Hello families and friends

Year 12 exams
This is a very stressful time of year for many Year 12 students. We would like to congratulate students and staff who have worked very hard to achieve the best possible grades – well done. We hope that they have a great break before moving on to the next chapter in their lives. Please keep in touch.

STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) $3.5 million development
We had the first meeting with the architects and DECD representatives last week. We walked around the school inspecting our current resources and learning areas. We will see the first draft of the proposed development later this term. Once the drafts are ratified in early January work will begin quite quickly. This will obviously cause some disruption to the school but will be well worth the trouble. Staff will ensure that learning programs are not impacted on.

Remembrance Day
I cannot express my pride in our school. The service was hosted by students before the school community. I found the service very moving and the level of respect and reverence shown by all students was outstanding. The poems written and read by students from a range of year levels were excellent and reflected our recognition of the sacrifices made. Ms Rowley’s class created a display of poppies which ‘Bear Rock Signs’ have produced into a permanent display. We thank them for this as the area is becoming a real highlight for the school. We plan on continually adding to this space with student work to reflect our ethos.

Kindness Week Junior School
Again the students of MCC have shown themselves in a very positive light. Their behaviour was exemplary and the atmosphere of sharing and kindness was very evident. Great Photos on face book!

Staffing / classes
The processes to select the next Principal has begun and also to fill Ms Quinn’s position for 6 months while she has her baby. Student class placements will be announced soon with only a few students yet to be placed.

Change in timetable 2017
After consultation with the community and DECD we have extended the lunch break from 30 minutes back to 40 minutes. This will only cause a minor change in the proposed times. Please look out for the flyer which will be coming home this week with the amended times. Several questions raised will also be addressed in the flyer. The proposal will then go back to the department to be ratified. Thank you for your support thus far – we have such wonderful plans for MCC and this will enable them to be achieved in a much more collaborative and timely manner.

Way2Go Parent Research Project [Deakin Uni]
The ‘Way 2 Go’ research team are very keen to collect the opinions of local parents in regard to how students get to school. If you can spare a few minutes please complete the survey at the link below.
http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2755530/Parent-Survey-S

Warmest regards
Michele Holloway

SCHOOL CALENDAR

| TERM 4 | |
|Week 6: 21st - 25th November | Week 7: 28th November - 2nd December |
| 25th November | - R - 5 Swimming lessons |
| Week 8: 6th December | Week 9: 14th December |
| 9th December | - Volunteer Afternoon Tea @ 2pm |
| 16th December | - Student Free Day |
| | - Presentation Morning |
| | 9:30am at the Complex |
| | - Early dismissal at 2:00pm |
JUNIOR SCHOOL:

Kindness

This week students from Reception to Year 7 have been involved in various activities to reinforce their understanding of Kindness. We have been discussing what it means to be kind through reading different quotes and doing many acts and gestures to be kind. On Wednesday all students participated in ‘The Big Hug’, where they demonstrated acts of Kindness towards others student through gestures such as smiles, saying 'hello', complimenting others, Hi 5's, knuckles, hand-shakes and group hugs. This followed with the display of yellow balloons on the school fence, to make community members aware of our school focus of Kindness. We also have a quote displayed on the fence ‘No act of Kindness is ever wasted’.

While we may not realise it, we perform many acts of kindness each day. Such things as smiling and greeting people in a friendly manner, whether they are friends, associates or total strangers. A kind act can be sincerely complimenting someone about their hair, eyes, smile, an item of clothing or jewellery, their positive outlook, their caring attitude, or something they do or have done well. It can be helping someone opening a door, saying please, thank you, excuse me, and other common courtesies that unfortunately are not very common these days. It can be giving your total attention to people when they are talking, it can be offering support to someone who has a problem, it can be helping to heal a rift. Or it can be not doing something. For example, refraining from such things as gossiping, finding fault, or making negative judgements or comments.

As parents we are role models for our children and they listen and copy our actions. Talk to your child about nice things that you can do for others and pass on the act of Kindness to our children.

Michelle Grieger
Junior School Leader

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

We are half way through the last term and students are busily working hard on completing their studies. Students in the 6/7 classes have been learning in History to identify the significance of events and justify their choices. The Year 8s in Maths have been learning about all the different measurements of speed. The Year 9s in English have been looking at war poetry along with World War 1

in History and also organising and running the Remembrance Day ceremony. Keep up the great work and finish strongly in 2016.

Well done to the instrumental music students and the choir for entertaining parents in the Junior School at home time. You create an inviting environment that is enjoyed by many. It also allows others to see the wonderful things you have been accomplishing.

