Welcome & Introduction:
Welcome to the new school year at Mannum Community College I hope that all students, staff and their families have enjoyed a safe and restful summer break and feel prepared and optimistic for the year ahead. I would like to thank all of the people who have helped me feel very welcome over the last few weeks and I look forward to meeting the community at the various events and through the various channels available in the near future. My aims for MCC for the next five years involve ensuring that the school is Learner Focussed with high expectations for all students’ achievement and well being.

A bit of information about me: I live with my husband (Rowan) and two sons (Heath, 12 & Patrick, 10) who both attend MCC. We live in Mannum and I’m a bit of a science geek, I enjoy gardening and family driving trips, and I love a good dad-joke.

Although the first few weeks in a new school are always busy I’d like to meet as many MCC community members as possible. If you see me in the street please stop me to say hello and introduce yourself, alternatively if you would like a formal meeting please contact the front office to arrange a meeting time.

Looking ahead 2017 looks like a busy year for Mannum Community College. There are many fantastic events and programs to look forward to in addition to the renovations attributable to the $3.5m STEM Works initiative. At times these may lead to disruptions in the learning programs but I assure you that we will endeavour to keep them to a minimum.

Staffing: In 2017 we welcome:
- Bobbie-Jean Taylor- R-12 Wellbeing Coordinator
- Mick Palmer- Design and Technologies Teacher
- Jo Wagenekt- Year 3/4 Teacher (first semester)

Congratulations to Alyssa and Ben Quinn who welcomed Indi Marie on 12th January. By all accounts the family are doing well.

We also send our best wishes to Michele Holloway who is the Principal at Cambrai Area School for Term 1.

Acquaintance Night - Tuesday 7th February 5 - 6.30pm: Come along for free BBQ tea and the chance to meet with staff and see your child/ren’s classrooms. All families are welcome. For catering purposes please indicate attendance and catering orders through the MSGU system on 0427016623 or by phoning the Front Office on 85691503. Please respond by today.

Splash Dash: An exciting day with all of the thrills and spills of a great event. Thank you to all students, staff and families who attended the Splash Dash last Friday. Congratulations to the Randell Team for their well-deserved win however I am most proud of all of the students who tried their best, supported their teams and were respectful to all of the parents and community members who attended. The House Captains deserve special mentions for their excellent efforts as does Bryan Wilsdon for his coordination of the event.

Starfish:
“One day, an old man was walking along a beach that was littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the high tide. As he walked he came upon a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the ocean, one by one. Puzzled, the man looked at the boy and asked what he was doing. Without looking up from his task, the boy simply replied, “I’m saving these starfish, Sir”.

The old man chuckled aloud, “Son, there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?”

The boy picked up a starfish, gently tossed it into the water and turning to the man, said, “I made a difference to that one!”

In the days before school started this year staff had the privilege to listen to Robyn Moore, a motivational speaker with years of experience in education and the entertainment and advocacy industries. She relayed this story to the staff with the intent that every staff member has a starfish for whom they are the person that makes the difference, they are the person who picks them up and changes their lives. Each of our staff are committed to enhancing the lives of each of the students we come into contact with. I am not naive in that there are perils in this parable – burnout, the underlying cause of the beaching, teaching the starfish how to save themselves, the burden of guilt for not being able to save them all, procrastination etc however the key is NOT TO GIVE UP just because the problem feels like it’s beyond our capabilities or we feel we can’t make a difference.

Have a great fortnight

Kylie Eggers
Principal

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SCHOOL SMS NUMBER: 0427 106 623
### Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC)

We would like to inform you about the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC) that your child/ren will be learning throughout the year. The teachers delivering the program have received explicit training in the Curriculum. It is a Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) responsibility under the Children’s Protection Act (1993) and the Child Protection in Schools, Early Childhood Education and Care Services policy to ensure that effective abuse prevention programs are implemented and that all children and young people have access to the approved child protection curriculum. Although parent permission is not required under the Education Act (1972), we encourage parents/caregivers to seek further clarification if required and to provide the teacher with any relevant information about their child that could alleviate any concerns.

