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Hello Families and Caregivers,

My name is Brenton Conradi, the Principal.

I have previously been a Principal for over 20 years at four schools - Port Vincent, Norton Summit and Birdwood and Blakeview Primary School.

As you know, Blakeview Primary School values community and it is a particular interest of mine. My priority is to work hard on offering many opportunities for our students to excel in their individual skills and abilities while working together as a team and a community.

At the moment we offer the following programmes in the school.

What's the Buzz - A social skills program taught across all classrooms. This program was designed by Adelaide author Mark Le Messurier and endorsed by Kids matters. All school staff have been trained by Mark Le Messurier.

Setting up for Success - A programme taught across all classrooms based on the Keys for Success - Persistence, Getting Along, Confidence, Resilience and Organisation. It also involves the Habits of the Mind, Whole School Language, The School Motto and Our Vision, and policy-teaching such as Anti- Bullying.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden - We have built a large purpose built kitchen, dining room and garden. We have a cook and gardener attached to our site. All classes have the opportunity for regular cooking and gardening lessons. The chicken shed is up, plus many new garden beds and an orchard.

Wakakirri – Started in term 1. Staff are running this programme and we will have a parent support committee. Wakakirri is story through dance and we can have a troupe of up to 100 students. They practise each week right up to mid term 3 when they will head to the Entertainment Centre to perform against other schools from around the state.

Pedal Prix - We field a team each year of 20 6/7 students, we also have a parent and staff committee. We race three times a year.

School Band - We have a school band. Students in year 4 to year 7 can join.

School Choir – Is available to student's Year 3 – 7. Performances are at the Festival Theatre.

SAPSASA – Sports Teams are fielded every Year for year 6/7 students

STEM – Is a part of all children's learning and all students receive a lesson each week.

AUSLAN – This is our language that students learn at our school.

Year 7 Student Leaders – Year 7's have the opportunity to apply for a leadership position. It is an expectation that all Yr 7's hold a leader position.

There is a Principal assembly every Monday at 9.10am where each week I'll work with our Year 7 Leaders and other Leadership staff to model our goal of the week, celebrate successes, share team points and school interest areas. This assembly complements the normal Friday assemblies for parents to attend. Times are advertised in the newsletter.

See you around the school and looking forward to getting to know you all!



Brenton Conradi

Principal

Welcome to Blakeview Primary School

Vision

At Blakeview Primary School we empower learners for positive participation in our school, our community and our world.

Values

Respect, Responsibility and Honesty

Mission

We believe that each child will succeed through experiencing quality in:

- a positive, safe and engaging learning environment.
- learning partnerships between school, home and community.
- an ethos of support, challenge and encouragement.
- a broad and challenging curriculum catering for individual learning styles and backgrounds.
- relevant, varied and up-to-date resources.

Aims

Blakeview Primary School aims to promote high achievement and lifelong learning by assisting children to:

- achieve high standards in Literacy and Numeracy
- develop the Five Keys to School Success - this means Getting Along with others, being Confident, Persistent, Resilient and Organised
- work independently and collaboratively.
- become proficient in the use of Information Technology skills.
- develop practical life skills and a positive, flexible attitude towards learning and change.

We demonstrate our commitment to working as a learning community by:

- working collaboratively towards a common goal.
- providing sound, sustainable underlying structures to enable flexibility, change and continuous improvement.
- promoting equal opportunities and student voice.

Enrolment

Children must be enrolled before they start school. An enrolment form, included in this package must be completed by a parent or legal guardian.

At the time of enrolling you will need to bring the following documentation or information:

- current address on a utility bill (or if planning to build in our area, your Building contract)
- details of emergency contacts.
- details of any medical condition, including address and phone number of your doctor.
- a completed Medical Care Plan signed by your Doctor for any medication requirements, or medical conditions such as Asthma, Diabetes, Allergies, etc.
- the enrolling child's Birth Certificate.
- any documentation relating to custody orders, if applicable.
- we accept enrolments for children who are in our catchment area refer to map, and other enrolments will depend on available places.
- as from 2015 DECD has implemented a one intake per year policy for children starting school. In South Australia, public primary schools have one intake date, this means: If your child turns five years before 1 May they can start primary school the first day of term 1 of that year. If your child turns five on or after 1 May they can start primary school the first day of term 1 of the following year. The one intake date brings South Australia into line with other states and means every child has four terms of pre-schooling and reception before starting the rest of their schooling. Your child must be at school by their sixth birthday - this is the compulsory school starting age.
- Defence Force families may have access to a Liaison Officer to support with settling in at Blakeview Primary School.

