



## Diary Dates

### May

12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10/11 Learning Conversations
18 <sup>th</sup>	Governing Council Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup>	Flexible Industry Pathways Information Evening
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3/4/5 Dream Big Children's Festival Excursion Adelaide
25 <sup>th</sup>	Primary School First Aid
26 <sup>th</sup>	Open Boys/ Girls Basketball
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Excursion to Para Wirra

Week 3 has seen winter arrive with a vengeance – temperatures have plummeted and we have had some much needed rain. The gym is tantalisingly close to completion and there is a great deal of anticipation of behalf of both students and staff about using the upgraded facility. The sound engineers have been working their magic this week ensuring that we have a great sound and vision system which will give us scope to use the space for all manner of activities and we will have our final site meeting next week to sign off and take possession after a short delay with some of the air conditioning components.

This week our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students commenced the 2021 NAPLAN testing. It has been really pleasing to see the way in which our students are approaching this year's testing, realising that while we want them to try their best, these tests are only one way in which we gauge their learning. Thank you parents for your support in ensuring that our kids are supported and don't feel anxious about the testing regime. Tests will conclude next Tuesday, with opportunities available until next Thursday for students to complete a test if they were absent on the day it was scheduled.

On Wednesday this week, many of our primary students and our student leaders participated in a presentation from Monique from the Heart Foundation as we prepare to involve our whole school in Jump Rope for Heart this year. The key message that we took from yesterday's presentation is to keep our hearts healthy through a good diet with plenty of fruit and vegetables and regular daily exercise. We plan to hold practice sessions at lunchtimes over the course of the term, and our student leaders have been charged with learning some of the more difficult routines to share and dare others to attempt! There was certainly a lot of laughter (also good for heart health) yesterday as we watched some of our students get a little tangled before finally mastering some of the skills. (Photos on page 6)

At our Governing Council meeting next week, we will be discussing the new mobile phone policy for schools which is being implemented by the Education Department. If you have an opinion on the use of mobile phones in schools and would like your voice heard, please contact any member of staff or of the Governing Council, or feel free to come along next Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the staff room.

*Ali*

## Pastoral & School Care Worker

Di Nankivell



Hope all the mums had a fantastic Mother's Day last Sunday and were spoilt with breakfast in bed, flowers pressies and lots of hugs and kisses or simply...

***'I Love you Mum'*** which is the most important of all!

**To Mom:**

I'm hungry...  
 I'm cold...  
 I'm hot...  
 Can I have...  
 I want to watch...  
 Where are you?  
 Can you ask Dad?  
 Can you help me...  
 He hurt me...  
 She hurt me...  
 I want to go there...  
 When are we...?  
 Why are we...?  
 Why can't we?

**To Dad:**

**Where's Mom?**



## Paul Rutter - Author Visit

Last Tuesday we welcomed Paul Rutter, Children's book author and illustrator of 'Surf Rider Joe', Character Designer and Master of Arts in Animation to our school. Paul ran 6 drawing workshops throughout the day with students from Yrs. 2-8. Paul showed the students how to draw and develop a character or theme which is linked to the Australian Curriculum.

Our students looked at Ocean Creatures, Endangered Species, Desert Species and Shipwrecks. The Yr.2 students enjoyed listening to Paul read his book, 'Surf Rider Joe'. He also explained and demonstrated forms, styles, techniques and principles of animation to the older students. It was great to see all the students participating and learning new skills during the day. Well done to our Student Leader, Isobel Cook, who thanked Paul on behalf of our school community and presented him with a card and chocolates!



### **National Biomechanics Day 2021**

On Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Stage 1 Physical Education class took part in the National Biomechanics Day by joining an online Webinar hosted by The University of Adelaide.

Our students were able to gain an insight into the real world applications of biomechanics thanks to a series of online videos produced by the Adelaide Spinal Research Group & Centre of Orthopaedics and Trauma Research.

