



## Calendar Dates

- July 22 – 24 - Year 3-5 Camp
- July 29 - Year 10 Immunisations
- July 30 - School Photos

My goodness; Term 3 already! We are over half way through what could only be described as the weirdest year in my experience as an educator...and that's an awful lot of years! Welcome back everyone, and particular welcome to a number of new students who joined us on Monday, and during the final weeks of last term; it's good to have you aboard.

The holidays appear to have been enjoyed by all and sundry, with many families taking the opportunity to holiday within beautiful SA, exploring the great outdoors or taking in the culture of regions far and wide. Students have returned with lots of stories and experiences, and full of enthusiasm (well most of them!) to get stuck into another term of learning here at MDS.

Last Saturday morning we welcomed a group of parents and eager children at our working bee to construct the next stage of our northern woodland project. Tom Anderson, as ever, was amazing in his preparation for the morning – allowing us all to focus on levelling, edging, planting, mulching and pruning! The results of our morning's labour, and some candid action shots are included on the next page. The transformation was met with great appreciation by staff and students alike on Monday morning; and the vision of our wooded area as an outdoor learning environment is really starting to take shape. Thank you to the following adults who gave up their time last Saturday to support the working bee: Zoe, Ben, Stacey, Andy, Amy, Glen, Steph, Tash, Cep, Megan, Bec, Jo, Craig and Brenton – your efforts are much appreciated. Thanks also to the kids who lent a hand; Bella, Kira, Riley, Casey, Lenny, Marli, Max, Lachlan, Kira, Lucy, Layla, Eleanor, Georgina and Louis. We can all be really proud of what we achieved!

It was really lovely to see that some children reached more reading milestones over the holidays – all that holiday car travel or snuggling in front of a warm fire is very conducive to turning a page or two. Joining the 100 club and taking possession of a Principal's crocodile (cleverly disguised as a pencil!) were Macy, Amelia, Sid, Dusty, and Evelyn in Mrs Coe's class, Lara in Mrs Cox's class and Ellie and Saxon in Mrs Hills class. Well done to everyone who achieved a reading milestone.

Yesterday over 40 staff members were put through their paces as emergency first aid responders with the Red Cross. It was a pretty full day, and some of us are ruing a misspent youth which has led to dodgy knees and creaking bones – it wasn't easy getting up from some of the emergency scenarios! Thank you to our parents for your support of the required Student Free Day in order to undertake our training; I hope it adds to your peace of mind knowing that all of the staff at school are well equipped to deal with any first aid that might be required for your child.

While we watch with some anxiety the situation in Victoria, it is a stark reminder that we too could succumb to a Covid-19 outbreak if we don't adhere to the health guidelines that we have been given. Here at MDS we continue to stress

good hygiene and social distancing, our cleaners continue with additional cleaning during the school day particularly in high traffic areas, and we ask that parents do not enter classrooms at the beginning and end of the day(though you are welcome in the yard and can meet with teachers by appointment). Your support in keeping children at home who are unwell is also much appreciated, and fingers crossed, we haven't seen the same level of winter ills spreading through our classes this year.

Our diary dates look a little sparse at this stage, although things are beginning to open up and we hope to be able to resume some normal co-curricular activities over the course of the coming terms. Good luck to juniors who have begun returning to community sport; we have all missed both the physical and social aspects of that weekly ritual and it will be great to have those connections resuming.

Have a lovely weekend - Ali

## School Jackets

Dear families,

All the MDS Jacket pre-orders have now been filled. I have the following sizes left over:

Size 6 – 2, Size 8 – 1, Size 10 – 1, Size 12 – 1, Size 14 – 2, Size 3XL - 2

Please come to the finance office to purchase, sorry no holds. They are \$65 and payment is required before collection.

Zoe Weir, Business Manager

## SYP Community Hub

We are back doing Learners Drivers Theory Tests

Please ring to book appointment on 88521820 between

9am & 2pm. Monday to Friday

Located 33 Stansbury Rd, Yorketown



## say cheese

School Photo Day is  
**30 July 2020**

*Have your child's school memories captured forever*

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)
- Online orders can be made via <https://orders.msp.com.au> (you will require unique shootkey displayed on each order envelope)

## Primary Awards

### Mrs Coe

Sid McDonald  
Tuleah Jeffrey  
Deanna Jones  
Skylah Sansbury  
Amelia Cook  
Jakob Hoyle  
Lans Haligado

### Mrs Cox

Louis Brown  
Lara Cook  
Lincon Agnew  
Estella Barrett  
Toby Jansons  
Bella Weir

### Ms Reynolds

Harry Dale  
Brianna Wilson  
Jayla Weir  
Archie Cook  
Max Hamilton  
Naida Coe

### Mrs Hills

Alexis Krieg  
Darcy Walsh  
Saxon Williams  
Josh Cook  
Annabelle Cook

### Agnew

Angus Coote  
Grace Hender  
Edward Liebelt  
Anais Glazbrook  
Levi Digby  
Mackenzie White



## Senior School Update

Glen White, Senior School Coordinator

Welcome back to Term 3! I trust that everyone had a restful holiday break and has come back re-energised and ready to tackle the upcoming term with renewed enthusiasm. There is quite a bit on this term, with a summary below.

This term many Year 12 students will be undertaking External Assessments as a course requirement. This is a particularly vital part of many subjects as it serves as the exam, is worth 30% of the total grade and is marked external to MDS. I would urge all Stage 2 students to ensure that you use your time effectively during these assessments and don't leave things until the last minute.

### **Drafting of student work**

As we move into the second semester it is important to remind our senior students about the drafting requirements at senior school level.

Drafting of student work is non-negotiable and is a proven way to ensure that student work is as good as it possibly can be. It is also a requirement for SACE students in order for teachers to be able to verify that the work is the student's own. Each subject teacher will set a specified date for submission of a full, completed draft; **if a student does not meet that date, the final piece of work will not be considered for assessment.**

Plagiarism is a breach of SACE assessment rules and if suspected, an investigation will be undertaken, which will result in penalties being applied.

Further information about the manner in which staff and students are required to draft and verify student work will be supplied shortly.

### **Interviews and Course Counselling**

Some dates to be aware of in the upcoming term:

- Interviews with individual subject teachers following semester 1 reports are available upon request
- Year 12 Learning Conversations will be occurring across weeks 3 & 4 of Term 3, information will be provided in week 2, with all bookings made online.
- Updated Subject Selection Handbooks will be available online from the end of Week 3 of Term 3
- Interim Reporting will occur in week 5 of Term 3
- Student course counselling interviews with myself will occur in week 4, Term 3 for Year 11s and week 5 Term 3 for Year 10s.
- Year 8/9 forum (for future planning and understanding of subject selection processes) Monday of week 7
- Parent subject selection evenings will occur in Week 7 of Term 3, information will be provided in week 5

### **Work Experience**

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our mid-year work placement program; however, we have recently been notified by the Department that work experience programs in the second half of the year are likely to go ahead. Therefore, 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: 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.

### **Year 10 Careers Trip 2020**

Unfortunately as a result of the ongoing impact of Covid-19, we have had to make the decision to abandon the planned Careers Week to Adelaide in week 5 of this term.

In place of the trip this year students will be undertaking a Virtual Careers Week both during class time and for homework in that same week (17-21 August 2020) where they will be able to engage in a range of online virtual work placements, webinars, online presentations from vocational providers and tertiary institutions and career exploration activities in areas of particular interest to them. Whilst this is not quite as good as the real thing, it is a legitimate, valid career exploration week and remains a compulsory part of the Stage 1 Personal Learning Plan.

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