FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Hello families and friends

Congratulations to Mannum School Community. I am so proud of you all. Great Bookweek Parade.

It is great we are starting to get some sunshine as our Senior School yard upgrade has begun, hopefully rain will hold off so it does not become a quagmire! We have consulted with the Senior School student leaders to develop exciting plans for this space. Work will be done in several stages. Stage one involves clearing the site, laying of pathways, laying of artificial turf, two handball courts, basketball space, painting, stair case and planting of new trees. And there’s more to come! We will be building raised garden beds, more activity areas, sculpture and art display area and further seating – exciting times.

The staff are continuing to closely examine our NAPLAN results. While we are very pleased overall with our positive growth - we are looking for areas on which to focus. Teachers are looking at the data in groups as we are all responsible for every child’s learning and welfare. In line with our “Wonderland” library we are continuing to focus on an enquiry approach across the school. Not only do we encourage students to ‘wonder’ but staff are using the same approach to build our own learning and skills.

You may have noticed new safety signage near school entrance and exit points. These have been kindly supplied by DPTI and the Mid Murray Council. We are very conscious of the need to constantly remind students to be alert. Research shows that young brains do not focus long enough to keep themselves safe so all adults and older students need to be mindful of the young ones around them. Don’t assume they will stop at the curb or have noticed the car – their minds are often elsewhere.

On a similar note – It is wonderful to see the community atmosphere in the yard at the end of the day. Remember that caregivers are responsible for their children on the playground after hours. This playground is only safe for Junior school students – no Middle or Senior School students should be on the equipment even if parents are there. The older students spin much faster than is safe for younger ones and we do not want an accident.

Once again a reminder - school is not the place to continue out of school disputes with other parents. It is very distressing for all who are in earshot – this includes the areas in the vicinity of the school. We must always have the wellbeing of our students at the forefront of our minds and be good role models.

Warmest regards
Michele Holloway

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 3

| Week 6: | Thursday 01/09/16 | School Photos |
| Week 7: | Thursday 08/09/16 | Year 6/7 Basketball |
| Week 8: | Monday 12/09/16 | Finance/Governing Council Meeting |
|         | Tuesday 13/09/16 | Donut Day/Footy Colours Casual Day |
| Week 9: | 7/9/16 | - Year 8/9 Frisbee |
|         | 21/9/16-28/9/16 | - Operation Flinders |
|         | 24/9/16 | - 24-hour Pedal Prix Event |

TERM 4 (advanced notice for parents):

| Week 3: | Thursday 3/11/16 | Gala Day |
| Week 9: | Wednesday 14/12/16 | Presentation Morning |

| Week 10: | 26/9/16 | - SAPSASA Athletics |
|         | 27/9/16 | - Big Band Workshop at Meningie |

SUB-SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL: How amazing was the Book Week parade! We have such a supportive community with many families coming to watch the parade and even some parents dressed up also. I was overcome with the excitement from students and just how many dressed up in many different and creative costumes. It’s fantastic that so many teachers get into the spirit of Book Week and enjoy dressing up also.

The Year 4/5’s had many amazing experiences while at Mylor Adventure camp. Activities they participated in were bridge building, archery, flying fox, giant swing, rock climbing, canoeing, initiative pursuits (team games) and low ropes. The students definitely made the most of their time by getting saturated in the creek, cooking marshmallows over the bon fire and burning heaps of energy. The whole experience was fantastic and everyone had a ball – including the teachers!

Traffic lights and intervention reports will be handed out as a progressive summary of your child’s learning journey so far this term. If there is an area of concern - a red light - your child’s teacher will contact you to discuss this.

During Well Being Wednesday we are focusing on Resilience and making mistakes is okay. We are encouraging students to have tenacity and a positive work ethic to see tasks through. Some comments you can say to your children to reinforce resilience and persistence are:

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- You really tried hard on that...
- You have such a positive attitude.
- It’s great to see you kept trying even though it was hard.
- Making mistakes is proof you are learning.
- I’m proud that you made that choice.

I really believe that we can be proud of our school as new students and visitors constantly remark on how great our kids are. A new family this week remarked on how kind and caring the children were to their child. Congratulations everyone!

