

CALENDAR DATES

Mon 24th—28th	Year 10 Work Exp
Wed 26th Oct	R/1 classes excursion
Fri 28th Oct	Just Add Music R-5
Fri 28th Oct	Grandfriends Day 2pm
Fri 28th Oct	World Teachers Day
Mon 13th Oct	Governing Council
Tues 1st Nov	Murray Bridge Choir
Tues 1st-2nd Nov	Year 8 Camp
Tues 8th Nov	JS Room 3&4 Excursion
21 Nov-2 Dec	R-5 Swimming
Tues 15th Nov	JS Room 5&6 Excursion
Thur 18th Nov	RAA Road Safety R-2/3
Fri 19th Nov	RAA Road Safety 3/4/5
Wed 23rd Nov	6-12 Presentation Day
Mon 5th Dec	Student Free Day

Kindy Transition Dates

Parent information night 25/10/22

25th or 26th October	10-10.30am
8th or 9th November	10-10.30am
22nd or 23rd November	9-11.30am
29th or 30th November	9-12pm
9th December	8.40-3.10pm (full day)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Building Better Schools Update: During the school holidays, the Performing Arts building was demolished, making way for exciting new developments over the next two terms. The new Performing Arts building will consist of two art areas, amenities, teacher office, meeting rooms and a large open space catering for concerts, assemblies and celebrations.

Grandparents/Grandfriends Day: Friday 28th October from 2-3 pm. Come along and play games, see classrooms, chat with other community members and have a cuppa.

MCC Teachers' Day: Mannum Community College will celebrate and thank the teaching profession on World Teachers' Day on Friday 28th October. World Teachers' Day is held internationally in October—and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and thank our teachers for their important role in our communities and for the positive impact they have on the lives of students.

Hats: During Terms 1 and 4 all students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears e.g. legionnaire, broad brimmed or bucket hats, whenever they are outside. If someone does not have a hat they will be asked to stay in the shade .

2023 Planning: If you have ideas or recommendations for your child's class placement please let the front office know on 85691503 or dl.1170_info@schools.sa.edu.au by Monday 31st October 2022. All requests will be considered however there is no guarantee that they can be accommodated.

Aboriginal Mural: Scott Rathman from Rusted Tin Contemporary Aboriginal Art work worked with our ATSI students to help design a new mural for our school. Scott spent two lessons speaking with the students about what things are important to them and they designed symbols that represent themselves, connection with the community and their culture. The symbols that the students chose reflects the Murray River as the object that connects and unites the community, the element in the design represents cogs and how students felt their friendships create a sense of belonging and working together with-out any judgement. The iconography in the centre symbolises a connection between friends, learning together is better when we can work together.



Michelle Grieger

Principal
Mannum Community College



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JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to a JAM PACKED Term 4, how did we get here so fast!! Term 4 means warmer weather and an expectation hats are worn during play. No hat = limited play, children are restricted to spend their break time in the shade of classroom verandahs. Grab yourself a green broad brimmed or bucket hat from front office if required.

SACA Clinic: On a perfect Monday afternoon six of our classes had a mini cricket session. During this time children practised a variety of ball skills. There is an advertising board on our fencing that has a QR Link for further information if anyone interested in joining/contacting the Mannum Cricket Club.

Grandparents/Grandfriends Day: This Friday is our annual MCC Grandfriend's Day. I have heard about the wonderful community interaction that happens and our students have been excitedly telling me how much they are looking forward to sharing their learning and their classroom space with special people in their lives. I hope you are able to join us from 2 until 3pm Friday afternoon.

Excursions: This term we have many excursions planned. We begin with Room 7 & 8 who are seeing a performance at Murray Bridge Town Hall this week, Room 3 & 4 are also heading into Murray Bridge for a Science Show, whilst Rooms 5 & 6 are venturing to Monarto Zoo to consolidate their learning about different animals and factual writing. Finally, Room 7 are also heading to Monarto Zoo to enjoy a zoo experience and compliment their information report writing. Room 1 finished off their Term 3 with a visit to the movies which they thoroughly enjoyed. Please ensure if your child is involved in one of these up-coming excursions you complete and return paperwork when it is sent home.

