

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2019 school year.

Below is a photo of the **School Leadership Team for 2019 !**

								
Brenton Conradi Principal	Stewart McGaffin Deputy Principal	Peri Simpson Assistant Principal	Tara Sheehy Leader of Engagement & Wellbeing	Carol Lapanowski Director of Disability	Kerri Bray Student Review Team	Judy Pearce Student Review Team	Melissa Claridge Math Coordinator	Dawn Pietersen Principal PA

We thought it would be timely to start the year with a brief update about exciting school developments which have continued over the holiday period.

- All of the Front Office/Admin has been repainted.
- Gym floor refurbished and relined.
- Four Refrigerated Drinking Fountains have been installed for students across the school which has been paid for by Blakeview Primary Fundraising committee.
- A New COVERED Learning Area has been constructed in the Kitchen/Garden for Garden lessons.
- Six new Interactive screens have been placed in 6 classrooms, a \$42000 investment.
- Congratulations to the following new **staff** who have been appointed to our school. Leah Schulz, Taylor Griffiths, Lisa Babanin and Jo Bakker. We also welcome back Emma Cattnach and Rebecca Allwood.
- **Specialist Subjects**-In 2019 our specialist lessons will accommodate the changing skill sets needed for children going into the future. We will be offering STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths), PE, The Arts (Music & Drama) , AUSLAN and Spanish for Yr 6/7 students.

This year we start the year with 28 classes, one more than last year. We have approximately 660 students enrolled.

There will be much for students to get involved in and I thank my staff and volunteers for putting the extra time in for our students to participate in the following programmes

- Wakakirri
- Year 7 Student Leaders
- Choir
- Pedal Prix
- School Magazine
- School Band
- SAPSASA sports teams
- Student Commission
- Cows programme
- Instrumental Music program
- MALPA

Blakeview Primary is a caring place of highly professional teachers and support staff who provide personalised service to families and students. If you are a new family, your child will be welcomed to the Blakeview Primary School community in the New Buddies Program. This is an initiative for all new students throughout the school to help settle into their new environment.

To continue this care to all families, we provide the following information to assist with a smooth start to the 2019 year,

1. **School hours of operation** in 2019 are the same as last year. Every day except Thursday, will have lessons from 8.50am to 3.10pm. On Thursday, the school day will be from 8.50am to 2.20pm. Yard supervision will be provided from 8.30am to 3.25pm every day except Thursday when supervision will be until 2.40pm. The Thursday finishing time aligns with Craigmore High School to enable all primary school and high school students to be dismissed together. Governing Council has also approved OSHC to not increase the charges for the shortened Thursday. This will mean there is no extra cost to OSHC families on a Thursday.
2. The **school values of Respect, Responsibility and Honesty** through the promotion of high achievement and lifelong learning. The Blakeview Behaviour Code and Anti-bullying brochure is available on our website. We encourage you to read and discuss these documents with your child to support their appropriate school behaviour and the seeking of school support when needed.
3. **Extra-Curricular Activities** at Blakeview is part of an important commitment to empower learners for positive participation in our school, our community and our world. Students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities such as drama productions, music, student leadership and sporting events. Please encourage your child to join the Wakakirri, School Choir, SAPSASA sporting events, Student Council, Canteen Helpers, Lunch Clubs, Pedal Prix, Safety Ambassadors and Cows programme.
4. **Participation of Parents and Carers** in all aspects of school life is high and always encouraged and valued. The Volunteers Policy is available on our website for your review. We ask for anyone who will volunteer on more than one occasion throughout the year to complete a Department of Communities and Social Inclusion Criminal History Clearance (DCSI). This is available from the Front Office. We will process this form on your behalf and pay the fee for you. If interested in volunteering please let your class teacher know, front office staff or myself.
5. The **School Dress Code**. Official school colours for Blakeview Primary School are navy and light blue. Our Governing Council strongly encourage all students to be in uniform. You may purchase all uniform items from the Front Office. You may also purchase uniform items at local stores, in the same colours.
6. Blakeview PS is a **Sun Smart School**. Students are expected to wear a school hat in Term 1 and Term 4 when outside. Hats are available from our Front Office. Our Sun Smart Policy is available on our school website.
7. **Parent Guide to Raising a Concern or Complaint Information** brochure is available on our website to inform you of the process to use if you have a concern or complaint. This process is used at all times throughout the year. As you will read, I encourage all parents and carers to liaise with the class teacher as first point of contact. They are the staff member who knows your child the best and will most likely be able to help you and your child.
8. **School Canteen** will operate 5 days a week in 2019. The 2019 Canteen Price List is available on Skoolbag and a copy has been sent home with this note. The canteen has reviewed their menu to make all choices healthier and available every day. Lunch bags are available free of charge. The canteen price list is also available from the canteen.

The Canteen has also set up a new online ordering system called QKR! A note is with this letter outlining how to download the app. This app will allow you to order and pay on line for the canteen!

