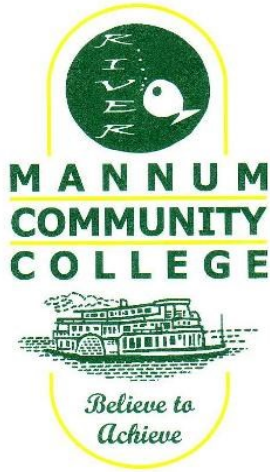


**INFORMATION BULLETIN**  
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**IMPORTANT DATES:**



**TERM 1**

**WEEK 5:**  
Tuesday 24th February  
Pancake Day

**WEEK 6:**  
Friday 6th March  
SPORTS DAY

**WEEK 7:**  
Monday 9th March  
Public Holiday  
Tuesday 10th March  
**STUDENT FREE DAY**

\*All dates and times were correct at the time of printing.



Dear Parents and Caregivers

It was great to see so many parents at acquaintance night last week. I enjoyed chatting with families and carers and hearing their aspirations for their children. I would like to take the opportunity to thank staff who welcomed families into the school. It was great to see students sharing their learning with family and carers. I was particularly impressed with one student who introduced me so very formally to her mother. Well done!

At the 'meet the new principal' speech, I was asked how I felt Mannum Community College compared to other schools across the state. I believe Mannum Community College is a great school. The dedication of staff, the wonderful surrounds, the intervention programs and the individualised and flexible programs being undertaken by various students are just some of the things that I think stand out about MCC. Saying this though, we can always improve and it is every schools core business to do so. I look forward to continuing the journey of learner achievement and high expectations for every student.

With improvement in mind, you will find a survey sheet included in this newsletter titled 'Stop, Start, Continue'. To help form our future directions, we are asking families to have their say by telling us one or two things that they think aren't working and should stop at MCC, one or two things we should start doing, and one or two things that are great and should continue. Thank you in advance for completing this survey. It's your school so take the opportunity to tell us your thoughts.

There have been a number of near misses around the school as students are being dropped off and collected. Please, please, please be alert to students who may not yet have the skills to manage their own safety and who may walk onto the road oblivious to the danger. Please note that this can apply across all year levels as children and young adults are easily distracted. All children are precious. Let's keep them in one piece!

The issue of safety and parking was discussed at Governing Council. A working party has been formed which will consider these issues. Working with the Mid Murray Council will be an important part of managing safe movement of

students arriving and leaving school. We'll keep you informed of progress in this matter.

Speaking of Governing Council, the date for the School Council's Annual General Meeting has been set. It will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March. We would love to have some new faces join us on Governing Council. Meetings happen twice a term and start at 6:30 pm. If you would like more information about Governing Council, Cheryl Neville, Governing Council Chairperson can assist. Please contact the Front Office and leave a message for her to contact you.

Have a great couple of weeks.

Cheers

*Sue Record*

**MCC BELL TIMES**

- 8:40 Home Group**
- 8:50 Lesson 1**
- 9:30 Lesson 2**
- 10:10 Lesson 3**
- 10:50 Recess**
- 11:10 Lesson 4**
- 11:50 Lesson 5**
- 12:30 Pastoral Care**
- 12:55 Lunch**
- 1:35 Lesson 6**
- 2:15 Lesson 7**
- 2:55 Home Group**
- 3:05 Home Time**



**REMINDER TO PARENTS**

All students who are late or are departing early - parents **MUST** provide a note, SMS, phone call or give us reason in person, otherwise the student will be marked 'absent/unexplained'.

**PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE IF LATE!**

## SENIOR SCHOOL SENIOR LEADER

First, congratulations Nikita Ogilvie, Krystal Scanlon, Mitchell Allen, Chad Westlake, Rachel Berlin, Sophie Barnes and Jeremy Strauss who completed their SACE (Year 12) last year. Good luck for your future endeavours and remember you can always come and visit us to keep us up-to-date with how you are going.

I cannot believe that it is week 3 already. Congratulations to all the Senior School Students who are eagerly engaging in their studies – I think we finally have everyone's timetables worked out. It is pleasing to see so many students returning to complete their SACE. We have a number of students doing VET courses and School Based Apprenticeships and I will provide more information next newsletter.

