Dear Parents and Caregivers

The pace is increasing as students complete final assignments and units of work for the year in Middle and Senior years and the Junior School students fill the pages in their learning folders. Teachers will be working on report writing as this is the time of the year for written reports to go home as a record of a child’s progress for the year. Reporting is mainly against the standards of the Australian Curriculum. Remember the ‘C’ means that your child is achieving at their age level applying their learning to familiar contexts.

Transitioning

It’s also the time for Kindergarten children to transition to school. We are in the era of SAME FIRST DAY with 30 children beginning at the start of 2015. They have had time at school during the last week and parents have been welcomed by Michele Holloway and myself. Michele then took an information session and question time to ensure that our future parents and their children have a good start to schooling at MCC. Our plans for classes are well underway while our staffing of the Early Years has also begun.

Year 12 Early Start

The Year 11’s began their Stage 2 SACE Studies in Week 6 with a new timetable prepared by Ms Elliker. At this stage we have a large class in Year 12 and between mainstreams and Baseby there are 33. Students are currently timetable to all of the compulsory subjects and their choice subjects that will enable them to complete their SACE pattern. Research project will not begin until 2015. Now it is time to develop organization skills and build strong foundations of Stage 2. Ms Elliker will be using some of the SACE Improvement Strategy tools to help the students keep up to date with their progress during their demanding year. All teachers of Stage 1 & 2 will be involved in the project.

A Vibrant School Yard

Thanks to our groundsman Chris Mundie, the benches are being installed around the grassed areas. They look wonderful and add a whole new dimension to the school grounds. The new benches are being installed to all of the compulsory subjects and their choice subjects that will enable them to complete their SACE pattern.

Health Matters

There have been lots of troubled stomachs as this ‘flu bug’ has spread around the school affecting staff and students alike. If your child feels hot and unwell and is also complaining of pain in the stomach, please keep them home and see the doctor. Avoid dehydration by keeping intake of water up. It seems to be just a few days before the unwellness passes but the transmission of germs/bacteria/viruses or whatever, is now going into its third week. School is not the place for sick children.

Maths Matters

The Leadership team and several staff members attended a Numeracy Project workshop last term. The second session was to have been last week but it was cancelled at short notice. Rather than miss out on the opportunity we met at school and were able to complete a draft numeracy improvement plan that we will seek feedback for from our own teachers and then send to our Educational Director for further guidance. Our NAPLAN results show steady improvement in numeracy, but to go to the next level, teachers, students and families need to work together to build the numeracy skills children come to school with and numeracy confidence they have for working mathematically. Ms Carole Porter, our CPAC, has been working in several classes, teachers have been observing her practice and then sharing ideas together. The Natural Maths focus is embedding itself well in R - 5 and will extend into Years 6 & 7 in 2015.

Governing Council Update

The materials and service charge for 2015 was passed by Governing Council on Monday 24th. It is PRIMARY $226.00 and SECONDARY $299.00. There is a range of payment options and ‘packs’ for all families. These will be mailed out to all families on January 14th. See Julie Hunt if you have any questions. We are currently in the process of reviewing our Mobile Phone policy and had a productive Sub-committee meeting on the 19th November. …watch this space. A brief discussion was had regarding the Pastoral Care Worker role which will replace the Christian Pastoral Support Worker. We will apply to retain the services of Joy Marks who has served our school community so well in the past (under different role names!)

Deadly Awards Night

How good it was to see our four Year 7 girls receive community recognition at this well organized event. Well done to Tameira Giles, Melissa Hamilton, Angela Cooper and Tahlia Casey. A big thank you to Ms Bindi Barker for being on the organizing committee and supporting our girls on the night. Don’t they look great!

Kind regards

Leonie Failand

*With everything that has happened to you, you can either feel sorry for yourself or treat what has happened as a gift. Everything is either an opportunity to grow or an obstacle to keep you from growing. YOU get to choose. Dr Wayne W Dyer.
LITTLE THINGS MATTER

Thank you so much to the local police - Mannum and Murray Bridge for running a fabulous Blue Light Disco last Friday night.

The behaviour of all students was excellent and they should all be proud of themselves.

I hope that after the success of this one that it will be the first of many. The police organised a sausage sizzle and cordial for everyone included in the $5.00 entry.

There were prizes and competitions and just a great time.

This was my first Christmas Tree Festival and I was so impressed. There was such a wonderful atmosphere and once again, the students are to be commended for their excellent behaviour.

Thank you to the organisers - it was obviously a labour of love and we did love it.

Next Monday will be our final assembly for the term at 9:00am in the Performing Arts room. The Year 4/5s will serve tea and coffee afterwards in the LOTE room if you want to stay and chat. We hope to see you there.

