

## CALENDAR DATES

8th Aug	Governing Council Mtg
10th Aug	Anti Bullying Workshop
15th Aug	Student Free Day
16th Aug	5/6 Basketball
17th Aug	Year 10-12 Study Skills
17th Aug	R-5 Puppet Show
18-19th Aug	STEM Aboriginal Congress
23rd Aug	SAPSASA Athletics Carnival
25th Aug	Book Week Parade
26th Aug	Book Fair buying
29th Aug	Year 8 Japanese Excursion
31st Aug	R-5 Anti Bullying Workshop
8th Sept	Gala Day
9th Sept	School Closure Day
12th Sept	Finance & Gov Council Mtg
14th Sept	Festival of Music Choir
21-22 Sept	Year 8 Camp
26th Sept	SAPSASA Athletics Champs
27th Sept	7-10 Ultimate Frisbee

## ENROL NOW for Reception in 2023.

Collect a 'Registration of Interest' form from our front office and return asap to secure your place for our 2023 intake.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are excited to announce the construction project for the new Performing Arts building will commence mid-September. Ms Clark has been very busy vacating the existing building and making a new home in Primary 9 classroom for the short term. This project has been a long time in the making and definitely well needed as we look to the future of improving our Arts subject selection and opportunities for all our students at MCC.



## Mid-year school intake

In South Australia, 'preschool' and 'kindergarten' are the same. Children can attend preschool the year before they start school. Aboriginal children and children in care can access preschool from 3 years of age. Government preschools support your child's learning and development to give them a great start in life. Through play-based learning, exploration and experimentation, your child is set up to thrive when they start school.

To start the enrolment process you must complete a preschool registration of interest form. This includes enrolment for our new mid-year intake, which is now open! A mid-year intake into preschool and school is starting in 2023. Parents can enrol children born in the middle of the year at a time appropriate to their age and their stage of development. Mid-year intake will start in preschools in 2023 and schools in 2024. Contact our office or Mannum Kindergarten for the enrolment registration form.

## Term 3 Student Free Day & School Closure Day

On Monday 15th August we have a Student Free Day. Teachers will be undertaking professional development on assessment. SSOs will be undertaking professional development including training from a speech pathologist.

On Friday 9th September we have a School Closure Day, which is the day after Gala Day. This date is also when the Adelaide Show is on, we encourage families who wish to attend to use this day and avoid missing days off school.

**SEE PAGE 2 FOR MORE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**



**FROM THE PRINCIPAL , CONTINUED****Testing this term**

Term 3 is customarily a bustling time in schools where there are a number of assessments which need to be completed, including;

- Year 10 PISA (PISA assesses students' skills and knowledge in reading, mathematics, science and creative thinking)
- Year 1 Phonics Screening check
- Progressive Achievement (PAT) testing for students from Years 2- 10 in reading and maths
- Parent Opinion Survey & Staff Opinion Survey
- National Consistent Collection of Data on students with Disability. These system level assessments are crucial in identifying where our students are achieving, and identifies areas for what we need to do to continue to improve MCC for the future. To add to our already busy calendar we have extra-curricular activities occurring including Middle School camps, anti-bullying prevention sessions, SAPSASA soccer, Gala Day and school closure Monday Week 4.

**Parent Opinion Survey**

You're invited to complete the 2022 annual parent survey, which is now open. In the week beginning Monday 1st August 2022, you will receive an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey. If you did not receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, contact [education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au](mailto:education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au) and include our school's name in your email.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you.

It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school. Your answers will not identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to us. Information collected will help school improvement planning and activities at the school. The survey closes 5 pm, Sunday 28th August 2022.

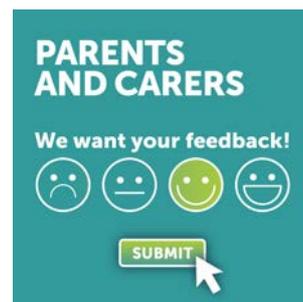
I look forward to hearing your thoughts on ways that we can improve what we do here at Mannum Community College. Don't hesitate to send me an email, or make a time to meet with me if you would like to have a chat.

*Michelle Grieger*  
Principal

**Senior School Science News**

Congratulations to Erin Crowe (Year 10), who was awarded a fully-funded George Alexander Foundation Scholarship and a place on the Earthwatch Student Challenge Team at the end of July 2022. Erin will be part of a science expedition at Calperum Station, SA from 2nd to 8th October 2022 (October School Holidays) which will be conducting scientific research into the ecosystems of the Murray River and Mallee in South Australia to help protect and regenerate the ecosystems, now and into the future. This scholarship and opportunity was available to all Year 10 to 12 students across Australia with only thirteen students selected to attend. Congratulation again Erin, and we look forward to hearing Erin's stories of discovery in Term 4.

