Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a relaxing break (if you had one) and enjoyed spending quality time with your child or children.

I attended two events during the school holidays at which Mannum Community College was represented by some of its students. One was the Anzac Vigil Luncheon which was held at the Mannum Community Club on Tuesday 21st April. Four Senior Students: Jack, Tamika, Rachelle and Gail were part of the official welcoming party, greeting The Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le when he arrived at the event. His Excellency and his wife, Mrs Van Le, were very impressed with the students. I was very proud of Jack, Gail, Rachelle and Tamika who did an excellent job in their capacity as ambassadors of Mannum Community College.

The second event I attended was on Anzac Day where the school choir sang as part of the Anzac Day Service. The choir sang several songs and two students sang an original composition they had written to honour those who fought in war. The students also planted crosses in the memorial garden to recognise the 41 Mannum residents who didn’t return from the war. I was very proud of our students. They were very composed in front of a large crowd and their singing was exceptional. Congratulations to them all. I’d also like to say a special thank you to teachers Sue Love and Rosemary Rowley who cut their holidays short to attend the event with the students. We are lucky to have such dedicated teachers at Mannum Community College.

Cheers

Sue Record
**Little Things Matter**

Welcome back!

We hope you managed to have some time with your children over the holiday break and that they return to school rested and ready to learn.

Week 3 of this term is NAPLAN - all year 3 and 5 students will undertake tests in reading, spelling, grammar, writing and maths.

This can be quite a stressful time so encourage your child to do their best and not give up if some of the questions are hard. Each test has a mixture of questions ranging from easy to hard but they are all mixed up - some children stop when they come to the first hard question but the next one could be easier. If you have concerns about your child’s ability to manage the tests please discuss this with their teacher. Your class teacher may also contact you to discuss this.

Many of the Junior Primary classes are now sending home five books at the start of the week.

Instead of only reading five times in a week they are reading fifteen times! This is a great way for children to develop word knowledge, fluency and confidence and as we all know - we learn to read by reading. It does not matter if they know the first few books almost by heart - ask them questions - what sound is this, what is this word, find me this word somewhere else in the book....

You will find that some books will be easy and others a little harder – this is good. Books that come home are for practising - they do instructional reading at school.

On the first night they read one book:
Night 2 = the first book and one new one
Night 3 = they read books 1 and 2 and a new one
Night 4 = they read books 1, 2, 3 and a new one
Night 5 = they read books 1, 2, 3, 4 and the last one.

If you child is in Years 3 - 5 they MUST still read every night to an adult.

With this many books going home each night we need them back at the beginning of the week so they can be swapped over. We won’t have enough books if they are not returned regularly.

Again a huge thankyou to those who came in last term to work on book covering. We have a around 60 left which is amazing when you consider how many hundreds we started with!

Don’t forget to dust off the warmer fleecy tops ready for the cold weather. I am very proud of Mannum Junior School and our strong sense of belonging. Please support this by looking at what you child is wearing as they leave for school. Black pants look so smart with the green tops. A black polo top under the shirt is a warm addition for winter (and looks better than pink etc).

We are still looking for water pipes, prams and out grown toys.

**Michele Holloway**

Junior School Leader
ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS!

The school and the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) regularly monitor absenteeism. Prolonged absenteeism may be referred to the Student Attendance Counsellor in the Regional Office. As with all absences, if your child is away sick it is important to notify the school. For a prolonged absence of three or more consecutive days it is advisable to obtain a doctors certificate to be sent to the school for our records.

Health Care Plans may need to be developed in consultation with your doctor to enable the school to provide safe, appropriate health support.

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 school-aged children and ALL preschool 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.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Glad Products Fundraiser

We have had another very successful fundraiser – thank you to all the families who supported this!

If you haven’t collected your orders yet – please see office staff as they are available for collection.

Thanks again
Fundraising Committee

TALKING TOGETHER

Even before your baby is born, they can hear you talking to them.

Children learn when people talk with them and take the time to listen to what they say.

