



# Minlaton District School

*'By Deeds Not Words'*

Newsletter 15

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## DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER 2021

## Fortnightly Feature

**22nd Middle & Senior School  
Conversations**

**24th Last Day of Term - 2pm  
Dismissal**

## GRAND FINAL WEEK



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This Saturday 18th September Minlaton District School will have a number of student represent their local Football and Netball Club in the Grand Final. We wish their teams the best of luck!

CMS Crows: Mia Warrior, Isabella Varricchio, Georgie Brown, Mia Longbottom Isobel & Olivia Cook, Amelia Rothe, Annabelle Cook, Jenna Germaine, Brianna Warrior, Maggie Walsh, Sienna McDonnell, Elle Polkinghorne, Mavrik Harper-Zerna, Macey Coe and Ali Bogle

SEFC: Jordan Minks  
(Absent) Cooper & Noah Newbold, Harry Gray



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



## A MESSAGE FROM ALI

Welcome to our final newsletter for the term. It has been an extremely busy last few weeks and I think we are all looking forward to some down time over the holidays. I know I am.

Last week we welcome Maxine McSherry and Mike Tait to our school to conduct the External School Review. While we don't yet have the final report, the feedback that we received at the end of the two days was overwhelmingly positive about our school and I look forward to sharing our new review directions with you early next term. Over the course of the two days, the review team visited classrooms, spoke to leaders, teachers, classroom support staff, groups of students from all levels of the school and the parents who were here making hot dogs for our lunch! I was immensely proud to hear of the way our students were able to articulate their learning experiences and speak so positively about their school and thank them, and our parent group for being part of the process.

Next term our staffing in the Primary area will look a little different as Lauren Cox begins her leave to prepare for the imminent arrival of 'Baby Cox'. We are just finalising the paperwork behind Lauren's leave and I anticipate a letter will be sent to Primary families impacted by any changes via Class Dojo tomorrow afternoon.

On Tuesday of this week we had a new network system installed which provides daily feedback to us about student engagement with the internet; searches that are being conducted and any communication of a suspicious, concerning or malicious nature. Several students have already been spoken with about breeches of our Digital Device Policy or searches of concern as a result of this SWIFT feedback which adds another layer of support to our cyber safety here at school. We are certainly grateful for the support we have received around improvements in ICT from the Department in recent years, and this is just another example of the progress being made to provide a secure, safe and robust system to support our students in their learning.

As we draw toward the close of the term, we are really ramping up our planning for 2022. We assume that students currently enrolled in all year levels apart from Year 12 will be returning to MDS next year. If you are making alternate arrangements for your child/ren, please let us know as soon as possible. Changes to student numbers have a significant impact on class composition and subjects that we are able to offer and indeed our staff requirements. Thank you to parents who have already alerted us to any changes for their families. If you are aware of any new families moving into the area, please encourage them to make contact with the school as early as possible to ensure we can accommodate individual student needs.

Once again I am seeking your support in relation to our school crossing. On several occasions in recent months there have been instances of vehicles travelling quickly on approach to the crossing while children are on the footpath, and others who have failed to stop when students are within the area between the crossing flags. Please remember that all vehicles are required to slow to 25km/hour inside the school zone when children are present, and all vehicles must stop behind the white line if pedestrians are between the bright orange children crossing flags. The safety of our children is of the highest priority, and while most of them are very cautious when crossing the roadway, it is the responsibility of drivers and riders to adhere to the laws which apply to school zones and school crossings.

This newsletter highlights a number of the recent experiences our students have engaged in. In the Middle School, Personal Interest and Rotation Subjects change on Monday. I hope you enjoy the reports of the \$20Boss PI that has been running this term. For all involved in sporting finals this coming weekend; whether you win or lose, you have made the final game in your respective competitions and that is to be congratulated. Play well and enjoy the experience. (And Go the CMS Crows! Sorry Jordan!)

Ali



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember"

Benjamin Franklin



# HOT Dogs

On Thursday the 9th of September the FUN-raising Committee organised a Hot Dog Day. Hot Dogs were able to be ordered by students for lunch. With a range of orders available the committee had a busy morning preparing.

