FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Hello families and friends

Well here we are almost at the end of another term. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to take on the role of Principal and would like to thank the Leadership team for their support in ensuring that the change over was as seamless as possible. I would also like to thank the students and school community for their support of the school and adapting to change. Sue Record’s new role as Principal Advisor has been extended for the rest of the year and I know I join you in congratulating her. She will continue to pop in to work with us and we appreciate her expertise. At this stage we do not know who will be placed in the Principal position. We will inform the community as soon as we are told.

The library staff are very busy working on a ‘surprise’. All will be revealed Week 1 of next term—I can’t wait.

Last newsletter I spoke about ‘productive failure’ and how important it is that we allow children to experience difficulties, conflict and to be ‘wrong’. Too often we as parents feel that we are responsible for protecting them from failure—what we inadvertently do is make them unable to manage or cope when they find something hard or it doesn’t go their way. Teachers see this all too often in class when students will not try something new or challenging. Instead of giving it a go—they spend their time trying to avoid tasks, they back away and won’t try. They look on any written work in particular, as ‘too hard’.

We are asking you to look on failure as a part of learning—a productive part. It leads to resilience, persistence and a willingness to give it a go. When your child comes home with an issue or concern—work with them on possible solutions. Sometimes you will need to follow up at school with the teacher to get more details as children will often only see an incident from their perspective. Children need to know you are there for them but not to take over the responsibility or to encourage them to think that failure is bad or wrong—celebrate trying as well as success.

Warmest regards

Michele Holloway

SUB-SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL:

Powerful Learners.

Have you ever felt stuck? Maybe you were working on something for work and had to read, reread, and reread the information again but it’s still wasn’t necessarily coming to you. Perhaps you were working on your car and couldn’t figure out how to put a part back together. Do you look at it as an opportunity to grow after you get passed the frustration stage? After all, we learn a lot about ourselves when learning doesn’t come easy, which is why we are focusing on building resilience in our students and their learning. Resilience is something we all need to get through those tough moments in life. Without resilience we are more at risk of shutting down and giving up. Of course we understand that many children learn resilience just from living their daily lives. Last Friday I had the pleasure to accompany six Junior School students to Murray Bridge to be a part of a Student Learning Community. The Student Learning Community is made up of six students from each school in the region. Activities the students participated in were strategies to develop resilience and persistence, while also learning about being Powerful Life-long Learners. For students to learn how to be a Powerful Learner they were introduced to the ‘Learning Pit’ model. The Learning Pit model represents how students feel when they face challenges. When they are standing on the edge of the pit their learning isn’t being challenged but when they ‘jump’ in the pit they are facing positive challenges and are in control of their own learning. When students are experiencing ‘deep learning’ they are feeling success and are being Powerful Learners. The Learning Pit reinforces ‘it’s ok to make mistakes’, we learn from them. Over the next term the Student Learning Team will be introducing the Learning Pit at Well Being Wednesdays and having activities for classes to implement for follow up Thursday. The students displayed enthusiasm and engagement into their new learning experiences. I was very proud of the students and the way they represented our school.

‘When you’re in the pit, you learn quite a bit’

Michelle Grieger
Junior School Leader

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 10:
Tuesday 5/7/16 - Eastern Zone Netball - Years 8 - 12
Friday 8/7/16 Last Day of Term - Early dismissal @ 2:00pm

TERM 3
Week 1:
25/7/16 - Term 3 begins.
27 - 29/7/16 Year 9 Camp

TERM 4
Week 9:
Wednesday 14/12/16 - Presentation Morning 9:30am at the Complex

Happy Holidays

RESPECT  INTEGRITY  VITALITY  EXCELLENCE  RESPONSIBILITY
MIDDLE SCHOOL:
There is pressure from all directions to spend money on our children and yet some of the most valuable things children need cannot be bought. One of the best things parents can give their children is a healthy attitude to living. There is a sense of satisfaction and achievement for parents who feel confident that their child is equipped to handle difficulties and challenges. We live in a world of uncertainty and change where many things are beyond our control. How we manage often depends on the way we see situations.

