



#### Diary Dates

September	7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 11 & 12 Subject Counselling 5.30pm – 6.15pm
	7-9 <sup>th</sup>	SAPSASA Football/Netball
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 8 Immunisations
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 10 Subject Counselling 5.30pm – 6.30pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Governing Council Meeting
	24 <sup>th</sup>	MDS Colour Fun Run
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 3

Do we know why we call this season spring? Just look at the weather bouncing up and down this week and I think you have a fairly clear indication! Still, the sunshine has been beautiful when we've seen it, and the new growth and budding on the trees and plants around the school is promise of good things to come. With only three weeks of the term remaining after this, we are really ramping up our preparations not only for Term 4, but also for the 2021 academic year.

At our next Governing Council meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be discussing the Materials and set by the Department for both Primary and Secondary learners; \$246 and \$325 respectively. Attached to this newsletter you will find the watermarked documents which outline the breakdown of the M&S for 2021. Should you have any queries or would like to have input into the discussion around these fees, you are more than welcome to provide input to the next Governing Council meeting, or attend the meeting. Please indicate your intention prior to the meeting date so that an invitation can be sent should we need to hold this meeting virtually, otherwise we will be in the staffroom from 7.30pm on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Early in Term 4 we usually conduct our Parent Engagement Survey – Parent Opinion Poll, which provides valuable information to our school which we use when planning for the future. This year the Department are conducting this survey on each school and pre-school's behalf, with results being tallied centrally and then sent to individual sites. Next week, on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>, you can expect to receive a survey link which will be emailed to you which I hope you will find time to complete. The survey is open for 3 weeks, closing on September 25<sup>th</sup>, and we will put reminders in both the next newsletter and on our school Facebook page and website. It would be fabulous to get responses from as many parents as possible to support us in determining our future directions and how we can assist you in supporting the education of your children.

At this time of the year preparations are normally well advanced for our end of year Presentation Night. This annual event, which acknowledges the achievement of many of our students and usually provides a showcase for both musicians and our primary class performances, will need to be delivered in an innovative way this year in order to accommodate COVID-19 Health requirements. Our packed to the rafters evening in the Town Hall will not meet COVID restrictions if we retain our usual format, so please keep your eyes peeled for news about how we will manage our end of year celebration, and keep Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> circled on your calendar.

This fortnight the crocodiles have been leaking out of my office at a rapid rate, with many children in the Primary classes reaching either 100 or 200 reading night milestones. Congratulations to the following students;

100 reading nights: 1/2 Lenny, 2/3 William, Jaxon, Jack M, Bailey; 3/4 Riley M

200 reading nights: R/1, Rose, Leo, Lans; 1/2 Bella, Toby, Tida; 2/3 Jack M; 3/4 Annabelle, Nicholas, Finnian

...and thank you to all the parents (and older siblings) who have supported them to achieve these milestones.

In recent weeks, students who will be in the Senior Years in 2021 have been undertaking a process of course counselling and subject selection to allow us to determine which classes we will be able to run next year and then develop a school timetable. Over the course of next week, 2021 senior school parents are invited to meet with staff to confirm subject selections, and for some, learn a little more about what it means to be entering the senior years and the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). The SACE is a highly flexible certification which students are able to achieve via multiple pathways, so I do encourage you to make the time to attend one of next week's parent sessions to ensure that you are able to support your child in navigating the requirements of the senior years.

In our last newsletter we included a link to a survey to provide us with some feedback about our school canteen. So far we have had 8 responses. If you were meaning to check out the survey, and just hadn't managed to get around to it yet, here's the link again. The more people who respond, the better we will be able to meet your needs. Thanks again for your time – it will probably take less than 5 minutes. <https://forms.gle/5oYp3oZsHQCn3SoW6>

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### Sammy D Foundation visit to MDS

On Thursday August 27th, Neil Davis visited our school and presented the powerful story of the loss of his son Sam Davis to a single punch, at a party in 2008. Our students in Years 5 through to 12 listened intently to Neil's retelling of Sam's life which ended far too young, and were moved by Neil's words. The message was made very clear to us all; look after your mates...and don't be that idiot. Thank you to Neil and to the Sammy D foundation for providing us with the opportunity to hear Sam's story and reflect on the very powerful message that we heard.



