Dear Parents and Caregivers

In the past two weeks we have had several "special" times. I would like to share some of these with you:

**Celebrating Joy Marks**

MCC, like many South Australian schools has had a school chaplain of the CPSW. The Schools Ministry Group has been a part of the organization of CPSW workers and supports and reviews their role. Recently there was a training camp for CPSW's and Joy Marks was recognized for her service of 15 years in the role at our school, working for our students and families, coordinating services for school, camps for weekends and making the connections with the community. Every student in our school seems to know of Joy and her work and the respect she is extended. Congratulations Joy and THANK YOU for your untiring commitment to our school.

**A Flash Mob Moment**

Well done to the Junior School staff and students who filled the Junior School yard with dance and music. So many people joined in with the spirit of flashmobbing! I am looking forward to another dance at another time. We really had some great 'chicken dancers'.

**Happy Hoppers and Bouncing Balls**

It is great to see our hopping balls and bouncing balls in the yard and oval areas. Children are bouncing along, rolling and tumbling and having a good social time. As I do my yard duties children ‘hop’ past me on the play areas near the classrooms or are in groups playing cooperatively on the oval. What a great way to have fun with friends and to be safe.

**Great Pedal Pricing!**

The last race produced some excellent results and we thank Mr Lombardi and Mr Martin for their efforts. The great news today was that we have a place in the 24 hour race in Murray Bridge so it will be a good final test for our competitors and our bikes. Why not come along and see our students? The MCC tent is usually located on the far side on the straight, it’s green and yellow, well set up, warm and the food is good. Come along and support our riders.

**Good Professional Learning**

All of the staff continued to improve their knowledge and understanding of our new Australian Curriculum as we further investigated moderation of student work, planning for all learners and differentiating within the curriculum, organizing the content against the standards and working with the mathematics curriculum and Anne Baker’s natural maths teaching tools/strategy. We were led by Ms Jenny Masten, Ms Kimrlee Baldock and Ms Carole Porter from the DECD team. Each of these AC facilitators will work with our staff at our Tuesday night professional learning time during Term 3. By 2016 we shall have most of the R-10 curriculum fully operational at MCC.

We thank our families for supporting our four student free days for 2014. It is great to have your commitment to our teacher professional learning program.

**3 Way Interviews**

Parents were encouraged to attend interviews in Week 2 and certainly for me the students leading their interviews in the 3 way process were able to share with their parents the student view of progress with learning. Some parents were unable to get to the designated time and we do encourage you to make another appointment soon. I am aware that there have also been phone calls with families. A strong positive connection between home and school is an important outcome of interviews. Clearer understanding of student progress and ways of building on success is fostered by attending such nights. We have interviews available on request at any time. Well done to Ms Hunt, Ms Daniel and Ms Holloway for their support organizing the interviews. I was very pleased to have the opportunity to meet with parents in my schedule as well as to move around the school and speak with parents while they waited for their session.

**National Day of Mourning**

Thank you to all of our students for colouring their flowers and writing messages of hope, concern and care to families they will never meet, families around the world and families in Australia who lost a loved one when the Malaysian Airline flight M17 was shot down. Our Year 10, 11 and 12 students were given the opportunity to attend the memorial service at 2pm on 7/8/14. Teacher comment about their behavior at the service was most complimentary. Well done. Thank you to Ms Elikker who organized the programme with me on the evening of 6/8/14.

**Revamp Student Behaviour Policy**

Staff worked with Leadership to renew our Student Behaviour Policy during Term 2. It was ratified by Governing Council and will be reviewed as part of our policy review cycle. The policy will be in the Information Pack for all new enrolling students. Currently, we are sending a copy home to all families with our positive behaviours for learning focusing on “Be a Learner, Be Respectful and Be Safe”; improved behavior is a goal of MCC. Certainly, the number of children being sent to the Focus Room is reducing as students take more responsibility for their learning and make changes to their behavior through making better choices, resulting in more time for teaching and less time on behavior management. I encourage all children to continue to make the commitment to their learning.

**Improving Weather**

We encourage children to be outside in the fresh air and sunshine as much as possible. Thank you for sending water bottles with your children - drinking water regularly is important. As the sun is starting to shine more often, I encourage hat wearing although it is not yet compulsory; as sunburn is more likely to happen after the dull, colder winter.

**Choir Magic!**

Well done to our choir students and their support teacher, Ms Love. Practice at Tailem Bend was inspiring, Mr Noel Kneebone, Principal at Tailem Bend, is very musical and a song writer. Our students are learning one of his songs for the Regional Festival. I am looking forward to hearing it. Thank you also to Mr Mike Bottroff for transporting our students safely.

Kind regards

Leonie Falland

“The only place where your dream becomes impossible is in your own thinking”

Robert Schuller
I hope that many of you managed to get in for an interview with your child’s teacher. This is a very important time to share information and to ensure that we are working in partnership with you as joint educators of your child. If you did not organise an interview—contact your child’s teacher and they will arrange a time to meet with you.

The Junior school has continued its focus on Natural Maths strategies with teachers already having undertaken the training and implementing this term on top of their work last term and in the holidays. The children are becoming increasingly engaged in solving problems and developing strategies to give them solid foundations for life long numeracy learning.

Each week we are focusing on a different “table”. Children need to be able to skip count, say their tables forwards and give answers to the tables and division randomly. Please help them by practising with them every night.