Well done to everyone involved, they were certainly enjoyed by all!

Raised \$229.78



**The 3 dates to remember are:**

Event Date - **Thursday December 9th**, last Thursday of Term 4.

Money Due Back and online prize ordering unlocks - **Monday November 8th**

Online prize ordering closes - **Monday November 15th**

This year we will be raising funds to Refurbish the Canteen, this will mean Terri will be able to have food out faster, keep your orders hot and possibly the menu might grow larger. So let's have some fun and raise as much funds as we can!

Two competitions are going to make this even more fun:

Comp One: The class with the most Profiles created by the end of Term 3 Friday 24th September at 9am, will get to be at the front of the line on Fun Run Day, that's right.. you'll be leading the pack!!

Comp Two: The Class with the funds raised by the end of Term 3 Holidays - Sunday 10th October, will receive a Zooper Dooper each & maybe if your class wins you could order a couple pizzas from the canteen courtesy of your teachers!



## Middle School News

We are rapidly approaching the end of the term with classes busy finishing off assignments. The Middle School students have also been working on their reflection document this week, based on the Term 3 goals that they set. The goal setting process is part of our reporting procedure with students having the opportunity to discuss their goals and learning with parents and teachers next week in 15-minute timeslots. The Middle School Learning Conversations will be held on Wednesday 22nd September. This event will be held in conjunction with the Senior School Learning Conversations to enable easier access for families to attend all on the same night.

Forms were sent home last week with details of the event. Bookings will be from 3:15pm to 7:30pm and are available on the school website. Please book a suitable time for the Learning Conversation with your child's Care Group teacher. This conversation is not just a great chance to hear about your child's learning through the goal setting process, but a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their confidence in oral language skills for the future.

PI subjects are into the final week, with the new subjects starting in Week 10. Well done to all MS teachers involved in organising some excellent differentiated learning activities for their classes. Students look like they have enjoyed the alternative learning opportunities that have been provided for them. In this edition of the newsletter we can see a final update from Mrs Champion's \$20 Boss class. We have seen some excellent business ideas and a huge amount of money raised for charity through the dedication and organisation of the students in that group, so well done to the students involved.

It has been disappointing to report that in recent times a number of students have not been honest with us when discussing behaviour issues here at school. This has prolonged our time spent dealing with situations, when our time can be better spent on more useful activities here at school to enhance the education experience for our students. It is vital that we are provided with correct information from all parties involved in any issues at all times. It would be greatly appreciated if students could follow this advice for the future.

Please get in contact with us if you have any questions/concerns/issues with anything throughout the year. Our email addresses are Josh.Coombe430@schools.sa.edu.au and Craig.Fitzgerald239@schools.sa.edu.au

Josh Coombe and Craig Fitzgerald  
Middle School Coordinators



Minlaton Dental and Denture Clinic is committed to caring for children's smiles and their overall dental health. We know how important a great smile is for a child's confidence and we are passionate about educating children from an early age about the advantages of looking after their teeth and gums.

We are excited to announce our participation in the Child Dental Benefits Scheme, which provides eligible children with \$1013.00 dental services over 2 years.

#### What is Child Dental Benefits Schedule

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) is a scheme run by Medicare that provides eligible children up to \$1,013.00 over 2 calendar years to pay for a range of dental services. It's aimed at families who are already receiving other benefits, such as Family Tax Benefit A payments.

If your child is eligible, the CDBS will cover dental services including examinations, routine cleaning, repairing cracked teeth, fillings and root canals. It doesn't cover orthodontic treatment (such as braces to straighten crooked teeth), any dental work that needs to be done in hospital, or cosmetic dental procedures (such as replacing missing teeth).

#### Who is eligible?

The CDBS is for children aged 2 to 17 who are eligible for Medicare.

Eligibility is assessed at the beginning of the calendar year. You or your child have to meet the requirements for at least one day of the year. If you or your child become eligible during the calendar year (for example, if your child turns 2 during the year), they will receive a payment for the whole year. Any money you don't spend in the first year will be carried over to the second year.