### SAPSASA Soccer State Carnival

Josh Coombe SAPSASA Coordinator

Elijah Rothe and Keely Wildash were both involved in representative soccer teams last week at the SAPSASA State Soccer Carnival at Barrett Reserve in Adelaide. The carnival was reduced to a two and a half day event only involving country teams due to the COVID interruptions earlier in the year. The city teams played later in the week. The same set up will occur for football and netball next week.

Each year SYP players are asked to train with the NYP team (as we never have enough numbers for stand alone SYP team). Elijah was one of two SYP players who were selected in the final boys' team. The team finished 5th in Division 2, winning four matches, drawing one and losing three. Elijah had a match to remember against Murray Mallee, scoring three goals in his team's big win. Well done also to Drey Williams who was named as first reserve for the boys' team.

Keely unluckily missed out on selection in the NYP girls' team and was named as first reserve instead. However, the Pirie team were looking for some players to fill their team, so Keely competed in the green and gold for the carnival. Her team excelled for the week, winning five matches out of their eight to finish the week in 3rd position, one spot higher than the NYP team!

Well done to all students who competed and attended trials at Kadina as well as the parents who transported the students to and from trials.

## Primary News

Barb Agnew, Primary Coordinator

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### **Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT)**

The students from Yrs 1 -10 are doing PAT tests over the next few weeks. This week the children will be doing the PAT Maths test. All tests are done online, and the students are tested at their current year level. The tests give teachers and the school valuable information about individual and class progress in maths, reading and grammar and punctuation.

### **Footlight Dance**

Footlight Dance lessons start for all Primary students next week on Tuesday for the Yr 3/4 and Yr 4/5 classes and on Wednesday for the R/1, Yr 1/2 and Yr 2/3 classes. The children will need sandshoes for these lessons. They will continue to have dance lessons each week for the rest of the term and for the first couple of weeks next term.

### **Student Progress**

At the end of this term teachers will be sending home the 'Two Stars and a Wish' reports where both the teachers and the students will have written about achievements (Two Stars) and an area for improvement (a Wish). It is asked that parents then contribute their thoughts to the report before returning it to school. The 'Two Stars and a Wish' sheet gives valuable information to all stakeholders. Upon completion they will be kept in the children's Learning Journal folders.

## Staff Profile

by Maggie Walsh and Mia Warrior

Name: Mrs Jess Hills

Position: Teacher of the Yr 3/4 class

Can you tell us about your family?

*I have a daughter called Charlie. I have a husband called Dave. Dave is a police officer. Dave and I moved from Whyalla to Minlaton one and a half years ago. We have two rag doll cats called Winter and Shadow.*

Why do you like teaching?

*I love working with children and I really enjoy watching them grow. I also like helping them learn.*

What is your favourite part about teaching?

*I love planning fun lessons to do with my class. I also enjoy seeing the learning journey of the students.*

Where did you live growing up?

*I lived in Stansbury and went to Stansbury Primary School. I came to Minlaton for High School and then moved to Adelaide when I was eighteen.*

What do you do in your free time?

*I enjoy playing with my daughter Charlie. I like cooking and playing the guitar and enjoy gardening.*



Mrs Jess Hills, with husband Dave and daughter Charlie

## Middle School Update

Greg Hackett, Middle School Coordinator

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Hi all,

Some reminders this week;

### **Middle School Camp Update**

Please keep the deposits and paperwork rolling in to Zoe in the finance office. Please remember that we are open to negotiation regarding payment options. We will do our utmost to enable the maximum possible number of students to attend this camp.

### **Middle school Student-led Learning Conversations**

The booking buttons for these meetings are now 'live' on the school webpage. Please access this opportunity to find out more about your child's personal learning journey this year; students lead the conversation firstly by discussing their degree of success with their goal-setting then secondly, any other specific learning issues.

Conversations are scheduled for **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 3:15pm – 6:45pm**. Each conversation is to be concluded after 15 minutes. If there are other specific matters parents wish to discuss with teachers, please arrange a separate, mutually convenient time to do so.

### **6/7 Bake-off**

Our Term 3 competition has commenced in earnest, with our first few participants having their fare sampled by the judges. If early signs are anything to go by, it will again be a hotly contested affair!

