Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Spring. Have you seen our new trees in bloom? They look wonderful and the seats to go below them are being purchased soon.

Mobile Phones

We remind all students and parents that mobile phones are not to be used or visible in lessons. The school policy has been very clear that if your phone is visible in class time you will be asked to take it to the Front Office. Misuse of mobile phones is causing concern and as a result, staff have completed a PMI (plus, minus, interesting) to present to Governing Council. Please remember our 3 rules:

- Be a learner
- Be respectful
- Be safe

How students respect the requirement of students of the school in relation to mobile phones fits well into these rules.

Introducing Our SSO Team (some of them)

Cheryl Greening
- Works with students across the Junior School
- Has developed the Sensory Program
- Supports the Swimming Therapy initiative
- Has fantastic literacy & numeracy resource materials which she shares with other SSOs.

Trish McCulloch
- Has qualifications for working with older students with disabilities
- Senior School and has also worked with younger students with disabilities
- Supports student learning across the school
- Supports Year 6/7 students with Literacy & Numeracy skill development
- Supports Riding for the Disabled
- Supports student learning across the school
- Prepares MCC’s informative newsletter with style!
- Is a great resource in managing the end of semester ‘take home’ student reports
- Supports teaching staff with the preparation of behaviour records
- Is a member of our ICT committee
- Supports Junior Primary learning through computing
- Manages the recording our attendance data
- An invaluable support to managing relief teachers when staff are unwell, on camp or at professional development.
- Manages Book Club and supports the work of our library team
- Supports Year 6/7 students with Literacy & Numeracy skill development
- Represents the SSO staff on the PAC (Personnel Advisory Committee)
- Supports student learning across the Junior School and has also worked with older students with disabilities
- Has qualifications for working with mainstream as well as students with disabilities
- Does a great job developing reading skills in students in small groups and supports the JS intervention program
- Is our proxy for the PAC and has completed her selection training

Liz Bont
- Supports the Swimming Therapy initiative
- Has developed the Sensory Program
- Works in both Junior School and Middle School
- Has developed a wide range of learning support materials in conjunction with MS staff
- Likes the challenge of working with young adolescents
- Is our AUSLAN expert

Gina Masters
- Supports the numeracy audit tool (as did schools in the 3 partnerships under the leadership of Mr Frank Mittiga, Educational Director). The ideas provided to us by the Numeracy Learning & Teaching team were very useful and fit well with our Site learning priority for Numeracy improvement. Currently our Junior School team of teachers is learning about Natural Maths and introducing the language and activities to their students. We will use the Numeracy audit tool across our R - 10 classes and then look to ways to improve the Middle School.

There are exciting times ahead!

A BIG Thank You

Mannum Community College would like to thank Eichler Earthmovers for their generous donation of 3 tonnes of sand for our sand pit.

Partnership Update

A team of staff from MCC attended the Numeracy workshop Module 1 last Friday in Murray Bridge (as did schools in the 3 partnerships under the leadership of Mr Frank Mittiga, Educational Director). The ideas provided to us by the Numeracy Teaching & Learning team were very useful and fit well with our Site learning priority for Numeracy improvement. Currently our Junior School team of teachers is learning about Natural Maths and introducing the language and activities to their students. We will use the Numeracy audit tool across our R - 10 classes and then look to ways to improve the Middle School.

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Kind regards

Leonie Falland

‘Your life is limited, so don’t waste it living someone else’s life’

Steve Jobs
**LITTLE THINGS MATTER**

Practise Makes Better

We introduce concepts to children at school but for this new learning to be transferred to long term memory, it can take up to 200 practices! We provide as many opportunities for using new skills as we can in a crowded day. This is enough for some children but not for others and the new learning is lost after several weeks. The practise opportunities you can give at home are vital for many children to be successful. This is why we go on and on about listening to your child read and spell their words – it’s why we ask you to help them with their tables.

