**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am sure that you, like me, are very busy. Did someone put something in our water?

**SPORTS DAY Congratulations**

Well done to our house captains and students for a wonderful day of participation, record breaking and “entertainment” for our parents and visitors. Weather-wise we could not have had it better. Organisation wise, well done to Mr Bryan Wilsdon and his team for a day that ran like clockwork. Thank you to our parents and visitors for being there to enjoy the day with us. It takes a lot of preparation time, skills and enthusiasm to coordinate a whole school event. This year was our best yet. Congratulations to our winning house, Arnold. After many years of not being on the House Shield, you have now pride of place. That is what persistence and resilience combined with good leadership has produced. You all need to be very proud of your efforts. The final scores were: Arnold - 935, Randell - 907, Baseby - 836.

Congratulations also to our medal winners and runners up. The ribbons were worn proudly after your events and you deserved the applause at the presentation session on the day.

**STUDENT FREE DAY ‘THANKS’**

We do appreciate our families allowing us to be learning together as a staff team as we were able to on March 11th. The SSO staff looked at the new requirements for employment and selection processes and how the ‘vacancy and selection process’ works for lodging vacancies, forming panels and completing the appointment process. Well done to Ms Hunt for leading this Professional Development. The teaching staff revisited the ‘Protective Behaviours’ framework in the first session with me. We then explored the work of Dylan Hattie on improving schooling by understanding the ‘effect’ size of factors including: class size, streaming or ability grouping, homework, acceleration, feedback, student/teacher relationship and shifting schools. These two Educational Leaders have a wealth of research data to back their work. Well done to Ms Daniel and Ms Holloway for their leadership. In the afternoon Junior School teachers looked at Numeracy Education and the Tfel (Teaching for effective learning) program, Middle School staff worked on teaching programs and Middle School organization and the Secondary staff developed their Pastoral Care knowledge further. Thank you to Ms Bamford for her presentation. There will be three other days of professional development between now and the end of the year. Two of these are dedicated to the ongoing rollout of the Australian Curriculum.

**SAPSASA success**

Congratulations to our students who will represent us at the SAPSASA Swimming Carnival on 21st March. Brock and Mitchell Heward, Amy Dohnt and Max Worthley have been selected to represent our school and district - the Murraylands. We wish them well on the day!

**MANNUM SHOW**

Did you see our displays? Thank you and well done to all of our classes for your entries. Keeping the show going takes a lot of time and energy so we need to support our community organisers and BE THERE! Thank you to Ms Love for supplying the cardboard for the displays and for assisting with promoting the show back here at school. Together everyone achieves more!

**DIARY NOTE - Family Fun Day 12th April**

Well done to our coordinators for bringing this day together - there are some fun activities planned and what a great way to start the school vacation at 11:30am on Saturday at the Old Mannum Primary School. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT!

**IT’S ABOUT LEARNING**

Schools are places for learning. My thanks to the many students who come to school ready to learn, make a positive contribution to their lessons, get their work finished and contribute “something extra” to our school. You make our work worthwhile. KEEP IT UP!

Cheers

Leonie Falland

“I if you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them and half as much money.”

**ARTWORK DISPLAY**

Pictured at left are the colourful butterflies by Ms deRavin’s clever Reception class and below are drawings from Mrs Brodie’s Year 4/5 class. The theme was "STARRY NIGHT" by Vincent Van Gogh.

Next time you are in the Front Office, take a moment to look at our display of student art work. We like to change it regularly.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**TERM 1**

**WEEK 8:**

Monday 17th March - Governing Council AGM @ 6:30pm

Wednesday 19th March - HARMONY DAY

NO BULLYING / HARASSMENT DAY

*All dates and times were correct at the time of printing.*
I would like to mention how great Sports Day was. Most students were well behaved and gave their best effort. Well done to all those who participated, it was excellent too hear and see all the encouragement. A big thanks to all the parent supporters and helpers, it certainly helps to make the day successful. Congratulations to the winners and runner ups from Middle school; Max Worthley, Thomas Griggs, Thomas Worthley, Jasmin Coombe, Kellie Modra, Jayme Briggs, Rachel Gassner, Mitchell Heward, Thomas Loffler, Cooper Evans, Gemma Dodd and Jayden Krollig. All the best for the Middle School students who are participating in CMASSA on Monday the 24/3/14.

Just a reminder that the Middle School has a ‘Push for Excellence’ this year and staff expect all students be at school and engaged in their learning. If this is not happening parents will be notified by letter and meetings will occur.

