

Newsletter

From The Principal

Dear Families,

We are quickly approaching the end of the third term of school for the year.

Term 4 is always busy and this year will be no different with Sports day, Year 6 graduation, end of year concert, reports etc.

Don't forget about our colour run this coming Friday and that all monies raised goes to much needed air conditioning for the Gym.

Thank-you to Amy Horskins, Dawn and the Colour Run committee for organising the event.

Please remind students to wear a white top and a hat for the day.

School Finish Time:

A reminder also that school will finish at 2:10 pm on Friday 29 September and we look forward to seeing students back on the 16th October.



TERM DATES

Friday 29th September

Colour Run



Term 3 ends

Friday 29th September

Term 4

Monday 16th October

To

Friday 15th December

Sports Day

Friday November 10th



**Text your child's absence
to: 0428149662**

Full Name/Class/Reason



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Omega Drive, Blakeview, 5114 Ph: 8254 7555 Fax: 8254 8086

Website: www.blakevwps.sa.edu.au Email: dl.1854.info@schools.sa.edu.au

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2024 Intakes:

Can you please let us know asap if your child/ren won't be returning next year and therefore will not require a place in R-6 in 2024 at BPS. This information enables us to determine the number of classes and staffing requirements for next year. Could you please let classroom teachers or the front office staff know by the end of week 1 next term.

Please note from next year there will be 2 intakes for children entering reception: term 1 intake and a term 3 intake. Children who start preschool in term 1 will start reception in term 1 of the following year and complete 4 terms of reception. Children who start preschool in term 3 will start reception in term 3 of the following year and complete 6 terms of reception.



Class Placements:

Next term our staff will spend quite a bit of time looking at class structures and class placements of students for 2024. This is a lengthy process that involves a number of considerations, including considering individual student needs and asking all students to think about friendships and who they would like to be placed in a class with.

If there is any specific requests that you would like us to take into consideration for class placements for your child next year, can you please send an email to dl.1854.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Please address emails to myself by the end of week 3 next term, Friday 3rd Nov.

Please be advised that requesting specific teachers and asking that your child NOT be placed with certain students, would be considered only for educational reasons.

Due to the complexity of the class placement process, changes cannot be made (once finalised) except under exceptional circumstances.

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Gates:

Just a reminder that we are attempting to keep gates closed and locked during the day school day from 8:50am to 3pm.

Reasons for this are firstly for safety and security. We have been working hard on updating our work health and safety procedures and processes (WHS). It is imperative we know who is on our site at all times, particularly in the case of emergency procedures such as in-vacuations (shelter in place) or evacuations. We do this by signing all visitors in via the front office.

Secondly, families being on-site quite early, can cause disruption and distraction to our students' learning.

With gates open early we do find other members of the public using our site as a walk through and/or accessing school play equipment etc. Again, the supervision and safety of our students and staff is our utmost priority.

We are aware that this may cause inconvenience to some, and that parking in particular at this site is an issue, however the safety, well-being and uninterrupted learning of our students is paramount.

In the long term we would ideally like to have the whole school adequately fenced and gated and this will be a discussion with Governing Council going forward.

We thank-you for your understanding and support for this issue going forward and we always welcome feedback. Any ideas and opinions can be sent to Governing Council members or via email to dl.1854.info@schools.sa.edu.au.

Questions, Complaints or Enquiries:

We are currently developing a simple process for when families wish to make a general enquiry or a complaint or just ask a question.

At times our front office staff can answer these questions straight away. Sometimes parents may want to speak to a member of the leadership team.

We attempt to ring back asap, however this may not happen on the same day as your enquiry as our leadership team and myself are often in classrooms, on duty or in meetings.

We hope to finalise this by the start of next term and will keep you updated.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Student behaviours:

Just a reminder that when and if your child receives a consequence for behaviour – It is part of school policy in that SA schools we are unable to tell other families what this consequence was and vice versa. We can only tell you the consequence for your own child's behaviour.

Please be assured our Leaders and Well -being team make considered decisions and follow site based processes in all cases.

A consequence for behaviour could range from missing some play time, to performing some community service on site or even be a take home or suspension from school.

Usually restorative conversations take place if one or more students have had an altercation. After incidents, students may have support plans developed and implemented to ensure they are able to successfully return to their learning

If you want more information on processes you can access our behaviour management policy on our website.



Lateness = lost learning

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

ROOM 2

What a busy term it has been!