One example is many children can’t rhyme because word games are no longer played at home. There are simple ways you can support your child such as teaching them new words — stretch their vocabulary - teach them harder words – get them to describe what they want rather than just pointing at it. There are some simple games to play at home that will help them to hear letters and sounds in words – a vital skill. (see newsletter insert sheet)

The boat so kindly donated by the Heward family is being painted by the senior school students — can’t wait to see it in the playground!

If you have PVC pipe lying about, elbows, joiners, etc, DON’T throw them away - they make fabulous construction toys. Doesn’t matter on the size. Let us know if you can help.

Thank you for you support

Michele Holloway
Junior School Senior Leader

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**COMMUNITY STUDIES STAGE II**

My Community Studies Unit of work involves working with young students. I am presently working with Mrs Rowley’s Year 4/5 class on soccer skills.

Brett Dodd

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**Art Gallery of South Australia visit.**

Recently, a number of the Year 11 art students visited The Art Gallery of South Australia to view the exhibition of Adelaide born artist, Dorrit Black (1891-1951). We were met by a gallery guide, who showed us around the exhibition and gave an engaging talk on the artist's life and works.

Dorrit Black is regarded as one of Australia’s most important modern artists and was at the forefront of bringing modern art to Australia from Europe in 1929.

Black studied art in Adelaide, Sydney and Europe where she attended several art studios. She developed her skills and style through exploring the avant-garde international movements of her day, modernism and cubism.

From Europe she went on to paint in Sydney for twenty years, and on her return to Adelaide, she became a teacher of students such as Ruth Tuck and Jeffrey Smart.

The exhibition is recognised as the largest retrospective ever staged of the artist’s work and is the first exhibition in nearly forty years to reassess Dorrit Black’s contribution to Australian art, and resulted in the publishing of a comprehensive book on the artist. Two hundred works were featured in the exhibition including still life, portraiture and landscape.

For many years Dorrit Black’s talents and works of art remained largely unknown in Australia. Her work was generally hidden from public view, being held mostly in private collections.

Some of the works in the exhibition were from the Art Gallery of South Australia’s collection and other public collections, but the majority of works assembled together for this major show were sourced from private collections across Australia and possibly will never come together again for public exhibition in our time.

Graeme Buchan,
Art Teacher.

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**TROPFEST (Junior)**

Are you a child aged between 10 and 15 who loves film???

Well then you’ll love the MRC’s Tropfest Jnr Bootcamp!

Working in small groups with some of SA’s best filmmakers, over 5 days you’ll write, shoot, star in and then edit your own short film which will be submitted into the world’s largest short film festival, TROPFEST!

You’ll also get your own DVD copy to take home so you can show all of your friends.

** MRC - Tropfest Junior RUNNER UP 2012 **

When: Monday 29th September to Friday 3rd October 2014

Price: Full $320/Concession $280 10% discount on 2nd child

Fully Supervised & ALL Food is supplied

Book your place early in order to avoid disappointment.

Call 08 84100979 or email info@mrc.org.au to register or for more details!
**Beyond Kayaking**

Free for families with children aged 4 - 12.

Anytime on Wednesday 1st October
Between 10am and 3pm in Murray Bridge

Please book by phoning Lyall at Centacare
On 85318888

**PLAYGROUP**

**MANNUM COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**When:** 9:30 - 11:00am **Wednesday** mornings

**Where:** Performing Arts Room, Mannum Community College

**Cost:** $2.00 per family

Please bring a healthy snack to share at snack time.

Contact **Bindi Barker** on 85691503 for more information.

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.

**PARENT HELPERS NEEDED FOR OUR J.A.M. ACTIVITIES**

Our little team of 3 has lots of fun planning but we need more helpers!!!

Jesus And Me activities are on every Wednesday lunchtime for Reception to Year 5.

We enjoy craft, a short story, singing and games - all with the moral of the story emphasizing manners, caring, friendship and RIVER Values.

Please... if you are able to spare some time on Wednesdays to help little hands with cutting, gluing, stapling, etc, we would love to hear from you. Also if you have any ideas for craft activities please let us know.