Ms Campbell-Wilson, Year 10 Science Teacher



**JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS**

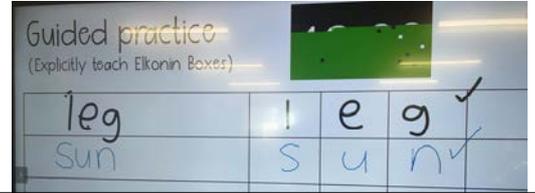


Practicing letter recognition and fluency

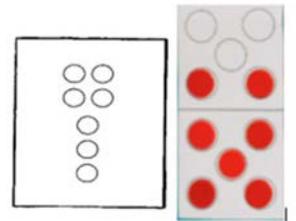
**Holidays and Routine:** Welcome back to Term 3 after the holiday break and hopefully, a break from the daily routine of lunchboxes and early mornings. Whilst it is always lovely to break up routine it's important that we are ready for learning as soon as the term starts. Each classroom is engaged in their literacy block from lesson 1 and for your child to have the best opportunity to engage in learning they need to be present for the entire school day.

**A critical Maths skill...SUBITISING:**

Young children have a remarkable skill: they can recognise numbers of things without counting – this is called Subitising. Subitising can also help children learn addition and subtraction facts. For some students they may subitise in subgroups, like three and four, or five and two to get to a total of seven. Subitising is important because.....*It helps children to understand what numbers mean or how many 'things' a number refers to; It helps learners with pattern recognition; It helps children to not over-rely on counting; It helps children to see how numbers are made up.* Children also learn an important mathematical law through subitising; it doesn't matter in what order you add numbers together, as you always get the same answer! For example, 2+3=5 and 3+2=5.



Elkonin Boxes – separating phonemes heard in spelling words



**Room 2 News:** It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Patriz Kerkenaar as she moves on from Mannum Community College. Patriz has won a permanent position within an Arts capacity at another school. We have been fortunate to gain the teaching expertise of Tam McGavin who will teach alongside Sovhe Taylor. Tam has taught previously as a TRT at Mannum so is familiar with the staff, the students and routines and expectations we hold as a school. Welcome Tam and farewell Patriz.

**Volunteers....**We are very fortunate to have a small but strong band of volunteers that support our learners in listening to reading during the week. It is important that our students are reading to an adult daily to support them with their *decoding* (breaking down sounds in a word to read) and their *comprehension/ understanding* of what they have read. Thank you to these special people, perhaps you are able to give some time too?



**Book Week:** I have been given the "heads up" that Book Week at Mannum Community College, particularly the Parade, is an event not to be missed! The Parade is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August, look out for further details to come.

**Small Group Learning:** Our students at MCC are given opportunities in small group learning in both literacy and numeracy. During this time students are engaged in the same high-quality, evidence-based practices and activities that are used and planned by classroom teachers. Our support staff are able to ensure increased explicitness and intensity of instruction during this small group time.



A HUGE Congratulations to Danielle Monjean and her partner Riley who recently became engaged during the Term 3 holiday break!

And finally, please remember that our teachers are on Yard Duty from 8.20am which is the time we expect our students to begin arriving for their school day.



Sophie Frost  
Junior School Leader

**MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS*****Welcome back to Term 3!***

The term has started off at a quick pace with many events taking place that students have been looking forward to for quite some time. The first event I would like to talk about is the Year 6/7 Camp.

The students enjoyed their time at Nunyara in Belair and visiting the many different sites in Adelaide. They particularly enjoyed their visit to the South Australian Museum and the Adelaide Central Market, where I'm told the most popular shop was The Old Lolly Shop.

The students also just enjoyed the buzz of being in the city, from crossing the road using the traffic lights to getting around on trams, all of this was a different or new experience. There was also time for some social activities at night, with the visit to Bounce being another popular event. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the teachers, SSO's, and parents involved with planning and supervising on the camp. It takes many hands to ensure everything runs smoothly and everyone is safe. Well done!

Another event that a group of students have been looking forward to is the Labs for Life program. We ran this program in Term 1 and it was a hit, so we have invited the Labradors and their trainer back this term. This time we had five dogs visit us and Suzie (their trainer). As Suzie is an ex-Vet she is also able to teach the students about the anatomy of the dogs, what they were originally bred for, and what should be in their diet. The Labs will visit every Monday between 10.30 am and 12 noon until the end of Term 3.

The Year 9's are also on camp this week and they have been looking forward to exploring Adelaide and some of the universities and other educational facilities. These institutions could potentially be where they will study after secondary school, so it will be great for them to get a taste of what they are like and what courses and opportunities are on offer to them. This camp works in nicely with the Year 9 Work Studies course and helps to bring a dose of reality into the classroom discussions. Once again I would like to thank the teachers who planned and attended this event.



**Kathryn Hese**  
**Middle School Leader**

**WELLBEING NEW****A Focus on Student Voice****Student Representative Council**

Student leaders have been actively involved in identifying wellbeing areas their peers are not doing so well in as reflected in the Wellbeing and Engagement Collection survey. The leaders identified school climate as an aspect they would like to address. The Student Representative Council have elected to address this area with a particular focus on interpersonal relationships.

Both junior and combined middle and senior SRC reps are currently working on what positive interpersonal relationships 'looks like' for their sub-schools and what they can do to promote a positive school climate.

