Hello families and friends

Wonderland is open!!

Over the past four weeks our “wonderful” library staff have been working on transforming our library into an inquiry based learning area. The desks and walls are covered in questions and I Wonders... Students are very excited about the opportunity to come in and solve problems. There are colouring in competitions, Lego building, what am I... just to name a few. Jo Dunn and Michelle Mitchell have put in hours of work developing this area. It will continue to grow and evolve as students bring in their own questions and problems to solve. The Community Library is also involved – developing displays of the most amazing boxes I have ever seen. They have hundreds of moving parts and are beautifully carved. ‘Wonderland’ is not yet finished and I hope it never will be!

If you get the chance come in and solve a problem with your child or even better bring in a problem for others to work out. If you have strange tools or items, we have a section for “what am I and what am I used for?” We would love to display these and see who can work out what they are.

I always seem to be saying how proud I am of our senior students and here I go again - they came to the ‘Wonderland’ opening and looked great in their uniform and were certainly role models in their behaviour - well done.

Staff will again be involved in a Partnership Learning Day on Friday the 12th of August. Junior and Middle school staff will be joining teachers from other local schools to work on moderating student writing. This will ensure that there is consistency in grades and a chance for teachers to share practise. Senior staff will continue their focus on SACE.

NAPLAN on line All schools are trailing a new way of doing the NAPLAN tests. As you probably know the tests have always been on paper and we didn’t get the results for several months. In 2017 the tests will be done on the computer and tailored to better suit the needs of each individual child.

This trial is to ensure that our system can run the program and it’s a good chance for us all to learn how it will work before next year. We will not get any results - it is an exercise regarding process rather than the test itself.

We are all so excited as Mannum Community College has been awarded a Grant for 3.5 million dollars to develop our facilities and resources in the above areas. Yes - you read it correctly - 3.5 million.

Jacob Strauss, our science teacher has already spent hours developing plans and ‘Walk Throughs’ on the computer of possible designs. They look amazing! The architects have just been appointed and we will meet with our project manager this week. Science, technology, maths staff and leaders will visit sites to look at ‘best practise’ to ensure we have the most effective, amazing, flexible learning areas possible.

Congratulations to Ms Georgia McLaren and Ms Michelle Grieger on winning Permanency with the department. This means that they will continue to do amazing work here at Mannum - Well Done!

Warmest regards

Michele Holloway

JUNIOR SCHOOL:
Welcome back to what will be a very busy Term 3. I am very happy and proud to be Senior Leader of the Junior School for the remainder of the year. I am dedicated to continue the great work we do at Mannum. I do hope you were able to spend some quality time with your children. As I know all too well how quickly they grow up! I would especially like to welcome the new families who have chosen Mannum to continue the important education of their children. We not only welcome you to the school but to the community.

This term will see our students engaging in quality learning with a special focus on Reading Comprehension strategies and Growth v’s Fixed Mind Set. At Mannum, ‘O K’ is not good enough… teachers want students to acknowledge this and strive for excellence in everything they do. We want to reinforce a better work ethic in all our students and promote our ‘Best Work’ motto. Students are reminded that ‘It’s OK to make mistakes’, we learn from them. No child is always right or always wrong. Everyone makes mistakes and they are the most important way we learn. Attempting to do something – taking a risk - is what learning is all about.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3

Week 2: Year 10 Work Experience
Week 3: Friday 12/8/16 - STUDENT FREE DAY

Week 4:
Week 6: Thursday 01/09/16 School Photos

TERM 4

Week 9: Wednesday 14/12/16 - Presentation Morning
9:30am at the Complex
Please listen to your child read every night - there is nothing that can replace practise, practise, practise. Even children who are able to read independently need to be listened to and asked questions to check they can understand what they have read. The purpose of reading is to understand - so by simply asking a few questions we can encourage children to read for meaning rather than just sounding out words. Older students still need to be listened to for this reason.

If you have a concern to discuss with the teacher please arrange a time to speak with them after school - mornings are always very busy and the teachers need to have their whole attention on their class. You are welcome to come and see me if it is something that needs to be addressed immediately. If you are upset about an issue come straight to me. Do not go to the classroom where conversations can be overheard and witnessed. Remember - be involved with your children - they grow up all too fast!

Thank you for your continued support,

Michelle Grieger
Junior School Leader

MIDDLE SCHOOL:
Welcome back to Term 3. It is great to see that all students have settled quickly back into school routine. I would like to welcome Kira Aiemdechasak, who is in Ms Love's class, to Middle school, hope you settle in well. Middle school's literacy intervention program will be up and running this week. The program is called Levelled Literacy Intervention (LLI) and it aims to improve reading and writing. Students have been selected to participate in the program from their PAT Reading results. Selected students will bring home a letter explaining the finer details of participation. We hope to have everyone’s support at home with this program. I want to congratulate Rusty Ratley for making it into the Hall of Fame last term. I hope we get a lot more students joining this elite group. I wish everyone a great term of learning.

Alyssa Quinn
Middle School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL:
Welcome to Term 3, I hope that all students and families had a great break and have returned recharged and enthusiastic for Semester 2. I cannot believe that we are half way through the year already! It is an extremely important time for our Year 12 students who are wanting to complete their SACE as they only have approximately 12 weeks left to finish their assignments. With this in mind over the first two weeks of the Term, I will be meeting with all of the Year 12 teachers to discuss each student and their progress. Once these meetings have occurred, parents/caregivers will be asked to attend a meeting with me and various teachers to not only discuss any issues but to plan goals to help their child to successfully complete their SACE.