School Terms

2018
29 Jan – 13 April
30 April - 6 July
23 July – 28 Sept
15 Oct – 14 Dec

The Blakeview Primary School Normal School Day

8.30am to 8.50am	Teacher on Duty in the Yard
8.50am	School starts
8.50am to 10.30am	Lessons
10.30am to 10.50am	Recess
10.50am to 12.30pm	Lessons
12.30pm to 1.00pm	JP Lunch
1.00pm to 1.30pm	UP Lunch
1.30pm to 3.10pm	Lessons
3.10pm to 3.25pm	Teachers on Duty in the Yard
Thursdays 2.20pm to 2.35pm	Teacher on Duty in the Yard

If you need to drop your child at school before or after these times, please book them into OSHC for care until the school day starts or they can be collected by a carer.

Lost property

In order to help us recover and return lost items, we ask that all parents ensure that any property is clearly labelled. A lost property bin is located in most rooms.

Playtime

At recess and lunch times there are always several teachers on duty in the yard to ensure the safety and welfare of all children. When there is inclement weather children are supervised in classrooms.

Late Arrivals

Students who arrive at school after 9.00am must report to the office and be signed in by a parent or carer.

Early Departure

Parents/caregivers needing to collect students for appointments or early departure need to visit the front office to sign students out before going to the student's classroom. We can NOT allow children to leave the school grounds early without evidence of parent/caregiver.

Visitors/Volunteers

All visitors and volunteers to our school are most welcome and are required to report to the office, sign in and collect a school badge. On departure, badges are to be returned and visitors sign out.

Materials and Service Charge

The Materials and Services charge for 2018 is \$235.00 per student. Students starting school at the beginning of term 2, 3 or 4 will be charged a reduced amount accordingly.

Parents may request to pay in instalments throughout the year with the account finalised by the end of September.

The Materials and Services charge is used with DECD grants to provide your child with books, educational materials and equipment.

School Card

Government Assisted Students

Some families are eligible for financial assistance from the Government for the payment of the materials and service charges.

Approval for School Card 2018 is usually approved upon the provision of a Centrelink Customer Health Care Card –a school card form needs to be filled in every year to apply.

Reference Number and a declaration by the applicant that combined gross family income falls within the School Card Income limits as indicated. Limits are detailed below:

School card information

Number of Children	Gross Annual Salary (\$)	Gross Weekly Salary (\$)
1 child	\$57,870	\$1,113
2 children	\$58,903	\$1,133
3 children	\$59,936	\$1,153
4 children	\$60,969	\$1,173
5 children	\$62,002	\$1,193
More than 5 children	Add \$1,033 for each dependent child	\$20

- Assessment is based on combined gross family income for the previous financial year. (2018 relates to the 2016/2017 financial year).
- Applicants who do not have a Centrelink Reference Number, or do not wish to provide this information, will need to complete the Hardship income assessment form (available from the office). Proof of income will need to be provided through the previous financial year's Australian taxation office. Please return one of the following - Group Certificate, Centrelink Group Certificate or Veteran's Affairs Income Advice.
- Newly arrived migrants must complete either a Hardship Income Assessment form or School Card Application Form. More information is available from the Office .

A NEW SCHOOL CARD APPLICATION MUST BE MADE EACH YEAR

Uniform

We are a sun smart school. All students are expected to wear a Blakeview Primary School uniform which reflects the school dress code at all times. A navy blue school hat with a wide brim is required when outside. The Schools official colours are Navy blue and Light blue.

No logos apart from the Blakeview Primary School logo are permitted.

The Governing Council has ratified the uniform policy and expects students to wear the agreed upon uniform. Staff are vigilant and regular uniform checks are conducted. Contact is made with parents/caregivers if the uniform is not being worn. Uniform can be purchased from the office.



School Uniform Price List

Uniforms	Sizes 4-6-8-10-12-14-16
Polo Shirt (cotton/polyester or micromesh)	\$25.00
Long Sleeved Polo (cotton/polyester)	\$27.50
Summer Dress	\$45.00
Girls Shorts/Skort	\$18.00
Cargo Shorts	\$18.00
Cargo Pants	\$25.00
Unisex Pants	\$30.00
Bomber Jackets	\$40.00
Blakeview Jumpers with quarter zip	\$35.00
Legionnaire/Bucket (logo) Hats	\$5.00 / \$10.00
Girls tights-One Size	\$12.00 2 for \$20.00
Headbands	\$5.00
BPS School Bag (navy blue with Logo)	\$33.00

No layby options are available at this time

Our Learning Program

Our Learning Program is based on the child's developmental needs which are observed and catered for through a variety of learning experiences.

We currently use the Australian Curriculum for planning, programming and assessment.

Developing the literacy and numeracy skills of students is an important and integrated component of teaching and learning in all areas of the curriculum.