You can check on the Child Dental Benefits Schedule website whether your child is eligible.  
<https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule>

**Make an Appointment with us Today!**

**Dentist: Dr Helen Tanner**

**Hygienist: Linda Newitt**

**Phone: 08 8853 2268**



## School Holidays Art and Crafts for kids Workshops

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept - 6-9 years old, 10:00am-11:30am  
-10-13 years old, 12:30pm-2:00pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct - 6-9 years old, 10:00am-11:30am  
10-13 years old, 12:30pm-2:00pm

Located at the Gum Flat Gallery, Minlaton (Back room of the Rest Centre)

\$15 per session \*Strictly limited seats

Contact Nora on 0408532029 to book

\*Please bring water bottle and a snack.



## Primary School News

### Students and the External Review

As one part of the External Review a group of primary students met with one of the reviewers to give their perspective about their educational experience here at MDS. Before meeting with the reviewer, the children and I had a quick chat to discuss what they might expect. Their responses to the questions I asked were fantastic. Here are a few examples of what they said completely unprompted. When asked what type of feedback they get from teachers a Yr 2 student said that his teacher staples a note to his work, and it lets him know if he's included high modality in his writing or if he's used time connectives. When asked how they learn to read a Yr 1 student said that he learns to decode words and work on his fluency, and this helps him read fast enough to understand. When asked do you have choices in your learning, a Yr 5 student answered she gets to choose how they design artwork, and they chose their own ethical dilemma and media for the stop-motion videos they made in English.

### Musical and Presentation Night

The date for the musical has been postponed until Week 6 of next term. This means that it will be held the week before Presentation Night. The postponement has occurred due to a variety of reasons, but it means that the Presentation Night will focus on presentation of awards, while the Musical will allow for students to show their performing arts abilities.

### Two Stars and a Wish

The Two Stars and a Wish letters will be sent home tomorrow. This form of reporting allows teachers, students and parents to reflect on the year so far, celebrate students' accomplishments and set directions for the last term. The teachers always find these to be enjoyable to write as they address the students directly. The students' contributions are quite thoughtful in regard to their strengths and future directions. We ask that parents add their perspectives to the forms as these are very valuable to the children. Teachers will request Parent/Teacher interviews only if they are required. If parents have any concerns they are also able to request an interview at this time.

Barb Agnew  
Primary Coordinator



## Stage 1 SACE Physical Education

Last Tuesday saw our Stage 1 PE students commence some golf coaching sessions as part of their 'Performance Improvement' summative assessment task. This task and associated course work involve the older boys learning and then applying skills in:

- How physical skills are learnt and the factors that effect learning
- How practice and feedback types effect physical performance
- How psychology effects physical performance
- Coaching skills and coaching session design.

Some of our 6/7 students are now getting the benefit of this learning and so far have enjoyed the coaching sessions. The PE students are now understanding that coaching/teaching is harder than it may look!

It's always great to see students from across the school working and learning together, building connections and real world skills in communication, as well their PE specific concepts.

Greg Hackett  
SACE PE Teacher



## Senior School News

Hi all, just a short item today. As you would be aware, we had to cancel our Careers Trip for the second year in a row, due to ongoing COVID concerns. This is a real shame as this is certainly one of the highlights of the school year. We are doing our best to find suitable alternatives, and Zoom (one of the true pandemic highlights if there is such a thing) has already allowed us to do so. We have already engaged with 3 of the organisations we had planned visits with via Zoom. We have had sessions from the Academy of Interactive Entertainment, Peaq Coaching & Conditioning and Defence Force Recruiting already, with another planned early next term with STEMtrack, who manage the Tonsley Innovation precinct. These sessions have allowed our students to engage with these workplaces, get information and ask questions about career pathways in these fields. Whilst not quite as good as a visit, it is a pretty great alternative.

### Final Dates for Year 12 students

Last day to submit any school assessed work is 22nd October (Friday Week 2, Term 4). Most subjects will be finished school assessed work by then anyway, but any work for which extensions had been granted must be submitted by that time.

Last Official School Day for Year 12s: 22nd October (Friday Week 2, Term 4).

Year 12 exams run between Monday 1st November and Thursday 11th November (Weeks 4 and 5, Term 4)

Year 12 students are required to attend Presentation night.

More information will be provided around end of year arrangements shortly.