As it is Harmony Day and Say No to Bullying Day this week I would like parents/guardians to have a discussion with your children about the importance of reporting bullying and harassment straight away to their Homegroup teacher. The school does not tolerate bullying/harassment however we cannot act if we are not informed.

Alyssa Daniel
Middle School Assistant Principal

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Beyond Blue is touring around the country in a bus, encouraging Australians everywhere to take ‘1 Step’ for better mental health and they have decided to visit headspace!

FRIDAY MARCH 21st // 11am-2pm
FREE EVENT // All welcomed
Please contact Rachel @ headspace on 8531 2122 or Kalarie @ Murray Mallee G.P Network on 8531 1303

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STS STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENINGS
Have you always wondered what it would be like to live on the other side of the world? High school students can experience just that, as an STS exchange student in 2014/15 and make it the most exciting year of your life. Applications for next August close on April 30th so come along to an information evening on Tuesday 25th March. Starting at 7.30 pm it will be held in the PBS Building, 607 Marion Road, South Plympton. The entrance is on the side of the PBS building in Nelson Street. Students can go on exchange to one of our 15 choices of country, in either January or August for a semester or a school year; or for a term to selected countries. Our host and go rewards you and your family 10% off your program fee for hosting a student before you depart. Scholarships available.

To receive a free brochure or for any enquiries and/or to make your booking to come to our free information evening, please phone Margaret Riches on 0412639049 or free call to STS Head Office 1800263964 Check our our website.
www.sts-education.com.au

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PRACTICE YOUR SPANISH WITH AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT!
Capture the spirit of family and friendship - Host a Spanish international exchange student!

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is seeking volunteer host families for International High School students from Spain.

Students arrive in July 2014 for 11 weeks and can be placed anywhere in South Australia. You do not need to have children of your own to enjoy this experience.

- Introduce your family to different customs, values and ideas
- Improve your language skills
- Make lifelong international friends
- Share Australian culture and lifestyle

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PHONE Jenny ON (08) 85562208
EMAIL : jeh1313@bigpond.net.au

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MOVIE NIGHT - Free of charge
Mannum Lutheran Church Hall
Saturday 29th March at 7:30pm
Gravity Stars Sandra Bullock and George Clooney
Supper provided
THERE WILL BE A DONATION BOX ON THE NIGHT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKERS AT MANNUM, PALMER & CAMBRAI SCHOOLS
Movie Night courtesy of the Mannum Inter-Church Council
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.

HARMONY DAY

MANNUM 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
2014 is shaping up to be a fantastic year for soccer. For the first time we have an Under 12 girls team, if you are born in the years 2002-2005 you are eligible to play in our first ever all girls team, plus we have our usual mixed teams of Under 8, Under 9, Under 11 and Under 12.

Training is Tuesday 18th March, after school from 3.05 - 4.30pm.

Register now to be involved in a fun, skilful game where team play is essential and everyone is guaranteed games regardless of if you are a beginner or experienced. Come and join in the fun.

Any enquires please contact: Kym Strauss kym.strauss@bigpond.com or call 0417596531

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 850 044 / Fax: 08 85691931 / Email: aloechel@mid-murray.sa.gov.au

REMEMBER……..
“School Fees Part Payments Due”
If you are on a part payment agreement, please remember to pay by the end of the month.

Julie Hunt
Business Manager
Tuesday March 4th was Pancake Day. Thanks to the great cooks from the Senior School we all had our fill of scrumptious pancakes and at the same time we raised money for Uniting Care for their work with people in need.

Thank you everyone for enjoying our pancakes and supporting this good cause.

Joy Marks, Christian Support Worker

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FROM THE CANTEEN

SPORTS DAY:
THANK YOU to all who supported our BBQ lunch and we hope you found this format and location more convenient.

A special mention to the following volunteers: Kirsty Snyders, Jayden and Cody Krollig for early morning help with setting up. Annette Rasigatale for serving and cleaning up. Leisa Casey and Vicki Tarca for helping to prepare food for pre-orders and serving at lunch-time. Tamika Godleman, Samantha Crow and Krystal Scanlon for serving so efficiently in the Food Stall all day. Phil Klose for helping to set up and then cooking the BBQ ably assisted by Gary Dunn.

A special THANK YOU to all who baked delicious treats for the Cake Stall.

All your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Carol Mobbs,
Canteen Manageress

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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