We provide experiences in all of the following curriculum areas:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts - including visual and performance
- History, Geography, Civics & Citizenship, Economics and Business
- Technology self-guided learning
- Language other than English – Auslan – JP, LOTE – Primary.

Our Learning Program is further enhanced through specialised programs such as:

- Personalised music programs from outside providers

- Participation in most SAPSASA sports, in particular Swimming, Athletics, Rugby, Tennis, Basketball, Korfbal, Netball, Softball, Volleyball and Football
- Wakakirri is an optional Arts group who provide Dance and Music performances.
- Student Leadership development programs such as Safety Ambassadors, Year 7 leaders and Year 7 students assisting in the Canteen, Student Representative Council.
- School Choir.
- Pedal Prix for Year 6/7.
- Be Active Challenge—A physical education program.
- The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program to encourage students to read more books enjoy reading and improve literacy skills.
www.prc.sa.edu.au
- The Blakeview Primary School Resource Centre is open every day from 8:30am to 3.30pm Students and parents are welcome to come to the Resource Centre at any time to borrow and return books.

Intervention and Support

At Blakeview Primary School we have a comprehensive Student Intervention and Support Program offering a wide range of options for students at risk with their learning and wellbeing.

Programs include-

- In class teaching and learning support
- Specialised Reading Program
- Speech and Language Support
- Co-ordination in the Early Years
- Volunteer Reading Helpers
- Assistive Technology resourcing.

At Blakeview Primary School we have an internal referral system which enables teachers in consultation with families to refer students who are at risk with their learning and who have not reached benchmarks for their year level. We use comprehensive checklists, assessments and parental information to identify students in need of additional support.

Where additional expertise is required, the Department of Education and Children’s Services Northern Adelaide Regional Support Services are contacted for advice and

support. On some occasions additional support services are contacted in consultation with parents and carers e.g. CAMHS and Autism SA.

Students who meet the Department of Children's Services criteria for additional support will have a Negotiated Education Plan. This is a legal document outlining the learning goals and current abilities of a student with a recognised disability according to the Department of Education and Children's Services Students with Disability Policy Eligibility Criteria (2007).

Student Behaviour

Our school values are Respect, Responsibility and Honesty. At Blakeview Primary school we believe that students' behaviour should at all times reflect our school values.

Class teachers develop class rules with students through consultation and cooperation. The SRC and Year 7 Leadership group also support and contribute to the successful implementation of the School's Behaviour Management Policy.

The Behaviour Code and Behaviour Management Policy pamphlet are included in this package.

Governing Council

Meeting dates for 2018 are held on the 4th and 8th week of each term on a Tuesday evening. (dates are subject to change)

Our current Governing Council chairperson is Ms Colleen Hage. You can contact her by email on Colleen.Hage4@bigpond.com

Blakeview Primary School is a warm and friendly school, actively promoting the contribution of parents and carers in a climate of respect and honesty with responsibility.

Additional opportunities for parents and carers to participate in school life include

- Supporting your child to complete homework.
- Listening to your child read every night.
- Keeping in touch with your child's teacher via email, telephone, notes and visits.
- Attending school events, such as assembly, special days and concerts.
- Volunteering to help in the canteen.
- Join Governing Council or one of its committees.
- Become a volunteer or reading Helper.
- Provide transport and help at sporting events and excursions.

Parking

When collecting children, we ask parents to avoid potentially hazardous situations such as parking in bus zones, making U-turns and double parking.

We encourage the use of the Kiss and Drop zone which is monitored by a staff member, or the car park near the playground.

Parents are requested NOT to use the staff car park when setting down and picking up students. The staff car park has limited space and is for staff and visitors only.

The drop off and pick up is located on the map on page 18. Disabled Access Parking is available in the car park and also in the court near the school gate and we ask parents to respect the needs of others. Please be aware that Playford City Council is active in the enforcement of parking regulations.

Communication

We value open two way communication and provide a range of avenues for this to occur. These include:

Newsletter

Our newsletter goes home fortnightly. It is given to the youngest child in the family unless otherwise requested. Newsletters are also available on our website or can be emailed to you. Please leave your email address at the office.

Class Teacher Contact

Each class teacher makes regular contact with parents and caregivers. This will include class newsletters, communication books, diaries, telephone calls, See Saw, DoJo, Skoolbag, email and meetings. If you would like to discuss your child's learning and wellbeing needs with the teacher, we advise that you make an appointment directly with the teacher or at the office. If it is a quick query, please do not hesitate to talk to the teacher before or after school. We encourage all initial discussions about your child's needs to be with the teacher. If further support is required please make an appointment with a member of the Leadership Team. The school has a grievance policy which all members of the school community are asked to observe. You may obtain a copy of the Grievance Policy from the front office.