Our Baseby HuB (Independent Learning Centre) is growing – it is fantastic enrolling so many students who are wanting to reengage with their learning and finish their SACE. We are currently still running the sessions in the main building but the good news is that the Baseby Cottage is nearly finished – we are in the process of looking into furniture for it! I will put regular updates on the progress in future newsletters.

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February, Senior Constable Nigel – Road Safety Educator, Road Safety Section, SAPOL visited and worked with our Year 10, 11 and 12 students on Road Safety. The sessions were fantastic and the students really engaged with what Nigel delivered. It was wonderful to hear Nigel's comment after being greeted and shown into the Front Office by Jack Driscoll, "In my 6 years of going to schools, this is the first time I have been greeted by a student and so nicely." Comments like this shows that Mannum has some wonderful students who will be respected members and/or leaders of their community. Parents/Caregivers and staff at MCC should be very proud of comments like this as it shows that all their hard work of teaching and installing values (e.g. schools RIVER values, etc) are having positive effects.

Yet another fantastic story about our Senior Students in the community. "Once a fortnight I dine with a group of friends at Beachy's Hotel here in Mannum. I was pleasantly surprised and very proud this week when I discovered that with the Senior Chef absent, three of our students were managing the evening dining. Billie Holloway and Tamika Godleman did an excellent job waiting tables and assisting in the kitchen. Kenneth Trestrail came out to say 'hello' and to ask if we were enjoying our meals. He told us that Andy (the Senior Chef) was away and that he was the Chef. I was very impressed that even though the dining room was busy (20 plus diners), the staff managed to present all meals (as well as meals for bar patrons) within a very reasonable time. They had even gone to the trouble for one of the diners at our table, who is on a special diet, of arranging the salad into what I can only describe as a 'work of art' which made it look even more appetising. Their conduct was very professional and I would like to congratulate them for their AWESOME effort."

I hope that parents and the community are as proud of all our students as the staff at MCC are!

*Charly Elliker, Senior School Leader*

## SCHOOL CLEANER

Experienced school cleaner required with DCSI clearance and availability to work afternoons each weekday.

Email your resume to: [admin2@southernxcleaning.com.au](mailto:admin2@southernxcleaning.com.au)

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SENIOR LEADER

### Little Things Matter

It's OK to make mistakes.

No child is always right or always wrong.

Everyone makes mistakes and they are the most important way we learn. Attempting to do something – taking a risk – is what learning is all about. This is also true for learning how to manage our feelings and how to respond when things upset us. When a child makes a mistake at school and there is a consequence we ask that you accept that this is a part of their learning. Help them to talk through it and understand that they may not see the other point of view. Children will often only tell you their perception and that is very normal - by staying calm and reassuring them - you show that mistakes are a way we learn.

Resilience - the ability to pick yourself up and keep going - has been identified as a key factor for children's success, not just at school but all through their lives.

If you want to clarify the details please contact their teacher or myself after school.

What a fabulous Acquaintance night! Wonderful to see so many of you were able to make it. The information session run by the Junior Primary teachers was standing room only. We will be offering more of these learning opportunities throughout the year. Ms Zrim was also pleased with the number of families represented at her session.

As you will now know we have been able to bring swimming forward to Weeks 5 and 6 - not only is it likely to be warmer but it avoids the long weekend and the school closure.

Reception to Year 2 students receive 5 lessons and Years 3-5 receive 10. This is a formula decided by the Department.

We are continuing to give children learning opportunities through play. We have even more sand, more trucks, more prams and the little boat is now another popular play space. The model kitchen is a hub of activity for the younger students - old saucepans, empty food boxes all add to their role play.

Please pass on to us any toys, kitchen utensils or building materials you may not need any more - you would be surprised what the children can do with them.

Thank you for your ongoing support

*Michele Holloway Junior School Leader*

## INFORMATION FOR YOU



### MANNUM SHOOTING STARS SOCCER CLUB



Come play for the **Green and Gold**.