### **Student Behaviour Management**

A few recent events of varying magnitude have again highlighted the importance of students and/or parents passing on concerns to staff to have them followed up promptly and effectively. As teachers, we can only deal with the information presented to us in these matters, so having access to the 'full accurate story' usually results in the resolution of matters before they escalate and to the satisfaction of all parties involved.

### **Parent Contact**

I am always more than happy to discuss matters with parents and welcome any questions, concerns or feedback. Please contact me via the school to arrange a meeting or email me via the addresses provided on the school website.

Kind Regards,

Greg Hackett  
Coordinator – Middle School



### Middle School Art

The Year 6/7's have designed ceramic coin boxes. They have followed a process including firing and glazing techniques.

## Senior School Update

Glen White, Senior School Coordinator

Hi all, this fortnight I'd like to suggest our senior school community focus on time. Time can be a significant stressor, especially for senior students. For example many of our year 12 students are feeling the pinch as time is starting to run out for them (they have only 5 weeks remaining). Yet if we look at it objectively, time doesn't change, it is a constant (I'm pretty sure that there are 24 hours in every day) and everyone has the same amount of it. Perhaps if we focus on how much time we still have left to do things, how excited we are about what we can do with that time and how excellent our time doing something has been we can approach time with a more positive headset.

### Senior School Interim Reports

These were recently published and can be accessed via Daymap. Parents are asked to contact their student's subject teacher should the teacher have expressed any concerns about the student's progress. Email is the most effective way of doing so.

### Subject Counselling

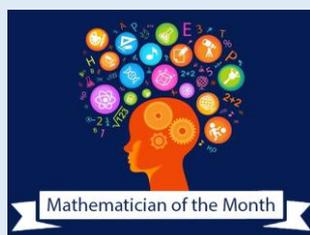
Parent and student subject confirmation evenings are occurring next week. An email has been sent home to all parents advising details. Please be aware that the format is certainly different this year and those evenings are predominantly focussed on parent confirmation of student selections. All students have been through an individualised counselling and selection process over the last couple of weeks. Students wishing to undertake VET/SBAT options will need to make a separate meeting time to discuss these. Please contact me via the email address below to arrange this.

### Work Experience

End of year work experience for Year 10 and 11 students will be in the last 2 weeks of the year: 30<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December and 7<sup>th</sup> December to 11<sup>th</sup> December. All Year 10 and 11 students **must complete at least one week of work placement during this period**, however due to the missed opportunity mid-year all are welcome to complete 2 weeks. Year 9 students who are over the age of 15 may also wish to undertake work experience in the second week. More information relating to this will be provided shortly.

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](mailto:glen.white872@schools.sa.edu.au)

Glen White, Senior School Coordinator



Spring is officially here so it's time for the next Mathematician of the Month. This award is given in recognition of a Year 10, 11, or 12 student's hard work, perseverance in face of challenges, analysis of mistakes, positive attitude towards Mathematics, willingness to work cooperatively with others, and articulation of their thought processes. I am happy to announce the Mathematician of the Month for August is

**Elliott Goody**

Kate Sheppard

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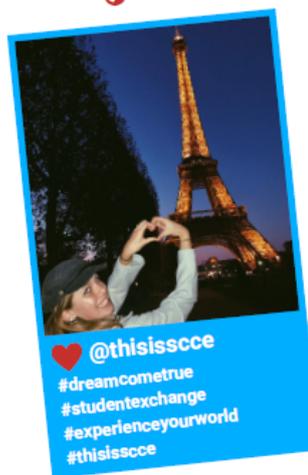
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We will be holding the *School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day* as a major fundraising event this year on **THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH!** We're doing it to raise much needed money for **UPGRADING THE CANTEEN.**

### About the Day

The *Crazy Colour Day* is all about Fun! It will be a huge colourful mess and is undoubtedly one of the most exciting days on our school's calendar, with everyone's participation the aim, so please make sure they attend of the day and cheer the other kids on!

### How Does My Child Fundraise?

Firstly, go to [schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au) and create a student profile page. Everything to do with your fundraising revolves around this page.