Helping your child become an optimist and ‘look on the bright side of life’ is a step towards preparing your child for a strong future.

What is optimism? Optimism is being able to expect the best out of life’s experiences. It means having hope and a strong belief and confidence to deal with situations. Optimism is about thinking positively. Being able to look on the bright side helps all of us to get on top of challenges and manage life’s difficulties.

We have been so proud of the choir who performed at Aminya. They did a fabulous performance despite the heat—a true indication of positive thinking!

Alyssa Quinn
Middle School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL:
Semester 2 Subjects and Timetables for Year 11 students are currently being finalised. More information will be sent out next week. If you would like to discuss your child’s subjects, please contact me.

Certificate 2 in Food Processing – We have the opportunity of running a Café Sales & Barista (Wednesdays) and a Commercial Cooking – Kitchen Operations (Thursday) course at MCC next Semester. This is a great opportunity for our students to not only get SACE credits at Stage 1 but get skills to enhance their employability skills, and support students already working in the food industry obtain qualifications. These courses will run for 16 weeks commencing in Week 2, Term 3. We are focusing on students 16 years and over as they will qualify for the Governments Training Guarantee (TGSS). There is a small charge for consumables and resources but it will be minimal.

Attendance is also an area that we want to focus on in the Senior School. There is a high number of students who are becoming habitual non-attenders, which in the senior years is concerning on a number of accounts. If students are not at school and in class getting instructions and support from teachers and peers, they are more likely to not complete their subjects or fail them. Students and families must understand that Year 11 and 12 students are required to submit a number of assignments (on time) to their teachers and peers, they are more beholden to achieve a C or better to pass the subject. The more school the student misses the further behind they get and are putting their education at risk. Please contact me if you would like to discuss your child further. Letters will be sent out later this term detailing attendances, expectations of students and pending failure of SACE subjects to relevant students’ parents/caregivers.

Work Experience Student – In Week 6 we had Kady Poole, a Year 10 student from Swan Reach Area School complete her Work Experience with Bryan Wilsdon and other teachers focusing on PE. I was very impressed with staff and students who made her time with us rewarding and successful.

Student Drivers – If your child drives themselves and/or other students to school, they are required to complete forms which need to be signed by their parents/caregivers. Forms will be given to students this week. Can you please make sure that you sign and return these forms to the front office before the end of the term.

Presentation Morning will be held in Term 4, Week 9, Wednesday 14th December 2016 at the Complex commencing at 9:30am. Please put this date in your diary. We held Presentation’s at this time last year very successfully and it has been decided to make it a permanent time.

Year 12 Formal will be held on Friday 21st October 2016 at the Mannum Community Club. More details will be in later newsletters.

Student Reports – teachers are busy writing student reports for work competed in Semester 1 (Terms 1 and 2). Reports will be sent home on the last day of term.

Charly Elliker
Senior School Leader

INFORMATION FOR YOU

MCC PEDAL PRIX
Middle and Senior School students competing in their first Australian International Pedal Prix event for the season. The race took place at Victoria Park on Sunday 19th June.

Mr Strauss has worked extremely hard preparing the bikes for the students. The senior bike, a fibreglass shell, looked extraordinarily professional and certainly looked the part on the track. Both bikes performed reliably all day and finished relatively unscathed.

The students competing for MCC displayed great teamwork and worked together cooperatively to achieve positive results. Out of 160 registered teams, our Senior bike placed 57th and our Junior bike placed 135th.

Thank you to all of the students for an enjoyable and rewarding day and a special thank you to all the parents and family members that attended and supported us throughout the event.

Students will hit the track again on the first Sunday of Term 3. We are looking forward to another fantastic and successful day.