We have enjoyed our learning and have continued to blend and segment sounds/digraphs to read and write a variety of words.

We are starting to write short texts and have started to edit our writing. In Maths we have covered a variety of topics including number, patterning and time.

Google maps has helped us to look at our world, country, state, city and local community in HASS. We have started to identify special places that are important to us. We have met Archie in the social skills program 'What's the Buzz' who supports us to do smart thinking when things don't go as planned. Along with Berry Street we are doing well with identifying strategies to show persistence and resilience.

To finish off the term we loved cooking in the kitchen!

We really enjoyed the two different pizzas we made, as well as the peach crumble for dessert.



SCIENCE WEEK

On Wednesday, the Amazing Nitro Nat visited our school to share with us the wonders of chemistry! There were 3 sessions across the day, with each class having the opportunity to attend.

We saw how chemicals can change colour based on the bases or acidity of the chemical. We watched how some chemicals can change colour through movement and return to 'colourless' once still.

We learnt many things about oxygen and how particles need oxygen to sometimes cause a chemical reaction and how fire needs oxygen to be fire. This was demonstrated through a gummy bear experiment and blowing air through a funnel to create fire.

Students who attended were in awe of how chemicals changed colours and particularly liked the fire experiments.

The show ended with an experiment called elephants toothpaste, where through a chemical reaction foam exploded out of the beaker up towards the ceiling!

In science lessons this week, students are learning about space rovers: the technology behind them and what scientific research they conduct on different planets.

Receptions are participating in a colouring in competition relating to rovers, whilst other year levels are being challenged to name the next Lunar Rover that is heading to the Moon in 2026. Winners will be announced in term 4.



CHOIR

On Saturday 23rd September 9 of our students performed on stage at the Adelaide Festival Theatre as part of the Public Primary Schools Festival of Music.

The Primary Schools Festival of Music, an official state icon, and custodian of an iconic South Australian tradition, engages our students in artistic excellence, cultural diversity and social inclusion through performance in Music and the Arts.

This year we commissioned Paul Jarman to compose a set of four songs entitled “World of Tomorrow”.

In this rapidly evolving modern world, it is hard to imagine that less than two hundred years ago there was no electricity, no running water or central heating and cooling. We lived without antibiotics and medicines. Cars, trucks, buses and planes were not yet invented. There were no telephones, let alone smart phones.

While most of these differences have improved our lives, some haven't. Many of these differences are greatly influencing our lives. Are we heading the right way?


The technology challenges of our changing world form the theme of our four-part song cycle for the 2023 Festival of Music, “World of Tomorrow”.

It was a spectacular event that our students and staff enjoyed being a part of. A huge Thank you to Eloisa Matthews for all of her hard work this year with the choir.

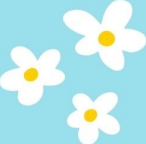




FAMILY FUN DAY



BLAKEVIEW OSHC
Friday 13th October
10:30am to 12:30pm



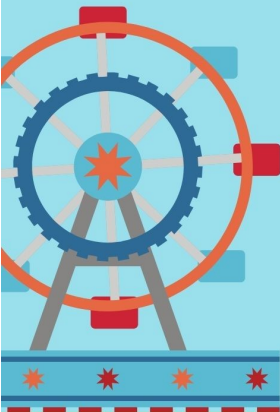
PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING



FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- sausage sizzle •
- petting zoo •
- inflatable games •
- mini activities •
- trash & treasure •
- donation stall •
- and much more!



For more information, contact us on 0427 055 784

COMMUNITY GROUP



Centacare

Dads Business is a judgement free space for dads and fathers to attend and receive support.

Term 4, 16th October 2023 — 13th December 2023.

DAD'S BUSINESS



Dad's Business
Helping Dads. Making Futures.

