DEAR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS,

I hope your family vacations were refreshing and that everyone in your family was safe during what turned out to be a very worrying end to the vacation when the bushfires hit our district.

WELCOME TO 2014

It was a privilege to be a community member attending your Mid Murray Australia Day Celebrations and to witness the recognition given to citizens across your region: it was even more special that Narelle Simons and Jeremy Strauss received both Young Citizen of the Year from the Australia Day Ambassador, Lyn Hill and Youth Award from the Lions President, Brenton Forrest. Well done to both of them!

It was very pleasing to hear the recognition of the efforts of the CFS (particularly its younger members) acknowledging all of the tremendous effort of CFS volunteers and the response of the community businesses to the bushfires which raged around our community. Volunteering service is very much a part of the Australian culture and volunteering is obviously alive, strong and well in our community.

2013 SACE successes

Well done to our students who completed their SACE in 2013. In particular CONGRATULATIONS to Narelle Simons, Shadae Allen, Alex Thompson and Karissa Kendall on achieving an ATAR that enables them to enter a university course of study in 2014. “We wish you every success in your tertiary studies!” You have set a great standard for our 2014 class to aspire towards.

Induction Week

We used the feedback from 2013 Wellbeing Week to shape our first week of term. Our planning allowed for relationship building time, special assemblies to elect house and school captains, teaching and Splash Dash. It has been good to see parents in the mornings as they bring children to school. Unfortunately extreme weather has complicated the Splash Dash timing and we have had to delay this event until we have “safe” weather. We say “thank you” for your patience, we are hoping that the weather will ease in Week 2 so we can reschedule this event. Term time swimming lessons have also been postponed due to the extreme heat.

NEW STAFF

I believe we have a very strong staff team for 2014 and welcome several new teachers to our school. Ms Michele Holloway joins us as Leader of the R-5 school, Ms Rosemary Rowley joins us as a teacher of Year 4-5 students, Mr Greg Kurtzer will be teaching Maths and Science Years 8-10 and Ms Rhianna James HASS/Civics and Citizenship, Business and Economics, LOTE and Junior School NIT. We welcome back Ms Catherine Bruce returning to MCC after her cluster role with the Australian Curriculum in 2013, Ms Michelle Grieger, Ms Kate DeRavin and Ms Ariea Brodie who have won a contract for 2014 in the R-5 section and Mr Sonny Lombardi has won a further contract in the Middle school as core teacher Year 6-7. Our counsellors for the next three years, winning coordinator roles are, Ms Victoria Bamford and Ms Barnes and SACE Coordinator Years 10 – 12, for five years, is Ms Charity Elliker. We have a new Groundsperson in Mr Chris Mundie and Ms Lesley Worthley joins us as a temporary SSO for classroom literacy and numeracy development R-4. Congratulations and welcome everyone.

BASEBY HUB

We are very pleased to welcome twelve students to an Independent Learning Centre. You are our foundation students in an Independent Learning Centre. We wish you well!

A big “welcome” to our new students and families. We have increased enrolments currently anticipating 360 on Census Day which is just wonderful!

NOTE:- Please return Opinion surveys if you have not had the chance to do so yet.

Kind Regards

Leonie Falland

“In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure - Bill Cosby”
Welcome back to a new school year. I hope everyone had safe and enjoyable holidays.

This year my role is the Middle School Assistant Principal again but I will also be working with the Year 10 class, in regards to their behaviour.

I would like to welcome the Year 6 students to Middle School; I hope you have a great start to your Middle schooling. I would also like to welcome the new families to Middle School.

It’s been a great start to the year. Student uniform is looking great and attendance is excellent. Please keep this up for the rest of the year.

Remember if you are going to be away please notify the school ASAP either directly to the front office or with a note in your child’s diary. All absences need to be explained.

Alyssa Daniel
Middle School, Senior Leader

NEW MCC BELL TIMES

8:40    Home Group
8:50    Lesson 1
9:30    Lesson 2
10:10   Lesson 3
10:50   Recess
11:10   Lesson 4
11:50   Lesson 5
12:30   Pastoral Care
12:55   Lunch
1:35    Lesson 6
2:15    Lesson 7
2:55    Home Group
3:05    Home Time

Firstly, thank you to all the staff and parents who have made me feel so welcome in my new role as leader of the Junior School. Please make yourself known to me at your earliest convenience. Even though I am new to Mannum Community College I am not new to Mannum, having had my grandparents and father live in the town – albeit many years ago. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new families to the school – if you see a new face make sure to speak to them and help them to settle in. It can be very daunting when you know no-one.

Swimming lessons have been very difficult to organise this term due to the weather. We finally decided that 40+ temperatures were just too hot and cancelled the lessons for this week and then, after the notes went home, the forecast changed! We are watching the forecast closely for Week 3 and hopefully it will be kind to us. The missed week of lessons will be held later in the term so no children will miss out.

As the parents of Junior School students are already aware, we are focusing on respect and taking responsibility for our actions this term. Speaking respectfully to adults and others even when things are not going our way is a life skill we will be actively developing. There will be a particular focus on swearing and hurtful language. We ask that parents support this by modelling the skills we are trying to instil whilst on school grounds and following up with your child if they should receive a consequence for bad language or disrespect.

In the mornings, teachers are very busy settling their classes ready for learning, so we ask that you make an appointment to speak with them when they are free – usually after school. This can be done through the Front Office. It is especially important to do this to maintain confidentiality and to lessen disruption to the class.