Mr Lombardi
INFORMATION FOR YOU

WHATS ON AT THE HUB

Kids Club activities for your child/children (5 to 9 year olds) on
Mondays from 3:00 - 5:00pm in Term 2 & 3. Bookings are essential.
Ask at the HUB for a program

School Holiday program - July 11th - 14th - Family Fun Day,
Iceskating, Bowling/Laser Skirmish, Art & Craft/Karaoke. Contact the
HUB for information about their FUN Holiday activities. Bookings are
essential.
The BUB CLUB for children aged 2 - 4 years old on Wednesday
mornings from 9:30 - 10:45.
Guitar Lessons Starting on 28th July, Term 3. For ages 8 +. Contact
The Hub for more details and to register.

Contact details: website: www.mmss.com.au
Address: 58 Walker Ave Mannum 5238.
Phone: 85691832 for any enquiries
Watch the school Front Office window for posters of upcoming events.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Please remember to put your child’s name, the date/s of your
child’s absence and most importantly, the reason, eg. Family,
Illness, etc when replying to an ‘absentee’ SMS. Also, if your
child has two or more days ill, you may be asked to provide a
doctor’s certificate.

PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE IF LATE!

WHAT’S ON AT OUR SCHOOL

WORLD OF MATHS ROAD SHOW

In Week 8, the World of Maths Road Show visited the Middle School students. Students enjoyed a wide range of hands on problem-solving
activities. It was fun and interactive and designed for all students to see Maths in real life contexts. The workshop was an entertaining day,
which allowed all students to be involved and work together to have fun and expand their knowledge using a variety of problem-solving
strategies. Well done to all students who participated.

Mr Lombardi

COMMUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

BEYOND KAYAKING

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Free for families with children aged 4 - 12
Please book by phoning LYALL
at CENTACARE on 85318888

South East Riverland Family Day Care & Swan Reach Kindergarten
Invite you to consider a business opportunity as the In Venue Care
Educator at Swan Reach Kindergarten
As an educator:
• you set your own fees
• determine your own working hours
• your business would run in conjunction with the Swan Reach
  Kindergarten on days when the Kindergarten is not in session
  (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday)
• you are able to use the Kindergarten’s resources
• you can care for a maximum of 7 children including your own, only 4
  children can be under preschool age
• to be eligible you will require the qualifications - Certificate III in
  Education and Care, approved first aid certificates and a DCSI criminal
  history check

For more information contact
Berri Family Day Care 8595 2415 or Cassandra.Alderson@sa.gov.au
Swan Reach Kindergarten 85702032 or Jess.Schwarz538@schools.sa.edu.au
Family Day Care - Business & Customer Support Centre 1300551890
LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY BORROWING

MONDAY:  6/7 Love   6/7 Lombardi
TUESDAY:  4/5 Grieger   4/5 Barnes   1/2 O’Hara
WEDNESDAY:  R/1 Laredo   1/2 Bennett   2/3 Waters
THURSDAY:  2/3 Zrim   Yr 10 Falkland
FRIDAY:  4/5 Rowley   Yr 8 Groves   Yr 9 Groves

Rec - Yr 5:  3 books
Year 6 - 10:  5 books
Year 11 - 12:  10 books
Students in Rec-Year 2 must use a library bag

Jo Dunn  Teacher Librarian

JOY’S CORNER

Today will never come again. Be a blessing. Be a friend. Encourage someone. Let your words heal, and not wound.

CARTEEN NEWS

On these ‘cold, brisk’ days don’t forget Hot Chocolate is available from the Canteen—$2.00 per cup.
We will continue with the same menu for Term 3.

Carol Mobbs, Canteen Manageress (85692971)

BANANA CHIPS RECIPE

5 minutes preparation + 15 minutes cooking
Serves 4

Ingredients
4 bananas

Method
Peel and slice banana thinly. Bake in hot oven (250°C) for 15 to 20 minutes or until crisp.

REUNION

Murray Bridge Scout Group
Saturday 30th July
For more information please contact Anne Norrish at norrish123@hotmail.com

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