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IMPORTANT DATES

NEXT SUSHI DAY

27th November

M&S POLL DUE

30TH DECEMBER

BASKETBALL

PRESENTATION

Sunday 3rd Dec.

12 Noon Koala Park

CHRISTMAS

IN THE FOREST

Thursday 7th Dec.

5pm – 7:30pm

CRICKET

PRESENTATION

Friday 8th Dec.

Glandore Oval 7pm

YEAR 7 GRADUATION

Wednesday 13th Dec

(Refer note sent home)

Leadership News

So much happening as usual at Black Forest that it's hard to keep up! Let's start with some key happenings, dates and events.

Christmas in the Forest

Hopefully you have received a flyer with the details of the whole school community Christmas in the Forest event. All students from Reception to Year 7 will be singing for your entertainment pleasure. Bring a blanket or chair and join in the sausage sizzle.

This is billed as a family friendly evening and as such is a no alcohol event. See Flyer Page 6

Thursday December 7 from 5.00 – 7.30PM

Class Placement Process Update

The class configuration with teachers' names and room numbers will be published in the Week 7 Newsletter with an FAQ explaining the configuration and the criteria used to place students into classes. Students will visit their 2018 classrooms on Thursday December 15. They will bring a note home indicating the class, teacher and room number.

End of Year Reports

Teachers are finalising assessments and writing reports. Reports will go home with students on the last day of term, i.e. Friday December 15.

Materials and Services Charges 2018

School fees will remain at \$400 per student, i.e. the same fee as 2017. Governing Council discussed parent feedback and agreed the school's finances are tracking very well and that there was no need to increase fees. Parents will receive a letter by mail inviting them to vote in relation to the amount the school can legally claim through debt collection.

Student Free Day Outcomes

Staff worked together on Friday November 3 to review whole school and year level progress and achievement in literacy and numeracy. Strengths and areas for improvement were identified and recommendations made for teaching and learning improvement in 2018. These will be summarized in the 2017 Annual Report. Teachers are to be commended for the evident improvement in numeracy and in particular the high level progress of students on the journey from Year 3 to Year 7.

Creeks and Dams in Koala Park

At their most effective, natural play spaces are shown to have a calming effect, cultivating engaging "social, creative, collaborative, quiet, nurturing, and dramatic activities" (Bienenstock 2010, p. 15). This environment and the behaviours it promotes have a flow-on effect, with evidence showing that time in natural settings can support improved focus in the classroom, better marks on standardised tests and better overall fitness as well as psychological effects, including the calming of some students with ADHD. Loose parts play is one approach to supporting creative and imaginative outdoor play.

When it was first opened, Koala Park and the Loose Parts play opportunities experienced an initial flush of popularity. Over time however, while a committed core of students still relish the play opportunities available, the Garden and Nature Pedagogy Committee felt that the maximum benefit was not being drawn from the area. This has led to both design considerations for increasing plantings or adding elements to increase the complexity for the space, as well as considering a fortnightly program of specific Loose Parts play themes. The first such play opportunity, held in Week 2, had a cubby building theme with the provision of cardboard boxes, bamboo poles, lengths of rope, fabric and other items for construction. The kids involved enthusiastically built cardboard mazes, dens and camps throughout recess and lunch.

Last Friday we initiated our inaugural "Creeks and Dams" play theme, directing a hose into the Koala Park "creek" and providing lengths of pipe, guttering, rocks and bricks for playing and working with water. This was a spectacular example of the potential for loose parts nature play. Over recess and lunch, over 80 children from Reception to Year 7 played collaboratively around the creek. Some students focused on building elaborate pipe networks, others were determined to construct waterholes or dams with bricks and rocks. Some students dug shallow channels to guide the water, walking beside it as it flowed through the creek for the first time. Some built bridges to balance on, and others simply enjoyed the sensory experience of dangling their fingers in flowing water or jumping in their gumboots in deeper patches. Through all this, I was struck by how peaceful the whole experience was: the children worked creatively and collaboratively, negotiated, set themselves goals, solved problems, demonstrated resilience and persistence and celebrated their achievements. They remained focused on creation rather than destruction and worked out how to work beside others for different goals without impinging on the experience of others. What was especially striking was that while supervised by myself and another staff member, all of this happened independently and with minimal teacher prompting or intervention.

