Hello families and friends

This is the last newsletter for 2016. I would like to thank you all for the privilege of working with you as Principal for the last 3 terms. I have welcomed the opportunity to develop greater knowledge across all areas of schooling and in particular getting to know the students. I now look forward to working with the new principal and will continue my association with Mannum as Junior School Leader. I would like to congratulate Michelle Grieger for her excellent management of the Junior School - so much so I’m worried if I will be able to fill her shoes. Michelle’s skills will be utilized in the Middle School area as she has won the position as Leader to back fill behind Alyssa Quinn who will be on accouncement leave for the first two terms of 2017.

I think the most rewarding aspects have been initiating changes which will continue to impact on the thinking and learning of students and staff. Thank you for your support and I look forward to our continued association in 2017.

Thankyou

We are so fortunate to be part of a wonderful, caring community. This is constantly reinforced with the support given to the school and school community.

Today I would like to acknowledge Mannum Lions Club who have committed to supporting one of our families with a special request. Their generosity means that a lifelong dream can be fulfilled and memories created that will give the family joy in an otherwise dark future. We thank you - we may not be able to change the future but we can be there to hold their hands.

I would also like to thank Mannum Hardware who donated some tools. I hope the community continues to support our local trades and services as they support us.

STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths grant

We have had our first two meetings with the DECD staff and the architects. It went much better than we could have hoped and while we are still making adjustments we are very hopeful that these plans will be ratified over the Christmas Holidays and I can sign off on them in January.

Work will begin initially in the IT area to allow for Senior School classes to move in ready for the major work to begin in the main Senior School building. We will need to work around the disruptions but it will be well worth it.

Vandalism

We love the fact that the school is part of the community and we very rarely have any concerns regarding vandalism but recently we have had quite a few instances of damage. For example the Junior School playground soft fall damaged, the student lockers in Middle School tampered with and the goal post removed from the courts. Can you keep an eye open – particularly on weekends and after dark? If you should notice activity here after dark or have any concerns please notify the police initially and then the school.

NAPLAN results

It was very pleasing to see growth across all areas in our NAPLAN results for 2016. We are focused on continued improvement and will never be satisfied with better - we aim for challenging all students to push themselves beyond what they thought was possible.

Pupil Free Day

This Friday is the last of our pupil free days for 2016. We have deliberately kept this date for future planning for 2017. Class placements have been finalized and teachers have been looking at the achievement data of their current class group. On Friday, current teachers will share information with your child’s new teacher so that planning that occurs over the break will be targeted to the individual needs of the students. Staff will also spend time looking at programs to support our focus on literacy and numeracy. We already have whole of school section agreements in the ways we approach many subjects so this is a great time to up skill everyone and ensure we all have the same skills and knowledge. The afternoon will be spent on collaborative planning to ensure continuity across year levels and smooth progression.

Staffing

We have a very stable teaching staff with only a few changes for 2017.

I thank Sue Record for her contribution in setting the schools direction and her commitment to ensuring all processes and DECD requirements are fulfilled.

The new Principal will be announced in the next two weeks – before the break - which is great as I will be spending much time handing over the reins and making sure they appreciate what a wonderful school we are and share our future plans and directions.

Bob Martin from Tech Studies is retiring and we wish him all the best for this new chapter in his life. We welcome Mick Palmer into this position.

Thank you to Kate de Ravin for all her work for the past 8 months but who has now won a position at Cambrai Primary School. We wish her all the best as we do all our contract teachers and TRT staff who support us throughout the year. Farewell and thank you to Victoria Bamford – our school counsellor, Mel Bennett and Fred Faulkner.

Several other positions are yet to be finalized but we expect to see many of the same faces.

I wish to thank staff for their dedication and commitment.

Proposed new timetable 2017

The flyer will be coming home this week - please complete the tear off slip if you have real issues.

I wish you all the best for the next 2 weeks and over the break. I hope you have some quality family time and look forward to catching up next year.

Warmest regards

Michele Holloway

SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 4

| Week 8 | 6th December | - Volunteer Afternoon Tea @ 2pm |
| 7th December | - Christmas Donut Day |
| 9th December | - Student Free Day |

| Week 9 | 14th December | - Presentation Morning 9:30am at the Complex |
| 16th December | - Early dismissal at 2:00pm |
**JUNIOR SCHOOL:** OMG! Where has this year gone?!? Junior School students have been buzzing with excitement these past 2 terms with the involvement of so many exciting events. Some of the amazing experiences the students have been involved in were Camps, Sleep Over, Book Week Parade, Gala Day, Swimming, class excursions, class parties, Kindness Day, being Powerful Life Long Learners; challenging themselves by jumping into the ‘Learning Pit’ and developing a Growth Mind Set and celebrating diversity, individuality and acceptance of others through promoting ‘What makes a good friend?’ and the 2 Golden Rules ‘Treat others how you want to be treated’ and ‘Speak to others how you want to be spoken to’. It has definitely been a very busy end to another successful year!

