



## DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER 2021

7th Peter Combe Performance

10th Student Free Day

21st Governing Council Meeting

22nd Middle & Senior School  
Conversations

## Fortnightly Feature

### Book Week Parade Winners



**R/1 Coe:** Macy Agnew, Harry Bray, Jimmy Honner, James Mahar, Bailey Smith, Billy Spiers.

**R/1 Cox:** Maggie Cock, Evie May, Sid McDonald, Skylah Sansbury, Nate Shearer, Judd Weir.

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**Middle School:** Mackenzie White, Tyson Bennett, Axyl Williams.



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



## A MESSAGE FROM ALI

How wonderful was the first day of spring? Sunshine and blue skies and a feeling of lightness and optimism pervaded our school. What a difference the weather can make to our outlook. As we quickly approach the end of another term, there is still much to do, so a positive, 'can do' attitude is much easier to adopt when the sun shines!

I was delighted to see a number of primary reading records over the last fortnight, and especially those who had achieved crocodile milestones! The following students have all been acknowledged for reaching 100 nights of reading in the last fortnight: R/1KC Bailey; R/1LC Rory, Nate R and Evelyn; 4 GC Riley and Regan. These amazing readers have all cracked 200 nights! R/1KC James and Jimmy; R/1 LC George; 2KHEC Toby, Tida and Owen; 4GC Carolyn. All received crocodiles, cleverly disguised as pencils, to acknowledge these amazing reading feats. I look forward to seeing more crocs leave my office in coming weeks.

Next Friday, September 10th, our staff will be having a training and development day and as such the school will be closed to students. The focus for us next week is unpacking the newly released Australian Curriculum Units of Work which we will be using in our classes in Term 4. Our support staff will be further developing their skills when working with students with additional needs and our Admin team will be streamlining a number of administrative processes to make our Front Office hum! It's going to be a busy day. Occasionally parents and carers who transport students to school by car need a reminder about approaching and travelling through the school crossing. In recent weeks there have been a few cars, not necessarily ones that we recognise, who have not stopped at the white lines when children have been between the flags, or who have approached the crossing faster than 25km/hour, despite there being young people on the footpath approaching school. Thankfully our children know that they need to look before stepping onto the roadway; but I seek the support of all of you to ensure that you, and any family member or friend that you entrust to deliver your child/ren to school, are obeying the traffic laws in relation to school crossings. It would appear that some people are oblivious to the rules and I would hate to be using this page to relay information that there has been an accident.

The Fun(d)rai\$ing team have been hard at work organising our first ever sock selling fundraiser. You will see information later in this newsletter with details as to how you can purchase socks through the Qkr! app to support this fundraising activity. With the change of season, what better time to cull the sock drawer and replenish your supply of funky, fun socks. Your feet will love you for it!

That's all for now. This coming weekend sees our local sporting competitions enter the pointy end of the season. Good luck to all involved... (C'mon the CMS Crows!)

Ali



"A great educator makes everyone learn, not just those who are at the top of the class."

James Lopez  
SCIENCE TEACHER



## Rowan Ramsey Community Awards

This annual award is sponsored by Rowan Ramsey, Federal Member for Grey and presented at Presentation Night. The award can be given to a parent, staff member, student (year 6-12) or a member of the community who has demonstrated outstanding qualities through involvement in the Minlaton School Community over a period of time and meets the following criteria;

- Displayed a high degree of involvement in school community events or school organisations.
- And/or
- Made an extra effort for their school community throughout the year.

A panel comprising student, parent, staff and Governing Council Representatives will select the award winner. If you know of a person who meets the above criteria, we encourage you to forward a written nomination, stating name and commendation to Ali Bogle, Principal by Friday the 24th September, 2021.

## Library News

During Week 6 we celebrated book week with a plethora of competitions and prizes. The competitions included character name scrambles, a daily 'Who Am I?', mythical creatures fishing, pin the ring on Mount Doom, White Witch freeze, travel to another world paper planes competition and the highly competitive pirate hat tossing competition. Well done to the various winners who took home a book prize.

