



Black Forest Primary School School Newsletter



Important Dates

Casual Day tomorrow—Friday 28th September
Gold coin donation

End of Term 3 and Early Dismissal 2:10pm

Term Four starts
Monday October 15

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Term 3 Week 8 September 27 2 18

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Dear Families,

As Term 3 draws to a close, it is a great opportunity to reflect on our term and all that has been achieved at BFPS. This term, there have been a lot of achievements to report on! To begin with, I would like to congratulate our students who have demonstrated significant growth in NAPLAN this year. It has been wonderful to look through our data and reflect on both cohort and individual student growth. Overall, BFPS has made significant growth in both Numeracy and Reading in the last 12 months. We have seen an increase in the number of students achieving the Department for Education's 'Standard of Educational Achievement' (SEA) in all three year levels across Numeracy and reading. The Year 3 have really flown with a 9% improvement in reading and a 19% improvement in Numeracy!! Well done! An area that we have focused on over the last 12 months has been increasing the educational achievement of students in the middle bands. We want every child to achieve their best while at BFPS and I am proud to announce that we have had significant growth in the number of students achieving a score in the higher bands of NAPLAN this year. This is a credit to the hard work and commitment of both our students and our staff. Congratulations!

Parent Opinion Survey

I would like to thank all of the parents who completed the Parent Opinion Survey earlier this term. We really appreciate the time that you have put in to enter thoughtful responses to the

questions. It is lovely to hear the positive feedback and reflect on all of the areas which could still be improved.

Some of the key messages that we have gained from this process include:

Most valued elements-

- Our dedicated, enthusiastic and caring staff
- Our wonderful school community including strong committees
- Our School Garden
- Or Nature Play spaces and the upgrades to facilities
- The high standards that are encouraged
- And approachable leadership (just to name a few)

Areas for improvement-

- Communication between the school and school community
- Variations between the amount of communication between classes
- Litter in the school yard
- Feedback from teachers
- Transparency of school directions with the school community

Leadership have met to take the time to review every piece of feedback in detail. While I am not able to list every item that was raised, the list above is an overview of the key messages which were present throughout. During our process of reflecting on the feedback, we have developed a number of specific actions that will be addressed over the coming term. Thank you again for taking the time to complete the survey.

Fundraising News

The 2018 Quiz Night was a huge success!! The night went off without a glitch. Alan was a fantastic Quiz Master and certainly challenged our memories as he worked through the rounds of questions. Our tables went to an enormous amount of effort to dress up! This year we had Zombies, Stick Figures, Bad Jumpers, Bogans, a table from the 1920's and more! As well as being such a fun night, we raised nearly \$6000! A wonderful contribution from our school community.

As well as the money raised at Quiz Night, the Fundraising Team has had a busy term hosting the Father's Day Stall and finalising the Credit Union Community Lottery. Altogether, the Fundraising Committee has raised \$8504.25 just in this term! We have a fantastic group of hardworking parents on this team and it is great to see how much of a difference their effort can make.



'What is this money going towards?' I hear you say... Well, this term the Fundraising Team have contributed to the purchase of the new trestle tables. If you have ever been asked to help move the old wood trestle tables, you will appreciate the fact that we now have much lighter, plastic tables! The Fundraising Team have also supported the latest upgrade to our School Garden- a mini kitchen! Our Garden is now equipped with commercial grade kitchen benches and a pizza oven! Heather, Joel and the Garden Committee have been working on a new program for classes that helps students understand where their food comes from. This program will support students through the process of planting, growing and harvesting food from the garden which will then be used to make pizzas. Come and visit the Garden on Garden Night next term to check it out!

Garden Night

While Garden Night has been held in Term 1 previously, this year we are having a Spring themed Night in Term 4. We will publish more information at the start of next term, but until then, please save the date - 1st November, Thursday of Week 3. We will have the choir singing, a BBQ and the Garden will be open for everyone to enjoy. This will also be an opportunity to take a walk through our newly opened Koala Park.

Oliphant Science Awards

This year Markeeta Roe-Phillips encouraged our students to take part in the Oliphant Science Awards. We are very excited to announce that not only did we have a number of students receive 'highly commended' for the work that they submitted, we have one student who has won a prize! Congratulations to Charlotte McG who won 2nd prize for her poster titled 'The Perception of Colour'. Well done to all of the students who entered!



It has been a really positive term at BFPS and Term 4 is looking to be great as well. We have Garden Night as well as Christmas in the Forest evening to look forward to. Our staff will be working together on the Student Free Day on the 26th of October, to analyse the data from 2018 and start the process of setting directions for 2019. We look forward to sharing this with you later in the term.

On a final note, I have some personal news to share. I am pregnant with my first child. My partner and I are thrilled and can't wait to be parents. I have been in regular contact with our Educational Director, Greg Petherick, to discuss staffing for 2019 and to ensure stability of the Leadership team. He has agreed that it is important that this will be an internally advertised position to ensure that the new Principal is supported by a team who is familiar with our school and the journey that we are on.

I hope you and your family have a safe and relaxing break. See you back in Term 4!

Descriptions of our Grandparents

by Room 2



*My Pop plays golf and he is the president of the golf club...by Erin E.

*My Grandma has a special dog that she has had since she was 1 year old... by Emily S.

*My Grandma makes the best fried rice... by Ahnaf M.

* My Grandma comes with the whole family to watch ice hockey... by Luke B.

*My Grandma spoils me because she takes me to fun places... by Sara M.

* My Grandma cooks me delicious food... by Ella MacW.

* My Grandma spoils me by watching Phantom of the Opera with me... by Ivy D'S.

*My Grandma works out a lot... by Mary V.

* My Grandpa loves me and gives me chicken soup...by Chuqi H.

* My Grandad takes me to the park sometimes... by Neve C.

* My Grandpa cooks me the best sausages... by Nathan L.

* My Grandma is going to be on MKR... by Reza H.

* My Grandpa has old hair with glasses and shades. He has smooth skin and cool shirts... by Aaron D.

* My Nanny is nice because she makes good banana muffins... by Asha B.

* My Grandma and Grandpa live in a forest... by Sayuni H.

* My Grandpa has a black dog called Blackie... by Emily B.



Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating school values in the past fortnight

Harley C, Alana G, Hayley L, Nicola H, Rui L, Ayaad J, Zack G, Grace M, Mitchell T, Hiya P, Owen B, Edmund L, Henry B, Japan J, Amelie S, Jhye T, Annika L, Abigail B, Lila M, Zoe S, Will M, Mary V, Room 15 students

Thank you for helping our school to be a safe and happy place to work and learn

School Sport

Registration and payment for Summer School Sports for 2019 will open early Term 4.

Summer sports offered by Black Forest Primary School include basketball, cricket and softball, and are open to all students from Years 2 to 7.

The fundamental skills for these sports will be introduced through the school's Physical Education program.

Stay tuned for more details soon!

Loose Parts — Call for donations

With the Koala Park Nature Playspace renovation now complete, we're looking to reinvigorate our collection of "Loose Parts" for creative and imaginative play. If you're cleaning out the shed during the holidays, we'd welcome any of the items below. Please bring any donations to Joel Catchlove in the front office.

Yes please!

Milled timber
Branches
Lengths of thick bamboo or cane
Lengths of rope
Old sheets, curtains and large pieces of fabric
Milk crates
Plastic bread trays
Spring water flagons
Timber rounds
Logs
Rocks
Tyres of an appropriate size
Cables

Please avoid...

Treated timber
Pallets (splinters and rusty nails)
Easily destroyed items
PVC pipe (suitable for facilitated nature play)
Most furniture