FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am sure that you, like me, have appreciated the break in the weather and children certainly are able to be out and about appreciating the play spaces and feeling less tired for lessons. Thank you for supporting your children so well during the heat.

CMASSA swimming in Loxton

Well done to the staff and students who competed at CMASSA and helped with the organisation. Everyone was ready for the early departure: we had lots of parents visiting for the day and although the winning school was Swan Reach Area School, we were fortunate to get runners up medals for lots of the events. Mr Wilsdon did an ‘amazing job’ organising the carnival for all of the schools and our own team as well. Staff support from Ms Barnes, Ms Daniel, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Brodie was very much appreciated.

Congratulations to:
- Amy Dohnt - runner-up Sub Junior girls
- Cody Krollig - runner-up Sub Junior boys
- Max Worthley - winner Junior boys
- Shari Hampel - runner-up Intermediate girls
- Mitchell Heward - runner-up Intermediate boys

Raising the Standards

Behaviour is about choice: our RIVER values help us with a great framework that sets the tone of our school to support a safe learning environment.

Learning is about achieving our best: once again our RIVER values provide us with encouragement to take responsibility for our learning, put energy into the way we participate in class and encourage us to do our best through the Excellence value.

The team of teachers and support staff will encourage students to make good choices, care for the safety of themselves and others and to give their best effort in class. We are seeking parent support for homework completion. Several teachers have needed to keep students in at lunchtime to complete homework: students need to meet this requirement or a diary note please.

Student Leadership - SRC

The SRC have held their first meeting to introduce class captains to school leaders. Chad Westlake and Sam Crow led our first assembly and presented some classroom certificates, RIVER certificates and ICILS certificates to the Year 8 class. At the assembly students were reminded about mobile phone usage, Chillzone opening times and school cleanliness. Our Wipeout Waste Warriors received a RIVER certificate. Being a class representative on SRC is a good way to learn about decision making: we encourage students to become involved.

Committees at School

So far this year, four of our committees have met:
- Site Improvement Committee have discussed school grounds - we hope that the new oval shed will be ready for sports day. The Junior School playground is OPEN!
- ICT Committee have made a recommendation to upgrade our classroom resources. A set of iPads will be purchased shortly. These will replace the laptops available through the LOTE room.
- Workplace Health & Safety Committee met to discuss safety and welfare matters and are having a duress button installed in the Front Office.
- Indigenous Education Committee have made recommendations for follow-up on our School Community Partnership and learning plans for our ATSI enrolments.

Thank you to our Governing Councillors for making their time available to attend those meetings. Our next Governing Council meeting is in Week 8.

Governing Council AGM

Notice is given to all families about the Annual General Meeting. We encourage parents to serve on Governing Council to help shape school policy and be a vital part of decision making at the school level. There are 8 meetings of Governing Council per year and one or two committees meeting per term in your interest areas. The committees are:
1. Finance
2. Fundraising
3. Site Improvement
4. Curriculum
5. Indigenous Education
6. Pedal Prix
7. W. H. S.
8. ICT
9. Healthy School
10. Sports
11. Library

If you would like to nominate yourself or another member of the parent community, please complete the nomination form that was sent out last week. Parents are also invited to join us on the night of the Annual General Meeting. A light supper is provided. The first meeting of the new team of councilors will follow the AGM. If you would like a copy of the 2013 AGM minutes please see Donna Williams in the Front Office.

Acquaintance Night

Thank you to the parents and students who visited the school on Tuesday 25th February. Thank you to Governing Councillors Gary Dunn and Cheryl Neville (GC Chairperson) for preparing and serving the Sausage Sizzle. I appreciated the effort of teachers in creating a welcoming atmosphere for parents by ensuring the acceptance of our efforts.

Kind Regards

Leonie Falland

Quote from Nelson Mandella: “History will judge us by the difference we make in the everyday lives of children.”
JUNIOR SCHOOL SENIOR LEADER

Yeh – the playground is back! Please remind your children that they are not to go on the playground until 8.30 when they will see a teacher on duty to ensure that they are safe.

Swimming is a great success despite some cooler days. The behaviour of most children at the pool has been exemplary and it is great to see that some parents have been able to get down to watch.

As you know Sports Day is now on Thursday so don’t forget: water, sunscreen, shirts with sleeves and most importantly… if you take your child early you must sign them out with their class teacher who will have a list.

We are looking at building a chook pen at Baseby Cottage. This would be an opportunity for each class to look after the chickens, collect the eggs and sell them to buy their food. If you have any of these items lying around and would like to donate them it would be wonderful:

- 2 or 2.4m posts, chicken wire, water trough
- Your time to help our groundsman build it.

Contact me at the school if you are able to help.

Thank you to all parents for modelling positive behaviours whilst in the school grounds. There is a noticeable difference in the way children are speaking to each other. Thank you also for the supporting our focus on behaviour by speaking to your children when an incident has occurred.

Now the cooler weather has arrived you may need to buy a new winter top from the front office. Our aim is to have all students in correct uniform to promote belonging.