Classes Years 1 – 5 are working towards developing automaticity in handwriting. Students are practising correct letter formation and being able to write fluently at speed for 5 minutes.

If you have had a chance to get in to your child’s class you may have noticed signs that tell you the learning intention of each lesson—what the purpose of the lesson is and the learning involved. Students know the reason that they are doing particular activities and this makes learning more relevant and real.

We take every opportunity to give students new experiences and we have had visits from the “dog Safe” group and will be involved in a visit from the “Scouts” and a cricket clinic in the next few weeks.

Thank you for your support

Michele Holloway
Junior School Senior Leader

INFORMATION FOR YOU

Second Hand Uniform Items
MCC have many second hand uniform items for sale, please come into the office if you would like to see them:

* Please note - we are happy to accept uniform items to pass on to families in need, however we are no longer accepting second hand uniform items to hold on commission.

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The Student Representative Council at Mannum Community College is made up of two students from each Home Group in the school and these students meet every two weeks for the express purpose of hearing the voices of the whole student body.

Early in Term 1 we encourage students in each class to consider nominating themselves, or someone else in their class, to represent the interests and concerns of the class members at the SRC meetings for the next twelve months. We then have elections, supported by the Home Group teachers in each class and the students chosen by their peers then form the SRC until the same time the following year.

The regular SRC meetings provide the class representatives with an opportunity to present ideas to the meeting for things the students would like to see done in the school, for example more class sports equipment, new shades in the grounds, changes to the uniform, items to be sold in the Canteen, etc.

The SRC also alerts the staff to problems which we may be unaware of, like broken door locks, the need for more drinking fountains and damaged playground equipment. Most of these concerns are taken by the SRC leaders to the school’s Leadership team and, where possible, the requests are acted upon, or if they involve large amounts of money, put on a ‘wish list’.

The SRC also has an obligation to raise funds for worthy causes or in other ways to support the needy, whether it’s by sponsored distance walking to raise funds for the homeless, by running a stall on Gala Day, by holding Casual Days or by sponsoring our World Vision child, Danexy Monserrat.

Recently one of our class representatives from Year 4/5 suggested to the SRC that we should encourage every student in the school to knit a blanket square 15cm X 15cm so that we could join them together to make Danexy a blanket from us, and depending on how many squares are made we may be able to make up more blankets to send to other people in need of support. We may even make time in the school day to help the students to knit the squares.

If you have any wool and/or knitting needles to lend or donate to us please let your child’s Home Group teacher know, or leave donations for the SRC to distribute at the Front Office.

Kaye Davey
Rosalind Newland
Teachers supporting the SRC

‘DANCE WITH RHIANNA’
Tuesday nights @ Lutheran Church Hall, Cliff Street, MANNUM
Please note: Classes run through school terms only (not holidays)

6pm - 6:30pm JAZZ dance for ages 6-9 years
6:30 - 7:30pm HIP HOP for ages 10 & up
7:30pm - 8:30pm BURLESQUE for ladies

2014 Dance Fees:
You can pay casually week by week, or save by Buying Loyalty Cards (*conditions apply)
All brand new students $5 per class for their first time visit.
For any enquiries, please contact Rhianna on 0402 416 771 or via her Facebook Page "Dance with Rhianna"
MCC BELL TIMES

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In 2014 the range of options available online has increased. As well as the option to download a Low Resolutions image for a smart phone, parents will now have the option to purchase a High Resolution Digital download of their child’s image.

An added incentive for our families is that MSP now offers a 10% discount for orders above $90 per family.

The weekly session will enable the school and families to develop partnerships around learning prior to children beginning their education (kindergarten and school) and support families’ engagement in their children’s numeracy and literacy development.
Thursday August 7th was set apart by the Federal Government as a day of mourning for those who lost their lives in Malaysia Airlines flight M17 on 17th July 2014 and the families who are grieving for them. Most of our Senior School students attended the service prepared by Rev. Colin Nieass at the Mannum Baptist Church and placed flowers made by MCC students and staff on a memorial table.

Jo Marks Christian Support Worker

BOOK WEEK
BOOK WEEK is in week FIVE of this term. The theme is “Connect to Reading.” We will be holding the Book Week Dress Up Parade on Thursday, August 21st at 11.30am. (Mannum Leisure Centre) Students can dress up as their favourite book character and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Please come along! We will also be holding a Book Fair on Friday, August 22nd. Students will be coming in during the week to make wish lists of books they might like to buy. (see insert page)

Joy Dunn
Teacher Librarian

MCC CALENDAR

BOOK WEEK

BOOK FAIR

PARADE

W e e k 4

SAPSASA (athletics)

W e e k 5

MAGIC MILLIONS CHOIR

W e e k 6

FROM THE CANTEEN

Just some of the variety of foods available from our canteen………..

Carol Mobbs,
Canteen Manageress

Pizza

Hot Dog

Lasagne

Hot Soup of the Day

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday
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11th | 12th | 13th | 14th | 15th
B Williamson | A Button | C Cox | L Scott
18th | 19th | 20th | 21st | 22nd
L Matakanace | L McLeod | E Crow | M Eades | J Bormann
25th | 26th | 27th | 28th | 29th
J Pfitzner | B Williamson | T Forrest | T James | H Simons

BOOK WEEK