Leader’s Report

**LOST PROPERTY**
There is a significant amount of lost property at school. PLEASE come in and have a look if your child has lost an item of clothing. Also please ensure your child’s clothing is labelled!!

**SCHOOL CAR PARK**
Please note the car park is not to be used to drop and pick up children. If everyone did this there would be chaos!! Thanks

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**
The focus of 2015 improvement at Ascot Park is Numeracy, Literacy and Well Being (Play is the Way). In alignment with the DECD priority in these areas we are targeting:

- Higher achievement, engagement, resilience and a growth mind set for every learner in numeracy and literacy. We will
- Track and monitor every learner’s growth
- Have a numeracy and literacy improvement cycle
- Enact changes in pedagogical practice
- Identify and enact clear intervention processes

**SPORTS DAY**
On Wednesday, 8th April a great day was had by all. All students participated in their age-groups competing in both traditional and a novelty event programme. Students performed admirably and behaviour and cooperation was pleasing. A big thank you to John Ly, Reena Brinis, teachers, the house captains and the year 7 team for their immense work in organising the day.

It was great to see so many parents supporting and a thank you to all those who helped out. Much appreciated!

Also was fantastic to have had Tony HALL present the trophy!!!

**SCORES:**

1st: Stoyel on 581 points  
2nd: Hall on 525 points  
3rd: Beckwith on 501 points  
4th: Bakker on 451 points
Community News!

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APPLY NOW

Special Interest
Australian Football
Program 2016

Do you have a genuine interest in football?
Are you interested in improving your skills and knowledge in all areas of the game?
Applications are now being accepted from current Year 7 boys in the 2015 school year. Please submit your application to Blackwood High School by Wednesday 20 May, 2015. Please contact Blackwood High School on 8278 0900 or visit the school’s website www.bhs.sa.edu.au to download an application form. Principal’s tours of the school will be held from 9:00am – 10:30am on Tuesday 5 May, 26 May, 2 June, 30 June, and 4 August during term time.
Please contact glen.litte@bhs.sa.edu.au for more information.

Special Interest Netball Program 2016

The netball program is aimed at students who
- Demonstrate skill and a commitment to netball
- Wish to spend time in further development
- Aim to compete at a higher level than the average student
Entry to the program is by application (download form from Blackwood High website under Curriculum, Special Interest Netball) and a trialling process conducted by Netball SA at Blackwood High School. Submit applications by Monday 4 May.
Selection criteria will include:
- Potential high level of ability/performance indicated through skill testing
- A high level of coach ability
- A positive sporting attitude
- A positive attitude towards school and study
- A history of high standard of good behaviour, attendance and social skills
- Member of a netball team (club or school)
Trial dates are from 8:30am – 10:30am on Wednesday 6 May and Monday 18 May 2015

from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Blackwood High School.
Visit the school’s website www.bhs.sa.edu.au to download an application form.
For more information, please contact Ms Bianca Reddy by email on: bianca.reddy@bhs.sa.edu.au

PCW CORNER

Coming into the staffroom this week after the long Easter weekend, I was confronted with more chocolate and Easter eggs. “Oh no”, I thought. “I am full as a goog!” What did I just say? “Full as a goog!” I have not said that for a long time nor do I hear it said that often. I had to reach back to my childhood when it was said quite a lot in my family as we grew up around “chooks” (hens) and fresh eggs – “googie eggs“. Googie is the Scottish-Gaelic children’s word for egg. Abbreviate googie and you get goog so I am as “full as an egg”. The yoke and albumen (white) of an egg take up the entire space within the shell of the egg – hence an egg is so full that you cannot fit any more in!!

We can all overindulge at times and this year it was my turn. My excuse was that there were so many new varieties of hot cross buns that I just had to try them all. And I compensated by having less chocolate this year and making it higher quality. Another good excuse?!? So I still ended up as “full as a goog” but a wonderful time was had by my family and me, and I am looking forward to the holidays to exercise off all of those extra calories.

The weekend was marred by the massacre of ordinary school students in Kenya going about their daily school routines, and by a number of different rallies that resulted in some violence in Australia. We live in a world where such events get immediate exposure via the internet and social media. Unless we refuse to look at the internet, watch television or read newspapers it is becoming increasingly difficult to shield our children from all of this. It remains to address these issues in appropriate ways so that we can learn from these experiences and help to bring about a better world. We do this for the sake of our own children and for the children of Kenya who remain in unsafe territory.

I hope that you all have great holidays.
Til next time
Karen Tromans