Thank you for your support

Michele Holloway
Junior School Senior Leader

INFORMATION FOR YOU

Murraylands APEX
Mannum Fun Run 2014
Sunday 14 December 2014
Mary Ann Reserve, Mannum
Free Community Event

Register today:
Visit: www.mid-murray.sa.gov.au to register online or the Mid Murray Council office to collect a registration form.

Arrive by: 8:15am for registrations, 8:45am group warm up, 9:00am start

Followed by a free breakfast by Murraylands APEX at finish line.

Gold coin donation appreciated to support the event. Coffee will be available for purchase on the day.

All registered 5-10km walk and run participants will receive a complimentary 10 week training plan courtesy of the Mannum Leisure Centre 24/7 gym.

More information:
Phone Courtney at Mid Murray OPAL on 8569 0100

Pen Pal Visit by Year 4/5A Rowley

Our class have been writing letters to Ms Wappers class at Murray Bridge North School all of the year. We have sent about 3 or 4 letters so far this year and they have been sending some back to us.

Yesterday (25/11/14) we went to meet them. First we went to Captain Cottage Museum because we wanted to look at all the things that have been around for a very long time. There were old tractors, anvils, old cars, old motors and lots of other things.

We then went to Sturt Reserve and had a BBQ cooked by Mrs. Rowley and Mrs. Barnes. There were sausages, patties, drinks and fruit. We played on the playground with equipment we had bought. We saw the Bunyip four or five times and we got it for free because Mrs Rowley asked the council worker and he let us see it without paying.

After a while Ms Wappers class finally came after we waited a long time and we met our pen pals. We all had fun playing with them and after a while it was time for us to go. We had a fun trip.

Written by Samuel Dabinett and Sally-Ann Kerr on behalf of their class.

HELPING HANDS

Mrs Rowley and the Year 4/5 A are having a “Helping Hand” project where they are collecting donations of non-perishable items such as tinned and packaged food, long life drinks, personal hygiene products etc until the end of Week 9. They will box up the donated goods and give to Joy Marks at assembly on Friday morning, 12th December (the last day of school) to give a “Helping Hand” to those who need it. Donations can be left at Room 1, the front office or at the Christmas tree in the library.

Thank you.
**INFORMATION FOR YOU** (cont)

**SALVATION ARMY**

**‘CHRISTMAS CHEER’**

To register for the ‘Christmas Cheer’ package go to the Salvation Army office on 4th Street Murray Bridge. Fill out a registration form to receive a food voucher/hamper plus gifts for children 15 years and under. For further information phone: 85311133.

Registration opens 11/11/14

Students who are living independently are also eligible even if over 15.

Victoria Bamford
Secondary Counsellor

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**Piano Concert Invitation**

2014

You are welcome to celebrate
The Achievements of Piano Students at MCC
Wednesday 3rd December (Week 8)
9.00 - 10.00am - Music Room
(followed by a party morning tea!)

Warm regards,

Annette Rasigata

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**Christmas Twilight Market**

**Tuesday 23rd Dec 5 - 9 pm**
**Mt Pleasant Showgrounds**

- Fresh fruit & vegetables, bread, seafood, meat, wine, cheese, preserves, plants
- Tastings
- Dinner menu - live music
- Father Christmas
- Easy Parking

Customer & Stallholder enquiries: managementmpfm@bigpond.com or 0418301121

NO Market on Saturday 27 December.

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**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.

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**ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS!**

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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**Communities for Children**

MURRAYLANDS Baptist Care (SA) Inc

**Mannum FREE School Holiday Activities**

Ages 5 - 8 year olds
Ages 9 - 12 year olds

Bookings are essential Phone: 83885234
Email adventurecamping@baptistcaresa.org.au

Look on Mannum Community College website under News & Events for further information and registration forms.

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**Mannum Community Hub**

Youth Centre 5.30pm – 8.30pm
Dec 5:
Free Fun, Games & including
Join the Adventure: 6pm – 7pm

Parents very welcome! Please pick up your child from the Centre. All those under Year 6 need an adult to stay with them.

Thanks
LIBRARY NEWS

Mannum School Community Library
Christmas hours

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School holiday hours resume on Monday 5th January 2015 until Tuesday 27th January 2015 when school term time hours commence.

MANNUM COMMUNITY HUB

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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All programs are free of charge – limited spaces so be sure to book early to secure a place. Phone: 08 85691832.

Call into the Hub at 58 Walker Ave to collect a registration form or go to the website: www.mmss.com.au to print off / complete and return the form by 10th December.

FROM THE CANTEEN

Thank you to all those volunteers who have given their time this year to be a part of our Canteen Team. We would not be able to provide this service for our school community without your help.

Thank you also to all of our school families for utilising our canteen for lunch orders.

Rosters for Term 1 next year will be sent home during the last week.

We will continue with the same summer menu in Term 1 next year.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a safe, enjoyable Holiday Break.

Carol Mobbs,
Canteen Manageress

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