The KS:CPC is an evidence based, best practice curriculum developed collaboratively with child protection specialists, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals. It covers a range of topics including new additional material on current issues such as bullying and cyber safety.

There are two main themes:
- We all have the right to be safe
- We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

There are four focus areas:

- **The right to be safe**: safety and risk taking, warning signs and emergencies
- **Relationships**: rights and responsibilities in relationships, power in relationships, bullying as an abuse of power
- **Recognising and reporting abuse**: recognizing abuse, identifying abuse and neglect, electronic media abuse
- **Protective strategies**: problem solving strategies, network view and community support.

The KS:CPC fits primarily within the Health and Physical Education learning area of the Australian Curriculum but can also be incorporated across other Learning Areas. Within the Health and Physical Education curriculum two focus areas Relationships and Safety outline the learning.


Please contact Bobbie Taylor (Wellbeing Coordinator) if you have any questions about the program.

Yours sincerely

Kylie Eggers

### R. A. N. TRAINING

**Responding to Abuse and Neglect - Educational Care Settings (RAN-EC)**

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

8th March 2017 9 - 11am

RSVP to Joy Marks ([joy.marks46@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:joy.marks46@schools.sa.edu.au) / 85691503)

All volunteers who provide ongoing assistance with education and care sites and settings must be provided with the Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (RAN-EC) induction session for volunteers and obtain a screening check from the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion which can be arranged through Donna or Emma in the Front Office.

Any questions please see Joy Marks, Kylie Eggers or Bobbie - Jean Taylor.

### OUR NEW WELLBEING COORDINATOR

It is with great excitement that I start as your Wellbeing Coordinator for 2017. I have already had the wonderful opportunity to meet many students and family members. Thanks for making my first few days so rewarding.

An individual’s wellbeing is constantly changing. How students feel about themselves and their own wellbeing changes over time, in different situations and circumstances, and in response to community and environmental factors. Wellbeing, or the lack of it, can affect a student’s engagement and success in learning. This is where my role comes in. I am here to support students, staff and family members with the overall goal of improving their learning.

At Mannum Community College (MCC), we understand the potential that wellbeing has to bring about positive change, what is required to foster wellbeing, and how it can become a powerful force in students’ learning and development.

I look forward to sharing the journeys of everyone in our school community over the coming months. Please get in touch via the front office if you wish to meet in person. I welcome your active involvement as we support all students to achieve their best.

Bobby-Jean Taylor
Wellbeing Coordinator

### SUB SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back to what we hope will be a successful and positive year in the Senior School.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who completed their SACE last year. All the pain, anguish and sleepless nights paid off in the end. I will provide more details in the weeks to come of what these students are venturing into post-school.

We welcome our new Year 10 students to the Senior School and hope that you have an enjoyable and successful time with us over the next three years. They have made a wonderful start to the year and seem to have settled into the routines and lessons very well.

I am currently in the process of organising a SACE Information Session for parents/caregivers and families to get more details and information about what is SACE, and subjects offered at Mannum. I will send home more information in the next two weeks.

I am finalising student timetables and will be sending them home with a letter early next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone 0438 569 600, email [charly.elliker522@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:charly.elliker522@schools.sa.edu.au) or phoning the school 8569 1503 and make time to see me about your child and their needs, concerns, or just to share ‘happy’ news.

Cheers
Charly :)

Senior School Coordinator

### DROP OFF / PICK UP PARKING

Reminder for parents: please do not park in the school grounds.
Parents and caregivers need to use the roadside car parking or “Horwood Bagshaw” car park for pick up/drop off time. The Bus Bay and Staff parking areas are for school use only.
Welcome to the 2017 school year at our amazing school! I would particularly like to welcome the new families who have chosen Mannum to continue their important education for their children. We not only welcome you to the school but to the community.

The year has begun with a wonderful busy but calm atmosphere. Children seem relaxed and eager to be here. From speaking to families before and after school all responses thus far have been very positive and we will try to sort any small issues as quickly as possible.

