

# Newsletter

## From The Principal

Dear Families,

We had a wonderful Concert celebration last Thursday and thankfully the weather was on our side.

I thank-you all for coming out to watch the students perform and to support their learning and participation.

It was a lovely atmosphere and a credit to the hard work of the students and staff.

A big shout out to Corey Fawkes for getting us all organised.

We have attached a snap shot of some photos inside.

### Staff leaving:

We will be bidding farewell to some of our classroom teaching staff this year who will be moving on to other sites.

We wish Kristel Beagley, Ela Colangelo, Olivia Lloyd, Liz Moore, Courtney Hatchard, Ashley Priestley, Naomi Murray, Joanitha D'Souza and Rebecca Rodgers all the best in their future careers.

All of these staff are fantastic Educators and tireless workers whom have made a difference to learning outcomes for our students. They will be an asset to their new schools.



## TERM DATES

### ASSEMBLY

Junior Primary Rm 15 presenting  
Week 8 Thurs 7th Dec 1:40pm

Year 6 Graduation  
Wednesday 13th December  
5:30  
Gawler Jockey Club

Last Day of School  
Week 9  
Friday 15th December

**Text your child's absence**  
**to: 0428149662**  
**Full Name/Date/Reason**



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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## **Retirement:**

The wonderful Carol Lapanowski will retire in the new year and we thank her for her work in the Murray Unit over the last few years. Carol's commitment to our students and their well-being has always been at the forefront of her mind and she will be missed by staff, families and students.

All the best for a well earned rest and a new stage in her life.

## **Leadership – Interventions:**

Kerri Bray will leave us at the end of this year after a long period of working at BPS.

We will miss Kerri's invaluable knowledge and connections with support services in order to get the best resources available for our students. Kerri is a hard and tireless worker who is diligent in getting the best for our students and supporting teachers and supporting staff in enabling this.

Sally Anne Probert has only been with us for a short period but has certainly made an impact and her and Kerri have been a formidable team in supporting staff and students. Sally Anne's knowledge and skills will make her an asset to her new site.

## **Leadership Well Being:**

Corey Fawkes has won a Well Being position at another site in 2024. Corey takes a lot of skills and experience in supporting students to better engage in learning. We will miss his calm approach when supporting students and his commitment to social skills programs that support staff and students has been invaluable. We will also miss his great sense of humour.

Lucy Jennings has won a Well Being – Assistant principal Position at another site for 2024.

This is well deserved and very fitting for the skills that Lucy will bring. Her skills in this role are exceptional and she will be an asset to her new school. Her professionalism, hard work and support for families, connection with community services and staff has been amazing and invaluable.

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Lucy has been at BPS for the past 13 years so a big change for her and us. We thank her for her service to our staff, students and community. She will be missed.

## **Senior Leadership:**

Tara Sheehy has been placed at another site within our Partnership in a Principal position for 12 months at this stage.

Tara has been at BPS for the past 21 years and so this will be a massive change for our school community. Tara is one of the most professional, dedicated, and skilled people I have had the pleasure to work with. Her work ethic is above and beyond and she will be well suited for this Principal role.

I'm not really sure how we will cope without her skills, knowledge and expertise.

Tara always considers the best interests of students and staff and is driven to improve student learning outcomes.

A huge thankyou Tara for your work and the positive impression you leave here at Blakeview.

We wish you all the best and know you will be a success and asset to your new site.

I wish all of our exiting staff the best of luck for their future endeavours.



## **New Staff:**

There is a number of new staff joining us next year which will be exciting for us. At this stage I will send information about new staff at the start of 2024. We are finalising just one more spot on staff at the moment but otherwise we are covered for our staff team.

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## **Graduation:**

One of our last and most exciting events this year will be year 6 graduation later next week.

I look forward to see the students all dressed up and to hear their parting speeches.

I wish all our graduates the best as they continue into the next phase of their learning and life paths.

## **Class placements:**

A reminder that school reports will come home on Thursday next week along with class placements for 2024.

A reminder that class placements takes a lot of work and consideration and I thank parents who have made contact concerning their child's placement and teacher.

A reminder also that once decided these classes will not be changed due to the effect this has on a variety of factors involved. (only exceptional circumstances would be considered ).

I thank-you for your understanding with this.

## **Xmas break**

I wish you and your families all the best for a wonderful and safe xmas break and festive season and hope Santa is kind to you. Take care

Teresa



## **Foodbank Food Drive**

We would just like to share a huge thank you for your support with our recent food collection drive for Foodbank. This helps support lots of families in the local area over the festive period. Well done to the Blakeview Primary School Community.



