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**IMPORTANT DATES**

Monday 12 March  
Adelaide Cup Holiday

Tuesday 13 March  
Student Free Day

Friday 13 April  
Sports Day

**WANTED**

Soft pine off cuts for  
Junior Primary Woodwork.  
Any deliveries to Room 2.  
Thank you to Mitcham Lions  
Club for their donation of  
20kg of wood.  
Much appreciated.  
Greg Dorey

**TERM 1 NEWSLETTER No. 3—1st March 2018**

First of March already...time has flown by maybe because as per usual a lot happens in schools and a much has certainly been happening at Black Forest Primary during the first five weeks of term.

Of note, is the shaping of our professional development focus this year which is to strengthen capacity as a team of educators to better track, monitor and respond to the learning needs of each child. Part of the process is a review and refinement of strategies for 'ensuring that something is in place for every learner' in terms of additional support and challenge. This is demanding and exacting work where we capitalize on staff meeting time, after school team meeting time, twilight seminars (tonight is Jolly Phonics training) and student free days. To this end, teachers have spent considerable time analysing student assessment information and are using this information to inform their teaching. Ask your child's teacher about the school wide student writing assessment program. Teachers have also taken part in 'case by case' management meetings. That is, they have met 1:1 with Deputy Principal, Brianna Jordan to discuss and cater for the literacy and numeracy learning needs of each student in the class.

***Save the Dates!***

**Parent Teacher Student Interviews**

- From Monday March 19 to Thursday March 29
- Online bookings open Friday March 2 at 9am and close on Wednesday March 14 3:30pm
- Look out for the detail in a separate email coming your way today

**Harmony Day celebration at Black Forest Primary School**

- Friday March 16
- Students are invited to wear orange/ bright colours or national costume

**Student Free Days and have been endorsed by Governing Council**

- Term One: Tuesday March 13
- Term Two: Wednesday May 30
- Term Three: Monday August 20
- Term Four: Friday October 26

**School Closure Day of Local Significance (Show Day)**

- Term Three: Monday September 3



The school has been made aware of a number of Face Book pages being set up by school-community members in relation to Black Forest Primary School. Please note that these are not official school pages and have not been endorsed by the school or Governing Council. Legally, the school name or logo cannot be used by these sites. If you are concerned about any content, please contact the page administrator. The school will be redeveloping its website this year and an official Black Forest Primary Face Book page will be included then.

# Room 12 News

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Room 12 has had a fun time learning in Term 1 which included working on a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activity with their Buddies in Room 16. This activity was undertaken over several weeks. The task, design a boat that could carry objects without sinking, was eagerly embraced with many thoughtful and fanciful designs drafted. The students were keen to build their design but were first instructed to test various materials for their floatability. With the outcome of their findings the students rethought and in some cases redesigned their plans. The floating outcomes were very successful with many of the students embracing the concept of investigative science as can be seen in the photos.

As the Term progresses we hope to encourage various situations in which the Buddies can support each other within the remaining areas of STEM. We will also encourage digital learning which one activity will involve Room16 introducing Room 12 on the process of producing a Power Point. This will result in a collaboratively produced presentations on various projects and excursions undertaken. STEM is also undertaken as one of the topics on Tuesday afternoons during Year 1/2 combined play in which 6 classrooms are involved.

Group work in Room 12 is encouraged for the learning and social skilling that takes place. It is thoroughly enjoyed by the children as activities can range from math and literacy and other subjects. It also includes any problem solving tasks they may encounter or willing to explore for themselves. During play in the garden some of our children found bugs and flowers and fruit some of which were carefully brought back to class and presented. In Sharing Time the children have begun to proudly and successfully presented their **"Life in a Bag"** to the class.

Some of the other areas undertaken were Continuous Line drawings, Getting Along social skills, meditation and mindfulness, creating a Sun Safe Mobile and Wall Mural, hands on math tasks, Whole Brain Teaching in which incorporates one group teaching the other and then reversing their roles.

During the rest of Term 1 Years 1 and 2 will be looking forward to an excursion to the Maritime Museum in which we will be to support the learning we have done in class on The Sea. We are eagerly looking forward to that!

So far we have had a GREAT Term1 and are eagerly looking forward to the rest of it!

Cheers from Room 12!!!

## Room 12 STEM activities



## Sharing their books from their Reading Boxes



## Group activities involving a lot of discussions





Room 12 and 16 Buddies working collaboratively on their floating boat investigations with success!