A key motivator for nature play, including loose parts play, is the desire to provide collaborative, creative play opportunities for students to develop positive social skills while also improving their physical health and coordination. Experiences such as the "Creeks and Dams" day are a powerful example of its potential. Another element of its success has been

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the scarcity of the experience, special, one-off opportunities such as this create excitement and build buzz amongst students. We'll be back next week with another Loose Parts day, before an encore "Creeks and Dams" experience in Week 8.

A special thanks to all the parents who have donated materials and helped make this program such a success!



Summer Sports Expression-of-Interest

The Expression of Interest for Summer Sports will be opening next week. In 2018 we are moving towards an upfront payment model where all sports are paid for before the season begins. Any families who are experiencing financial hardship are invited to speak to the Finance Office to negotiate a payment plan to ensure their child can still participate in school sports.

While the upfront payment model will not be fully implemented until next year, we are offering an upfront payment option this year to register for Summer Sports in 2018. In order to participate in Summer Sports, you will need to complete the the Expression of Interest on QKR, and then have the option to pay.

Please note, we have recently changed our policy to allow all Year 2s to participate in School Sports, rather than only those who have turned 8 as the policy previously stated. At this level, the emphasis is on participation and games are typically adapted to minimise competition and to maximise skill development and positive physical activity.

All Expressions of Interest for playing School Sport in Summer, 2018 will close Monday 27 November (Week 7).

SCHOOL

RESPECT
Endeavour
Collaboration
Responsibility
creativity

VALUES

David L, Robel KG, Nikita Mcl,
Sarim A, Darcy D-S, Aania H,
Lachlan P, Scarlett S, Zac W, Ben H,
Scarlett M, Ben E, Imogen W,
Nicola H, Junior C, Henry F, Kole L,
Archie H, Milla C, Ella C,
Harley C, Leon A, Matilda B, Erin M,
Joshua E, Riley N, Charlotte S,
Olivia A, Sara M, Matilda L, Ares DL,
Abigail B, Elliot Y, Will M, Aydin A,
Riti R, Ayla C, Logan DB, Sarah M



BLACK FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL



Leo C and Athan P were selected by their soccer club, Adelaide Olympic to be ball boys at the A league Adelaide United V Newcastle Jets match last Saturday night. It was a very exciting opportunity for them both to mix with the senior players, improve their skills and talk all things soccer! (as well as get free hot chips at half-time!)

This term the Year 1's & 2s have been learning about our body and how to keep it healthy. Here is what Room 1 had to say...

'I don't watch much TV' Sophie

'I eat lots of veggies for dinner' Myles

'I eat lots of tomatoes' Angus

'I do lots of running' Cesar

'I eat all the foods mum and dad give me' - Zac

'I do lots of fitness and get lots of sleep to stay healthy' Daniel

'I do at least 50 push ups a day' Liam

'I eat healthy food like vegetables and fruit and do exercise' Amaya

'I do sport and eat healthy. Our brain sends messages to other parts of our body' Chloe

'I remember the word pelvis because it rhymes with Elvis' Charlotte

'I eat vegetables and ride my bike with my family' Jaxon

'I do lots of dancing and eat fruit and drink lots of water' Scarlett

'When you breathe in you get oxygen and when you breathe out you get rid of the old oxygen' Shelby

'I ride my bike around the house and the school for exercise' Sameer

'I eat carrots every week and ride my bike with my dad' Callum

'I do lots of running and eat vegetables' Aiden

'I run around and eat lots of fruit and vegetables' Bailey

'Blue blood cells carry oxygen and red carry blood around your body' Eden

'I do not watch much TV. I know that my humorous bone is my funny bone' Aania

'I eat lots of carrots and drink water' Naivasha

'If you smoke you can get holes in your lungs' Emma

'I eat healthy stuff like chicken and bake beans' Arman

'When you get scared your heart beats faster every second' Mitchell

'Drink lots of water, eat lots of fruit and play lots of sport' Lachlan



Salvos Hampers

Food for Salvos Hampers. This year Room 18, Ann Nadge and Heather McAllan are continuing to organize the collection of non perishable food items for the Unley Salvos to distribute before Christmas.

Families are invited to bring suitable food to the boxes in each classroom, in weeks 8 and 9. The food is collected on the last morning of term.