Talk about what you are doing and what your child is doing. It is OK if you feel silly.

Use lots of new and interesting words with your child.

Reference: Together - a book for families by the SA Government
On Saturday 25\textsuperscript{th} April members of the choir performed several songs to a very large audience at the RSL club as part of the 100\textsuperscript{th} ANZAC Day anniversary commemorations. The choir was wonderful.

The choir members were asked to read the names of fallen soldiers and plant crosses in the memorial garden for each soldier. They did this task with respect and care.

Congratulations!
HEAD LICE AWARENESS

Headlice are non-selective, infesting both clean and dirty hair, so regular checks of your child’s hair will help to combat this perennial problem.

If you notice that your child has headlice could you please notify the school immediately so that we can notify other students and parents.

A reminder that if headlice, or their eggs (nits) are found, children must be treated before they can return to school.

Supplies of lice shampoo are available from the school, or the local chemist and hairdressers have a range of treatment options.

Please contact the front office if you need assistance.

On the last day of term while people were leaving for holidays Aleesha, Britney and Craig were at the Mid-Murray Council office doing a TAFE Food Safety Course along with many other volunteers from community groups. They are pictured here with TAFE lecturer Nigel Plaskett and the Mid-Murray Health officer. We can be assured of great food at the Teen Challenge nights at the Hub with our qualified café staff.

On Thursday 9th April we were entertained by One50Dance and had a great time joining in as well. The dancers were all from different Dance clubs who joined together to visit schools at the end of term. They ran a workshop for girls from the Senior School then entertained us all at the Leisure Centre and spoke of the high value of each person.
INFORMATION FOR YOU (cont)

Mannum History Group
History Month, May 2015

“The rail line from Nowhere to Nowhere”
the Monarto - Sedan Railway

Presenter: John Evans
Tuesday 19th May at the HUB Community Centre,
Walker Street, Mannum
1.30 pm-4.00 pm

Thirty years of petitions, planning and construction, the railway line from Monarto South to Sedan eventually opened in 1919. The line was one of amazing diversity, best exemplified in the variety of bridges and the fact that the line did not pass through any towns on the route.

The line was built as a light railway similar to lines that radiated out from Karoonda. Train frequency ranged from three trains a week to one train each fortnight between Cambrai and Sedan. It was a line of great contrasts; just two years after its official closure in 1964 due to complete lack of traffic, the Cambrai Sedan section of the line was given a new lease of life that saw nearly 100 heavy trains operate over two years. It was the first branch line converted to standard gauge in 1995. Only a select group of men were ever rostered to work trains over the track.

“The line that should never have been built. It was a financial and operational loss”

Admission: $2

Bookings required for groups only 0417824267 / 0407714548
INFORMATION FOR YOU (cont)

Peter Combe Performance

Peter Combe is coming to visit Mannum Community College!

When: Thursday 4/6/15 at 2pm
Where: Mannum Leisure Centre
Who: R-5 Students
Cost: $5.00 per student

Please use envelope for payment

Last day for payment 28/5/15.

Classes will walk to the Mannum Leisure Centre at 1.35pm to be seated and ready for the performance at 2pm.

Students who are not attending will remain at school.

Mannum Kindergarten, Palmer Primary School and Cambrai Area School students have been invited to attend this concert. At this stage we are not able to invite parents or siblings who do not attend school or Mannum Kindy.

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!

DONATIONS NEEDED:
With the colder weather comes 'little accidents' so we need more pants, T-shirts, jumpers and socks (for children aged 5 and up). Please bring any you can spare to MCC front office. Thank you!
Welcome back to Term 2, hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break.

Just a reminder that we are now using our WINTER menu. Spare copies are available from the Canteen if required.

If you would like something warm for lunch we can also TOAST wraps/sandwiches.

There was an additional price rise during the holidays on Ice-creams but the only one affected is PADDLE POPS: Choc/Banana/Rainbow will now be $1.50

-Carol Mobbs,
Canteen Manageress  (85692971)