The high point of Book Week celebrations is always the dress up day parade and it was wonderful to be able to welcome our parents back for this year's parade. Thank you to all parents for complying with the regulations necessary to make this possible! Our students and staff (and of course parents!) always do an amazing job with their creativity and craftiness in coming up with their costumes and this year was no exception. One of the highlights was half a dozen or so students from Mr Cameron's class coordinating their costumes to fit a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory theme. Mrs Agnew stole the show as the crowd chanted 'EL-MO, EL-MO' and Mr Cook, AKA Gandalf stunned us with his feats of wizardry. The toughest job on the day lies with the judges who have to somehow whittle down the vast array of quality costumes to a manageable number of winners. Massive thanks to Ms Bogle, Di and Jeremy for taking this on. Below is a list of the eventual winners.

R/1 Coe: Macy Agnew, Harry Bray, Jimmy Honner, James Mahar, Bailey Smith, Billy Spiers.

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Middle School: Mackenzie White, Tyson Bennett, Axyl Williams.

What an amazing celebration of books and reading! I want to thank our parents who continue to support their children and the school in developing our students as readers - we know how important this is for them both in succeeding in their Education, but more importantly in succeeding in wherever their lives take them beyond school. This term I have been surveying the year 3-5 students on their engagement levels in reading and it is so encouraging to see so many of our students loving reading for pleasure in their own time. Not only that but we are seeing more students with a broader range of genres that they enjoy, and more students talking to each other and reflecting on their reading. I strongly believe that when a student says they don't like books it is just because they haven't found the right books for them yet. This forms a massive part of our role in the Library and if you think your child is struggling in this area, please contact us and we will do all we can to find them a book that will get them excited about reading.

Keep turning pages everyone!



## Primary School News

### Primary Learning Activities Snapshot

#### R/1Coe

The incredibly curious students in this R/1 class have been investigating materials and their properties in science. This week they are about to design and make their own sail boats.

#### R/1Cox

The busy, diligent children in this class have been working on 3D solids in maths, where they have hunted around the school for examples of the solids, and they've also created some of their own too.

#### Yr 2

The bright and active children in the Yr 2 class have been learning about the oceans and continents in relation to Australia. They used various maps to identify their place in the world.

#### Yr 3/4

The wonderfully inquisitive students in the Yr 3/4 class have been looking at Africa in HASS. They are currently doing a research project on an African animal of their choice and working to use their artistic skills to create an image of their animal.

#### Yr 4

The energetic industrious children in the Yr 4 class have learnt to create some Aboriginal styled paintings including dot paintings and x-ray style art.

#### Yr 4/5

The dynamic and perceptive students in the Yr 4/5 class have learnt about the language and visual features of comic strips and animated films. They have used an online comic strip generator to create their own comics.

Barb Agnew,  
**Primary School Coordinator**



## Helping Children Develop a Love of Maths

### Hint for the fortnight:

Encourage children to play maths puzzles and games. Award winning mathematician, Sarah Flannery (a mathematician from Ireland) reported that her maths achievement and enthusiasm came not from school but from the puzzles she was given to solve at home. Puzzles and games – anything with dice really – will help kids enjoy maths, and develop number sense, which is critically important.  
Jo Boaler, Stanford University

Reading at Home

### Young Children

- Read books and nursery rhymes aloud together
- Talk daily about home and community life
- Sing, draw, and tell stories

### Older Children


- Play word games
- Discuss word meanings
- Point out interesting or unfamiliar words
- Ask questions before, during, and after reading


### Adolescents

- Talk about learning and connect to school
- Offer a literacy rich environment
- Model reading and writing

### Supporting Your Child's Literacy Development at Home

Take part in literacy experiences at home. Taking part can develop your child's reading ability, comprehension, and language skills. It could also improve your child's interest in reading, attitude towards reading, and focus.





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## Senior School News

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 of students of concern have been notified and are asked to contact their student's subject teacher as a matter of urgency. Email is the most effective way of doing so.

### Subject Counselling

For the vast majority of our students, the 2022 subject counselling process was completed last week. Students wishing to undertake FIP/SBAT/OAC or Local Delivery options have additional requirements and I am currently in the process of liaising with parents and students around these. The process was somewhat different this year, and while as a staff we agree the general model has some merit; I'd love to hear any feedback from either students or parents. If you have some, please email through to me. The super fun, behind the scenes aspects of timetabling and further discussions is now well advanced. After that any minor timetabling glitches will get sorted and before too long all students should have their timetables for next year set. Scary stuff indeed!

