



We have enjoyed a smooth start to Term 2, with some welcome rain this week which was desperately needed. I trust that the school holidays were a wonderful opportunity to revitalise after a hectic term 1, although with the many public holidays over the two week period, they did seem to fly by quickly. We had 3 new families join us on Monday and welcome Dacie, Jaxon, Shanaid, Maddison and Tamiya to MDS, along with their respective families.

Schools are always busy places, and term 2 at MDS is no exception. Year 10 and 11 parents have the opportunity to engage in Learning Conversations with their child and their teachers over the course of the first two weeks, and next Wednesday afternoon at 2pm we welcome all parents/carers and

extended family to join us for our Learning Expo. This is an opportunity for you to come in and see MDS 'in learning mode!' You are invited to wander into classrooms, view classes in action, ask questions and have the children talk to you about what they are learning. For parents, this is a great opportunity to see what happens across different year levels. I do hope that we will see you here.

In week 3, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be engaging in the Australia wide Naplan testing. This is the first year that we have done the tests 'online' and we look forward to a smooth process across the week. Each year I remind parents and students that Naplan is only one of many ways that we collect student learning information and children should not get anxious about 'performing'. If parents have any questions about the tests, please get in touch with me here at school either via phone or through email at Ali.bogle643@schools.sa.edu.au.

In week 4 on Wednesday May 22nd, all schools on the SYP will be dismissing students at 2pm so that staff can travel to participate in the Collaborative Moderation process. Buses will leave the school at 2.10 on this day, so adjust your meeting times for drop off by one hour.

The school courts were a hive of activity on Friday April 12th as we held our inaugural Outdoor Cinema Experience in perfect weather conditions. This was a highly successful event, with over 150 people in attendance to view a screening of Despicable Me3, or just here to purchase a great meal before heading off to do other things for the evening. MDS were supported by the YP Council, who provided both the film and the outdoor screen and we would particularly like to thank Mary Herrmann for her assistance. We also very much appreciated the support of Richard Boshier and his popcorn machine, and Christina and Ian McQueen who allowed us to use their fairy floss machine, with some expert flossing being demonstrated by Barb, Kelly and Lauren. Enormous thanks also to the tireless efforts of the Fun(d)raising Committee who, in addition to organising the event, cooked and served delicious meals, and to Bron, Nat and Maddi who showed us their barista skills throughout the evening. The event was a great success with a total of \$1800 being raised for our gymnasium upgrade fund and I think all who attended had a wonderful night; it was a great way to finish the term.

Diary Dates

May

- 6th – 10th Book Fair, Library
- 8th MDS Learning Expo
- Yr 11 Learning Conversations
- 9th School Photos
- Yr 11 Learning Conversations
- 13th – 20th
 - NAPLAN Testing
 - Governing Council Mtg 7.30pm
- 15th Bounce & Rhyme, Library 8.50am
- Yr 12 UniSA Presentation
- 20th SAPSASA Track & Field
- 21st Yr 8/9 Football Competition
- 22nd Early Dismissal 2pm
(Collaborative Moderation)



At the end of last term we announced the introduction of the Qkr! app at MDS as another method of payment for all things school related. The app also provides the ability to make and pay for canteen orders, eliminating the need for lunch bags and finding change in the morning before school! A number of families have already downloaded the app and are using it for a range of payments. There is a help sheet for using the app on the school website, but it is very simple to download and set up and is a really convenient 'one stop shop' for all manner of school payments.

The 2019 order of school jackets could not have come at a better time with the onslaught of this week's cooler temperatures. We have engaged a new provider and their product has been well received, with many happy and warm students getting around the school this week. Please contact Jocelyn in the Finance Office if you need to arrange uniform items for your child/ren now that the weather has turned.

As football and netball training move to Stansbury, there will be some room on the Stansbury bus for students to travel on Thursday afternoon. We would appreciate requests for training night bus passes on the Wednesday morning; that way should full capacity be reached we will be able to let parents know to make alternative arrangements.

As always, I'm looking forward to a great term of learning here at MDS. We will all be challenging ourselves by setting new goals to strive toward and working hard to maximise success in all that we do. Welcome back!

Ali

Please remember:

25kph approaching the school and STOP when children are between the flags or entering the crossing

School office hours are 8.30am – 3.30pm – please do not phone prior to 8.30 as there is no one available to take your call.