You are still able to order using lunch bags and money if you wish and of course the canteen is open at recess and lunchtime for students to purchase drinks and snacks using cash.

9. **Skoolbag** is again the school to parent digital communication strategy in 2019. The School Mobile App provides schools with an easy way to communicate school news, newsletters, events



calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, school timetables, school documents and much more. No more lost paper in school bags! Go to www.blakevwps.sa.edu.au to download Skoolbag for iPhones and android device. Please text our school Roll marker system if your child will be absent from school on 0427 016 460. Any unexplained absences will prompt the system to send you a text. You are able to reply to these text. Blakeview Primary also has a Facebook page that you can join.

10. **Blakeview OSHC Service** provides a valuable care service to all Blakeview PS students. If you wish to make use of this service read the OSHC Information Brochure, available from OSHC or the front office. Additional information is available from the OSHC rooms or contact the OSHC Director, Ryan Rocca, 82841190

11. **2019 Material and Services Invoice** for your family will be sent home with your child out in first few weeks of term. We encourage you to make full payment by EFTPOS, cash, Visa or Mastercard as soon as possible. The other option is to arrange an Instalment Plan. This can be arranged with our Finance Officer Rosalie Axon If you were eligible or applied for School Card in 2018, the 2019 application is now available online or a paper copy can be obtained from the Front Office. This must be applied for every year.

12. **Emergency Contact Form** must be completed for every child enrolled at the school. It is very important to have a number of contact details and permissions to enable us to keep your child safe and secure. Please return this with your child to the front office as soon as possible.

13. **Newsletters** are produced every fortnight, on a Thursday, even weeks!

14. **Term Planners** are produced Week 1 of each term and a printed copy is provided to every family. These are invaluable and outline school events, meetings and assemblies. Term 1 planner has been handed out with this letter. A digital copy is also on our website.

15. In 2019 Blakeview Primary School will continue to provide the highest quality education. To achieve this, I encourage you to have regular conversations with your child's classroom teacher to share each other's perspectives on your child's progress and make plans to promote further wellbeing and learning. An **Acquaintance Event** is planned for Term 1 as a formal opportunity for families to meet teachers. The date will be Thursday 7th February 2:20 – 5:30pm. There will also be a class flyer sent from class teachers to families in the first week to introduce the teacher and inform you of the teaching and learning program along with routines for Term 1 as they relate specifically to your child/children. A **questionnaire about your child's learning needs** will also be sent home and we encourage you to fill it in and return it to the class teacher as soon as possible.

16. **Community Reading**-All rooms are open the first 15 minutes of the school day to come in and listen to students read. Leaders and staff will be in rooms. Come along and join us if you can. Grandparents and extended relatives welcome! Please ensure each week your child is heard read 4 times per week for 15 minutes. This will make a huge difference to your children's skills and set them up for future success in life.

17. **Homework** is set Monday-Thursday. Please support your children to complete these tasks. All students have diaries and communication books which they will record homework expectations in.

18. **New Lesson Times**-Just a reminder we have new lesson times this year. A copy on the next page outlines the structure of the day. We will be having lunch from 11:20-11:50am. Recess will be in the afternoon. Many schools have trialled this approach and they have found after a time student learning growth has accelerated due to longer learning times in the morning when students are fresh and not tired. As I have mentioned previously the start time and finish time for school remains unchanged.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday		Thursday	
Lesson 1	8:50-9:40	Lesson 1	8:50-9:40
Lesson 2	9:40-10:30	Lesson 2	9:40-10:30
Lesson 3	10:30-11:20	Lesson 3	10:30-11:20
LUNCH combined	11:20-11:50	LUNCH combined	11:20-11:50
Lesson 4	11:50-12:40	Lesson 4	11:50-12:40
Lesson 5	12:40-1:30	UP RECESS	12:40-1:00
UP RECESS	1:30-1:50	JP RECESS	1:10-1:30
JP RECESS	2:00-2:20	Lesson 5	1:30-2:20
Lesson 6	2:20-3:10	Early Dismissal	2:20
Teachers to build in fruit break between lesson 1, 2 and 3			

Our Leadership team has responsibility for students and staff. If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact them for an appointment or phone conversation.

Team Leaders for:

- **Torrens Block** - Reception to Year 2 is Assistant Principal, Peri Simpson.
- **Gawler Block** - Year 3-4 is Leader of Engagement & Wellbeing Tara Sheehy.
- **Onkaparinga Block** - Year 5-7 is Deputy Principal, Stewart McGaffin.
- **Murray Block** - Disability Unit is Leader of the Unit, Carol Lapanowski.
- **Para Block** – Numeracy Coordinator, Melissa Claridge.
- **Administration Block**-Dawn Pietersen
- **Leadership Team** -Brenton Conradi

I hope this information is of assistance.

More information can be found at www.blakevwp.ssa.edu.au

I look forward to an exciting year of learning!

Kind Regards,



Brenton Conradi

Principal

Blakeview Primary School

