Dear Parents and Caregivers

The beautiful spring weather started out the last fortnight then a few more drops of rain (good for dry crops) then back to sunshine. Little wonder that the Reception/Year 1 cricket clinic was such a success. The facilitators did a great job, teachers were very impressed and the students had a lot of fun and were very active in this session.

Choir Update (Rehearsal before the show)

How good is feedback like this: “our group at the Festival Theatre were amazing”, “our singers were in rows 5 and 11 and organised themselves so well”. A big Thank You to all of our parents for driving your singing sons and daughters to the rehearsal and being willing to drove back in the evening - we do appreciate your commitment!

School Photos and Catch Up Day

Well done to MSP who organise our class and family photos. A big thank you to parents who got their envelopes back to class teachers and organised for family photos to take place bringing in younger siblings. The behaviour of our students during their session time was generally pleasing. Photo packages will be available next term. We update our student photo board each year and we also have a new staff photo and are given an album from MSP. It’s good to work with this company and it is a small fund raiser for our school.

Road and Workshop at Myponga

Our students played their hearts out! We had a wonderful report from Ms Love about our student participation. There is a concert in Murray Bridge in the last week (see calendar on back page). I can’t wait to hear our students play. They have come a long way with confidence as performers and skills as musicians.

R. U. O. K?

What a positive program. Well done to our planning team, particularly Ms Bamford and Ms Barnes. The messages on the notice board in the Senior corridor are very powerful ones. The R.U.O.K? signs on classroom walls are a gentle reminder that we need to care for each other, listen actively and connect genuinely with empathy. Many of us are still wearing our R. U. O. K? bracelets and thank you to Ms Bamford for ordering them. I was delighted by the number of children who came to school in yellow outfits and assisted with our fundraising activity. Please enjoy the photos that were taken.

Road Safety Visit

Keeping our children safe on the roads, at school crossings and near traffic areas are very important. It was great to have people from Road Safety working with our children last week. Thank you to the RAA for this community program.

Senior Citizens Choir Performance

Last Friday our choir sang for the Mannum Senior Citizens. They did a wonderful job and once again Ms Love is to be congratulated for her commitment to our singing group of students. On this occasion, they were joined by Bella Fullerton and Tegan Simons from Year 10 who have been learning a musical instrument for several years and have become great accompanists.

Year 6/7 Basketball at Tailem Bend

The Year 6/7 basketballers were acknowledged at our SRC assembly last Monday. Mr Gary Westlake, ably assisted by Chad Westlake and Mitch Allen, took our Year 6/7 team to this local competition and although our students ended in second place, they were definitely winners in behaviour and effort on the day. Well done!

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Road Safety Visit

At our next Governing Council meeting there will be a presentation by Ms Lesley Worthley who attended a CYBER BULLYING Workshop for parents run by CEGSA in Adelaide last month. Thank you goes to Mrs Jo Rochow who chaired the meeting as Ms Cheryl Neville was an apology.

Mannum Waters October Market

Sunday October 5th.

We hope that you can make this a family fun day and go along to the market, join in with the events, have some face painting, buy some goods and help with the fundraising. Aminya and Mannum Community College will receive some of the profits and we are grateful for that consideration.

Safe Holidaying

During the vacation, families will have time together, enjoy the spring weather, visit new places and relax after a busy school term.

Safe Holidaying

Thank you to everyone for their efforts and support during the term. It is appreciated. I wish all families a Safe Holiday and look forward to working with you and your children for the final school term. We have a 2.05pm finish on the last day of term, Friday 26th September.

Kind regards

Leonie Falland

Courage doesn’t always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says “I’ll try again tomorrow.”

FRIDAY 26th EARLY DISMISSAL @ 2:05pm
JUNIOR SCHOOL SENIOR LEADER

LITTLE THINGS MATTER

How can your child be more successful and happy at school?

Make sure that they are here!

Attendance is one of the most important contributors to success at school.

If they are here -

They are learning,

They are making friends,

They are solving problems,

They are practising life skills

They are learning to be punctual and reliable...

The list goes on and on. Every day away - every minute late - undermines their ability to be successful.

Don’t be the reason your child is struggling. Your child learns many important skills by just arriving on time, every day.

Keep “Family” reasons to only the most important occasions - Not “lets go shopping....”

“Illness” for when they are really ill not just the sniffles, Trust that we will contact you if your child is struggling.

‘I don’t want to go’ is never a reason.