Contact **Joy Marks** at the school or **Annette Rasigatale** on 0433155478

**BIG BAND WORKSHOP**

On Thursday 4th September, five Year 6/7 flute students attended a ‘Big Band Workshop’ with Adam Page at Mypolonga. Students from Mypolonga, Murray Bridge North and South Primary schools, Menin- gie Area and Murray Bridge High school also participated. It was an amazing day.

Students made the following comments:

‘I thought that it was really fun and cool. I also thought that the songs were fast and Adam Page was really cool’. **Tayla**

‘The workshop was fun and interesting. Adam Page is cool. I love his looping’. **Zoe**

‘I really enjoyed the workshop and working with Adam Page, he was really fun and funny. It was really cool and it was awesome to work with other people’. **Jaelee**

‘I thought the workshop was fun. Sometimes it started too fast and I didn’t have enough time to bring up my flute’. **Chelsea**

‘I really enjoyed going to the workshop and watching Adam Page play with his loop, it was AWESOME. I had heaps of fun with everyone and I loved how Adam made music with his beard. Thanks Joy and Ms Love for organising it’. **Chloe**

**Mannum Waters**

**Monster Market by the River**

Sunday 5th October 2014

Marina Way, Mannum Waters 10am - 4pm

We are hosting a unique Market at the beautifully situated Mannum Waters, just 2kms out of Mannum.

Stall holders and small businesses of all types are needed and welcome, to sell, trade and promote.

A great opportunity to show what you have to offer and a beautiful location to spend a family day out.

There will be something for everyone.

Proceeds will be donated to **AMINAYA**

and the Mannum Community College

To book a stall and for all inquiries

Please phone Jeanne on 0434085506

**Can You Help?**

The Baseby and bush tucker gardens are in need of resources. We have acquired raised garden beds from the Mannum Community Garden and are in need of good soil and compost to fill them with. We will also be planting new native and bush tucker plants in the bush tucker garden. New pathways and seating areas will be created and we would like to border the pathway with white paddock rocks.

If you have any quality soil or white paddock rocks that you would like to donate to the school, please contact the Front Office and leave your contact details and I will be in touch as soon as possible. Any support or donations will be greatly appreciated by me, the students and the wider school community.

Regards,

**Sonny Lombardi**
LIBRARY NEWS

Borrowing Times
Each class has a borrowing session once a week.

TUESDAY: 4/5 Brodie, 3/4 Grieger
THURSDAY: 2/3 Zrim, 1/2 Burford, Rec De Ravin, 4/5 Rowley
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

JOY’S CORNER

To make a difference in someone’s world you don’t have to be amazing, rich, talented, beautiful or perfect.
You just have to be you and show you care.

Carol Mobbs,
Canteen Manageress

FROM THE CANTOEN

I have started compiling our canteen roster for Term 4. We are currently in need of some more volunteers. If you could spare a Tuesday or Friday one or two times from 10am to 1.30pm next term, it would be very much appreciated.

“WATCH OUT” for notes coming home soon for ‘Canteen RED Day’
FOOTY COLOURS - DONUT DAY

Jo Dunn
Teacher Librarian

8th  Finance Meeting @ 5.00pm
     Governing Council @ 6.30pm
9th  ROAD SAFETY VISIT
10th Yr 6/7 Basketball @ Tailem Bend
11th 19th
12th 20th
       24 hour Pedal Prix
15th 17th 18th
16th 16th ‘PartyWise’ Presentation for Yr 10-12
17th
22nd 22nd State Country SAPSASA Athletics
23rd 23rd Big Band MB High School
24th 24th Big Band MB Town Hall
25th
26th 26th END OF TERM
29th 29th Week 9
30th 30th Week 10

Monday Thursday Friday
8th  11th  12th
15th 18th 19th
C Groocock  C Cox  F Weber
22nd 25th 26th
L McLeod  M Eades  J Bormann

Wednesday
10th J Schellen
11th V Tarca
17th A Button
18th C Cox
24th E Crow
25th M Eades