The focus of the videos was highlighting the research and development into the nature of a variety of spinal injuries with a view to constructing a mannequin for use by paramedics to more effectively treat spinal/neck injuries. Another focus was on the team's work with the department of defence in developing biometric technologies for security applications. The videos showed some of the experiments and cutting-edge technological equipment used by the team in their research.

Students were impressed with the amount of technology and gained a deeper understanding of how universities and research bodies solve real-world problems for the betterment of our wider society. *See page 6 for photo*

Greg Hackett

SACE Physical Education Teacher.

### **Middle School Report**

We are into Week 3 already and it is a busy time at MDS. NAPLAN testing started earlier this week and we students have been busy working on course and assignment work in the classroom.

Last week, the Middle School students set their goals for Term 2. Students were asked to relate these goals to the thriving learner concept that Mr Hackett discussed with the whole school last term. Once again it would be great if parents can discuss these goals with their child/children and encourage them to focus on these each week.

A number of students have identified organisation as a key area for improvement from the goal setting activity. There are a variety of strategies that can help students improve their organisation both at school and at home. Scheduling set times to complete homework each day can provide structure to a student's learning. Creating a calendar with due dates for drafts and assignments can also allow students to prioritise their work to ensure they are meeting specific deadlines. Utilising all the features of Daymap can also be a handy tool providing students with an understanding of lesson tasks and activities, homework requirements, deadlines, note taking and providing communication opportunities with the various teachers.

We are looking forward to seeing the strategies and goals students have identified and seeing them develop their skills to achieve these over the course of the term.

Please get in contact with us if you have any questions/concerns/issues with anything throughout the year.

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*Josh Coombe and Craig Fitzgerald*

Middle School Coordinators



# Sport

## 8/9 Football Carnival

On Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, a group of MDS students travelled to Maitland to participate in the Year 8/9 Yorke Peninsula Football Carnival. All secondary schools from Yorke Peninsula were involved in the event, with the girls at Maitland Town Oval and the boys playing at Central Yorke School. The MDS students were very excited for the occasion with the first opportunity to wear the new sports outfits at a local carnival. Thanks to Bec Brown and the FUN(d)-raising committee for organising the purchase of these uniforms, they looked great.

Results for the day were:

Girls – Minlaton defeated Central Yorke in the first match and showed some excellent team work with Lucy Mahar and Tamiya Hickman attacking the ball hard. In game 2, we lost to Yorketown in an entertaining contest with Layla Walsh mopping up across the half back line and Ava Vass playing well. In the final minor round match, MDS then lost to Kadina as fatigue was starting to set in for the girls after some tough earlier matches. After the crossover of divisions, Minlaton played in the third place game and lost to Ardrossan. The girls had fun playing together and developed their football skills over the course of the day. Tackling and defensive pressure was a real highlight for the team, so they should all be encouraged by their performances and attitude at the carnival.

Boys -The Minlaton boys defeated Yorketown by 3 goals in the first game. Christian Reade getting amongst the goals with three majors and Will Ryan having a solid match. In game 2, we lost to Kadina 2 by six goals with Connor showing some excellent composure throughout the match with some great decision making and Freddie accumulating possessions at will. The boys then had a tough match losing to a very strong Maitland Lutheran side, but combined at times for some good passages of play. In the final match for the day, the boys narrowly defeated Moonta to finish the day in 5<sup>th</sup> position overall.

Thank to Elijah, Thomas and Mitchell who joined the team as Year 7 students. We were also lucky enough to have Year 10 students Ethan Dortmund, Luke Horn and Indiana Vass coach the sides and transfer some of their knowledge of the game to the younger students throughout the day. Thanks to all involved in supporting our teams this year.



## **Primary School**

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### **Excursions**

This term there will be some excursions for some of the classes. The children in Years 3 - 5 will be travelling to Adelaide on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, for a day filled with a performance and a dance workshop at the Festival Theatre for the Year 4 and 5 students, and a visit to the Maritime Museum. The Year 3 children will be going to the zoo as well as the Maritime Museum.