Thank you for you support

Michele Holloway
Junior School Senior Leader

OPAL Mid Murray is online


Visit us online to find:

- information on programs and events
- healthy recipe ideas
- links to reliable health information an more.

Please tell us what else you’d like to see on our website. We welcome your feedback via email opal@mid-murray.sa.gov.au or phone 8569 0100.

INFORMATION FOR YOU

‘The Wiggly Ingredient to Garden Success’
How worms and compost can make your garden grow

WORKSHOP WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
Presentation from Tim Jenkins, Murray Bridge Community Nursery
Tour of Murray Bridge Community Nursery
Creation of miniature worm farms
Gardening Q and A
School’s sharing their gardening journey
Australian Curriculum Links

WHEN?
Week 2, Term 4 - Thursday 23rd Oct 2014

WHAT TIME?
4:30 – 6:30 pm. Afternoon tea from 4:15pm

WHERE?
Murray Bridge Community Nursery– Greenlands Dr, Murray Bridge SA 5253

COST?
FREE, proudly funded by OPAL, NRM Education and MB Community Nursery

Please RSVP your attendance by 17/10/2014 to Kylie Tekell, OPAL Manager:
Email: k.tekell@murraybridge.sa.gov.au
Phone: 8539 1435

On Thursday September 11th, the 6/7 basketball teams travelled to Tailem Bend to represent MCC at a regional small schools basketball competition.

The teams played against students from Tailem Bend, Mypolonga and Swan Reach.

Both teams played exceptionally well on the day, with results from the last games determining if we would win the competitions on the day. Unfortunately, the girls team drew and the boys lost by 2. We ended up second in both the girls’ and boys’ competitions and second overall. It was a great effort from all our players.

Thanks to Chad Westlake and Mitch Allen for coaching the teams and to Gary Westlake and Tracey Barnes for picking up whistles and refereeing.
INFORMATION FOR YOU (cont)

SAPSASA Athletics 2014

We wish Cody Scanlon, Amy Dohnt and Shari Hampel all the best when they represent the Murraylands region in the SAPSASA Athletics state country championships at the Santos Stadium (Mile End) on Monday September 22nd, 2014.

The events they will be competing in are:
- Cody (11 and under boys high jump)
- Amy (10 year old girls discus)
- Shari (13 and under girls 800m)

ASIAFEST
Food & Cultural Festival

Hello everyone, you may be interested to know that a new festival will be launched in Adelaide over the October Long Weekend (October 4th - 6th)

ASIAFEST Food & Cultural Festival will be a three-day culinary delight of exquisite and exotic Asian Food teamed with traditional beverages and entertainment. ASIAFEST will be shining the spotlight on Japan, China, Korea, Thailand and Vietnam as well as showcasing a ‘Melting Pot’ of many other Asian cuisines and culture. This inaugural festival will bring together 20 of Adelaide’s very best Asian Restaurants, nestled in the beautiful Rymill Park, in the heart of Adelaide. Traditional drumming, dance, food, art, massage, and sport will be featured throughout the event.

In addition to a range of performances from Asia, the art of Sumo Wrestling will be a feature. Direct from Japan, Sumo Mania brings a traditional Sumo experience including professional Japanese Sumo Wrestlers, referees, ring announcers and sumo barbers.

REMINDER 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’.

PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE IF LATE!

MANNUM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PLAYGROUP

When: 9:30 - 11:00am Thursday 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.

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 AMINYA 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
Just as there is a condition known as ‘Post Traumatic Stress’, researchers are now talking about ‘Post Traumatic Growth’. One line of thinking is that adversity can lead to growth. Another is that the highest levels of growth cannot be achieved without adversity. But adversity doesn’t automatically bring growth; much of the outcome depends on how we respond. Ernest Hemingway wrote, ‘Sooner or later, the world breaks everyone, and afterward many are strong at the broken places.’

Free Movie Night Friday 26th September from 6pm until 8.30pm
Brought to you by Teen Challenge, Mannum Community Hub.
2 movies to choose from. Food and drink available to purchase before and after the movies. Students under Year 6 must have a parent stay with them. Parents please pick up your child on site or speak with me to make alternative arrangements.

Joy Marks
Christian Pastoral Support Worker

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Jo Dunn
Teacher Librarian

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<td>A new menu for Term 4 will be sent home this week. We are very pleased to not have to increase prices so a BIG THANK YOU for your patronage.</td>
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Carol Mobbs,
Canteen Manageress

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