Good luck to the Year 7 students who are attending aquatics Monday and Tuesday this week (Week 6). It is an excellent 2 day excursion as students get to kneeboard, sail, kayak, canoe and drive a boat. I hope you enjoy all the water activities available and take safe + risks and try something new. Please remember to be sun safe and reapply sunscreen.

I have noticed that uniform in Middle school is slipping a little. Girls are wearing tights/leggings without shorts or a skirt on top; people are wearing different coloured jumpers, pants or shorts instead of plain black. Some of the shorts being worn by the girls are very short and are showing a bit too much. Remember shorts need to be past your fingertips when you put your arms by your side. Please ensure your child/children are in correct uniform. If they are not they will receive a stamp in their diary which needs to be signed by a parent/guardian acknowledging that they are aware their child was out of uniform and that their child/children will be sent to school in correct uniform the next day.

Alyssa Quinn
Middle School Leader

INFORMATION FOR YOU

MANNUM INTER CHURCH COUNCIL PRESENTS

Carols
BY THE RIVER

SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER 5:00PM
MARY ANN RESERVE, MANNUM SA

BRING A PICNIC, CHAIRS AND RUG (NO ALCOHOL)
BOUNCY CASTLE | FACE PAINTING | FUN AND GAMES
| COLOURING-IN COMPETITION
CAROLS START AT 6:30PM | FEATURING LOCAL ARTISTS
COMMUNITY SINGING LED BY MANNUM COMMUNITY
SINGERS

CHILDREN! DRESS UP AS A CHRISTMAS CHARACTER! WE WILL HAVE A PARADE AND PRIZES!
FATHER CHRISTMAS HAS BEEN INFORMED!
WHAT’S ON AT THE HUB

Kids Club: activities for your child/children (5 to 9 year olds) on Mondays from 3:00 - 5:00pm. Bookings are essential.

The BUB CLUB for children aged 2 - 4 years old on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 - 10:45.

School holiday program for December is now available and registration forms may be collected from the hub.

Contact details:
- website: www.mmss.com.au
- Address: 58 Walker Ave Mannum 5238.
- Phone: 85691832 for any enquiries

Watch the school Front Office window for posters of upcoming events.

JOINING THE DOTS............

........Getting ready for Kindy
3½ - 5 year olds
Come along to our Getting Ready for Kindy group
Wednesdays 9:45am - 11:30am
6 week program
Mannum Kindy - Male Road, Mannum
23rd November - 7th December
Bookings preferred by phoning Melanie or Cathy at Aspire 0418851626

Blue Light Christmas Disco

Friday 25th November 2016
5.30pm to 7.30pm
@ The Station, Railway Tce, Murray Bridge
Ages 5-15 years.
DJ Steve Murphy from Mix 102.3

$5 Entry

Brain expert is coming to the Coorong

Join us for an evening with light refreshments and a FREE seminar with John Joseph for parents of children & teenagers

WAKE UP TO THE IMPACT OF SLEEP

Funded by Communities for Children Murraylands & supported by Coomandook Area School

Monday 21st November 2016
Tailem Bend Town Hall
Nibbles from 6:30pm
John Joseph Seminar 7:00-9:00pm
A free crèche will be available
Bookings essential by Friday 11th November

For bookings or questions, contact -

Coomandook Community Care Inc.
141 Murrayland Road, Tailem Bend
Ph: 08 8569 4950
info@coomandookcc.org.au
Website: www.coomandookcc.org.au

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LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY BORROWING - Term 4

MONDAY: 6/7 Love
TUESDAY: 4/5 Barnes 1/2 O’Hara R/1 Paech/Clark
2/3 Zrim
WEDNESDAY: R/1 Laredo 1/2 Bennett 2/3 Waters
THURSDAY: Yr10 Falkland 4/5 De Ravin
FRIDAY: 4/5/R/W Rowley Yr8 Groves Yr9 Groves
6/7 Lombardi

Rec - Yr 5: 3 books
Year 6 -10: 5 books
Year 11 - 12: 10 books
Students in Rec-Year 2 must use a library bag

Jo Dunn
Teacher Librarian

VACSWIM INFO

December 2016 & January 2017
Programs at over 130 pool & beach locations for primary school aged children
Book online at vacswimsa.com.au

MANNUM DATES
TUESDAY 3rd to MONDAY 9th January 2017
(excludes weekend)
Online enrolments close on Monday 19th December 2016

CANTEEN NEWS

We are having our next RED DAY on Wednesday 7th December. There will be a notice coming home soon.

Reminder to our Volunteers - we are having our Volunteer Afternoon Tea at 2pm on the 6th December.

Carol Mobbs, Canteen Manageress (85692971)

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