Students who raise just \$10 will be able to choose a prize! The more they raise, the better their reward – don't forget to check these out in the sponsorship form! We have educated students on the dangers of door knocking without adult supervision, and we encourage you to reiterate this at home. The great thing about online fundraising is that you can share the link to your child's profile with friends and family via email, SMS and Social media.

### Online Fundraising

The easiest way to help your child raise money is through online fundraising, where students raise an average of \$120. On top of raising more money, it's also safer and easier than doorknocking and you don't have to worry about handling money! To start fundraising online, go to your student profile page at [schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au) and share your online fundraising link.

### Getting Involved

Not only can you support the school and students with your sponsorship – but you can join in on the fun! We would love to welcome parents and family members to attend the *Crazy Colour Day*. If you would like to volunteer on the day, please contact me on the details below. I can't wait to see you at our event!

### Ordering Prizes – ALL PRIZES MUST BE ORDERED ONLINE

Please contact your school's coordinator if this isn't possible.

Prizes **MUST** be ordered between the **SEPTEMBER 25TH** and **OCTOBER 2ND** Simply visit [schoolfunrun.com.au](http://schoolfunrun.com.au) to create / log into your Profile Page between these dates. Then click on the 'CLAIM YOUR PRIZE' button and follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact the *School Fun-Run* team on 1800 FUN RUN and they will gladly assist!

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!



Minlaton District School - 0781		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2021		
Notice of Charges for Reception - Year 7		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$0.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$0.00
	Photocopied Material	\$55.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$33.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$45.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$30.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$60.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</b>	<b>\$135.00</b>	
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$23.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</b>	<b>\$23.00</b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$246.00</b>

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
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Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2021		
Notice of Charges for Years 8 - 12		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$65.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$47.00
	Photocopied Material	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</b>	<b>\$112.00</b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$20.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$72.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$50.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$47.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</b>	<b>\$169.00</b>
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$24.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$325.00</b>

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
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**Scouts in Maitland Community Meeting - Find out more**

Thursday 24th September  
3:30pm and 6:30pm  
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**Upcoming Webinar for Parents**

This school has a membership with Parenting Ideas, one of Australia's most trusted sources of parenting education and support. As part of this membership, all the parents in this school community can attend some fantastic webinars in 2020 at no cost. We're pleased to let you know about an upcoming webinar.

**Teaching young people about healthy relationships: 9th Sept 8-9pm AEST**

Webinar Overview

In a world where young people are bombarded by adult themes, sexualised and destructive media messages, it can be hard for parents to feel confident to take on delicate topics with their child. In this webinar Collett Smart gives parents the tools to build a strong relationship with their child where no topic is off-limits and they can come to them with any questions. Key learning and discussion points include:

- The foundations of healthy relationships and relationship intelligence
- How to help a child develop flourishing relationships at each age and stage of their development
- Appropriate age guidelines for talking about body safety, sex and sexualised media
- How to respond when a child comes across pornography
- Conversation ideas on consent and respectful relationships

To redeem your webinar click this [link](#)



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINICS**

**SANFL School holiday clinics are returning, providing a fun, safe and inclusive environment for children at any ability aged 5 - 12.**

*In small groups (less than 20), kids will participate in activities designed for fun, whilst developing skills and fitness appropriate to their age.*



*SANFL's priority is the safety of our participants and wider community, therefore all facilitators have been trained to follow COVID-19 safe protocols*

**VENUES AND DATES**

**Time: 10am-12:30pm**

- 28th September - Norwood FC
- 29th September - West Adelaide FC
- 30th September - South Adelaide FC
- 6th October - Lobethal FC
- 7th October - Strathalbyn FC
- 8th October - Port Pirie Memorial Oval

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**Birdwatching**  
We get to see and learn about new birds

**Fire**  
We learn how to set up and light a fire!

**Badges**  
We work hard to reach goals and to earn badges



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**ANZAC**  
Each year we honour our ANZACs in the local parade

**Camp**  
We go to camps filled with fun activities

**Wildlife**  
We walk down to the birdhide to study animals

**Girl Guides**

**Minlaton unit**  
Ages 7 - 18 with leadership roles available from age 14  
Every Tuesday 3:15 - 5pm  
Guide hut behind the school

**Contact**

Allison Roberts: 8853 2586  
Allana Hardy: 0405 597 225

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