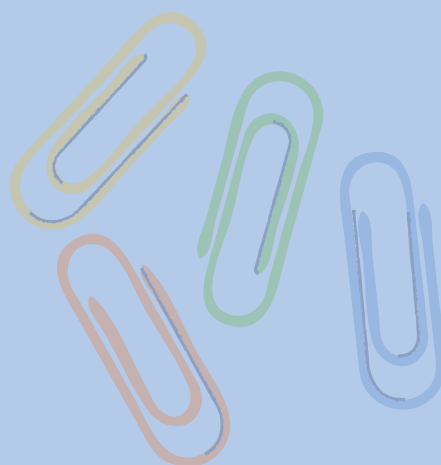
### Work Experience

If you are keen to do some forward planning, the next round of work experience for Year 10 and 11 students will be in the last 2 weeks of the year: 29th November to 3rd December and 6th December to 10th December. All Year 10 and 11 students must complete at least one week of work placement during this period, however 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**





## Outdoor Education

Students in the Year 10 Outdoor Education class are preparing for the Kayaking/Bushwalking Adventure Camp to be held early next term. The camp will be held from Tuesday 19th October to Friday 22nd October, with the class kayaking and walking from Corny Point to Point Turton, camping at various venues along the way. The adventure camp requires students to be 'independent, self-contained and self-reliant', in that each student will carry their own equipment, and be responsible for their own food, cooking, shelter and first aid. This week students used the Trangias to cook up some food including pizza pockets, chicken carbonara, butter chicken and satay chicken. There was no food poisoning resulting from the lesson, so it was an excellent start with the cooking skills. In the weeks ahead, we will be learning kayaking skills, survival skills and camp craft before heading off on our adventure.



## Sport News

### SAPSASA SOCCER

In Week 7, we had sizeable contingent of MDS students compete in the SAPSASA Soccer State Carnivals in Adelaide. SYP students joined their counterparts in the NYP region to form teams under the banner of Yorke Peninsula in the following divisions – Year 7 boys, Year 7 girls, Year 6 boys and Year 6 girls.

There was a real distinctive MDS flavour with the Year 7 boys' team with our own Rick Cook coaching the team for the week and Noah McDonnell, James Cook, Elijah Rothe, Axyl and Drey Williams playing. Due to the group only having the bare minimum of players, Josh Cook was fortunate enough to be a sub for the week also. In an outstanding week for the team in the Country Boys Division 2 competition, they finished in equal second place with Mid South East. Interestingly, they only lost one match but that was to Mid South East. A hard fought draw against the winners Whyalla displayed clearly how the team was able to match it with all opponents. The boys registered four wins, three draws and one loss for the week. Congratulations to all involved on receiving your silver medal!

Charlotte Burke and Keely Wildash were involved in the Year 7 girls' team who participated in the Country Girls Division 2 competition. Despite five character-building losses, the girls triumphed over Mid North and North Eastern to finish in equal 5th position.

The Year 6 boys, including Hamish Coombe and George Bennett, were placed in one composite division due to many districts not being able to submit a Year 6 team. This ensured the competition was fierce, resulting in a number of losses. However, a 4-0 victory over Murray Mallee on the last day of the carnival resulted in a 9th place finish.

Mackenzie White was a member of the Year 6 girls team who played Division 2 with some country and some metro teams. A big win over Mid North (in which Mackenzie played a key role as goalkeeper) and a draw with Pirie were the highlights of the week. The girls finished in equal 6th position.

The connections our students made with other Yorke Peninsula students and their experiences in putting their skills to the test in a competitive environment were the undoubted highlights of the week for all students involved. As always our students represented the school with distinction.

Thanks to Aaron Smith, our Convenor for the region, for all of his efforts in coordinating four teams in one week. Thanks also to our parents who provided transport for practices at Kadina and for their unwavering support during the carnival.

Josh Coombe

**MDS SAPSASA coordinator**





## \$20 Boss



This term we were involved in \$20 boss, our group was Joe, Kalan and Jasper. We tried something new which was painting. It was hard to begin with but now we are getting the hang of it and we are doing a great job. It has been quite challenging learning a new skill and getting all the maps ready at the right time. This term we have learned to be on time, to be money wise, deal with our customers and ensure that our product was good quality. We have made \$160 profit which is a good achievement and we will donate this to the Smith Family, who support children in need. Thankyou to everyone who was able to support our business.