Reporting and Assessment

Parents can expect regular information about their child's learning and wellbeing throughout the year in a range of informal and formal reporting occurs.

Formal Reporting will occur in:

Term 1-Reading Success Interviews

Term 2-Mid Year Student Reports

Term 3-Three Way Conferences

Term 4-End of Year Summative Reports

If your child has a specific learning disability, a Negotiated Education Plan will be formally written and reviewed twice per year. If your child identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, they will have an Individual Learning Plan written and reviewed with you annually. These two types of plans are designed to support specific learning goals and programs.

In addition to these structured reporting arrangements, we encourage informal reporting such as notes in diary, telephone calls, emails and opportunities for extra meetings. Parents are encouraged to make a time with the class teacher for longer meetings.

Attendance

We are legally required to keep accurate attendance of students at our school. If your child is late, they should be signed in at the office by an adult before going to class at the front office. If you are picking your child up early from school they will need to be signed out at the office and you are to obtain a note to be given to the teacher before collecting them from class. Some ID may be required to do this.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ring the office to let us know. If your child will be absent for holiday reasons, please complete an Application for Exemption Form. The form is available upon request at reception. This is for holidays over a week in total, of time off school.

Student Voice

Our aim at Blakeview Primary School is to promote and develop student contributions to wellbeing at our school. Student voice is valued by staff, parents and students at Blakeview Primary School. The Blakeview Primary School Governing Council regularly consults with the Student Representative Council (SRC).

- Class Meetings are regularly held by all classes. Their ideas, thoughts and concerns are reported to the Student Representative Council.
- PAL Year 6-7 Students run games & activities for students at Lunch time to develop social skills.
- Student Learning Commission - Part of TFEL partnerships. Student representatives focus on supporting student learning across the school.

Year 7 Leaders All year 7 students have an opportunity to apply for leader positions within the school community.

The 2018 Leadership Team

- Principal - Brenton Conradi
- Deputy Principal – Stewart McGaffin
- Director of Curriculum - Peri Simpson
- Leader of Student Wellbeing - Tara Sheehy
- Director of Disability Unit - Carol Lapanowski
- Math Co-Ordinator – Melissa Claridge
- Student Review Team – Judy Pearce (Upper Primary)
- Student Review Team – Kerri Bray (Junior Primary)
- Business Manager - Joy Wenske
- OSHC Director - Ryan Rocca

Administration Support Team

You will be greeted by one of our friendly office reception staff.

The Specialist Team

Two Special Education Teachers - coordinate programs for students with disabilities across the school in partnership with a team of specialist classroom support officers and professional service providers.

- Aboriginal Community Education Officer– provides specialised support to Aboriginal students and their families.
- STEM Teacher
- Librarian
- P.E Teacher
- Arts and Drama Teacher

Classroom Teachers

There are 27 classrooms with 90 staff who provide high quality teaching and learning programs for Reception to Year 7 students.

Accidents or Sickness

For emergency purposes please let the school know of any changes to your contact details for you or your nominated emergency contacts.

First Aid

If your child is unwell we will contact you or the emergency contact number you have nominated on your enrolment form so that your child can be collected. The school has first aid trained staff. A First aid log will be completed when your child requires first aid treatment. If you have any queries regarding the first aid treatment of your child please make contact at the Front office reception.

Asthma Friendly School

Blakeview Primary School is an accredited Asthma Friendly School. All children with Asthma including mild or seasonal asthma need to have an Asthma Plan signed by a doctor. If your child does not have an Asthma Plan please collect one from the Front office Reception area for your doctor to complete and return to school.

Headlice

Head lice is an ongoing problem in all schools. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat as necessary. A phone call to the school would be appreciated so that we can advise the classroom teacher and send notes home to other students if a case of head lice is noticed. All calls are confidential.

School Dentist

The School Dentist is located at the Elizabeth City Centre (opposite the Police Station) The telephone number is 7485 4000.

Out of Hours School Programme OSHC

Blakeview OSHC provides care for children outside the normal hours of school.

Program Hours

- Before School Care opens from 6.30am to 8.30am
- After School Care is open from 3.10pm to 6.00pm
- Pupil Free Days are open from 6.30am to 6.00pm
- Early Closure Days (including Thursdays) we open from 2.20pm to 6.00pm
- Vacation care is open weekdays during the holidays from 6.30am to 6.00pm
- OSHC is closed for public holidays annual holidays for two weeks over the Christmas period.

Families are asked to book their care requirements each school holidays. The Vacation Care program is open for bookings four weeks before the end of each term. Programs are available from the OSHC team.

If you require any further information please see a staff member at OSHC or ring Ryan on 8284 1190.