School climate, in general, refers to the social and educational environment at a school and whether it creates a positive setting for learning, academic achievement and student growth. Research has shown that it not only decreases absenteeism, it also has a significant contribution to student achievement.

**STUDENT VOICE IT TEAM**

The Student Voice It Team have been working on improving student resilience through a number of projects that they have identified – one of which is a mural board with positive / inspirational quotes contributed by students.

The team is getting ready to paint and have been busy visiting classes to talk about the project and commence collection of quotes from fellow students. Keep an eye out for the next project as we get the current one up and running!

We wish to thank Ms. Clark who has agreed to create a decorative border around the mural. The team would also like to thank the teachers who gave them an opportunity to speak to their classes and are facilitating collection of quotes.



WELLBEING NEW

A Focus on Student Voice

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

School captains are leaders to the student body in the school and are usually from the Year 12 cohort. This year, we have been privileged to have Kelita Stokes and Jacob Stagg. We would like to appreciate their leadership and wish them well as they prepare to complete their SACE journey and start life out of high school. Congratulations in particular to Kelita Stokes who is also currently a Peer Group Mentor to students from other schools taking part in Operation Flinders. We are proud of her achievements and wish her well.



*If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more and become more, you are a leader.*  
**JOHN QUINCY ADAMS**

Baseby SRC representative Jordan Vanstone and Year 12 SRC representative Stephanie Wegner

As the year gets busy for our Year 12 students – and school captains – it creates an opportunity for those in Year 11 to step up into positions of leadership. School captains are elected in Term 3. It is time for those interested to start considering nominating themselves or peers for the positions. Watch this space to learn who our next school captains will be!



**Correta Odera**  
 Wellbeing Leader



## JOY'S CORNER

### Mental Fitness Challenge

Year 6-12 students have been encouraged to participate in the 6 week online Mental Fitness program developed by the Black Dog Institute. We all know the importance of physical fitness but we don't always realise that mental fitness is just as important. Just as we need to be intentional in supporting our physical health, the same is true of our mental health.

The weekly challenges focus on things like Gratitude, Mindfulness, Social Connections, Strengths, Meaning and Purpose and a Mental Fitness plan. We are looking forward to Olympic and Commonwealth Games athlete Dane Sampson returning this term as we complete the challenge. I have been doing the Mental Fitness challenge and I encourage you to try it too. Just go to the Bite Back website and give it a go! [www.biteback.org.au](http://www.biteback.org.au).

### Voice It

The Voice It team have continued working on ideas that focus on supporting building resilience in our school. They continue to run a lunchtime program each Tuesday and are in the process of planning and designing a motivational board in the mall area. All classes have been approached to submit quotes to put on the board. I'm looking forward to the first quotes we get to see!



### Year 6 Choir

Our Year 6 choir is working hard (and having lots of fun) preparing for the Festival of Music at the Festival Theatre on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. What a fantastic opportunity to join with 500 students from other schools on stage at the Festival Theatre, and we are looking good. We're not sounding bad either!

Our full rehearsal on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August will be the first time choirs, hosts, soloists, troupe, choreography leaders and the orchestra get the opportunity to work together. We all get to see and hear each other before we perform at the Festival Theatre. The photo gives you an idea what the venue, Magic Millions, looks like. All in readiness for the real thing in Week 8.



### Seasons for Growth

Seasons for Growth is back on this term for at least two groups and with a celebration coming up in Week 3 for those who completed last term. Please speak with me or Ms Odera if you would like your child to be involved.



### Community Pantry

The friendly staff at the ADRA Community Pantry would love to share the food they have with anyone who would like to drop in. Call in to 17 King George St and check it out.



### Joy Marks

#### Pastoral Care Worker



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## LIBRARY NEWS

**BOOK WEEK 2022**August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>***“Dreaming with Eyes Open”***

In Week 5, we will be celebrating Book Week at Mannum Community College.

**BOOK WEEK DRESS UP PARADE**

The Book Week Dress Up Parade is at 9.30 am on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Mannum Community College Tennis Courts, weather permitting.

Students can dress up as their favourite book character or in the Book Week theme *“Dreaming with Eyes Open”*.

Prizes are awarded for the best costume in each class.

We will also be announcing the winner of the Poster Competition and the Book of the Year Competition.

Parents and families are welcome to attend, they need to enter via the main gate and adhere to social distancing requirements.

**BOOK FAIR**

We will be running a Book Fair in the library during Book Week. Each class will be allocated a time during the week to view the books on display and make a ‘wish list’ of book/s they might like to purchase. Older students will buddy up with younger classes to help. The lists will be sent home for parents to decide what purchases kids will make on Friday 26th August.

Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> is **BUYING DAY**. Each class has an allocated time to come and buy their books.

If your child would like to buy a book, please send the money in a sealed bag or envelope. Please make sure you write the book/s they wish to buy on the front or inside. Credit card facilities will also be available on the day. Items can also be paid for online, just see the details on the wish list.

Please see me with any questions.

**Jo Dunn**

**Teacher Librarian**