Another year of Soccer is coming full steam ahead.

We have come and tries - games only:

**Modified 5-9 year olds** - Tuesday 10th Feb, 17th Feb and 24th Feb 3.05-4.30

**Under 12's Competitive 10-12 year olds** - Thurs 12th Feb and Thurs 19th Feb 3.05-4.30

Under 12 full training begins 26th Feb.

This year we are looking at doing a 4-5 year old in house development squad if there is enough interest.

Fee structure to be announced.

Any enquiries please contact Zoe Paech on:

[zoeleah.84@gmail.com](mailto:zoeleah.84@gmail.com) or Kym Strauss on:

[kstrauss36.ks@gmail.com](mailto:kstrauss36.ks@gmail.com)





Murray Bridge Basketball Association

## BRIDGE HOOPS

Term 1 Bridge Hoops will commence on  
**WEDNESDAY 18th February - 25th March, 2015**  
**5.00 PM – 6.00 PM**

**COST : \$30 for 6 weeks**

Emphasis will be on development of individual and team skills for all participants (**aged 5 - 8 years old**)  
 Please bring a size 5 basketball if you have one and a named water bottle.

Registration forms are available from the Front Office of the school. For further information email:

[admin@mmba.com.au](mailto:admin@mmba.com.au)

### CALL FOR COACHES

Any Senior players or older Junior players are encouraged to help coach at Hoops. No previous experience necessary as on-court instruction is included. Please see Petrina if you are able to help coach.



## Mannum Roos

**Junior Registration & Social Night -  
 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015**

Registration and Social night for all junior footballers U9 through to U17.5 will be held at the clubrooms on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

This year the club has introduced online registration and payment. There is a link on the Mannum Roos home page to complete your registration online and emails have been sent to everyone who provided their email address to the club last year. ALL intending players are expected to complete the online process prior to attending registration night. If you have any issues with this system please contact Deb Clark at [mannumfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:mannumfootballclub@gmail.com) and she will assist you. If you do not have internet access or are unable to complete your online registration before the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb there will be facilities and people to assist with completing it on the night. Meals will be available to purchase on the night. So come along, meet your Coach and Team Manager and enjoy the night with your family and team mates.

### SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

**All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.**

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)

## Joining the Dots.....

.....babies, toddlers and beyond

Information sessions by experienced child focussed

Speech Pathologist and Occupational Therapist



Mannum Hub - Walker St Mannum

Wednesdays 9.30am – 11.30am

**Who should attend?...**parents, carers, grandparents, child focussed workers or any interested community members.

**Residents of Mannum and all surrounding regions welcome**

For further information or to book, contact Melanie or Cathy on 0418851626 or by email to [aspirecdw@internode.on.net](mailto:aspirecdw@internode.on.net)

## MURRAY BRIDGE BLUE LIGHT DISCO

### AGM

An AGM for Murray Bridge Blue Light branch is being held Thursday **March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** at Murray Bridge Police Station.

If you would like to learn more about Blue Light and what is planned for 2015, please come along to the meeting. All welcome to attend.

Murray Bridge Blue Light run Discos, Camps, a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser and a Youth Week Ten pin bowling event. We always welcome new people to assist in running activities (including young people – volunteering with Blue Light looks great on a CV).

Feel free to pass on this information to anyone that may be interested in becoming involved with Blue Light activities.

**To keep up to date with Blue Light events visit:**

Blue Light SA Website: [www.bluelightsa.com.au](http://www.bluelightsa.com.au)

Blue Light SA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/bluelightsa>



**\$10 gift deposit for students and \$10 donation to school fundraising kitty.**



Throughout the first term, for every new Incentive Saver Account opened by a student from your school, BankSA will donate \$10 to the school's fundraising kitty and credit \$10 into the child's new account, to help them get started with their savings efforts.

Children will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, LittleSavers Calculator, LittleSavers Library Bag and a School Bank Wallet, while stocks last. The offer is open to new customers only, aged 12 years and under. Limit of one \$10 credit per child and one \$10 school donation per child. This offer is available for new Incentive Saver Account opened before 10 April, 2015. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.