We are excited to start the Café Sales & Barista and Commercial Cookery & Kitchen Operations courses in Week 2 with the Independent Institute of Food Processing. I will keep you up to date with what the students are doing throughout the Semester.

The Year 11 students are commencing their Research Project this Semester and will be attending the SACE Research Project Expo on Tuesday 9th August at the Adelaide Showgrounds. This is a fantastic opportunity for our students to see what other students have done and have a chat to them about how they completed it. There are also after hours sessions for parents and families to attend – please see advertisement further in this newsletter.

The Year 10 students will be participating in Work Experience in Week 2 in various businesses in Mannum and surrounding towns. This is a great opportunity for students to get a taste of what is involved in future career choices. Thank you to Ms. Odera for all of her hard work arranging the week with the students and to Donna for helping with the paperwork.

We are always trying to find different ways to support our students not only to complete their SACE but to become successful members of our community and have future employment options. One resource that I received last week was from The Business Council of Australia who have produced a guide for Being Work Ready – A guide to what employees want focusing on Values, Behaviours and Skills. I will be working with students and staff on ensuring our students are leaving MCC with the minimum skills/factors and are more work ready for when they gain employment. More information will be sent home to families during the term.

Last week Michele Holloway and myself attended a meeting run by the Mannum Progress Committee with local groups and organisations with the focus on sharing of resources, information, etc. This will be a great resource not only for the Mannum Community but for our students with options of getting them involved more in community groups and activities. I will keep everyone updated as more information becomes available.

Please remember that I am always available to have a chat regarding your child and options for them to complete their SACE, or if you would like more information of how your business could form a partnership with the school. You can either ring the school or my mobile 0438 569 600 or email me at charly.elliker522@schools.sa.edu.au

Charly Elliker
Senior School Leader

SCHOOL PHOTOS COMING SOON

School Photos will be taken at our school on 1/9/16.
We are proud that the country’s leading school photographer, MSP Photography will be taking our school photos.

Parents can send the money to the school in the envelope supplied however On-Line Ordering, where parents are able to select their preferred package online makes it much easier for our parent community.

In 2016 the range of options available to you online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a smartphone, parents will have the option to purchase a High Resolution Digital Download of their child’s image and Family/Sibling packages will also be able to be ordered online!

An added incentive for our families is that MSP now offers a 10% discount for all family orders above $90.00.

Parents who order family photos online are encouraged to confirm with the school that they wish to have their family members photographed.
**WHAT’S 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.

*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](http://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.

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**Murray Bridge Basketball Association**

**BRIDGE HOOPS**

Term 3 Bridge Hoops will run from **WEDNESDAY August 3rd – September 7th 2016**

*From 5.00 PM – 6.00 PM*

*COST*: $30 for 6 weeks

Boys and Girls Aged 5-8 Years

Please contact our Stadium Coordinator for further information.
- Phone 85310755
- Fax 85310648
- Email admin@mbba.com.au

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**AUSSIES, WATCH OUT FOR MOZZIES IN RIO!**

Australia’s Chief Medical Officer has issued an important warning to those travelling to Brazil for the 2016 Rio Olympics – that travellers MUST protect themselves from mosquitoes.

Brazil is experiencing a Zika virus outbreak in addition to the presence of yellow fever, dengue and chikungunya. These dangerous viruses are spread by mosquitoes, and Zika can also be sexually transmitted.

Women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant are particularly at risk, especially from Zika, which can lead to severe birth defects such as microcephaly. These women are advised to defer their travel. If you must travel then you should see your doctor for further advice.

Travellers can help protect themselves from yellow fever by getting vaccinated at least 10 days before arriving in Brazil. However, there are no vaccines for Zika, dengue or chikungunya.

Your best defence against these viruses is to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites, including protective clothing and heavy duty mosquito repellent.


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**Watoto’s 2016 “Oh, What Love” Live Tour**

**School Seminar** - 1.30pm
**Full Concert – 7pm**

Mannum Leisure Centre
Thursday 11th August

For more information visit [www.watoto.com/](http://www.watoto.com/)
LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY BORROWING

MONDAY:  6/7 Love  6/7 Lombardi
TUESDAY:  4/5 Grieger  4/5 Barnes  1/2 O’Hara
          R/1 Clark
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

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT LEARNING COUNCIL

We would like to introduce the Student Learning Council members representing our Junior School. Kaiden Dohnt, Patrick Eggers, Ekacia Goldsmith, Tia Collier, Grace Lukely and Jordan Cook. These students are working collaboratively with others student’s from different schools each term within the district focusing on Growth Mindset, resilience, persistence and ways we can improve our school and student learning. The students are representing all the students in the Junior School and will be contributing to Well Being Wednesday activities and information sessions for classes. These council members will have huge responsibilities and expectations to uphold and I’m sure they will set a great example for our school.

CARTEEN NEWS

Welcome to Term 3. I hope everyone had a relaxing break.

Just a reminder - our winter menu is still current for Term 3.

Carol Mobbs, Canteen Manageress (85692971)

AROONA SCOUT GROUP

HELP KEEP SCOUTS ALIVE IN OUR DISTRICT

For further information please phone
Ingrid on 0448113175

Manners Matter

Thank You

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HELLO

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You're Welcome

I'm Sorry

HAVE A NICE DAY

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