The Year 2 class will be going to Para Wirra Conservation Park on the 28<sup>th</sup> of May, where they will engage in a variety of activities to learn about the fauna and flora of the area. Notices and invoices will be sent out in the next week. Both excursions have been heavily subsidised by Rural and Isolated Funding.

### **Incursions**

The primary students are lucky to have a couple of incursions this term. There will be the First Aid training day on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. Later in the term there will be a performance for the children to view called 'G'day Aisia.' The children will learn about various aspects of Asian cultures. We are really grateful to have access to these learning experiences.

### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN is well underway for the students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. So far, the children involved have worked hard during the testing time and have remained calm and positive throughout. It's been great to see their level of persistence. The staff would like to thank parents for their support at home.

### **Musical**

'Pirates of the Curry Bean' is the musical the Primary students will be presenting late in term 3. The children will be starting to learn the songs this term and working on putting the show together next term. The musical has many speaking parts and the R-5 children will have the opportunity to try out for roles later this term.

### **Jump Rope**

The whole school will be doing Jump Rope for Heart this term. Monique from Jump Rope office in Sydney was here at school yesterday talking to the children about the Heart Foundation, the Jump Rope program and she also gave a skipping demonstration. The student leaders will be involved in organising the fundraiser and running the 'Jump Off' day in the last week of this term. Keep your eye out for more information in the coming weeks.



### Year 4 – Georgie Cameron

"As a part of last term's Visual Art unit, 'Storytelling Through Art', the Year 4 class looked at the Chinese ink-painting style, 'shuǐ-mò'. They watched a Chinese folk-story, 'The Ten Suns', and used this story as inspiration for their own 'shuǐ-mò' artworks. Rather than using the traditional mediums of ink and water the Year 4 class drew their scene in pencil, before going over their lines in bold, black marker. Their use of perspective and detail was especially impressive!"



### Jump Rope for Heart



### National Biomechanics Day 2021





### **SYP SAPSASA DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY**

In Week 1 of this term, eighteen MDS students participated in the SYP Cross Country event at Yorketown. After an absence of many years, it was fantastic to see the event back on the calendar. Many thanks to Kara Shuttleworth from Yorketown Area School and SYP SAPSASA for their enthusiasm and drive in organising the event.

In a course that meandered its way around Yorketown Area School and its surrounds, all students conducted themselves extremely well and showed tremendous resilience and persistence.

Competitors were Alexander Redding, Lowan Coe, Darcy Walsh, Riley Menz, Tayson Gates, Logan Cleland, Sienna McDonnell, Jayla Weir, Charlie Mahar, Sam Mahar, Charlie Phillips, Hamish Coombe, George Bennett, Anais Glazbrook, Elijah Rothe, Amber Borgmeyer, Axyl Williams and Drey Williams.

The top 6 competitors in each age group automatically earned the right to move onto the State Cross Country Championships at Oakbank later this term. The following MDS students were successful in reaching this stage:

- Hamish Coombe – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 11 year old boys 3km event
- Lowan Coe – 5<sup>th</sup> in the 10 year old boys 2km event
- George Bennett – 5<sup>th</sup> in the 11 year old boys 3km event
- Amber Borgmeyer – 5<sup>th</sup> in the 12 year old girls 3km event

Thank you to the parents who transported their own children to and from Yorketown. A special thankyou to Jess Walsh and Megan Mahar who also provided transport for other students.

*Josh Coombe,  
Primary Sports Coordinator*



## SYP First Aid for Kids

On the 25<sup>th</sup> May, Karyn Hindle from Head2Toe First Aid will be visiting our school to deliver first aid sessions to our R-5 students. This has come about through WellbeingSA's Strengthening Community Wellbeing after Bushfire grant program. We are very fortunate to be able to access this great initiative and I'm sure all our students will gain lots of valuable information through Karyn's sessions. Each family will also receive a free First Aid kit which has been made available through the grant. A flier is attached outlining the learning outcomes for the students.

Hope you all have a great week!