Michelle Grieger
Junior School Leader

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Wow halfway through the term already and what a busy term it has been in Middle School; NAPLAN, Bookweek, EZ Soccer, Blue Light camp, and Choir Magic Millions. We still have lots to come: PAT testing, Big Band Workshop, SAPSASA Basketball, school photos, Sacred Stone performance (Christian seminar) and Festival of Music.

We completed the NAPLAN Online Readiness trial test last week and I would like to mention the students did a great job and were very patient when there were a few troubles. They managed very well and have shown, minus a few platform issues, our school is capable of completing the NAPLAN online next year. There will be no individual student results as these tests were done to test the schools ICT capabilities.

Congratulations to Ella Deramore Denver, Alyssa Marafioti and Cody Krollig for representing our school at SAPSASA football and Netball. I know the netball did very well finishing 3rd by 1 point in their division and the football had a couple of wins in their division.

The PAT testing of numeracy and reading comprehension will begin in Week 7. These tests are very important as teachers use these to determine what students can and can’t do. They are also used to determine whether students need intervention or not. All students (Years 3-10) need to complete these tests as a DECD requirement.

Remember to ensure that all students in Middle School area are doing their 10 or 20 minutes of reading homework a night. Reading is important as it develops skills necessary for life. It improves vocabulary and spelling; by finding out new ideas, concepts and stories it helps to exercise the brain and people learn about the world around them; reading improves concentration; reading helps people develop imagination, creativity and empathy and it is a form of entertainment that calms and relaxes the mind. If students are competent and confident readers they are able to do well in all subjects as every subject has some form of literacy. This is why the LLI intervention program that Middle School are utilising is so important as it will improve student’s reading skills and build their confidence, accuracy, fluency and comprehension of different text types.

Alyssa Quinn
Middle School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL: Last week we had a really noisy start to the week with the commencement of the Senior School upgrade. Jack hammers and bobcats didn’t take long to demolish the area and then level the site ready for the new area.

On Tuesday 23/8 Alesha Neville, Sophie Stagg, Codie Flynn-O’Shea and Eli Burns were fantastic waitresses and waiter at the Mannum Lions Club dinner. The students really enjoyed the night and did a brilliant job supporting our community groups.

A number of Year 10 and 11 students attended the 2 day SAPOL Blue Light camp last week. They all enjoyed themselves.

The food courses are going really well and producing some top notch food. They are learning how to clean up after themselves and they work hard on the theory side of the course. Cafe Sales and Barista students have begun learning how to use the coffee machines and this is making staff happy with them being taste testers.

Charly Elliker
Senior School Leader

SUB-SCHOOL NEWS (continued)
INFORMATION FOR YOU

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.

OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM (Second week of the holidays) Ask at the Hub for a detailed program or look on the website.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTO REMINDER

School Photos will be taken at our school on 1/9/16 (Thursday)

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 smart-phone, 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.

Free Parent Workshop

Parents As Career Transition Support

Want to know how to help your teenager with career ideas?

What is SACE and where can it lead?
What is the difference between TAFE & University?
What sort of jobs are out there?
What is an apprenticeship?

This email is to invite you to Parents as Career Transition Supporters (PACTS) Workshops - Free for Parents. This 3 in 1 workshop covers Career Development & Transition Planning. Education and Training Pathways and Employment Pathways.

PACTS are free workshops developed to provide parents with up-to-date information and resources about educational pathways. These workshops enable parents to support their children effectively when making career transition decisions within the secondary school system and beyond.

Contact: Laynie.Dunne-Heynis@unisa.edu.au or phone: 08 8302 5444/0438 579 004

In partnership with...
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**LIBRARY BORROWING - Term 3**

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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

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**AROONA SCOUT GROUP**

HELP KEEP SCOUTS ALIVE IN OUR DISTRICT

For further information please phone  
Ingrid on 0448113175

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**Keep your kids smiling**

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!  
Your local clinic is: Murray Bridge School Dental Clinic Phone: 8531 9300

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

We hope you have all received “Footy Colours” Donut Day order forms for Tuesday 13th September.

Please return all orders by Friday 9th September.

Thanks

Carol Mobbs, Canteen Manageress (85692971)

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**VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

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