## Mara Gagga Body Scrubs

This term in \$20 boss we chose to do body scrubs because we thought it would be easy enough for us to do. But we discovered some challenges, it wasn't easy trying to collect enough bags for our scrubs, figuring out how much money we needed to buy the ingredients we needed and actually trying to find a way to collect it all. If we had the chance to do this again I think we wouldn't do body scrubs again because it was just too hard. This term was fun because being able to create a business from the bottom up it has shown us that we are capable of building a business by ourselves but we did have support from our teacher and peers for ideas. So I think this term was probably one of the best because of those reasons.

From Nasrin and Tamiya



## Sunny Sweets

We did this business because we both wanted to experience what it's like to own and be in charge of our own small business. We are both shocked at how much money we have earned. We chose this business because we thought it would be fun and really exciting. So far, we have both loved it. If we did this again, I would plan our time better and do some things differently to melting moments because they were the hardest thing to make. This task was amazing and we would both do it again if we got the chance to. Some of the challenges we faced where not being able to finish on time. We solved this problem by cooking at home and planning our time a bit better. Thank you to everyone who supported us. Tayah and Shantelle



## Ella Luna Candles

This year we have been involved in the \$20 Boss program. For our business we decided to make candles with two sizes available in 3 distinct scents. We have learnt many new skills throughout our time, and we faced many challenges that we were able to overcome using our newfound problem-solving skills. Running a business, though it may be small, gives you the experience and the knowledge that not everything will go to plan, and that you need to compromise sometimes. Thanks to everyone who supported us throughout our business. We are very pleased to say that we have made \$679.70 after paying back all our debts. All money raised will be going towards Bowel Cancer Research. Lucy, Eleanor, Layla and Natalie



## \$20 Boss

### CAR WASHING BUSINESS

Our business was a car wash and ran for 3 weeks. Our business turned out successful but had a rocky start. We improved by practicing and in the final 2 weeks we got better. We made only just over \$100 over the course of the 3 weeks with 6 cars cleaned, which will be donated to a charity. We could have done more cars but only had a small group of 3. With most days only being 1 or 2 people in the group on the day we were cleaning slowed us down. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

By Kalen and Jaxon

### FIREWOOD

Our business was selling bags of firewood and bags of kindling. The prices for these were 20 dollars for the firewood and 15 dollars for the kindling. If you bought more than one bag of firewood you got 5 dollars off so instead of being 20 dollars it was 15 dollars. A challenge that we faced was it heated up quicker than what we thought so no one wanted any firewood. Also so most people had a supplier where they got there wood from. We did however have a few customers who we would like to thank for their support.

Christian and Myles

### *Spa packages*

For our \$20 we decided to do spa boxes. In our boxes we included body oil, face towels, candles, lip gloss and bath salts. We have learnt a lot during this process and thank you to everyone that bought our boxes and supported our business. We are so grateful for all your purchases and for everyone that helped out and offered items to go inside our boxes. We ended up with quite a bit of money for our chosen charity which was the Cancer Council.

Jack, Tameah and Gabby.



### Plant a Box

For our PI Freddie and Henry decided to make boxes logs and little boxes to sell planted with succulents. The boxes were made from recycled wood from pallets that we reused. The wood would be thickened to make the wood thinner and look nicer. The wood was then measured and cut and was put together using screws. We raised a fair amount of money for a cancer charity. We would like to thank everyone who supported our business.



## School Information

### Canteen Volunteers

Thank you so much to those that have put up their hand to volunteer on Fridays in the Canteen.

I'm still after a couple more hands for the following Term 4 dates:

- Week 4 November 5th
- Week 5 November 12th
- Week 6 November 19th
- Week 9 December 10th

You will require a Working with Children's Check, it's very simple to apply, please see link below

<https://screening.sa.gov.au/applications/application-information-for-individuals>

Please contact Zoe if you can fill a spot

Zoe.weir991@schools.sa.edu.au

Zoe Weir

**Business Manager**

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