FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Hello families and friends

The Senior School yard upgrade is going well with the paving started – but as I write it is pouring outside so I hope it doesn’t damage the site they have spent days preparing.

Congratulations to our Student Learning Community who are working with the Junior School to develop and build a growth mindset and positive attitude to productive failure. We have talked about the importance of allowing students to experience failure as a part of learning. We ask that you encourage a positive approach to mistakes and when your child says “I can’t do it!” You respond with – “You can’t do it YET.” The student group will be presenting their work to staff so we can all see what is possible.

On a similar note, all staff went to Ms Love’s class after school on Tuesday to watch a presentation by some of her class on Goal Setting. This has been the focus of Ms Love’s Professional Learning Group and we were blown away by how articulate and confident the students were. They volunteered to stay after school to present this to staff and we say a big thank you for their commitment. It was something I would like as many parents as possible to also see so Ms Love’s class will present their work on Thursday the 15th at 2.30 pm in their classroom – Middle School Room 2. It does not matter what year level your child is currently in – this will not only showcase what our students are capable of but also give you information to support your own child’s learning. I have approached several other teachers about presenting their student’s learning – not only to the staff but for parents. These will be short snapshots of what is occurring here at Mannum Community College. They will be at the end of the day so I really hope you will come and support the students by being an audience. If these prove popular we will continue with them across all areas of schooling.

Anzac Memorial – the memorial ‘monolith’ which was so kindly donated by ‘Black Hill Granite’ and transported by ‘Males Transport’ has now been engraved. It looks amazing and will be the backdrop for our memorial services in the future.

Barista course students are getting better and better – I know from my taste tests. We are looking forward to them getting out into the community at some local events. I’ll be first in the queue.

Ms O’Hara’s Cheese Factory excursion occurred last week and I hope they remembered to bring me samples.

Mannum Community Hub holiday programs are now out – they provide some excellent activities for children of all ages so please check out the flyer and book in early.

Two basketball teams competed in the 6/7 SAPSASA basketball competition at Unity College last Thursday. This was well organised by Gary Westlake. A big thank you to him for giving up his time to enable this to happen.

Warmest regards
Michele Holloway

JUNIOR SCHOOL: Our Junior School Student Learning Council (SLC) have been working hard at running Well Being Wednesday assemblies. They are also working in classrooms with a special focus on Growth Mindset challenges where students participate in different activities which take them out of their comfort zone so they can experience frustration, confusion or difficulty. The SLC talk to the students about the emotions they are feeling when the task is hard and relate this to the Learning Pit. From here students set Learning goals using Positive Growth Mindset to change their Fixed Mind set of thinking.

Students who start their learning with a Growth Mind Set achieve better results and are more successful in their learning. They choose to: ask for help and not give up, try again, learn from mistakes and keep persisting even though it is difficult and challenging.

There are many ways a parent can encourage a Growth Mindset in their child:

**TALK ABOUT IT**

Talk with your child about their day but guide the discussion by asking question like:

Did you make a mistake today?
What did you learn?

**PRAISE THE PROCESS**

Instead of saying ‘you are so smart’, praise effort, goal setting and persisting through challenges.

You can say ‘wow, you really worked hard on this’
HELP THEM CHANGE THEIR DIALOGUE
The way your child talks to his/her self makes a huge impact on their mindset. If he/she says “This is too hard!” help them to change that to “I can’t do this YET, but I will keep trying”. 

ENCOURAGE FAILURE (Build resilience)
Your child needs to know that failure can (and often does) happen and **it is okay!** Remind them that each time he/she fails and tries again, their brain is growing stronger. We learn from the mistakes we make.

Michelle Grieger
Junior School Leader

MIDDLE SCHOOL: I would like to welcome some new students to Middle School who have started in the last couple of weeks, Cooper Devries is a new Year 7 student in Mr Lombardi’s class, Evan Deverix is a new Year 6 student in Mr Lombardi’s class and Josh Drummond is a new Year 8 student in Miss McLaren’s class. I hope you have settled in well.

