Hello families and friends

The end of another very busy term!

Keep supporting our approach to offensive language: Student welfare underpins all we do. We do not just focus on their intellectual growth but on their social and emotional wellbeing. We aim to build balanced, socially competent young people who can function to a high level in society. We all need to learn and practise self-regulation skills which enable us to stay in control – even when angry or upset. School is the ideal place to develop these skills. Learning to respond in a calm manner or knowing when to walk away are lifelong skills.

We have always taken a strong stand regarding offensive and in particular sexualized language used on, or near, school grounds and I would like to thank parents for their support in following up any such behaviours at home. I am asking for your continued support as students have been reminded that there will be significant consequences for using offensive or abusive language at school.

Science lesson display: Thank you to Ms Love’s class for presenting their learning to parents last Thursday. Ms Rowley’s students will be showing how they teach each other science so look out for students giving out invitations in the yard. Please make the time to go and watch – they will be disappointed if there is not a good crowd to clap and appreciate their efforts.

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Thank you staff: I wish to acknowledge the wonderful commitment of MCC staff who go above and beyond to enable students to have these experiences. This happens every day in different ways and it often goes unrecognised. Remember to thank your child’s teacher when they provide these experiences – a thank you goes a long way.

Warmest regards
Michele Holloway

SUB-SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR SCHOOL:

**Gala Day!**

Save the date for Thursday November 3rd 12-2pm in the Junior School area.

If you have any items to donate for the ‘Trash and Treasure’ stall, we would kindly accept them! Please leave donations at the front office. Other teachers may send notes out with their students requesting small donations of food items for their class stalls.

The Student Learning Council attended a Partnership meeting with other schools in the district including Murray Bridge South and North Schools, Jervois, Tailen Bend, Palmer and Mypolonga. We shared with the Partnership our focus on being in the Learning Pit with our students and the challenges our students are experiencing and recognising each day. The SLC spoke about their experiences they had with each class over the past week. They are running short lessons in Pastoral Care reminding students of the importance of showing how they teach each other science so look out for students giving out invitations in the yard. Please make the time to go and watch – they will be disappointed if there is not a good crowd to clap and appreciate their efforts.

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

**TERM 3**

**Week 10:**

- 26/9/16  - SAPSASA Athletics
- 27/9/16  - Big Band Workshop at Meningie
- 29/9/16  - SAPOL Presentation
- 30/9/16  - TERM 3 ENDS at 2pm

**TERM 4**

**Week 1:** 18th - 21st October  - Outdoor Ed. Camp

**Week 3:** Thursday  3/11/16  - Gala Day
                  Friday    4/11/16  - School Closure Day

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

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RESPECT  INTEGRITY  VITALITY  EXCELLENCE  RESPONSIBILITY
The SLC representatives believe reading is extremely important in all years of school and this will be our focus in Term 4 in the Junior School.

Importance of Reading

1. Reading is fundamental to function in today’s society. There are many adults who cannot read well enough to understand the instructions on a medicine bottle.

2. Reading is a vital skill in finding a good job. Many well-paying jobs require reading as a part of job performance.

3. Reading is important because it develops the mind. The mind is a muscle. It needs exercise. Understanding the written word is one way the mind grows in its ability.

4. Why is reading important? It is how we discover new things. Books, magazines and even the Internet are great learning tools which require the ability to read and understand what is read.

5. Reading develops the imagination. TV and computer games have their place, but they are more like amusement.

6. Reading is fundamental in developing a good self-image. Non-readers or poor readers often have low opinions of themselves and their abilities.

Parents; read to and with your children DAILY! It is a vital skill in developing your child's vocabulary, their mind and imagination.

Michelle Grieger
Junior School Leader

MIDDLE SCHOOL: It is Week 10 and the last week of Term 3. The time is flying and it’s nearly the end of the year.

Unfortunately the last few weeks has seen some of Middle School students’ uniforms not following the school uniform policy. Non-bottle green jumpers, Mannum netball or football jumpers and SAPSASA jumpers are not appropriate uniform and students should not be wearing them to school. The school uniform is the school jumper which can be purchased in the front office. If your child is wearing one of these jumpers they will be asked to put their school shirt over the top and will be given a warning and a stamp in their diary which needs to be signed by a parent/guardian. If they are repeatedly out of uniform without a acceptable reason you will be contacted and will be expected to deliver their appropriate uniform to school or they will be given something to wear from our supply of spare jumpers.

Thanks to the parents who have completed the reporting survey and sent them back to school. If you haven’t completed it please do so ASAP as it is valuable information that will use to make changes to our reporting schedule.

Congratulations to Mitchell Heward, Kathryn Masanque, Madeline Jarred for achieving Hall of Fame in Academic Excellence. Congratulations to Jacob Bulger and Mitchell Heward for achieving Hall of Fame in Excellence in the School Community.