Kindy Transition: This week we begin our Kindy transition for students commencing at MCC in 2023. Our transition will see our "newbies" visiting on site quite regularly, with visits gradually getting longer each week. We look forward to seeing our Mannum "joeys" on site.

Swimming: In Weeks 6 & 7 all of our Junior School will be involved in swimming lessons, perfect timing for the upcoming Summer Break. Now is a great time to check that you child has adequate/fitting bathers, a rashie, goggles (if needed) and perhaps a pair of thongs if they'd like to walk to and from lessons in them. Further details will be sent home as the swimming fortnight gets closer. One BIG ask I have is that you LABEL EVERYTHING – it's unbelievable how much lost property can accumulate during these two weeks.

Welcome new staff: We welcome Cindy Malone and Michele Holloway to our teaching team. Cindy and Michele will team teach our Year 5's in Room 1 for the remainder of Term 4. Michele is a familiar face at MCC, having taught Thursday and Friday's in Room 1 during the last half of Term 3 (*and a previous MCC Principal*) and Cindy has had an excellent catch up and hand over from Anne Jolly prior to Anne taking LSL, ensuring our students have continuity of learning.

Classroom Learning & Seesaw: Something I love at MCC is the regularity that teachers in Junior School engage with families by sharing learning stories and experiences on the Seesaw App. There have recently been updates to the Seesaw App and you may notice a different look to the messaging interface. A convenient new feature of the update with messaging means, if your child has more than one teacher you are now able to include both teachers in the one message. Please take time to check in on what has been posted on your child's Seesaw journal, it is a great sounding board to prompt a conversation about learning.

Sophie Frost
Junior School Leader



SACA Clinics developing children's hand - eye co-ordination & ball skills



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MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The Middle School students have started the term well and some have even managed to go on an excursion. The choir members, Miss Love, and Joy all went to the Murray Bridge North Primary School to rehearse with students from primary school students from all over the Murray Lands to get ready for their big performance in Murray Bridge. I have included Miss Love's summary of the day below:



On Tuesday the MCC choir attended a rehearsal at Murray Bridge North School in preparation for our performance day on Tuesday November 1st at the Murray Bridge Town Hall. All students participated enthusiastically and maintained focus during the 4 hour session. Their behaviour was outstanding and they were excellent ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to everyone who attended the day. It will be an exciting time for Megan Swalue and Liam Jones who will be comperes for part of the concert. They both spoke confidently in rehearsal. Liam will also be singing a solo for the song "Who Knows." He has been practising and did well in the rehearsal. Good luck to everyone for the performances. Sue Love

Just a reminder that the Year 8 Camp is fast approaching. I know the students are really looking forward to it as it has constantly been the subject of discussion. Just a remember that the new dates are now **Wednesday 2nd November** and **Thursday 3rd November**.

The Year 7 Aquatics days have now been confirmed and they will be **Friday 9th December (Week 8)** and **Thursday 15th December (Week 9)**. Parent letters and permission forms will be sent out early next week containing details of what to bring and what to expect.



Kathryn Hese

Middle School Leader



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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Term 4 is upon us and we are on the home stretch of what has been another challenging year for all. Our year 12 students are entering their last few weeks of their schooling with many final assessment pieces due and exams only a short few weeks away. We ask that families support our young people at home as best they can as we do the same within our schooling environment to best prepare our students for these final week.

In Week 1 of term, our Year 11 outdoor education students have endured their major assessment bike ride from Carrickalinga to Mannum, camping each night along the way. They were fairly blessed with the weather with the sun shining most days and the nights being cool with some rain, just to make the camping adventures that bit more interesting.

Upcoming Events/ Things to consider

- **SATAC applications still open** for 2023 Tertiary enrolments
- Year 12 Future pathways meetings – Book times with Mr. Kieran Jaensch
- Year 12's finish compulsory school attendance Week 3 Term 4 (subject sign off sheets required)

Exams Commence Week 4 and conclude in Week 6

Kieran Jaensch

Senior School Leader



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WELLBEING NEWS

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School Captains 2023



Congratulations to Natalie Frahn and Jade Masanque who are taking over from Kelita Stokes and Jacob Stagg as School Captains as of Term 4 to 2023.

