Hello families and friends

Well, this is our final newsletter for Term 3; how fast time is flying by! This term we are trialling a change in venue and time for our end of term assembly. We are lucky to have so many parents who attend these assemblies and we are concerned that we can’t fit everyone in the Performing Arts Room; so we have decided to change the venue to the Mannum Leisure Centre. We are also trialling a change of time to an earlier time slot to give students and staff time after lunch to distribute work, pack up and do a final tidy of classrooms. Classes will walk to the Mannum Leisure Centre at 12:20 for a 12:30 start.

It is great to see so many students wearing the Mannum Community College uniform. Wearing the uniform gives students a sense of belonging, makes students easily identifiable, and reduces competition between students with regard to clothing. It has been brought to my attention that some students and parents think that the Mannum Roos jumper is ok to wear to school. This is not the case. The Mannum Roos jumper is not part of the uniform so should not be worn to school. Thank you for ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Recently we had a grandparent call school with a concern about student movement around the school at the beginning and the end of the day. The grandparent said that the school was doing nothing about this and that it was a huge issue. I would like to say again that we take the safety of our students very seriously and we are doing something about the concerns that have been raised by the community. We are involved in the Way2Go program which looks at safe travel to school. We speak to students regularly about watching out for cars and safe ways to cross the road. We are currently having talks and working with Mid Murray Council and the department that looks after roads to see if we can get a school crossing on Walker Avenue just outside of the school. So please be assured we are doing something about student movement before and after school. We do remind families about speed limits and watching out for students. Children and young people can become easily distracted and can have tunnel vision so, if you are driving a car, please be extra vigilant. Slower is safer around schools! Let’s all work together to keep our students safe.

Technology is a great thing and allows us greater access to more information and people than ever before. This requires schools to have policies that outline the appropriate use of this technology. Harassment and bullying via social media is not acceptable. Incidences of cyber-bullying, even when they happen outside of school hours, can be dealt with by the school. Parents are also encouraged to inform the police if their child is the recipient of cyber-bullying. The best thing to do if you think a student is harassing or bullying you is to take screen shots of the conversation. Tell them to stop, unfriend them and upgrade your security settings. Engaging in the conversation just keeps it going. Do not respond. Bullies, bully for the reaction they get.

I look forward to seeing families at the School Concert on Wednesday 23rd September and the Year 12 Formal on Friday 25th September. Both nights are sure to be a great success with hours of planning and organising spent by staff and students.

Warmest regards

Sue Record
**Little Things Matter**

**Concert - did I mention its concert?**

Traffic Lights are coming home this week. If there is an area of concern - a red light - your child’s teacher will contact you to discuss this before the holidays.

Most teachers have just finished retraining in Running Records. We have done this to ensure we are consistent with the data we collect. Teachers have just completed their testing of children across a range of areas. There are very good signs that the majority of students will reach the benchmarks for their year level. While Running Records are only required by the department for Years R - 3, all classes undertake them until students reach independence.

Reception children need to reach level 5
Yr 1 - level 15
Yr 2 - level 23
Yr 3 - independence.

We will be closely looking at our data from NAPLAN, PAT R and PAT M, Westwood spelling and Running Records to ensure our teaching programs are working.

Concert practise is now in overdrive and everyone is excited! The children will be fine - I just hope the teachers survive.

Please read the information coming home as to start and finish times etc. Can I just stress the need for the audience to talk quietly but clap loudly!

Junior School meet every Wednesday during Pastoral Care to focus on an aspect of wellbeing – hence its name - Well Being Wednesday. We have learnt about: the cake of life, the catastrophe scale, POOCH and for the last four weeks of term - random acts of kindness and the catastrophe scale. We do this to ensure that all children and staff have the same information and we have whole school knowledge and language. Classes follow up the introduced topic on Follow up Thursday.

I really believe that we can be proud of our school as new students and visitors constantly remark on how great our kids are. A new family today remarked on how kind and caring the children were to their child. Congratulations everyone!

You may have noticed red scooters zooming around at play times and I apologise for the state of the reception’s shoes. We are educating them on how to ride without dragging your feet and they are trying very hard. The scooters are the first stage of our turning the paths into roads where students can practise road safety skills. There will be pedestrian crossings and road signs to be followed. It will be a great way to improve the safety skills of the students in a fun way.

