



Black Forest Primary School School Newsletter

Important Dates

Monday 14—Friday 25 May
NAPLAN Online Testing Period

Wednesday 30 May
Student Free Day

Wednesday 20 June
School Photos

Saturday 23 June
Year 3 Family Camp,
Banrock Station

Thursday 5 July
Student Reports Issued

Friday 6 July
Last day of Term 2
2.10pm, Early Dismissal

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Welcome to Term 2

Joy Milward, Principal

Notice anything different? Yes, a pared back newsletter format. Notice the school's coat of arms? It's been freshly painted and can be viewed from the staff car park.

Teaching and Learning

It's all systems go with teachers well into Term 2 planning and teaching. Highlights include the Year 6-7 El Shaddai Camp, Year 1-2 excursion to Monarto Zoo and choir performance, Year 3-4 Footsteps Dance, Life Ed Van and 78 Storey Treehouse performance and Year 3 Family Camp at Banrock Station. All families should have received class newsletters and curriculum overviews by the end of next week.

Assessment and Reporting

Student reports for semester one will be ready for distribution in the last week of school (Thursday July 5).

NAPLAN Online

Black Forest Primary School students in 2018, will be amongst children in some schools across Australia to sit NAPLAN online tests this year. Schools will receive NAPLAN reports for their students from mid-August to mid-September, depending on their state or territory test administration authority. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home. The same report format is used for every student in Australia.

[NAPLAN Information Brochure for Parents](#)

Kertaweeta Nature Play Update

Many families will be aware that the school-community fundraising efforts are being directed towards developing the Kertaweeta lawn area as a nature play space, that is, a space to encourage children to spend time in nature and creating, imagining and engaging their senses. Procurement is underway through an open tender process.

Help us prevent the spread of influenza

Today's Antarctic wind gusts are a sure sign that winter is approaching and with it, days where playtime is spent inside because of rain and the oval is out of bounds because of sustained wet weather. It also means that flu season will be intensifying as it reaches its peak.

The best protection against influenza especially for people at high risk of severe disease is vaccination. Hand hygiene and respiratory/cough etiquette are thought to reduce transmission of influenza and voluntary home isolation of those with the illness may have significant impact on reducing disease transmission. The school encourages symptomatic children and adults to not attend school, work or public gatherings.

Remember: Student Free Day for Teacher Professional Development Wednesday May 30, 2018

Finance News

Christine Conway, Finance Officer

The Materials and Service Fees and the first half of the excursion levy are now overdue! The only exception to this is school card applicants that have already submitted their forms for 2018 (School Card does not cover the excursion levy) and families that have opted to complete direct debit forms /making regular part payments. Please note that part payment plans must adhere to the agreed schedule. We will be sending statements and reminder letters home this week. If you receive a letter with your statement or are experiencing financial difficulty, please ring the finance office to discuss payment options.

Uniforms

Uniforms are available every morning 8.30 am – 9.30 am from the Finance Office or via 'QKR' phone app. If you order via 'QKR' the order will be sent home via the student. Please allow 48 hours for orders to be processed. If you need to collect uniforms on the day of payment please pay via EFTPOS / cash at the window between 8.30am -9.30am.

If some sizes are not showing on 'QKR' we are temporarily out of stock of those items. There is still some stock of old jumpers (still current uniform) in Adult sizes Medium & Large for \$20.00.

Excursions / Camps

Reception to year 7 students are covered under the excursion levy for all excursions /incursions & swimming. The first half of the excursion levy is overdue and the second half due this term. Camps are not included in the excursion levy. Camps can be paid for with part payments provided they are finalised by the due date.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are here again! They are available for purchase for \$70.00 between 8.30 am – 9.30am from the Finance Office, via the QKR app, or online at <http://www.entbook.com.au/161240k>



The Science Team would like to thank you for your generous donations. We now have enough plastic bags, wood, plastic containers and plastic cutlery. We are still looking for some items for donation. Any bits and pieces you have at home can help:

old mixing bowls	coco-pops
cornstarch	bbq trays
measuring jugs	rice bubbles
flour	alfoil
measuring spoons	cocoa powder
food colouring	teaspoons
measuring cups	oil
sugar/icing sugar	tablespoons
baking trays	detergent

We appreciate your ongoing support,
Markeeta Roe-Phillips and Sam Overy





Changing Children's Mathematical Lives

Steph Burton, Numeracy Coach

"We can change children's mathematical lives for the better with the knowledge we have of the brain and powerful teaching and learning environments". - Jo Boaler

In recent times, research on attitudes and aptitude in maths indicate a number of influences to maths teaching and learning. We now know that the negative experiences adults have had in the maths classroom impact on our current students. Treating maths as a set of rules and processes that need to be taught and followed, without the full depth of understanding in number is detrimental to our young maths learners.

I know that I do not have a bank of memorised facts and can recall these facts in an instance. This is because I have number sense, something that is much more important to learn. It means learning number facts alongside developing deep understanding of numbers and the ways they relate to each other. Teachers will refer to this learning of number facts as fluency. This means becoming fluent with accessing stored maths knowledge *and* deep understanding for the purpose of solving problems.