BLACK FOREST
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas in the Forest

Thursday 7th December 2017
5:00pm – 7:30pm

Black Forest Primary School Students, Staff and Governing Council
Invite you to a whole school community end of year celebration

Enjoy listening to year level choirs Reception to Year 7
Sausage Sizzle or BYO Picnic
Bring along your chairs or a picnic blanket

Available on the night

- 1 Sausage Sizzle
- 1 Soft Drink & Water
- 1 Ice creams & Mini Melts
- 1 Christmas Raffle & Lucky Dip

This is a family friendly alcohol-free event
Children need to be supervised by an adult at all times
No bikes or scooters to be ridden in school grounds

Sports News

Black Forest Primary School has been actively involved in South Australia's PHYSICAL EDUCATION WEEK for 7 years and continues to give all students an opportunity to participate in many sporting games, activities and organised events. This special " week " promotes the importance of HEALTH and PHYSICAL EDUCATION in our lives and tries to establish positive attitudes towards participation in regular physical activity and healthy eating practices from an early age.

It's also a great time to acknowledge and thank the many parent coordinators, coaches, managers, helpers and assistants who make our school sport program so strong and successful due to their hard work and commitment throughout the year. Positive adult involvement in a child's academic and sporting life plays an important role in their growth and development and will encourage them to be life long learners who have the ability to understand what it takes to lead a healthy and physically active lifestyle in the years that lie ahead. This year, four parents won awards at the recent STATE ACHPER PE WEEK DINNER for their many years of active involvement in the areas of AFL Football and Cricket. We thank Ross McLaren, Peter Mangelsen, Philip Agnew and Brett Atkinson for their commitment, coaching and quality programs they put in place which enables all students to be successful on the sporting field.



Finally, I would like to congratulate Alexandra W, Tom M and Jonah Z. These three students have been selected into this years A.S.E GIRLS and BOYS DISTRICT SAPSASA CRICKET TEAM and will compete against the very best opposition our state has to offer. Good luck in week 6 (20th - 23rd November) and remember to enjoy every moment as it will be your last SAPSASA CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT at primary school.

Nine outstanding boys from Black Forest Primary School have just been crowned as this years 2017 STATE MILO T-20 BLAST SCHOOLS CUP CHAMPIONS. It was an absolute pleasure watching Tom M, Sam K, Seth M, Blake H, Jonah Z, Connor R, John D, Lachlan A and Lochie R win 4 straight games and play against Trinity College in the Grand Final, which they ultimately won !

These 9 boys were in Year 1 and Reception when I first arrived at Black Forest in 2011 and it's been incredible to see these boys develop, improve and train hard to become better athletes over the last 7 years. Students at Black Forest have many opportunities to enjoy a large variety of sports and do their very best amongst friends and quality opposition.

There were 22 boys teams and 16 girls teams from all over South Australia that came together to play in an amazing cricket tournament at the iconic Adelaide Oval. All boys played extremely well throughout the day and it was their spirit and teamwork that got them through the heat and humidity over 4 hours of gruelling competitive sport.

Finally, I would like to thank Mark Ryan and Sue Slattery for transport on the day and the wonderful support of Julie Hefford and Phil Agnew who came out to support all of our boys in the minor round games. Once again, CONGRATULATIONS, WELL DONE and THANK YOU for your wonderful efforts.

Marc Zinndorf
R-7 P.E Teacher and SAPSASA Coordinator

Cricket News

Welcome to another Term of Cricket!

Black Forest Primary School has a proud history of developing students through strong involvement within school sports programs. "My Cricket Mentor" has been in place for the past four years and I'm happy to announce that it will continue into its fifth consecutive year.

This program focuses on students in Year 1, who are invited to two sessions during Term 4 with a focus of learning the fundamentals of cricket. The sessions will be supervised by Marc Zinndorf and myself along with the members of the A Grade (Year 6/7) team. Along with learning the basics, the A Grade team will provide the children a sense of leadership and somebody to look up to within the school environment. The A Grade students will be educated and supported in their roles and responsibilities. Ultimately we would like to see the Year 1 students join Kanga Cricket in 2018 and more importantly the wider cricket community within Black Forest Primary School. We have a firm belief that this program is a win / win for all students by having mentors within the school as well as strengthening communication skills and confidence. The sessions will be held on Thursday 30th November & 7th December from 3.30pm - 4.15pm on the Black Forest Primary School oval. The form for registration is to be handed into the front office by Wednesday 15th November. If you have missed the communication please email me at bfpscricket@gmail.com asap to register your child.

End of year presentation will be held on Friday 8th December, see details below. Finally I would like to say a huge thanks to our A Grade and B Grade teams along with the opposition teams Westbourne Park, Colonel Light Gardens & Goodwood PS showing respect on Remembrance Day holding a one minute silence at 11am.