Dads Business

Shop 7a Elizabeth Rise Shopping Centre | 26
Hamblyn Rd, Elizabeth Downs

Dads and Fatherhood worker Alexander Vlahos

if you have any questions or queries or you are seeking information about a service, contact Alexander Vlahos ph. 8228 8958 email: avlahos@centacare.org.au

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><u>Dads Time</u></p> <p>One on One sessions with a Dads and Fatherhood worker, providing support and guidance around fathering topics, programs and navigating the child protection system.</p> <p>Available between 9:30am to 12:30pm.</p> <p>To make an appointment please contact 8228 8958</p>	<p><u>Seahorse Program</u></p> <p>Six-week prenatal and postnatal skills for dads with children from 0-12 months.</p> <p>Commences 31/10/2023 from 9:30am-10:30am.</p> <p><u>Circle of Security Program</u></p> <p>Commences 7/11/2023 from 11:00am—12:30pm.</p>	<p><u>Dads and Fathers Social Group</u></p> <p>Drop in and catch up with other dads to chat about life.</p> <p>Commences 18/10/2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm</p> 		
<p><u>Circle of Security Program</u></p> <p>Are you a father wanting to understand your child's behaviour?</p> <p>Come along and attend this free eight-week course and learn how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help your child organise their feelings Enjoy a more fulfilling relationship with your child <p>Commences 16/10/2023 from 1:00pm—2:30pm. Contact 8228 8958 to book.</p> 	<p><u>Dads Plus Program</u></p> <p>Six-week program to enhance fathers parenting and selfcare skills.</p> <p>Program aimed for dads with children aged between 1 and 12 years of age.</p> <p>Commences 31/10/2023 from 1:00pm—2:30pm.</p> <p>Contact 8228 8958 to book.</p> 	<p><u>Bringing up Great Kids</u></p> <p>Six-week parenting program designed to support and strengthen your parenting skills.</p> <p>Commences 25/10/2023 from 2:00pm -4:00pm</p> 		

Dads Business is closed on Thursday and Friday.



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1300 610 355 saverplus.org.au

Saver Plus supports people to develop life-long savings habits. It's delivered by Brotherhood of St. Laurence, The Smith Family and Berry Street. It's funded by ANZ and Department of Social Services, learn more saverplus.org.au



SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS



JMC - 182 Peachey Road, Smithfield Plains
The Precinct - 112 Coventry Road, Smithfield Plains
ANY ENQUIRIES CALL 8480 0100 OR EMAIL JMC@PLAYFORD.SA.GOV.AU

NATURE WALK AT PARA WIRRA 3RD OCTOBER 9AM-12PM

We will bus it to Para Wirra Conservation Park, walk around the lake & undertake some fun activities!
For all ages.
Cost - \$2
MEET AT THE JMC

PIT STOP BIKE MAINTENANCE 4TH OCTOBER 10AM-12PM

Bike safety & basic maintenance checks!
Cost - \$2
AT THE PRECINCT

KAURNA MOVE & PLAY 4TH OCTOBER 10AM-12PM

Learn some Corka dance moves, go on a scavenger hunt & finish off with some fun games.
For ages 3-13 years.
Cost - FREE
AT THE PRECINCT

SCAN HERE
TO BOOK
VIA EVENTBRITE:

UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



ACBA BASKETBALL 5TH OCTOBER 9:30AM-10:30AM, 5-8 YRS 10:30AM-11:30AM, 9-12 YRS 11:30AM-12:30PM, 12-16 YRS

FREE 'Growing for Gold' Come & Try Basketball Clinics
Book via:
growingforgold.tidyhq.com
AT THE JMC

FREE FRIDAYS 6TH OCTOBER 5PM-7PM

Try different sports or just hang out!
For ages 12-17 years.
Cost - FREE
No bookings required
AT THE JMC

SA CHURCH BASKETBALL

9 OCTOBER (UNDER 8 & 10'S),
10 & 11 OCTOBER (UNDER 12-16'S)
9AM-12.30PM

School holiday coaching camps
\$25 for 1 day | \$40 for 2 days
Book via:
sachurchbasketball.com.au
AT THE JMC

STEAM INTO NATURE 12TH OCTOBER 10:30AM-12PM

Create your own paint creation using natural pigments with Nature Play SA
For ages 3-13 years
Cost - \$2
AT THE JMC

COME N TRY TENNIS 13TH OCTOBER 1-2PM

Come n Try Tennis at the WBH!
For ages 5-12 years
Cost - \$2
AT THE JMC



NOTICEBOARD

WE ARE LITTLE ATHLETICS

Season 2023-24 Open Now



COMMENCING
COME & TRY - SUNDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

1ST MEET - SUNDAY, 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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INTRODUCING - RECREATIONAL ATHLETIC® - 18YO+

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FACEBOOK: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GAWLER.LITTLEATHLETICS/CENTRE/](https://www.facebook.com/gawler.littleathleticscentre/)
EMAIL: [GAW@SALAA.ORG.AU](mailto:gaw@salaa.org.au)

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information

