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Leadership News

Well, we got there! In a year of change, we acknowledge and thank our staff for their deep commitment to the students of Black Forest. Through their enthusiasm, innovation and professionalism, they have supported your children to thrive through the challenges of this year. One of Black Forest Primary School's great strengths is its engaged community, and your support is invaluable to providing our students with the opportunities they need to succeed. Within the pages of this newsletter, you'll find some of the highlights from this year—the inaugural Christmas in the Forest concert is one such illustration of the power of community and the commitment and professionalism of our staff.

While we're delighted that many staff will be continuing at Black Forest Primary School in 2018, sadly we will also be farewelling some valued staff members as they pursue opportunities at other schools and beyond. We acknowledge Mel Booth, Emma Bennett, Charlie Jarman, Simon Brown, Elaine Low, Kristen Oxenberry and Erica Flato-Beckett for their work this year and wish them well in their future endeavours. Undoubtedly we will see some returning in the future in various roles!

We recently farewelled our Year 7 cohort at their Graduation on Wednesday 13 December. The evening was an excellent acknowledgement of their achievements at Black Forest and we hope they continue to be successful in their transition to High School.

We also farewell outgoing Governing Council Chairperson Mark Fidock, and thank him for his work and support both as chairperson, but also his important contribution to numerous committees and projects throughout his involvement with Black Forest.

One of the final activities of the Student Parliament this year was the coordination of a whole school talent show. The Student Leaders wish to thank all of the participants for their enthusiasm and participation.

Today your child will receive their class placement information for 2018. Class placements are a complex process and have occupied substantial amounts of time over the previous two months as staff have worked to balance the interests of students, parents and staff while ensuring classes that are structured for the best possible learning opportunities for your child. We encourage you to refer again to the Frequently Asked Questions published in the previous newsletter if you have any queries, and direct formal queries to Joy Milward at the email address listed to the left.

Next year will bring with it some exciting physical developments: the ongoing work related to the Way2Go process should see some physical changes around the school to encourage more active transport, together with the redevelopment of the Kertaweeta Lawns in the next phase of the Nature Play development, not to mention future building works related to the recent Better Schools funding, all of which will make Black Forest an even better place for your child's learning.

Have a safe and restful holiday season, and we look forward to working with you again in the new year.

IMPORTANT DATES

REMINDER

**Early Dismissal
Tomorrow
2:10pm**



**Term 1 2018
29th January**

Christmas In The Forest



Some of the happenings in 2017



Word From The Chair

Hi everyone, I am our school's Governing Council Chairperson Mark. Many of you would know me as I have been around the school for 10 years now. This year my younger son finishes Year 7 so it is my last year here too.

After several years on Governing Council at BFPS and many years on various committees I was proud to take on the role as Chair of Governing Council in 2017 and hasn't it flown by! Its certainly been an interesting year with challenges, changes and some great community events.

Over my time at the school I have seen many changes and happenings, some big and some small, from the building of the Kertaweeta class space, to the development of the sports courts and Koala Park to the development of the Viale in the JP area and many other changes to teaching spaces..

We have participated in Createx, Makers events, concerts, excursions and of course the swimming which started in my early years in the school pool (believe that or not!). Later walking with students to the Unley Pool was a real highlight for me, listening to all the excited chatter, telling jokes and stories. Also tram trips for excursions to the City and to Glenelg for movies, the Market, aquatics, beach volleyball and much more.

The school also has a strong tradition of camps creating many memories for our children.

We have had the introduction of the Chromebooks and all the technology behind them.

We have held a few Fetes, several Quiz nights and many other social events to bring the community together.

The school Garden has been invigorated with our new Garden coordinator.

Our OSHC and Canteen provide excellent service to our community.

School after hours sports is run by a dedicated team of volunteer coordinators, coaches and managers without whom there would be no school sport.

The admin and support staff at our school are all very professional, I thank them for their work at school and the patient assistance they have provided me.

I have had the pleasure of sitting on various committees at our school and seen the dedication that our community volunteers bring to the many diverse roles, from Fundraising to Governing Council and much in between. I would encourage everyone to get involved in volunteering at the school and joining a committee is a great way to start (I started in Fundraising in 2011 prior to the Fete in 2012). You will also meet new people and make new friends.

A new Chairperson will have to step up next year and we will need new councillors also so please consider and come along to the AGM of the school's Governing Council early next year.

If you would like more information on the school's committees and council, requirements for nominating and how to participate please contact me, the school office or leadership.

