrow  
Friday 3rd November**

## Youth Environmental Council

For the first time this year, Black Forest Primary School has two students selected to participate in the Youth Environment Council, a youth environmental leadership program coordinated by NRM Education and the SA Government. Sebastian W and Axel W were Black Forest's representatives, participating in a number of workshops and a leadership camp at Arbury Park Outdoor School with Years 7-10 students and mentors from across South Australia. A key part of their involvement was the development of a project addressing an environmental issue in their community.



Both boys focussed on waste, with Axel conducting research into how members of his community manage household waste and Seb leading a yard litter audit with his class. Their work culminated with a presentation day at Cleland Wildlife Park where they and other members of the YEC presented their projects to an audience of parents, teachers and other professionals in the sustainability field. Congratulations to Seb and Axel for their involvement!

## Communication Strategy Update

In late August 2016 I ran a couple of focus groups on behalf of the Governing Council, looking at parents' views on communication in our school. I provided a report to the Governing Council and the School that included a list of recommendations for how communication might be improved. The school has considered and is acting on these recommendations. Some of the improvements we will see in the near future include

- Regular updates of the school's online calendar to ensure accuracy
- Development of a consistent approach between teachers to assist communication to and from parents
- Excursion forms and notices etc. will be sent to parents via email
- An online Parent Portal will be introduced for families to access their child's information, e.g. attendance and sick bay with achievement reports to follow further down the track
- Refinement of planning processes to ensure regular, fixed events are communicated to parents with reasonable notice

Thanks again to the parents who were involved in the focus groups.

Chelsea Andrews (Governing Council Member)



## Room 2

Room 2 have been learning about houses and homes all over the world. Here are examples of some of the different houses we described.

My house is a snow house. I have used a slopey roof, because it would collapse if I had a flat roof by Eliana

My house is a desert house. I have used sticks and mud, because there is not much stuff in the desert by Andrew

My house is an ice house. I have used a small entrance to keep the polar bears out by Maeve

My house is a rainforest house. I have used trees to hold the tree house together by Oliver L

My house is a mountain house. I have used a sloped roof, because the snow will run off by Morgan

My house is a seaside house. My house is built on poles, so if there is a high tide, the house won't flood by Elise



BLACK FOREST PRIMARY  
**School Values Awards**

Noah D, Claire L-H, Mia S,  
 Aaryan T, Jesu A, Reuben A, Lucas D,  
 Archie W, Maahika B, James H, Sophie  
 C, Oliver B, Ruby B, Oliver A, Jaxon,  
 Aiden, Amaya, Sophie

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