The PAT testing of student in Maths and Reading comprehension started last week and will continue till Week 9. Students from Years 3 to 10 are required by DECD to complete these tests online. They give the school an instant report on student’s strengths and weaknesses in specific areas of reading comprehension and mathematics, and allows for teachers to determine areas of improvement for students in their classes. The school also uses this data to determine if students need to participate in wave 2 interventions. We do this by seeing whether the student’s scale score is at the level of the DECD Standard of Educational Achievement scale score for their year level.

**Standard of Educational Achievement PAT Testing:**
- **Maths**
  - Year 6 scale score 124
  - Year 7 Scale Score 125
  - Year 8 Scale Score 128
  - Year 9 Scale Score 130

- **Reading comprehension**
  - Year 6 scale score 124
  - Year 7 Scale Score 125
  - Year 8 Scale Score 128
  - Year 9 Scale Score 130

Middle School Students next term will be participating in a wellbeing survey called Survey of Wellbeing and Student Engagement, which they have completed the last 3 years (previously known as the MDI survey). The survey is anonymous and it is to collect students’ views about wellbeing and engagement with school and it is to help the school improve young peoples’ health and wellbeing. There will be a letter going home with more information about the survey. If you wish for your child not to participate you need to contact the school and notify their class teacher that they are not to complete the survey.

Just want to give parents a heads up that I will be composing a survey which will be sent out to parents about Middle School reporting. I would like to determine the worth/value to you of every type of reporting we do in Middle School. We are currently reviewing our reporting system and would like parent input into our decisions.

Alyssa Quinn
Middle School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL:

Congratulations to Ms Odera on the delivery of triplets last week! She now has three simulated babies for the Child Studies students to foster as part of their program.

Charly Elliker
Senior School Leader

The Year 11 Home Group welcomed twelve new members to their class last week. Twelve new Goldfish - names are still being assigned.

The Food Processing Courses are engaging our students and producing some really tasty and first class food and coffee. This is a really professional programme for the school and students with fantastic support from Independent Institute and Mannum IGA Green.
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.

TEEN CHALLENGE Friday 16th September, Term Break-up Friday September 23rd.

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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT HEADSPACE

KAYAKING TASTER (12 - 18 year old) - Parent consent required.

COME AND TRY KAYAKING (12 - 18 year old)

LEARN HOW TO FENCE (12 - 25 year old)

Contact details:

Phone: 85 312122 for enquiries / bookings

Watch the school Front Office window for posters of upcoming events.

YOUTH BEYOND BLUE

Here’s a helpful site for young people with anxiety from youth beyond blue called the Brave Program that may be helpful.

https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/

The program was developed by the BRAVE team from Griffith University, The University of Southern Queensland and The University of Queensland, in consultation with UniQuest Pty Limited, and USQ Researcher Dr Sonja March said the program is easy to use. “The program is fun, interactive and can be completed at your own pace. All that young people with anxiety need to access the treatment program is a computer and the internet,” she said.

“Trials and evaluation of the BRAVE program have shown young people who use it notice a significant improvement in their anxiety, and many are able to overcome their worries.”
# Library News

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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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# Canteen News

Don’t forget ‘Footy Colours - Donut Day’ on Tuesday 13th September.

New Summer Menu will come home during the last week of term along with Term 4 Canteen Roster.

Thanks

Carol Mobbs, Canteen Manageress (85692971)

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# Joy’s News

**Courage does not always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying I will try again tomorrow.**

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# Volunteer Roster

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# Information for You (Cont.)

**National Domestic Family Violence Counselling**

National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family Violence Counselling Service

1800RESPECT.org.au

1800 737 732

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# Joy’s News (Cont.)

**National Domestic Family Violence Counselling**

- Daisy is a free app that easily connects you to a wide range of support services in your state and local area.
- Search Daisy and 1800RESPECT in the Apple Store or Google Play.
- 1800RESPECT.org.au/daisy

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# Mannum Golf Club

Family Golf Day
Sunday 25th September
Adults $8.00 - Kids/Students Free
BBQ after play

Enquiries to Lisa, ph: 0427864261
Or Mannum Golf Club ph: 85692066