Natalie has been accepted to be a participant in the National Rural Youth Ambassador's Forum for 2022 where she will join 25 other rural and remote young people from across the country in Canberra from the 21st - 25th of November 2022. We wish her the best as she continues to develop and grow in her leadership skills.

eSafety Resources for Parents

eSafetyparents

Young people are increasingly exposed to an open and collaborative online culture, which allows them to access information, maintain friendships and relationships with family, and create and share content.

However, children and young people are at a dynamic stage of development in which risk-taking behaviours and emerging decision-making can lead to negative outcomes. As a result, parents need to remain actively involved and vigilant regarding the nature of their children's online activities, and to continue to communicate and negotiate with children and young people about their use of technology.

The Office of the eSafety Commissioner is an independent statutory office that was created by the *Enhancing Online Safety for Children's Safety Act 2015*. The Office was established in 2015 to coordinate and lead the online safety efforts across government, industry and the not-for-profit community.

There is a wealth of information and resource specifically for parents on esafety matters and young people. This resource is freely accessible at : <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Correta Odera
Wellbeing Leader

EVENTS

Children's Week



This year, Children's week runs from the 22nd - 30th of October 2022. The theme is 'All Children

have the right to a standard of living that supports their wellbeing and healthy development.'

To celebrate, we shall be holding a Photo and Voice exhibition on 'homelessness' - a joint venture by AC Care, Communities for Children and Reconnect.



Grandparents/Grandfriends Day

A reminder that we shall be celebrating Grandparents/ grandfriends day on the 28th of October 2022. Invitations have already been sent out. If you have not yet done so, please let us know whether or not you will be attending. You can RSVP by phone: 85691503 or email: dl.1170.info@schools.sa.edu.au



JOY'S CORNER

Seasons for Growth

Our Level 3 (Year 6/7) Season's for Growth group has completed and we are looking forward to our celebration next week.

Ms Spark's R/1 class have begun an adapted Seasons for Growth program as a class which has been very positive.



Junior School morning singalong

We are back Thursday mornings for our 10 minute singalong. What a fun way to start the day! Huge thankyou to Mrs Rasigatale for coming early to lead us.

'Friendship Matters' Junior School Seminar

On **Friday 4th November** Schools Ministry Group will be here to present their 'Friendship Matters' seminar to our Year R-5 students.



'How we get along with others is an important part of school and life. Having good friends is a fun part of growing up but we also know that sometimes things happen in friendships that cause us to feel sad, hurt, and lonely.

Through story, discussion, activities, and videos, young people are encouraged to reflect on how to be a good friend, how to get along with others, how to fix things when you make a mistake in your friendships and why forgiveness is super important. We aim to help them understand that friendship really does matter!

There will be a small amount of Christian content in the seminar. Parents are very welcome to attend

Years 3-5 11.30-12.50

Years R-2 1.40-2.40

Topics include: Friendships | Forgiveness | Conflict Resolution | Relationships | Getting Along

Christmas Tree Festival

This year will be the 44th Christmas Tree festival in Mannum. It's very exciting that it will be on but it will be different to previous years. There will be displays only, no stalls and this year it will be held over three days.



Friday – Sunday 2nd - 4th December

Lutheran Church Hall, 10 am-3 pm.

We are all invited to prepare a Christmas tree for the display so let's get our creative juices flowing, see what we can achieve and help add some Christmas cheer!



Week 4 of the Bite Back Challenge Focused on our strengths

Research has identified twenty-four universal character strengths that we all possess to varying degrees. Strengths are an important part of your personality and who you are in general. Talents are things you're good at, like tennis or drawing, while character strengths are the positive parts of your personality. If you know your character strengths and apply them consciously each day, you'll be more motivated, capable, and up for life's challenges. If you're not sure what they are go to www.viacharacter.org and take the survey. Research has shown that applying your character strengths can buffer against mental illness and answer a lot of "how to's" such as:

- How to increase life satisfaction
- How to increase self esteem
- How to improve self confidence
- How to deal with school stress.

So, identify your top strengths and build them by using them every day. Simple! When you're using your strengths you're at your best – confident and positive.

**Have a great term
Joy Marks
Pastoral Care Worker**

