FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Years! For 2015 Murray Bridge South Primary School has 5 new staff members.

- Laura Williams will be teaching Receptions in C5. Laura is a graduate teacher.
- Tracy Williams will also be teaching Receptions in C6. Tracy has taught at Pinaroo, Lamerco and Coonalpyn. Tracy’s Laura’s mother.
- Ashlee Ferguson is teaching Year 1 in U3. Ashlee is also a graduate teacher.
- Linda Fox has won the Australian Curriculum Cluster Co-ordinator position for 2 years. She will perform this job, supporting the local schools with the implementation of the National Curriculum, 2½ days a week. For the other 2½ days she will be our Aboriginal Education teacher. (Jo Rothall will also work in the AET role 1 day a week). Linda comes to us from Port Augusta.
- Sarah Saliba has taught at Murray Bridge South Primary School previously and returns as a Special Education teacher.

Returning are Tania Lucas (Year 5/6 in C4) and Lyndee Leach (Science C11).

Mathew Bettcher, our Christian Pastoral Support Worker last year, has resigned. He has accepted a full time teaching position at Jervois. A new CPSW will be appointed as soon as possible. I would also like to welcome our new Reception students and their parents to the school community and all other new students.

WELCOME MRS WILLIAMS (C6)

What were your first impressions coming to Murray Bridge South Primary School?

I was really impressed with the facilities that the school has for the students. The COLA and the gym look fantastic and when I came for a visit there were a lot of students enjoying using these. I was also excited to see the school has a Nunga room and that all students enjoyed visiting there. The staff and students are very welcoming and have provided great support as I find my way around the school.

How does MBSPS compare to your last school?

MBSPS is a lot larger than my last school. My last school had 34 students and had only 2 classes. I taught all of the junior primary students (K-3) in one class and at lunchtimes the whole school was needed to join in the games so there were enough people to play games like cricket or football.

Where have you taught?

I have been teaching in the Murray-Mallee area for the last few years. I have taught at Pinaroo, Lamerco and Coonalpyn. I have mainly taught at junior primary but have also taught history up to year 7. Prior to this I worked at Reynella East Primary school supporting Aboriginal students from reception to Year 10. I am looking forward to working here with the students at MBSPS this year.

What do you do in your spare time?

For the last few years I haven’t had much spare time as I was commuting back to Adelaide to visit my family who decided to stay there. I have 3 grown up children, 2 who are also teachers. I do enjoy watching movies, catching up with friends and shopping!

What is your favourite part about teaching?

I love teaching students especially the ‘argh I get it’ moments. I enjoy watching them grow as people and being able to be a part of their school journey.
**LATE ARRIVALS**
All students arriving at school after 8:50am must sign in at the front office before going to class.

**Family pick ups:** Parents must go through the front office and take the slip to the class teacher or the child must meet their parent at the front office to be signed out.

**BANKING**
We collect bank books every **Tuesday** for Bank SA. If your child wishes to use this facility please send along their passbooks on bank day.

**STUDENT HEALTH**
Just a reminder to parents/caregivers who have a child with Asthma, ADHD, Epilepsy, Diabetes or serious allergies: If your child has a health condition which requires specific first aid responses, a Health Support Plan is documented between the school and family with advice from the child’s doctor. These plans need to be **updated every year**. Please contact the front office for assistance if your child needs to have a Health Support Plan.

**LAUNDRY ROSTER**
Each year we rely on voluntary help from parents/caregivers to do sick bay laundry. If you are able to help this year, we would be very grateful.

If you or someone you know enjoys reading and would like to help a child become a better reader, please contact us. Return the tear-off slip below as soon as possible and we will contact you with further information.

**Reading Post**
Reading post is a daily reading program designed to give extra reading practice using levelled reading materials for students who need it. The program has been highly successful but the success relies on the support of our volunteer helpers.

**Can you help?**
We are urgently looking for volunteers to help with the Reading Post program which runs at the school every morning from 8:50am to 9:05am **starting in the coming weeks**. If you or someone you know enjoys reading and would like to help a child become a better reader, please contact us. Return the tear-off slip below as soon as possible and we will contact you with further information.

Sarah Saliba, Jean Vavic + Renee Sullivan

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**READING POST VOLUNTEER**

**NAME:** .......................................................... **Telephone Contact:** ..........................................................

I am interested in helping with the Reading Post Program. **Signature:** ..........................................................

**LAUNDRY ROSTER**

I am willing to help with the sick bay laundry.

**NAME:** .......................................................... **Phone No:** ..........................................................

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**MURRAY BRIDGE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**
**STAFF LIST 2015 Term 1**

**Principal:** Mr Graham Alder
**Deputy Principal:** Mrs Anne Greens
**School Counsellor:** Mrs Michelle Currie

**Year 6/7**
- Mrs Jessica Hankin C1
- Mrs Jenna Longstaff C2
- Mrs Michelle Shepherd C3
- Mrs Tina O’Shea U1
- Mrs Kate Weinmann U2
- Mrs Faith McKnight U2
- Ms Jess Durdin C10
- Ms Ashlee Ferguson U3

**Year 1**
- Mrs Rosalie Pike U5
- Mrs Luisa Schapel U4
- Miss Laura Williams C5
- Reception Mrs Tracy Williams C6

**SUPPORT TEACHERS**

**Special Education:** Mrs Sarah Saliba
**Special Education:** Mrs Renee Chandler
**Additional EALD:** Mrs Jean Vavic
**AET/EALD:** Ms Jo Bottrell
**AET:** Mrs Linda Fox
**PE:** Mrs Deb Hopgood
**ICT:** Mr Chris Poppell
**SCIENCE:** Mrs Lyndee Leach

**NON-TEACHING STAFF**

**SSO’s:**
- Mrs Jude Modra (Finance)
- Mrs Heather Hindle
- Mrs Cathy Bolt
- Mrs Margaret Barton-Ancliffe
- Mrs Kerry Rossiter
- Mrs Karen Alschwager
- Mrs Tracey Andriske
- Mrs Roni Morrison
- Mrs Jenny Boughen
- **IT:** Mr Josh Strauss
- **CPSW:** TBA
- **ACEO:** Ms Raylene Rigney
- **ACEO:** Mrs Verlane Crompton
- **GROUNDSMAN:** Mr Phil Bond
- **CANTENE:** Mrs Annette Thomson

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**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**
The second hand uniform cupboard is in desperate need of stock. If you have any items of school uniforms which are too small for your children, would you be interested in donating them to the school? This will allow us to provide these items to other children and families, to ensure that our students are able to wear our school uniform.

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**Canteen Specials**

**WELCOME MRS FOX (Australian Curriculum Cluster Co-ordinator / AET)**

**What is your role?**
Over the next 2 years I will be the Aboriginal Education Teacher (part time) and the Coordinator of Primary Australian Curriculum (CPAC) for the Murraylands Partnership. This means that I will be working with the leaders and teachers from South, North, Special School, Fraser Park, Tulse Bend, Jervois, My- polonga, Mamum and Palmer, to introduce new Australian Curriculum subjects.

**What are some interesting facts about you?**
My husband and I have just bought a house in the Adelaide Hills. We have a dog, Bentley, who is nearly 3 years old. Last year I got married in the Barossa and had a honeymoon in Vanuatu. I have lived in Lon- don for 2 years.