When I work with students, and when we make mistakes, we refer to this as our first thinking. We celebrate these as they are signposts that guide our next steps in learning. We know that mistake making is vital to developing brain connections. Articulated during maths lessons by teachers and students alike, this is valued and considered very important for learning.

The research of Jo Boaler and Stanford University is leading our thinking in this area and supports and guides mathematics learning in our school. The research shows evidence of 3 key ideas:

1. Anyone can learn to high levels
2. Mistakes and struggle are good for brain growth and brain strengthening
3. Visual mathematics helps brain connections and is really important for students' learning of mathematics.

To find out more about visual mathematics and the work of Jo Boaler visit: <https://www.youcubed.org/resource/brain-science/>

6 Steps to Stamp Out Maths Anxiety

Jo Boaler's Advice to Parents

1

Encourage children to play maths puzzles and games. Puzzles and games – anything with a dice really – will help kids enjoy maths, and develop number

2

Always be encouraging and never tell kids they are wrong when they are working on maths problems. Instead find the logic in their thinking – there is always some logic to what they say. For example if your child multiplies 3 by 4 and gets 7, say – Oh I see what you are thinking, you are using what you know about addition to add 3 and 4, when we

3

Never associate maths with speed. It is not important to work quickly, and we now know that forcing kids to work quickly on maths can start maths anxiety

4

Never share with your children the idea that you were bad at maths at school or you dislike it – especially if you are a mother. Researchers found that as soon as mothers shared that idea with their daughters, their daughter's achievement

5

Encourage number sense. What separates high and low achievers is number sense – having an idea of the size of numbers and being able to separate and combine numbers flexibly. For example, when working out $29 + 56$, if you take one from the 56 and make it

6

Perhaps most important of all – encourage a "growth mindset" let students know that they have unlimited maths potential and that being good at maths is all about working hard. When they tell you something is hard for them, or they have made a mistake, tell them: "That's wonderful, your brain is

Canteen News

Corina Rowen-Styles, Canteen Manager

Welcome to the new term!

Thank you so much to all the parent helpers on Sports Day. It was a fantastic day.

Term 2 brings with it our Winter Menu. Balfours Better Bite range is back with pies, pasties and vegetable pasties available every day. Thursdays I am trialling pork or chicken dumplings served with rice or noodles and soy sauce for \$4.00. The vegetable packs are also back and slushies will not be available again until Term 4. Recess specials include hot chocolate and soup.

Sushi will be available this term on Monday 28 May and Monday 25 June and can be ordered through Qkr or by collecting a form from the canteen.

Help is always needed and appreciated in the canteen. Many wonderful, long-serving volunteers are beginning to have other commitments so need to new helpers and supporters. Even if you can spare only a few hours a term, then please contact me at corina.rowenstyles@blforest.net with your details and availability, or drop in and say hello at the canteen!



MONDAY and TUESDAY Wraps \$4.50

Chicken, Ham or Cheese
wrap w
tomato, lettuce, carrot,
cucumber and mayonnaise

Chicken Burger \$4.50
w lettuce and mayo

WEDNESDAY

Pizza

Ham & Pineapple
Ham & Cheese
Tomato and Cheese (v)

\$4.50

THURSDAY

Noodles with dumplings or
Rice with dumplings
(pork or chicken)
\$4.00

FRIDAY

Hot Dogs (Gf add .50c)

Half \$2.00 Full \$4.00

Tom or bbq sce 30c extra

Black Forest Canteen 'Take a Bite'

All orders must be in by 9.30am

AVAILABLE MONDAY-THURSDAY

Sandwiches or Rolls Fresh or Toasted- Gf .50c extra

Vegemite or cheese (v)	\$2.50
Ham and cheese	\$3.50
Egg, lettuce and mayonnaise (v)	\$3.50
Chicken, lettuce and mayonnaise	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.50

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Hot Food

Samosa (5) or Piece of Crumbed fish	\$2.50
Large sausage roll (Balfours Better Bite)	\$3.50
Pie or Pasty (meat or veg)	\$4.00
Fried Rice (v) or Macaroni Cheese (v)	\$4.50
Pasta Twists (bolognaise) or Butter Chicken	\$4.50
Veg pack with peas, corn, carrot & pot gems (v)	\$4.00
Veg Pack with a chicken strip or fish	\$5.00

Snacks/Frozen Treats

Choc oat cookie (homemade)	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Recess specials	50c \$1.00
Chip Bags	\$1.50
Icy Pole, Ice cream w wafer, Juicie	\$1.00
Moosies	\$1.20

Drinks

Chocolate or Strawberry Milk Fresh	\$2.50
Apple or Orange juice	\$2.00
Water	\$1.50

Keep an eye out on the board for daily specials!

Gluten free and vegetarian options available. Orders can be placed via the online phone app- QKR. Late, phone, forgotten or lost lunch orders will be replaced with a sandwich. corina.rowenstyles@blforest.net