### 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 have 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**

## Middle School News

Well done to the Middle School students for returning their camp forms back in a timely manner. We have had a great response with plenty of interest, so we will push ahead and continue with the organisation of the camp. The camp will be held in Week 8 of Term 4 (29th November-1st December), with the group staying at Corny Point Caravan Park. More information will be sent home soon.

Middle School Interim Reports were posted on Daymap last week for student and parent viewing. These reports provide an overview of current student progress in the various subjects. Please get in contact with teachers if you would like to discuss these reports further. Alternatively, the Middle School Learning Conversations will be held on Wednesday 22nd September. There will be 15 minute timeslots for students to discuss their goals and learning for the term with their teachers and parents. 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 will be sent home early next week with details of the event. Students will be reflecting on their goals in Week 9 before the conversations take place in Week 10. Bookings will be from 3:15pm to 7:30pm and will be available on the school website soon.

The PI update this week is from the art room with Ms Mayadunne's Cover Story class. This graphic design story lesson allows students to experiment with a variety of techniques using acrylic and fabric paint. In the photos, students are looking at creating texture and backgrounds. The end products brought excellent analytical comments and success. PI subjects will finish up next week with the new PI subjects starting in Week 9. The new PI subjects include Team and Strategy Games (PE), Toys 'R' Us (Home Economics), Wacky Fashion (Art) and STEM. We will provide updates showing student progress in these subjects next term.



PAT testing began this week and is another method used by teachers to monitor the progress of our students. The testing will continue over the next few weeks. This week the mathematics testing has taken place with reading comprehension, punctuation and grammar, and vocabulary skills testing to follow.

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](mailto:Josh.Coombe430@schools.sa.edu.au) and [Craig.Fitzgerald239@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Craig.Fitzgerald239@schools.sa.edu.au)

Josh Coombe and Craig Fitzgerald,  
**Middle School Coordinators**



## Sport News

### SAPSASA GOLF

Last week a strong contingent of year 5-7 boys represented MDS at the SAPSASA golf qualifying day at Maitland Golf Club. The boys played nine holes, teeing off 150m from the pin. Congratulations to Noah McDonnell, Hamish Coombe and Nicholas Krieg who have been selected to participate in the State Primary Golf Championships at Adelaide Shores next week.

#### Results:

- Noah McDonnell 43
- Hamish Coombe 44
- Nicholas Krieg 51
- Elijah Rothe 58
- Mitchell Hamilton 59
- George Bennett 64
- Angus Liebelt 72



Thanks to Kimberley Hamilton, Carolyn Bennett, Jason McDonnell and Brooke Liebelt for their support with transport and their assistance during the day.



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### SAPSASA REGIONAL BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Last week, our Year 6 girls basketball team journeyed to Kadina for the SAPSASA Regional Basketball Carnival. The team, consisting of Maggie Walsh, Lara Jansons, Kitty Wilson, Mia Warrior, Mackenzie White and Brianna Warrior, earned the right to compete at this event after winning the District Carnival at Minlaton the week prior.

The girls played two matches against Burra Community School and Kadina Memorial School. Burra were no match for the MDS crew, losing 18-4. Kadina were a much different proposition though with the girls unfortunately losing 18-2 in a gruelling affair. The girls finished second in their competition which was a fantastic achievement.

Thanks to Alicia Wanganeen for coaching the team once again. Thanks to Alicia and Kristen Wilson for their assistance with transport. Thanks to Jess Walsh and Carolyn Jansons for their support of the team also.



Josh Coombe  
**SAPSASA Coordinator**



## 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



**OPEN**

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](mailto:Zoe.weir991@schools.sa.edu.au)

Zoe Weir  
**Business Manager**



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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>

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## Jandebrey WHITE SUFFOLKS



### 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ram Sale

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**

**Maitland Showgrounds 1:30pm**

Inspection from noon – BBQ lunch provided

**80 Rams**

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## 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.**