One last thought – we can truly make this a great place to grow and learn by supporting the school and being loyal to the ethos which underpins all we do.

Michele Holloway
Junior School Senior Leader

The school and the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) regularly monitor absenteeism. Prolonged absenteeism may be referred to the Student Attendance Counsellor in the Regional Office.

As with all absences, if your child is away sick it is important to notify the school. For a prolonged absence of three or more consecutive days it is advisable to obtain a doctors certificate to be sent to the school for our records.

Health Care Plans may need to be developed in consultation with your doctor to enable the school to provide safe, appropriate health support.

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**REMEMBER TO PARENTS**

All students who are late or are departing early - parents MUST provide a note, SMS, phone call or give us reason in person, otherwise the student will be marked ‘absent/unexplained’.
INFORMATION FOR YOU

DENTAL CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

It is important for children to have strong, healthy teeth and gums.

All children (0 – 17 years) are welcome to attend School Dental Service clinics.

Dental treatment is free at School Dental Service clinics if:
- Family Tax Benefit Part A is paid for your child, or
- Your child is covered by a School Card, Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The School Dental Service will bulk-bill under the new Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule that starts in 2014. Under this scheme, most children aged between 2-17 years will be eligible to claim up to $1000 of Dental services over 2 years.

If your child already attends a SA Dental Service clinic, contact us when their next appointment is due. If your child does not already attend one of our clinics, please phone us to make an appointment.

For more information contact your local clinic. Clinic list found at www.sadental.sa.gov.au

SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR SALE

MCC Uniforms available from the office:
- Poloshirts $20-$22
- Polar Fleece $57-$30
- Black Cargo Shorts $20
- Black Cargo Pants $25
- Black Hipster Pants $21
- Black Skirt $27
- Checked Dress $15
- Green Bags $28
- Checked Pinafore $61-$70

***LAST STOCK*** (sizes 4-12 only)

SOCCER

With the 2014 World Cup upon us, this year will be an exciting time for Soccer. MCC Soccer Club is ready for a successful year.

AGM will be held on Thursday 6th February, 6pm at the Soccer Shed at school oval.

Interested in coaching? Come and put your name in for consideration. Everyone is welcome including any new parents and players for the 2014 season.

Wednesday, 12th February at 3.05pm - Scratch matches will be held on school oval for new and old players.

Saturday - 8th MARCH from 9am to 12 noon at the SOCCER SHED IS PLAYER REGISTRATION COME AND SIGN UP FOR 2014 SEASON.

Remember to put these dates in your diary. Looking forward to a wonderful year of soccer.

Any queries feel free to contact: Kym Strauss on 0417596531 or kym.strauss@bigpond.com

ESSENTIALS FOR COACHING CHILDREN

A brief, practical survival course for coaches!

TRAINING IS FREE TO PARTICIPANTS & REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

Course Date: Tuesday, 25th February 2014
Time: 6:00pm—9:00pm (light supper provided)
Venue: Mid Murray Council meeting room, 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum
RSVP by Thursday 20th February 2014

For Further information or to RSVP contact Laura O'Leary, Starclub
Field Officer on 0429048019 or email laura.o'leary@health.sa.gov.au

SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Welcome to 2014!

I would just like to introduce myself to all the members of the MCC community. Some of you will recall that I was the School Counsellor in 2010 and 2011. As the Secondary School Counsellor for the next three years I will be working across the school from Year 8 - 12. However Mrs Barnes, the Primary School Counsellor, and I will often overlap as we are both working part time. I will be working on Tues from 12 noon and on Thursday and Friday. If you have any concerns about your child's well-being please do not hesitate to contact the school so that we can give support and assistance.

Ms Victoria Bamford
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Borrowing Times**

Each class has a borrowing session once a week.

**TUESDAY:** 4/5 Brodie, 3/4 Grieger  
**WEDNESDAY:** 4/5 Rowley  
**THURSDAY:** 2/3 Zrim, 1/2 Bruce, Rec De Ravin  
**FRIDAY:** Rec Laredo, 1/2 Waters

**REC-YR 5** may borrow up to 3 books  
**Yr 6- Yr 10** may borrow up to 5 books  
**Yr 11 & 12’s** may borrow up to 10 books

The loan limit is three weeks.

Jo Dunn  
Teacher Librarian

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**JOY’S CORNER**

**Welcome back to school for 2014.**

At some point in their life everyone states, ‘I’d like to be rich!’ What if I told you, you are? Every morning there is a bank that credits you 86,400; however you only have the day to spend it. It does not accumulate, so there is no ‘savings’; you cannot transfer what you haven’t used because at the end of the day your account is wiped clean! The good news is in the morning you receive another 86,400!! What would you do? Draw out every cent of course!

Well you have such a bank, and its name is ‘TIME’. Every morning it credits you 86,400 seconds; every night it writes it off, if you have failed to use the deposit, you lose it. There is no going back, there is no drawing against tomorrow, all there is, is to live in the present of today’s deposit, to invest and ensure you get the absolute most of every day. At the end of each day this year will you value your time, or will it be wiped out?

**Seize the Day!**

Joy Marks,  
Christian Support Worker

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**FROM THE CANTEEN**

**Welcome back!** Hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful holiday break.

**THANK YOU** to all our families for supporting our canteen last year. We look forward to providing our service to the school community in 2014.

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Carol Mobbs,  
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**MCC CALENDAR**

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