Di Nankivell



**We are excited to announce that your school will take part in First Aid sessions designed specifically for primary school aged children!**

Children will learn:

- Basic first aid skills
- Identifying a "little" accident needing help from a safe adult, or a "big" accident needing emergency services.
- How and when to call for help in an emergency
- Caring for our wellbeing after an emergency incident

As part of this initiative your family will also receive your very own First Aid kit, perfect to keep at home or in the car should an emergency ever arise.



Karyn Hindle from Head2Toe First Aid will facilitate these sessions. Karyn has a wealth of experience, working with families and young children to build confidence in caring for themselves and others.

Karyn will be visiting each school on the following dates:

Monday 24th May: **Stansbury Primary School**  
 Tuesday 25th May: **Minlaton District School**  
 Wednesday 26th May: **St Columba's Memorial School**  
 Thursday 27th May: **Yorke town Area School**  
 Friday 28th May: **Warooka Primary School**

This project is funded under WellbeingSA's Strengthening Community Wellbeing after Bushfires Grant program, in collaboration with St Columba's Memorial School and Head2Toe First Aid.





## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photos will be taken on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. It is important that every student hand their envelope to the photographer on photograph day even if you do not intend ordering photographs. Family photograph envelopes are available from the Front Office.

### From the Business Manager

#### 2021 Winter Jackets Update

I have been notified that our Winter Jackets are 3 weeks away.

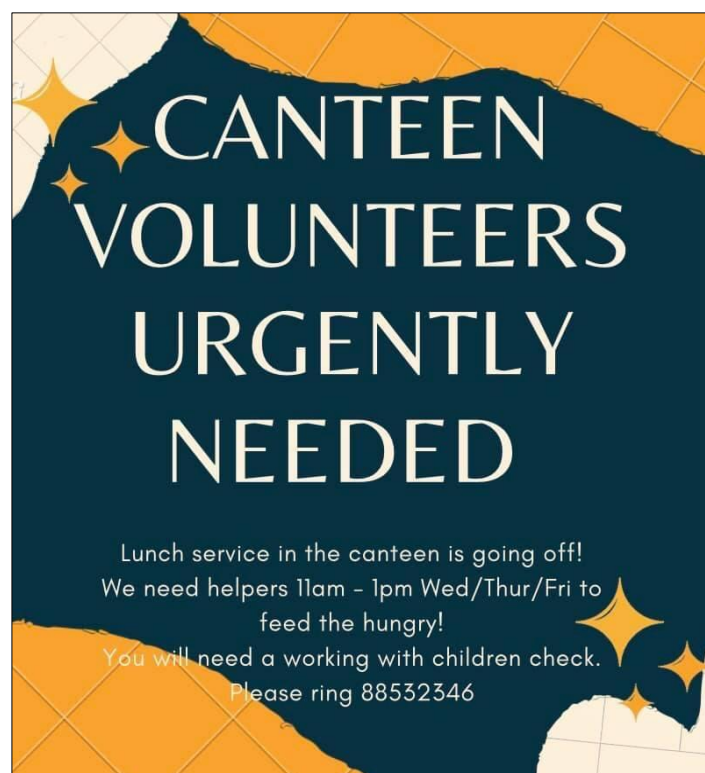
For those families who have placed a jacket on hold for their child/children, I will notify you first when they arrive and with the final price of the jackets.

Jackets must be paid for in full prior to distribution.

Once all the held jackets have been sold, I will let everyone know if there are any spares left to purchase.

Thank you

Zoe ☺



### RELIEF BUS DRIVER REQUIRED

We are looking for a qualified driver who would be able to drive the Pt Julia bus at short notice when our regular driver is unavailable.

If you think this might be you and have the appropriate qualifications – please contact Shan in the Front Office to register your interest.

Ph. 8853 2346

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### Canteen News

**Remember: Canteen lunch service Wed – Fri only.**

#### **New WINTER Menu**



**CMS CROWS TRAINING – WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE BUS PASSES FOR STUDENTS TO TRAVEL TO CURRAMULKA FOR FOOTBALL OR NETBALL TRAINING THIS TERM. PLEASE MAKE ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR CHILD/REN.**