It is great to see so many parents in the yard and I thank you for continuing to monitor your language and noise levels whilst waiting for the bell. The little ones in particular are easily distracted if they hear you outside. We are very pleased with the way children speak to each other and remind you to model positive language and relationships within the school grounds.

If you have a concern to discuss with the teacher please arrange a time to speak with them after school - mornings are always very busy and the teachers need to have their whole attention on their class. You are welcome to come and see me if it is something that needs to be addressed immediately. If you are upset about an issue come straight to me. Do not go to the classroom where conversations can be overheard and witnessed.

Acquaintance night is Tuesday 7th of February so please take this opportunity to come along and meet your child’s teacher and catch up with other parents.

It is very pleasing to see and be proud of our students wearing the school uniform. This is something that is repeatedly commented on by visitors. Please check that your child is wearing black pants and school top as they leave in the morning. It may seem a small thing but the sense of belonging to a group has a very powerful impact.

Please listen to your child read every night - there is nothing that can replace practise, practise, practise. Even children who are able to read independently need to be listened to and asked questions to check they can understand what they have read. The purpose of reading is to understand - so by simply asking a few questions we can encourage children to read for meaning rather than just sounding out words. Older students still need to be listened to for this reason. Use the guide attached to help your child understand what they have read by asking different questions each night.

I look forward to meeting you all at Acquaintance night...

Michelle Grieger
Senior Leader Junior / Middle School

Help keep our school clean and tidy

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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.

EARLY FINISH 2017
Thank you for your patience in regards to the bell times for 2017. As soon as approval is given we will communicate this with you and plan for a smooth transition.

SCHOOL BELL TIMES
JUST A REMINDER:
There is a bell at 8:40am each morning to remind students that it’s time for Home Group. Roll books are marked at this time and if students are not in Home Group, they will be marked absent/unexplained.

At 8:50am the bell sounds for the first lesson to start. Students who arrive after 8:40am need to sign in at the Front Office (with a parent or a short note to avoid an SMS).

SMS PHONE NUMBER: 0427016623
The Home Time bell is at 3:00pm.

WELCOME BACK
LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY BORROWING - Term 1
MONDAY: Yr 8 McLaren, Yr 6/7 Love
TUESDAY: Yr 3/4 Wagenknecht, RE Paech, RE Clark, 2/3 Zrim
WEDNESDAY: 1/2 Waters
THURSDAY: 5/6 Barnes, 2/3 O’Hara
FRIDAY: 6/7 Lombardi, 4/5 Rowley, 1/2 Bennett

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

CANTERBURY NEWS

Welcome back to Term 1, 2017. We hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break.
Thank you to some new volunteers joining our roster this year. I look forward to meeting and working with you.

Carol Mobbs, Canteen Manageress (85692971)

JOY’S NEWS

Welcome to MCC for 2017. Here are some practical ideas I have found for the year ahead. I hope you find them useful:

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2/ Each day when you wake complete this statement, ‘My purpose is…’
3/ Take a morning walk of gratitude, it creates a fertile mind for success. Combine gratitude with physical exercise, you give yourself a double boost of positive energy and natural anti-depressants.
4/ Instead of being disappointed about where you are, think optimistically about where you’re going.
5/ Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a pauper.
6/ Believe good things come from challenging experiences.
7/ Don’t waste energy on gossip…past issues…negative thoughts…and things you can’t control. Invest in the positive, present moment.
8/ Mentor someone and be mentored by someone.
9/ Live with the 3 E’s: Energy, Enthusiasm, Empathy.
10/ Remember there’s no substitute for hard work.
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12/ Implement the ‘No Complaining’ rule. Complaining is like vomiting; afterwards you feel better but people around you feel sick!
13/ Read more books than you did last year.
14/ Get more rest. You can’t replace sleep with a double latte!
15/ Before bed complete these statements: ‘I’m thankful for..........; Today I accomplished…..’
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