Students should not be arriving at school prior to 8.30am as staff are not on duty before this time.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photos will be taken on Thursday 9th May. It is important that every student hand their envelope to the photographer on photograph day even if you do not intend ordering photographs. Envelopes were given out on Tuesday. Family photograph envelopes are available from the Front Office.



Book Fairs

See what's **NEW** at our

BOOK FAIR

Catch the reading wave!

FIND THESE BOOKS AND HUNDREDS MORE AT THE FAIR!

THE ORIGINAL BOOKS FOR NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2019!

Books featured include: *Blubber Mouth*, *Seriously Do Not Open This Book*, *Alpacas with Maracas*, *ella Olivia*, *A Stack of Alpacas*, *Dog Man*, and *Cowboy and Birdbrain*.

May 6- 10 (week 2), Minlaton Library

EVERY PURCHASE YOU MAKE EARNS LEARNING AND LITERACY RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC



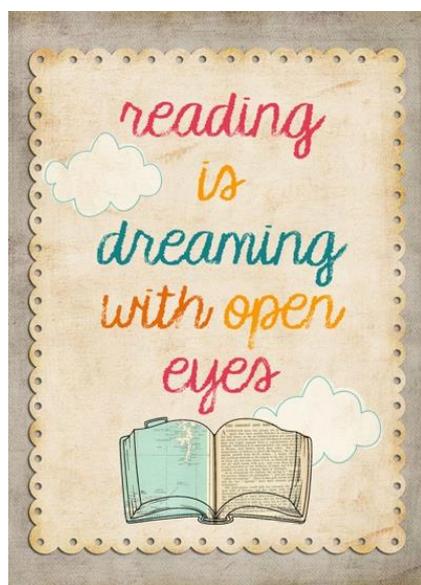
MDS Outdoor Cinema 2019

Primary News

Barb Agnew, Primary Coordinator

Reading Nights

It's been fantastic to see so many students reading every night. Those dedicated readers are making significant progress in both their reading and their comprehension. The Read Write Inc program has given the younger students the skills to confidently and successfully read for themselves. Many of the older students choose to read in their leisure time and some of them will read for hours. They have discovered that reading is dreaming with eyes open.



We have many students who have reached their 50 nights of reading and a few who have read for 75 nights.

Learning Expo Reminder

The Learning Expo is next week on the 8th of May starting at 2pm. This is a great opportunity to visit your children's classrooms and have a look at the work they have been doing. It is also possible for you to have a look at other classrooms during this time. There will be the Yr 3/4 class in the gym working with the AEROkids gymnastics instructors. We hope to see parents and caregivers during the afternoon. The students are always excited to show their work to people.

Barb Agnew

50 Nights

Sam Leibelt
Saxon Williams
Charlie Mahar
Alice Polkinghorne
Amber Borgmeyer
Emmie Sullivan
Lara Jansons
Kitty Wilson
Harriet Parsons
Anais Glazbrook
Hamish Coombe
George Bennett
Isobel Cook
Olivia Cook
Mia Warrior
Brigette Redding
Axel Cock-Lehmann
Tallis Hardy
Flynn Gardner
Bella Weir
Alexander Redding
Alexis Krieg
Annabelle Cook
Jasmine McIntosh
Xavier Cook
Dusty Redding
Adam Kilpatrick-Hall

75 Nights

Daniel
McIntosh
Lauren
McIntosh
Elijah Rothe
Gabrielle
Hickman
Mackenzie
White
Savannah
Hardy
Will McDonald
Carolyn Spiers
Nicholas Preedy
Riley Mumford

FROM THE LIBRARY

Rick Cook, Teacher/Librarian

Our annual Book Fair will be running for all of Week 2 in the Library. This is a great opportunity to buy some of the latest kid's books at a great price and support the Library at the same time. All proceeds go back into purchasing books for the library so please consider coming in for a look. Students can also purchase items during recess and lunch breaks – please send money in a purse/wallet/zip lock bag or similar to avoid losses. Junior Primary parents may like to instruct their child to give the money to the classroom teacher at the beginning of the day for safe keeping until break times. We have catalogues showcasing some of the newest items available in the library but the best bet will be to just come in for a browse some time during the week.

This year's Book Week theme is 'Reading is my Superpower'. Just a quick heads up that we will run a superpower theme for our book week dress up day this year. We'd love to see some original super hero characters, so I'm giving you early warning. Book Week this year is Week 5, Term 3. Mr Cook.

From the Senior School

Glen White, Senior School Coordinator

Welcome back to everyone for what should be an exciting Term 2 in the Senior School!