It's also been great working with Staff and Senior Leadership who are all dedicated and very talented in their roles.

With Joy at the helm and well supported by Brianna and Joel BFPS is really going forward.

And I must say that watching so many children grow and develop into confident young adults from starting in Reception to graduating in Year 7 has reminded me why we are parents. What a gift.

My last "official" event will be Wednesday's Graduation Night for the year 7's and this for me will be a mixture of happy and sad.

So, I bid you and the school farewell. I am sure the school is set for a fantastic few years ahead with plenty of projects in planning and many great ideas.

Have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and safe and relaxing holidays.

See you at the 100th Anniversary celebrations in 2019!

Mark Fidock.

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Materials & Services 2018

The Governing Council approved the "The Watermarked Notice" of the Materials and Services as \$400.00 for 2018 on the 13th November 2017.

The Governing Council then proposed that a poll be conducted to ascertain whether the whole amount of \$400.00 being the 'prescribed sum for 2018' would be legally recoverable. This poll was conducted following the polling process set by the Department for Education and Child Development "Materials and Services Charges Policy and Guidelines". The poll closed on the 1st December 2017.

Of the 72 families (101 children) who responded 66 were affirmative and 6 negative. As a result all students will be invoiced the Legally Recoverable amount (prescribed sum) of \$400.00 as the Materials & Services Charge for 2018 early next year.

All Fees must be finalised by the End of Term 1 2018. Cash & EFTPOS Payments can be made at the Finance Officer between 8.30am – 9.30 am every morning. *We encourage families to pay online via the QKR APP.*

There is also an option of Direct Debit if you wish to complete a Direct Debit request form available from the Finance Office.

Part Payment agreements are approved with the understanding that payment must be completed on the agreed date. If payments are not received at the agreed times legal action will result as per the Debt Collection Policy.

The only students exempt from this charge are approved School Card applicants.

School Card must be applied for each Calendar Year.

If you think you may be eligible for School Card, applications will be available from the Finance Office from the beginning of Term 1 2018.

We thank all the families that promptly pay the Materials & Service Fees each year. The monies received go directly to Materials and Services which enables each student access to curriculum resources allowing them the best possible opportunity for learning at Black Forest Primary School.

Thank you for your continued support of our community.

Cricket News

The "My Cricket Mentor" program finished last week with 28 children participating! Fantastic turn out, ultimately we would like to see the Year 1 students join Kanga Cricket in 2018. They all enjoyed receiving an Adelaide Strikers cap for their participation. A special mention to the Year 6 & 7 A Grade players who assisted over the 2 week period and of course Mr Z for his fine training skills.

Hopefully everyone has either registered via Qkr or manually to participate in the 2018 Cricket Summer Sports, if you have still wish to join please send your details to bfpscricket@gmail.com to ensure your placement in a team.

Yet again it was a great turn out at the presentation evening. Congratulations to Tom M for winning this years' Mike Leak Shield. It was another close result and it came down to the last round which shows what a strong team we had this year. It was great to see Mike's son Isaac present the award this year based on the values of encouraging team mates, training with enthusiasm, driving a commitment to develop and improve skills and most importantly playing with courtesy and respect. Tom we wish you all the best for the future and don't forget where your grass roots were.

Finally I would like to thank the parents who came out and supported their children from Kanga to A Grade. It's outstanding to see the support from the side lines. Of course the games couldn't happen without the volunteers and more importantly the coaches....Thank You! To Cam and Peter we are forever in debt in coaching the children over many years, a combined total of 15+ years!

Please enjoy and keep safe over the Festive Holidays.

Thanks

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Congratulations!



I'm extremely pleased to announce that two of our students from Black Forest have just made it into this years 2017 / 18 U/15 STATE BOYS SOFTBALL TEAM. Axel W-S and Callum O have been selected into this highly talented team and will travel to Canberra early next year. I've seen these boys improve their skills over many years and it's great to see them get an opportunity to play the great game of softball at a National level. Congratulations Axel and Callum...!!! I know you are both incredibly excited and can't wait to challenge the best our country has to offer.

Marc Zinndorf

R-7 PE Teacher and SAPSASA Coordinator

CHROMEBOOK FOR SALE

We would like to resell the chromebook used by Elsa Bailes.

Elsa got it in year 4, so it will be 4 years old by January 18.

She says it works well and is in good condition

It's was the touch screen version in white.

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Contact Douglas Bailes 0413 237 173