Thanks

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Round One

A Grade White – Black Forest 7/225 def Colonel Light Gardens 53

Best Bat – Tom 75 & Jonah 34

Best Ball – Sam 2/8 & Tom 1/1

Whites won the toss and chose to bowl dismissing CLG for 53 with all bowlers hitting good spots causing the regular fall of wickets with Sam K best of the bowlers taking 2 for 8. All batters got off to good starts with 120 scored before the loss of the first wicket helping us reach 225 all out. Tom top scored with 75, Jonah 34, Sam 26 and Seth a well made 24 (NO). Big thanks to Lochie R for filling in from the Blues

A Grade Blue – Black Forest 65 lost to Goodwood 5/166

Best Bat – Lachlan A 21 & Aiden 12

Best Ball – Aiden 2/12 & Brayden 1/10

Not a great day on the park so to speak. We will concentrate on team work and fielding in the off week and at practice.

B Grade – Black Forest 5/55 lost to Flagstaff Hill 8/118

Best Bat – Brady 9 & Angus 4

Best Ball – Hamish 2/9 & Henry 2/7

Unfortunately we were against some stronger and older boys that dominated for Flagstaff Hill. Overall the team fielding was outstanding with a couple of great run outs. Brady kept it tight on the pitch bowling 1/0.

C Grade White – 7/93 (143) def Edwardstown 10/55 (90)

Best Bat – Archie 30 & Angus 21

Best Ball – Archie 2/7 & Isaac 1/2

Well done to Ciarin Sincock for his outstanding attack on the ball in the field.

C Grade Blue – bye

Round 2

A Grade White – Black Forest 4/142 def Goodwood 5/110

Best Bat – Tom 46 & Blake 25

Best Ball – Seth 1/11 & Blake 1/18

A great team effort by all with the bat and ball. Fielding was exceptional with 3 run outs recorded.

A Grade Blue – bye

B Grade – Black Forest 2/51 def Clapham 8/60

Best Bat – Jeremy 10 & Brady & Hamish 6

Best Ball – Oscar 3/5 & Henry 2/6

Wickets were falling all over the place. A superb effort by Oscar but all players did an excellent job in bowling and fielding. Proud of their efforts only losing 2 wickets for the game!

C Grade White & Blue – lightening carnival

What a night last Friday night. Well done to all who attended and thanks to Charlie K for filling in for us. It was great for Black Forest to win the night but great signs for the future of cricket at Back Forest with both teams doing well and Black Forest White definitely the hardest game we had.

1. Black Forest Blue
2. Colonel Light Gardens White
3. Black Forest White
4. Westbourne Park
5. Colonel Light Gardens Blue
6. Edwardstown Blue
7. Edwardstown Gold
8. Clapham

Round 3

A Grade White – Black Forest 5/170 def Westbourne Park 69

Best Bat – John 48 & Jonah & Blake 24

Best Ball – Seth 2/14 & Blake 1/3

A healthy batting innings led by John 48 followed by Jonah & Blake 24, adding to the total of 170, led to a 101 run victory over Westbourne Park. Being a player down and a great player of Aiden borrowed from the Blues team, solid fielding and bowling stopped Westbourne Park in their tracks.

A Grade Blue – Black Forest 70 lost to Colonel Light Gardens 1/75

Best Bat – Lachlan A 13 & Lochie R 11

Best Ball – Daniel Mc 1/9 & Angus 0/2

BFPS were put into bat and lost early cheap wickets but Daniel Mc remained fast at the crease to retire and return for 8 runs. Followed by Lachlan A with a quick 13 runs, Lochie R with a quick 11 runs and a spattering of others that came and went. After many weeks of chanting the same tune the coach was excited to see something had clicked in the fielding department as Lochie R led by example with fantastic backing up, consistent bowling and smart plays.

B Grade – Black Forest 5/54 lost to Goodwood 5/77

Best Bat – Brady 8 & Hamish 7

Best Ball – Oscar 1/2 & Spencer 1/3

This game we had seen a great improvement in our bowling however we will need to revisit the basic fundamentals of fielding. Keep up the passion!

C Grade White – Black Forest White 8/116 def Westbourne Park 5/95

Best Bat – Archie 32 & Angus 26

Best Ball – Angus 2/13 & Ciarin 1/9

Big thanks to Sam B for helping out this week - nice work taking a wicket in his first over on debut!

C Grade Blue – Black Forest 3/120 def Clapham 71

Best Bat – Zac 20 & Sam 19

Best Ball – Zac 3/9 & Sam 2/8

Boys batted very well scoring freely early for a total of 120 runs in 20 overs. Followed up with a tight spell of bowling with great teamwork in the field.

