FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On Monday’s Student Free Day staff worked with staff from Mypolonga, Jervois and Tailem Bend on increasing our understanding of Executive Function.

Executive Functions are the skills that we use to complete most tasks in school and everyday life. There are three functions:

- **Working Memory**—This refers to our capacity to hold and manipulate information in our heads over short periods. It enables us to remember a phone number long enough to dial it, to make the next move in a game of chess or for a child to go to their room, make their bed and put their dirty clothes in the laundry.

- **Inhibitory Control**—This is the skill we use to master and filter out thoughts and impulses so that we can resist temptations, distractions and habits and to pause and think before we act. It enables us to turn the television off and finish the homework, to put our hand up instead of calling out, to stop biting our nails or smoking.

- **Cognitive or Mental Flexibility**—This is the skill to nimbly switch gears and adjust to changed demands or situations. It is what enables us to apply different rules in different settings. We use these skills to balance the truth and not wanting to hurt people’s feelings when asked if we like a friend’s new haircut.

Children’s Executive Function Skills provide the link between early school achievement and social, emotional and moral development. Young children who have problems staying focused and resisting urges to respond impulsively, not only have trouble in school but also have trouble following directions generally and are at elevated risk of displaying aggressive and confrontational behaviour with adults and other children.

It is important that the healthy development of Executive Functions is supported with specialized practice and training. This is what we looked at yesterday and will continue to work at in supporting our students in the development of these skills.

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY will be held this Friday at 9.10am in the gym.

GRAHAM ALDER—Principal

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**DIARY DATES**

**JUNE**

- Thurs 25th: Reports go home
- Friday 26th: Whole School Assembly

**JULY**

- Thurs 2nd: C3, C4 + C1 to Whale Centre
- Friday 3rd: Last day Term 2
- Monday 20th: First day Term 3

**AUGUST**

- Wed 26th: “Footsteps” (JP only) begins

**SEPTEMBER**

- Fri 18th: SCHOOL PHOTOS
- Fri 25th: “The Book Show Performance”
- Fri 28th: BOOK WEEK
- Wed 26th: Last day of Term 3

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**ABSENCE HOTLINE**

8532 2155 (leave message after hours) or text mobile: 0427 016460

If your child is going to be absent, please use the school mobile number as above. Thank you!

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**LAUNDRY ROSTER**

Friday 26/6/15

- ADULT CHOL
- SANDRA CURTIS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

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**Ronda Scarlett:** Sadly, Ronda has had to reduce her involvement with the school for personal reasons. She has resigned from School Council and the Fund Raising Committee. Ronda has been an absolute treasure to Murray Bridge South for 18 years! Her work on School Council and the Parent Network has been long serving and exceptional in quality. She has been one of the key instigators of many fund raising activities over the years. Luckily for us she still wants to maintain some involvement, and much to the delight of our year 7s, she is still going to make the Graduation Teddy Bears that have been a much loved tradition here for years. Ronda’s name is being added to our Volunteers Service Plaque in the front office and she will receive a letter of appreciation and gift from School Council in recognition of her outstanding service. Thanks for everything Ronda!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Henry (C1) 25th June
Zoe (C10) 25th June
Latisha (C2) 27th June
Squad (C6) 27th June
Sarah (C5) 27th June
Tammara (C9) 28th June
and in the holidays.....
Leah (U1) 4th July
Latrell (C4) 8th July
Kyeesha (C8) 9th July
Lara (C8) 10th July
Isaac (U2) 10th July
Yvonne (C2) 11th July
Shabbecca (C2) 11th July
Jordan (C7) 12th July
Tama (C10) 13th July
Samantha (U1) 16th July
Michelle (C1) 17th July
Ivyanne (C6) 17th July
Truong (C1) 18th July

Canteen Special
Wednesday 24th June to Friday 3rd July
5 CHICKEN NUGGETS + BREAKA MILK
$3.50 save 70c
with Paddle Pop $5.00 save $1.00
$1.00 DAY SPECIAL
JELLY CUPS + CHEESE CRACKERS
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL — 3/7/15
“CHIPS + GRAVY” $3.50
All orders must be in by Recess!!
MRS THOMSON

COMMUNITY NOTICES
• Murray Bridge Skills Camp—Murray Bridge Basketball Stadium. 14th + 15th July 2015 for U10—14 girls and boys. 10am—3pm (lunch break included). Bring packed lunch or canteen facilities available at your cost. Cost $50/player for 2 days of fun and activities. Please register with Petrina by Monday 29th June. Phone 8531 0755 or email admin@mbba.com.au.
• Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is still seeking families for 5 Spanish Cultural Immersion students arriving on the 11th July for 10 weeks. For more information phone Jenny on 8523 0873 or email jeh1313@bigpond.net.au.
• NAIDOC Blue Light Disco: Friday 10th July, 5.30pm—7.30pm at The Station, Railway Tce, Murray Bridge. Ages 5—14 years. All welcome! Free BBQ, games and prizes to win, DJ Steve from Power FM. Look in event, fully supervised, food and drinks available to purchase.
• Murraylands Schools in Concert with the Australian Girls Choir (AGC). 7pm 30th June. $15/$10 (conc). Christian Family Centre, 170 Adelaide Road Murray Bridge. Tickets available from Local Government Centre, 2 Seventh Street, Murray Bridge. Phone: 1800 442 784. www.trybooking.com/Hyww

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARD WINNERS—WEEK 7

REMINDER: NEXT FRIDAY 3RD JULY IS THE LAST DAY OF TERM 2. SCHOOL WILL BE DISMISSED AT 2.10PM. TERM 3 BEGINS ON MONDAY 20TH JULY.
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

REMINDER: Boys Group starts Wednesday in the Nunga Room.
Year 5, 6 + 7  1.30pm
Year 3 + 4  2.20pm

Harley Hall (Aboriginal Well-being Counsellor) will be running the program along with Raylene and Verlaine.

We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. Just collect the stickers when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 13th July and Tuesday 8th September 2015. We will redeem these for educational resources for our school.
Simply stick them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it’s completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new resources! Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, Science, Arts + Crafts, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.
We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

ike Ed will be starting Week 1, Term 3 on Thursday 23rd July for C1, C3 and C4. Please remember to bring your bike and helmet. We will be able to supply secure storage for bikes if students need to leave them at school.

C2 enjoying the excursion to the Adelaide Botanical Gardens 5-6-15