# FROM THE KITCHEN

## Christmas cookies

Fresh from our garden:	Eggs
Equipment:	2 baking sheets, mixer, cookie cutters, spatula, scale, measuring spoon, measuring cup, rolling pin
Ingredients:	225g butter 1 cup sugar 1 ½ tsp vanilla extract 1 egg 3 cups plain flour ¾ tsp baking powder ¾ tsp salt

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C and line 2 baking sheets with baking paper.
2. Beat the butter and sugar in a large bowl until creamy, **about 1 minute on a high speed**.
3. Add the egg and vanilla, beat until well combined.
4. Add the flour, baking powder, salt and then start mixing slowly, then beat until the flour is incorporated – **it will be clumpy**.
5. Dust your work surface with flour, scrape the dough out of the bowl and place on the floured surface (**sprinkle a little bit of flour over the top of the dough so it doesn't stick when rolling**). Pat the dough together then cut in half, then roll out and shape into 2 discs.
6. Use cookie cutters to press out shapes and use a spatula to transfer the cookies to the baking sheets.
7. **Bake for 5 minutes**, then swap around the trays and cook for **another 5 minutes**. (**The cookies should be pale golden, and the edges are just beginning to turn lightly golden**)
8. Allow cookies to cool completely on trays (**they will finish cooking on the trays**).

(Optional – Decorate the cookies when completely cooled)



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# SUMMER 2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

JOHN McVEITY CENTRE - 182 PEACHEY RD, SMITHFIELD PLAINS  
THE PRECINCT - 112 COVENTRY RD, SMITHFIELD PLAINS  
FOR ENQUIRES CALL 8480 0100 OR EMAIL JMC@PLAYFORD.SA.GOV.AU

SCAN HERE  
TO BOOK  
VIA EVENTBRITE



\* REGISTRATIONS  
OPEN 2-3 WEEKS  
BEFORE SESSION  
DATES

COST  
\$2

## WHEELS DAY

MON 18TH DEC  
9:30-10:15AM: 3YRS & UNDER  
10:30-11:30AM: 4-7YRS  
11:30AM-12:30PM: 8-13YRS

Bring your wheels (bike, trike, scooter etc.) to JMC to complete our wheels course on the courts or to just have fun!

## LITTLE ATHLETICS

WED 10TH JAN  
10AM - 12PM  
FOR AGES 3-17YRS

COST  
\$2

Come n Try Little Athletics with the Munno Para Little Athletics Club @ Kooranowa Reserve, Smithfield Plains these school holidays!

## SPLASH PARTY

TUES 16TH JAN  
10AM - 1PM  
FOR AGES 0-12YRS

Join us for a day of FUN with water play @ JMC!

FREE

## LUNCHBOX LEGENDS

WITH COOK N CREATE

TUES 22ND JAN  
12-1:30PM OR 2:30-4PM  
FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN  
& THEIR PARENTS

COST  
\$2

Make some lunchbox snacks and learn about how to put the good stuff in your lunchbox @ JMC

## NATURE DISCOVERY KITS

Whether it be playing at home, out & about or anywhere in between our discovery kits will provide hours of family fun!

COLLECT YOUR FREE KIT FROM JMC FROM  
MONDAY 8 JANUARY!  
\*limit 1 per family\*



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# NEW FIRE DANGER RATINGS

## Fire danger ratings have changed.

### KNOWING THE FIRE DANGER RATING MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE

Fire Danger Ratings are now simpler and easier to understand. By using the latest science and technology, they provide a more clear and accurate rating to save properties and lives.

The Fire Danger Ratings give you an indication of the consequences of a fire, if a fire was to start.

The higher the rating is, the more dangerous the conditions will be.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Fire Danger Ratings have four levels, which are:



#### MODERATE

**Plan and prepare.**

**Most fires can be controlled**

- Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.

#### HIGH

**Be ready to act.**

**Fires can be dangerous.**

- There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area.
- Decide what you will do if a fire starts.
- If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk.
- The safest option is to avoid bushfire risk areas.

#### EXTREME

**Take action now to protect your life and property.**

**Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous**

- These are dangerous fire conditions.
- Check your bushfire plan and that your property is fire ready.
- If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.
- Reconsider travel through bushfire risk areas.

#### CATASTROPHIC

**For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas.**

**If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.**

- These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire.
- Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire.
- Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.
- Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave and help may not be available.

For more information visit [cfs.sa.gov.au/ratings](http://cfs.sa.gov.au/ratings)





# HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

## PARA HILLS CRICKET CLUB

January 15th & 16th

9:30am - 12:00pm

(Nelson Rd & Murrell Rd.)



Scan the QR code to register  
or email [holidayprograms@adelaidestrikers.com.au](mailto:holidayprograms@adelaidestrikers.com.au)  
for more info



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