Congratulations to James H, Bella T, Mali L, Archer W, Isla S, Milla C, Zoe A, Zoe V, Polina K, Vani C, Zak Z, Oliver G, Aaron D, Neve C, Emma C-R, Mitchell T

Congratulations to the Black Forest softball players who competed in the State Junior Softball Carnival held at Littlehampton this past weekend.

Current A1 school softballers, Zoe F & Tayte N played for their U13 Girls team, the Glenelg Rebels. Former school softball player, Ajax W-S, played for the Hills Blue team who were crowned the under 13's Boys Champions after 2 days of games.

## Community News

**Adelaide Botanic High School Tomorrow — Today**  
[abhs.sa.edu.au](https://abhs.sa.edu.au)

**Information evening**  
 Join Principal Alistair Brown as he shares exciting information about Adelaide Botanic High School and how you can become part of its vibrant community.

Braggs Lecture Theatre,  
 The University of Adelaide

**Bookings are essential via [abhs.sa.edu.au](https://abhs.sa.edu.au)**

**Year 8 enrolment**  
 Monday 19 March 7pm  
 Tuesday 20 March 7pm

**Year 9 one off intake (2019)**  
 Monday 25 March 7pm

**Out of zone, health and sciences (STEM) Selective Entry (Year 8 and 9)**  
 Tuesday 27 March 7pm

Government of South Australia  
 Department for Education and Child Development

Adelaide Botanic High School extends a warm invitation to all families with children in Years 5, 6 and 7 to attend our Meet the Principal Information Evening. Bookings can be made through the Adelaide Botanic High School website.  
<https://abhs.sa.edu.au>



Marryatville High School  
Special Interest Music Centre

INFORMATION EVENING  
Thursday 15 March 2018  
7.00-8.00pm



The Forge Theatre  
Marryatville High School  
170 Kensington Rd  
MARRYATVILLE

*(parking available in carpark at the end of Alnwick Tce)*

Information about the Special Interest Music  
Centre, course structures, curriculum and  
selection process.

*For information about the event call 8304 8431*

## UNLEY HIGH SCHOOL

2019 INFORMATION

### OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 7 March 2018  
6:00-8:00pm

### Principal's Tour

Wednesday 21 March 2018  
9:00-10:30am  
Please register at [enrolments@uhs.sa.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@uhs.sa.edu.au)

Principal:  
Assistant Principal for Year 8:

Ms Brenda Harris  
Mr Casey Freeman



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## URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

# OPEN DAY

FOR PROSPECTIVE  
**YEAR 8  
STUDENTS**  
TUESDAY MARCH 20TH 2018

2 hour programme (9.30 - 11.30am or  
1.00 - 3.00pm or 5.00 - 7.00pm)  
includes Application Information,  
Farm Tours and School Tours

Students wishing to enrol at Year 8 level in  
2019 and their parents are invited to attend.  
Parking on the School Oval with  
access via Gate 'C' off Cross Rd.  
Proceed to the Gym.

- Urrbrae is a Special Interest School which offers a comprehensive curriculum including Agricultural Studies.
- Selection for enrolment is based on the student's interest in Agriculture, the Environment and Technology
- Application Packages available from March 20th
- Enrolment applications close 5pm Wednesday May 2nd

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## GiFT Dance at Mitcham

The GiFT Dance Program at Mitcham Girls High School offers girls the opportunity to develop their skills and passion for dance performance. Students develop creative, technical and physical understanding and an appreciation of dance as an art form.

With intensive and skilful coaching students become successful performers. Our GiFT dance teacher is recognised as a leader in Dance Education. She has had professional experience with teaching expertise in ballet, contemporary dance and jazz dance technique, including choreography for musical theatre productions and national choirs. She has also played a significant role in the development of the SACE Dance curriculum and the management of Dance assessment in South Australia.

For those of you who love dance and want to share and develop your gift, GiFT Dance at Mitcham Girls High School is for you.

### Entry by Audition:

Year 7 students: Monday 19 March, 9:15am & Tuesday 15 May, 9:15am  
Years 8, 9 & 10 students: By appointment

Please register your interest at

[www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au](http://www.mitchamgirlshs.sa.edu.au)

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**OPEN DAY 2 MAY 2018**  
9-11am and 5-8pm  
Principal's address 9.10am | 5pm | 7.15pm  
School tours during opening times

**A girls' school | A public school | An unzoned school**