The school is continuing to grow with a steady flow of new enrolments - this is countered by our losing a few which is always sad.

Junior School will not be having an end of term assembly due to the concert being so close. Instead we will have a celebration assembly on Thursday Pastoral Care at 12:30 to give out certificates acknowledging great work and effort.

Michele Holloway
Junior School Leader

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**WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN**

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

**Structure for last day of term:**

12:20pm walk to Mannum Leisure Centre for Assembly
12.30pm Assembly begins
1.00pm Lunch
1.35pm Warning Bell
1.40pm Pastoral Care (back to home groups) for tidy up (furniture, library books, clean up)
2.05pm Dismissal
**INFORMATION FOR YOU**

**MURRAYTOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL CRICKET**

Junior cricket season is coming!
The season covers school Terms 4 & 1.
Division 1 held Friday night 5pm - 7pm
Division 2 held Saturday morning 9am - 11am
Any interested players, coaches or helpers please contact Sam Bormann 0468 784 018

**Dental care is FREE**

Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.
All children aged 0-17 are welcome.
To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

**MANNUM GOLF CLUB**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY**

**JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC**

Monday 28th September
Time: 9:00am & 10:15am
Cost: $6.00
Ring Lisa on 0427864261 to book
Or email jhancock67@bigpond.com

**CLAYPANS CRICKET CLUB**

**Primary School Cricket**

Matches held Friday nights—home games at Purnong Oval
Practice starts Wednesday 14/10/15 at 6:00pm
For more information, contact Justin Maloney on 0400282326

**FOR SALE**

“SPINNER”

We have replaced the spinner in our Junior School playground. Due to large amount of interest we are conducting a “silent auction” to sell the spinner. The silent auction closes on 23/10/15.
Please make an offer in writing to:
Julie.Hunt701@schools.sa.edu.au

**CURRENT HIGHEST BID:** $*** (as at **9/15)

**CAMBRAI AREA SCHOOL**

**FUNDRAISER**

**BOAT LICENCE EVENING**

**Wednesday 14th October 2015**

7:00pm
Cambrai Area School – Multi Purpose Room
Cost $35.00
Ages 16 +
Photo ID required
12 – 16yrs special permit test available also
The free SA Recreational Boating Handbook should be studied prior to the evening
Bookings essential. Seats Limited!
For more information or to book a seat, call Fiona 0417107039
Come along and support Cambrai Area School!
LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY BORROWING

MONDAY: 6/7 Love, 6/7 Stagg  
TUESDAY: 1/2 Waters, 3/4 Grieger  
WEDNESDAY: R/1 Brodie  
THURSDAY: 2/3 Zrim, 4/5 Bruce  
FRIDAY: REC Dowling, R/1 Laredo, 4/5 Rowley

Jo Dunn  
Teacher Librarian  

JOY’S CORNER

A boy supposedly once asked Michelangelo why he was working so hard chipping away on the block of marble that would become his greatest masterpiece: David.

The artist replied, ‘There’s an angel inside this rock and I’m setting him free.' The power of vision enables you to see a potential masterpiece in what others overlook or consider worthless. It also helps you discover things within yourself you never knew were there.

It brings out the best in you.  
That’s the power of ‘vision’  

Bob Gass

Joy Marks  
Pastoral Care Worker

FROM THE CANTEEN

RED DAY: Thank you everyone for supporting Donut Day. Footy colours were very popular!

CHANGE OF MENU: We will have a new Summer Menu for Term 4 & Term 1 2016. It will come home in Week 10. Due to some increases with our suppliers there are a few price rises. We have attempted to keep these to a minimum. We have included some new lines and revamped some old ideas. Hope you enjoy trying these and I look forward to any feedback/ideas or suggestions.

Thank you to all our Volunteers for this term. I appreciate the time you volunteer and look forward to your company again in this final term of 2015. Rosters will come home during Week 10.

Carol Mobbs  
Canteen Manageress (85692971)

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY BREAK.

VOLUNTEER ROSTER

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