Please remember to look at your child’s learning folder and make a comment and return to school ASAP. Learning folders offer a snap shot into the work your child is completing at school and the standard they are working at.

Thanks
Alyssa Quinn
Middle School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL: Exciting news! We have been successful with our proposal of starting our Year 10 students into Year 11 (SACE Stage 1) in Week 6, Term 4 along with our Year 11’s starting Year 12 at the same time. This will give our students a head start in their SACE and prepare them for 2017.

I am currently updating our Course Handbook and will be working with students in choosing their subjects in the next few weeks. Parents and students will be invited to meet with me and discuss the choices. More information will be sent once finalized.

Breony watching her ‘baby’ while doing her English work.

Year 11/12 boys studying hard!

Sophie preparing the salad for the Warm Lamb Salad

Mitch and Amy cooking the sauce for the Warm Lamb Salad

Craig and Dakota cooking the lamb and doing the dishes! Good practice for doing the dishes at home!

Charly Elliker
Senior School Leader

Fantastic to see Ms. Falkland helping in the Breakfast Club!

INFORMATION FOR YOU

AQUA SAFE SWIM SCHOOL

Swimming lessons for children, toddlers and babies from 6 months
in MANNUM indoor heated pool
For more information phone Trina on 0419503874

Excellence

SUB-SCHOOL NEWS (continued)
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.

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT HEADSPACE

OCTOBER PROGRAM

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.

EMERGENCY FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

Foster care agencies are currently seeking emergency and short term foster carers.
What is emergency foster care?
Sometimes children need urgent placement with a foster carer because there are concerns for the child’s immediate safety. These placements can occur any time, day or night, including after hours and on weekends.
‘Emergency’ does not mean you start today. All foster carers receive thorough training and assessment to ensure the children placed with you are safe and that you have the skills needed to provide quality care.

For more information, visit the Families SA website.
Contact: Program Officer, Foster Care Services, Maria Krahling, phone 8226 6617

JOINING THE DOTS………..

……..Getting ready for Kindy
3½ - 5 year olds
Come along to our Getting Ready for Kindy group
Wednesdays 9:45am—11:30am
6 week program
Mannum Kindy—Male Road, Mannum
26th October—9th November & 23rd November—7th December
Bookings preferred by phoning Melanie or Cathy at Aspire
0418851626

MID MURRAY COUNCIL

FUN4YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FISHING

TUESDAY 4th October at 9am
To register please contact Jarrod at the Mid Murray Council
Phone: 0419 860 044
Email: jmanuel@mid-murray.sa.gov.au
www.facebook.com/midmurrayhealthfitnessandyouth

MID MURRAY FAMILY CONNECTIONS/SA HEALTH

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2016

COMMUNITY WELLBEING STREET STALL

THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER
10am - 2pm
SHEARER CARPARK, RANDELL ST, MANNUM

Come along for a chat and stay for the fun, food and drinks!
Supporting families in the Mid Murray Community
LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY BORROWING - Term 3

MONDAY:  6/7 Love
TUESDAY:  4/5 Barnes  1/2 O’Hara  R/1 Paech/Clark
          2/3 Zrim
WEDNESDAY:  R/1 Laredo  1/2 Bennett  2/3 Waters
THURSDAY:  Yr10 Falkland  4/5 De Ravin
FRIDAY:  4/5 Rowley  Yr8 Groves  Yr9 Groves
          6/7 Lombardi
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

STUDENT LEARNING

JUNIOR SCHOOL - THE ARTS

On Monday 19th September, the students in R/1 Paech/Clark & 1/2 O’Hara performed the pantomimes ‘The Three Little Pigs’ and ‘The Gingerbread Man’. This has been a finale to a term’s work in The Arts. They performed in front of many parents, grandparents, relatives and Junior School classes. The students have learnt many new skills in acting, narrating and singing, whilst instilling confidence by having to perform to an audience. Most importantly they have had lots of fun whilst learning. I’d like to congratulate every student on a wonderful performance.
Kirsten Garrett

JOY’S NEWS

SEMINARS EXPLORING ISSUES OF MENTAL HEALTH

Presenter:  Rev Mark Boyce (19 years as Uniting Church Mental Health Chaplain)
Where:  At the Murray Bridge Uniting Church
        Narooma Boulevard Murray Bridge
When:  Thursday 13th of October 7.00pm - 9.00pm (What is good mental health and what causes mental health issues?)
        Thursday 20th of October 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Depression; more than just the blues. Suicide; the elephant in the room!)

Everyone is welcome (Enquiries Phone 0466 411 784)

CANTEEN NEWS

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped in the canteen this term.
Enjoy the holiday break.

Carol Mobbs,  Canteen Manageress (85692971)

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