Every day we aim to have children reading at least 5 times. You learn to read by reading!

Please support this by listening to your child read at home – encourage them to read things to you while shopping or driving in the car. If your child is older give them a reason to read – the shopping list, recipes etc.

Michele Holloway
Junior School Senior Leader

SPORTS DAY
Thursday 6th March

Last week when we ran the 1500m race, discus and javelin events, three records were broken; these results and those from our approaching Sports Day will be announced in a future newsletter. Congratulations to our House Captains and Vice-Captains who worked with their teams at the Splash Dash and who will be even busier this week leading up to, and on, Sports Day.

The House Captains and Vice-Captains were presented with their badges at an assembly on Monday 3rd March.

Bryan Wilsdon

Arnold (blue)
Captains: Nikita Rose
Isaac Rasigatale
Vice: Jack Ince
Tahnika Shillabeer

Baseby (red)
Captains: Mitchell Allen
Rachael Berlin
Vice: Teagan Lamb
Chad Westlake

Randell (yellow)
Captains: Laura Gassner
Tyson Schellen
Vice: Chelsea Hayes
Jase Quinlan

Mannum Mini Olympics 2014

Mrs Zrim’s 2/3 class and Mrs Rowley’s 4/5 class had a “Mannum Mini Olympics” last week. There were three team events and three individual events. The team events were soccer dribble, sack race and baton relay. These teams were made up of students from both classes. The individual events were sprints, bean bag toss and “tennis ball on a soup spoon”.

The students had a lot of fun doing these events and cheered and supported everyone during the games.

The medal presentation ceremony was held on Friday with the gold, silver and bronze medals being presented by Ms Holloway, the Junior School Senior Leader. Ms Holloway also presented participating certificates to other students. Ms Holloway congratulated everyone for a fabulous effort and encouraged students to train hard for the next Olympics.
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

HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is now on social media!

Visit Harmony Day on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

You can join the conversation about what Harmony Day, cultural diversity or belonging means to you by using the hashtags #HarmonyDay, #culturaldiversity or #everyonebelongs.

Or you could take a #HarmonyDay selfie at the next Harmony Day event!

Plus, show your support by adding an orange ribbon to your profile picture. Visit Harmony Day on Twibbon.

Get connected to your Harmony Day community today.

MANUM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PLAYGROUP

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.

SOCcer

Training - Tuesday after school - 4.30pm on the school oval.

REGISTRATION DAY - Saturday 8th, March from 9am - 1pm at the school oval/soccer shed.

Team numbers so far:

Under 8 - 8 players
Under 9 - 7 players
Under 11 - 0 players
Under 12 girls - 7 players
Under 14 girls - 0 players
Under 12 mixed - 11 players
Under 14 mixed - 0 players
Under 16 boys - 0 players
Under 17 boys - 0 players

Under 12 girls will be in the Under 12 mixed team as well at this stage. Those girls who play in 2 teams will only pay for playing in Under 12 mixed, club will cover Under 12 girls fees.

Come and join in the fun of playing soccer, it is a skilful and fun game to play.

We are also proud to announce Jesse Humphreys, Jake Burfield and Toby Christiansen have been selected in the Under 12 boys representative team and Mary-Jane Strauss has been selected in the Under 12 girls representative team for the AHJSA, we are part of this league, a big congratulations to all four of you for your continued hard work and commitment to soccer.

GO MANNUM!

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Are you, or do you have, a child aged 8-15 years? Are you interested in Basketball?

As requested by the Mannum Community, the Mannum Leisure Centre, in partnership with Fun 4 YOUth and OPAL, is looking to run a Junior Basketball Competition in Term 2 and 3.

We are holding a registration night on Monday 24 March 2014 at the Mannum Leisure Centre from 5 - 6pm for all young people to register. It is essential that you attend that evening and bring along your $30.00 non-refundable registration fee, thankyou.

We are also looking for people to assist with coaching and umpiring, so should you be available to help with any of these, please contact me directly. Remember, many hands make light work!!!

We look forward to this exciting program being offered in the community!

For more information please contact: Amy Loechel, Community Development Officer, Mid Murray Council  Phone: 08 85690100  Mobile: 0419 860 044  Fax: 08 85691931  Email: aloechel@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

MANNERS MATTER

Please or Die!!!

1. ‘One Card’ Information for our new Library System
2. EBM Insurance pamphlet
3. ‘Family’ booklet for Junior School

Additional Insert Pages in this issue:
Humor is contagious...

Laughter is infectious...

Both are good for your health.

Joy Marks,
Christian Support Worker

**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

**JOY’S CORNER**

**SPORTS DAY** - Thursday 6th March

The Canteen will be operating from the new sports shed on the Oval! We will be having a BBQ lunch (sausage and hamburgers) Parents/Caregivers are welcome to pre-order with students. Walk-up sales will be available.

Cakes / drinks / snacks will also be sold during the day. **NO ‘NORMAL’ LUNCH ORDERS AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY!**

Carol Mobbs,
Canteen Manageress

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