Classes have been finalised and teachers have been allocated as well. Students and families will be notified of their class number and teacher in Week 9 with a transition visit for 2 lessons to meet their teacher and class mates for 2017. A note will go home with the details also. We are very excited to start a new year with a new class and meet new families.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents, students, teachers and SSOs who have supported me in this role. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Assistant Principal of the Junior School.

Wishing you all a delightful, safe and indulgent Christmas!

Michelle Grieger
Junior School Leader

**SENIOR SCHOOL:**

At the end of Week 5 we said goodbye to our 2016 Year 12 students. What a year we had. We will be having a more formal goodbye on Presentation Day and ask that all Year 12 students attend. A huge thank you to all the teachers for their work and support of the students over the year. We wish all the students the best for their future and hope they will keep in touch with us.

Our Year 10 and 11 students commenced Year 11 and 12 in Week 6. They are settling in with a couple of teething problems but will be more prepared for the gruelling year coming. A reminder that students need to attend at least 90% of scheduled lessons to get the best out of Year 11 and 12.

Last week was the final days of the Food Courses. Students celebrated by having their parents and invited guests sampling their foods and coffees. It is rewarding to see how far our students have come and the skills that they have developed. I know that the staff will miss the ‘tasting’ of your foods.

Some of our Senior Students ran the Coffee Stand at the Mannum Christmas Tree Festival. Students made cakes, sandwiches and scones which were extremely nice to eat. It was a great day and showcased what our students can do.

Ms Laredo’s R/1 class worked hard to make these lovely Christmas trees for the Christmas Tree Festival. Well done everyone!

Charly Elliker
Senior School Leader

**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN CLASS**

The Music students held a mini concert in the Junior School conducted by Ms Love. It was fantastic to listen to these students and parents/students enjoyed it. We look forward to hearing more in the future.

Charly Elliker
Senior School Leader

**A FOND FAREWELL**

To the Mannum Community College staff, parents and students,

I am finishing my 3 years as the School Counsellor at Mannum Community College and I would like to say farewell to the whole school community and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Secondary Counsellor in 2014 & 2015 and as the R-12 Counsellor this year.

I will miss the students of Mannum Community College greatly but I will be leaving them in the capable hands of Ms Bobbie-Jean Taylor who will be the new counsellor from 2017.

My Best Wishes to Everyone,
Victoria Bamford
School Counsellor
Mannum Community College
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.

MANNUM SOCCER CLUB

U14 first training, expressions of Interest for 2017 season.
Wednesday 7/12/2016
Mannum School Oval
3pm – 5pm
Next season we are looking at having 2 competitive mixed teams, U14s are a squad of 16. Numbers are needed so we know what division to nominate in. We are also introducing 2 new coaches to take on the U14 team.

Look forward to seeing many of you there.
Any enquiries please contact kstrauss36.ks@gmail.com

Piano Concert Invitation 2016

Family and friends are invited to celebrate the Achievements of Piano Students at MCC
Wednesday 7th December (Week 9)
9:00 - 10:00am in the Performing Arts Room
(Party morning tea after!)

There will be one more piano lesson in Week 9!
All the very best for the Holiday Season.
**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:  4/5Rowley  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

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**JOY’S NEWS**

**GOOD FOOD, FUN & GAMES**

Term 4 dates: 28th October, 11th November and 9th December.

Fun and games, food and for this term, hair, nails and cluck the

Parents very welcome! Registrations need to be completed on first arrival for the year.
Please pick up your child from the Centre.
All these under Year 7 need an adult to stay with them. Thanks.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

‘Christmas Donut Day’ Wednesday 7th December. All orders needed to be back by today (Monday 5th)

Rosters for Term 1 2017 will be sent home during the last week of term.

We will be using the same menu/price list for Term 1 2017.

Remember our ‘Thank you’ afternoon tea for volunteers is on Tuesday 6th at 2:30pm.

Finally, Thank You to all our amazing volunteers for your efforts during the year and I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas, a Happy and Safe New Year and hope you all enjoy the Holiday Break.

Carol Mobbs, Canteen Manageress (85692971)

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**INFORMATION FOR YOU**

**headspace**

are now offering

**after hours**

group programs and appointments with Allied Health Youth Workers!

Monday and Tuesday evenings until 8pm

Beginning Monday 21st November

Please call our office for more information & to book appointments 8531 2122

headspace is based at
The Station
3-5 Railway Tce
Murray Bridge

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