This week we held our Year 10 mid-semester learning conversations (roundtable interviews) with some fantastic insights being shown by our current cohort. Next week (Wednesday 8th May and Thursday 9th May) we have interviews scheduled for Year 11 students. Letters regarding bookings were sent home towards the end of last term. There are plenty of appointments available and it would be fantastic to see each and every Year 11 student and their family participate in these valuable, student led discussions about their learning. Bookings can be made via the school website.

Year 12 students are ramping up their workloads as the Research Project due date is approaching. All school assessed components are due on Friday the 24th of May (Week 4), with the External Assessment due on the 14th of June. The students have chosen some incredible topics and we will feature some of these in the newsletter later in the term.

Work Experience, Semester 1 2019

Work Experience is a valuable learning opportunity, which allows students to sample different career paths and occupations to assist with future planning and course counselling, and exposes students to the demands of full time employment, develops their employability skills and allows them to make links potentially leading to future work options. It is a very important part of the school program here at MDS, with Year 10 and 11 students having compulsory blocks of time allocated in our yearly calendar for work experience. Year 12 students who are studying Workplace Practices will also complete it as a course requirement and all Year 12 students have the option of undertaking Work Experience although in most cases this must be done during school holiday time. VET and School Based Apprentices/Trainees all have Work Placements as a requirement of their studies.

Year 10 students have a compulsory Work Experience week in Week 9 of Term 2, from the 24th of June until 28th of June this year. Guidelines regarding the process were provided to students last week. Whilst this may seem a fair way off, it does pay to get in early and find yourself a placement (either locally or further afield) in an area of interest. Leaving it until the last minute often means students are left with few viable choices. Please note that this is really meant to be a student driven process; students should be making phone calls and following up, not parents. All students will be required to undertake a DfE Workplace Preparation module prior to undertaking any Work Experience; this entails a number of online activities which cover Workplace Health & Safety, Equal Opportunity & Discrimination, Worker Rights & Responsibilities and other pre-Work Experience preparatory activities. Workplace Learning Agreement forms and other required forms are available from my office and must be fully completed by all parties prior to the placement beginning. For the mid-year Work Experience week, placements must be organised and all relevant forms completed and returned to me here at school no later than 9am Wednesday the 5th of June (Week 6, Term 2). Students who do not meet this deadline will not be able to undertake a placement this semester; they will be required to attend school during that week and will carry out an alternate program focussed on learning about the world of work. Year 11 students will have the opportunity to undertake a Work Experience in Semester 2.

Careers Week 2019

Forward notice – Week 5 of Term 3 (19-23 August) is the Year 10 Careers Week. We have some very exciting visits planned, with many already booked and confirmed. More information, including a pre-trip information session early in Term 3 will follow, but parents and students may want to begin arranging accommodation.

I'm looking forward to a fantastic Term, and you should be too. Once again if you have any questions about Senior School related matters, don't hesitate to call me here at school or send an email to: glen.white872@schools.sa.edu.au

Glen White, Senior School Coordinator

Community Notices



COMMUNITY WELLBEING NIGHT

For the great community of Yorketown

ANTHONY HART



FELICITY URQUHART
AND
AMBER JOY POULTON
TWO OF AUSTRALIA'S FINEST COUNTRY ARTISTS TOGETHER IN CONCERT

SUNDAY MAY 5
CORNY POINT MEMORIAL HALL
3pm - \$30 - BYO Drinks & nibbles
Tickets: www.amberjoypoulton.com.au
or 0411 230 822

YORKETOWN

Vital information for all men and women in your community

Come along and learn how to:

- Spot the signs that a friend, fellow worker or family member might not be feeling so great
- Take '4 steps to better mind health'
- Access community resources for support
- Use tips and tools to improve your physical and mental health

Your local contact for the event is Gina Voigt on 0447 380 790.

The **COMMUNITY WELLBEING NIGHT** is managed by *Hart Wellbeing*. Please direct enquiries to Anthony Hart on 0419 188 208 or email sandra@lifebacktracker.com.au



Disclaimer: We encourage people with a lived experience of suicide to carefully consider their current level of vulnerability in deciding whether to attend the event. There will be Support Agencies at the event if people require support.

THURSDAY 2 MAY, 2019

VENUE:
Yorketown Bowling Club
Memorial Drive,
Yorketown

TIME:
6:00pm Free BBQ
for 6:30pm start

Limited drinks available at the bar. Free tea and coffee available.

RSVP to (08) 7100 5435 or sandra@lifebacktracker.com