INFORMATION BULLETIN
FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is a very full newsletter with a special job for you as parents. We are circulating a “Family” version of our Annual Report and we want to know that you have received it at home by returning the tear off slip. These slips will then go into a draw for some canteen vouchers. Please help us by reading the Annual Report and returning the tear off slip located on the back page of this newsletter.

Busy Days At School!

1) The AGM of Governing Council has been held. We thank Guy Muirhead and Kerri Edwards for their service to the school and we welcome two new councillors, Jason McDonald and Paul Underwood. The membership for 2014 is as follows:
   - Chairperson: Cheryl Neville
   - Vice chairperson: Jo Rochow
   - Secretary: Bronwyn Loffler
   - Treasurer: Ben Rasigatale
   - Councillors: Jo Bland, Alex Davis, Natalie Davis, Gary Dunn, Paul Underwood, Jason McDonald
   - Community Rep: Kym Strauss

In 2014 we will continue to focus on improving children’s numeracy and literacy as well as ensuring that through our well being programmes children are happy and safe at school and attend regularly.

2) Thank you to our community of helpers. Events like swimming carnivals, athletics at SAPSASA and CMASSA as well as our sports day need planning, helping hands and resources. We have been loaned marquees to provide shade, parents have assisted at canteen and BBQ’s as well as events being run, other parents have supported us with transport. We really do value your help and assistance.

Harmony Day - what’s it really about?!

“Harmony Day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. From the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.”

In Australia we identify with approximately 300 ancestries, 7.2 million people have migrated to Australia since 1945, 45% of Australians are either born overseas or have a parent who was. There have been 55,000 Harmony Day events since it was first celebrated in 1999.

Students in the Junior School decorated their porches with orange streamers and coloured a Harmony Day picture provided by Ms Barnes.

Teaching in the Early Years’ Team

Reception Intake Teacher
- Enjoys teaching young learners.
- Is a skilled artist.
Ms De Ravin

Reception Teacher
- Enjoys teaching young children through Jolly Phonics & oral language activities.
- Loves creative activities.
Ms Laredo

Year One / Two Teacher
- Has specialised in Birth - Year 8 methodology.
- Enjoys developing children's reading skills.
Miss Waters

Year One / Two Teacher
- Offers an engaging classroom for her children.
- Also supporting students in Year 6/7 with drama and performing arts.
Ms Bruce

We are fortunate to have such a talented team.

Kind regards

Leonie Falland

“Remember: you need to plan to learn and learn to plan if you intend to succeed.”

HARMONY DAY

For Harmony Day most of our students and staff dressed in orange and did a variety of activities learning about why we celebrate this day and what it means.
JUST A REMINDER:
There is a bell at 8:40am each morning to remind students that it’s time for Home Group.
At 8:50am the bell sounds for the first lesson to start.
Students who arrive after 8:40am need to sign in at the Front Office (preferably with a parent or a short note to avoid an SMS).
The Home Time bell is at 3:05pm.

SUSPECT VEHICLE
Students and parents do not need to be concerned about the recent sighting of a white 4WD campervan by students while walking to school.
Police spoke to the male driver and were more than satisfied that he did not pose a risk to the safety of children.
Students are reminded to be aware of their surroundings and do not hesitate to notify either the teachers or the Police if they feel concerned about someone or something.
CMASSA Sports Day 2014

The Mannum Community College CMASSA team had a fantastic day at Swan Reach, competing against students from Swan Reach Area School, East Murray Area School and Cambrai Area School. There was some great talent displayed in both track and field events.

Congratulations to all participants on the day. It was pleasing to see the effort that students put in, both in individual events and team games.

Thank you to the parents, care givers and friends who attended and assisted in any way to help the day run smoothly.

Congratulations to the following trophy winners:
- Jasmin Coombe – Runner up Intermediate girls 1500m
- Kellie Modra – Intermediate girl Runner up champion
- Amy Dohnt – Sub Junior girl Runner up champion
- Kobee Dabinett – Mini Sub Junior boy Runner up champion
- Cody Krollig – Sub Junior boy Runner up champion.

Cody also set a new record for the Sub Junior long throw event.

Youth Week Art Competition

This National Youth Week (April 4-13) we hope to encourage everyone to drink more water using your art work.

Young people in and around Mannum are encouraged to design a picture which promotes water as the drink of choice. Designs can be drawn, painted or designed electronically, and with the help of a skilled artist, the winning student will have the opportunity to replicate an enlarged version of their winning piece by the drinking fountain for the town to admire. Entries must be received by 5pm Friday 4 April 2014 at Mid Murray Council; 49 Adelaide Road, Mannum SA 5238, be considered.

Phone or email Diem for more information on 8569 0181 or dluong@mid-murray.sa.gov.au
The question for each person is not what he would do if he had the means, time, influence and educational advantages, but what he will do with the things he has now.'

*(Hamilton)*

Joy Marks,
Christian Support Worker

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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.

Joy Dunn
Teacher Librarian

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**JOY’S CORNER**

Canteen will be selling Hot Cross Buns every day during the last week of term. Buns can be purchased for Recess / Lunch. We offer Fruit or Fruitless, warmed and buttered for only $2.00 each.

Our Winter Menu for Term 2 & 3 will be sent home during the last week.

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I have received the Annual Report - family version.

My child is _________________________________ in Home Group class ___________________________

(child’s name)

Parent/caregiver signature _____________________________