Hello families and friends

Welcome to Term 4.

This is the culmination of the Year 12 school year and we wish them every success in their upcoming final assignments and exams. I wish to thank the teachers who came in over the holidays to support students and I know all students are putting in maximum effort.

**Mannum Proposal for Early Finish 2017**

At Mannum we are constantly striving for improved academic performance and the greater wellbeing of our students. These underpin any decisions we make for our school. Current research indicates that the biggest effect on student learning, after the characteristics the students bring with them, is the quality of the teacher in front of the class. With this in mind we will be changing the dismissal time one day a week in 2017. This may seem strange but the time teachers spend with students will not change – what will change is the time teachers can spend together on developing their skills and knowledge, whole site foci and working to ensure best practises for every student.

Our current staff meeting schedule of approximately 90 minutes on a Tuesday after school does not sufficiently enable consistent practises for every student.

Note:

- Daily start 8:40am.
- Finish 3:00pm daily except Wednesday – 2:10pm.
- Wednesday dismissal time will be 2:10pm every week.
- The DECD required 1600 minutes of instruction in each week is still covered.
- There is no change to the number of ‘Face to Face’ minutes for each subject. Each lesson will increase from 40 to 45 minutes.
- Daily 10 minute home group in the mornings and 5 minutes in the afternoons.
- Recess is 20 minutes and lunch 30 minutes.

The Early Finish does not impact on our bus runs. Buses will leave at similar times other than Wednesday when they will leave at 2:15.

Pastoral Care will be on Wednesday for 1 x 45 minute lesson. Junior School will continue with a wellbeing focus while the Senior School will develop study skills and wellbeing.

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If you have an individual situation which we need to consider in regard to these changes please forward them to dl.1170_info@schools.sa.edu.au.

**Pastoral Care Grant**

We are so pleased to announce that we will be continuing to employ Joy Marks as our Pastoral Care worker. She is truly amazing. We look forward to her continued focus on student’s social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing throughout 2017.

Warmest regards

Michele Holloway

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**TERM 4**

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**JUNIOR SCHOOL:** Welcome back to our families for what will be a very busy but fun final term for 2016.

Our focus for Junior School this term is kindness. A random act of kindness does not have to be a major production. Kindness comes in many different shapes and sizes – and it is free. We are focused on teaching our students what it means to be kind and how to be kind to others. It could be speaking to others respectfully, helping others, sharing, smiling, waving, picking up rubbish, saying hello or even asking others if they would like to play with them today. We are having a big emphasis on expressing to the students that kindness doesn’t cost anything... when you show an act of kindness, it actually makes you and others feel special and happy.

Our Student Learning Council are promoting kindness in their Well Being Wednesday assemblies. They will be looking for students in the yard who are showing acts of kindness towards others. The student will receive a fish and they can place it on our ‘Caught being Kind’ display in the Junior School.

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. Try some of these “random acts of kindness” with your child.

**Morning Muster** will commence Monday mornings in Term 4 at 8.40am. Parents are very welcome to attend. I will be presenting certificates for a class each week focusing on Kindness and Growth Mind Set.

Please can you return your Reading Survey to the office ASAP. The more responses we get back the better our data and results will be. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey.

**GINA DAY** is creeping up so quickly. Please ask your child’s teacher if they require any donations to help their stalls. We are trying to keep costs a minimum so your donations would be greatly appreciated.

Michelle Grieger
Junior School Leader

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**SENIOR SCHOOL:** We held our Year 12 Formal last Friday night. A full report and photos will be included in the next issue of the newsletter.

We have had a hectic start to the term focusing on getting all the Year 12 students working hard on finishing their assignments for all their subjects by their due dates.

I am still working on the Year 11/12 subject selections which starts in Week 6 this term - information will be sent home to parents / caregivers when available.

Great News - our Café Sales & Barista and Commercial Cookery students will be joining Mrs Rowley’s class on Gala Day running a Café with lots of yummy nibbles and delicious coffees (and tea!). Make sure you visit them and see/drink/eat their fantastic work.

The new Senior School Outdoor Area is starting to look really good.
A huge thank you to our Business Manager Julie Hunt and DPTI Facilities Manager Mark Thompson for all their hard work. Steve and Teddy did an awesome job with the paving!

Students enjoying the new grassed areas in the Senior School.

Charly Elliker
Senior School Leader

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**INFORMATION FOR YOU**

**DROP OFF / PICK UP PARKING**

Reminder for parents: please do not park on the footpaths.
Parents and caregivers need to use the roadside car parking or “Horward Bagshaw” car park for pick up/drop off time. This is a safety concern for our students and families, and a breach of Australian road rules. The Mid Murray Council have been notified and will be patrolling the area.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS**

Please remember to put your child’s name, the date/s of your child’s absence and most importantly, the reason, eg. Family, Illness, etc when replying to an ‘absentee’ SMS. Also, if your child has three or more days ill, you may be asked to provide a doctor’s certificate.

If you are taking your child/children out of school for 3 or more days for a holiday or family reason, please ask for Exemption forms from the Front Office to be filled out, signed and returned to the school.

STUDENTS MUST SIGN IN AT THE FRONT OFFICE IF THEY ARE LATE

**INTENSIONS FOR 2017**

Please be sure to return your ‘Intention for 2017’ form as we are starting to look at classes for next year.

Also, if you have a class placement request for 2017, please contact the school in writing or via email at dl.1170_info@schools.sa.edu.au
**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.

Address: 58 Walker Ave Mannum 5238.
Phone: 85691832 for any enquiries

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

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**MID MURRAY FAMILY CONNECTIONS NETWORK**

invite all parents and grandparents/carers to the official launch of the Community Accountability Plan at Mannum Community College **Thursday 27th October at 12.30pm**. Come and find out how you can be involved in this Network. All welcome but RSVPs are requested to Jane Barnett [jibarnett@mid-murray.sa.gov.au](mailto:jibarnett@mid-murray.sa.gov.au) or 8569 0100 by 26th October.

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**Australian Government Mobile Service Centre**

The Australian Government Mobile Service Centre is supporting rural communities by providing convenient access to Australian Government payments and services. This specialised vehicle offers a wide range of face to face and self service assistance for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

You can visit the Mobile Service Centre:

Mannum Leisure Centre car park, Adelaide Road, MANNUM

**Thursday, 3rd November 2016 from 9am - 3pm**

Experienced staff travel with the Mobile Service Centre and provide friendly, face-to-face service, information and support. On this trip, the Australian Taxation Office will be available to assist with advice and information about tax and superannuation. If the assistance you’re after is not available, arrangements will be made for someone from the relevant organisation to contact you.

For more information, go to [humanservices.gov.au](http://humanservices.gov.au) and search for Mobile Service Centre or call 132 316.
Welcome to the final term of the year.

Hope you all received our new “Summer” Term 4 and Term 1 (2017) menu. Spare copies are available from the canteen.

On the 3rd of November (Gala Day) the canteen will still operate at recess time as normal.

Carol Mobbs, Canteen Manageress (85692971)