Bullying is an emotional issue in all schools, and has been around since schools first started. Up until around 15 years ago it was not always taken seriously in schools. There was a belief by some that it was just ‘kids being kids’ and that learning to deal with it was part of growing up.

Thankfully this attitude changed around the time when Counsellors became established in schools. Certainly the 10 years that I spent as a Counsellor left me in no doubt about the harmful nature of bullying and gave me a good insight into the measures a school needs to take to reduce bullying and hopefully stop it altogether.

Here at Murray Bridge South Primary School we have an "Anti Bullying and Harassment Policy". This policy, (which can be found on our website) has a series of aims, defines bullying and harassment, talks about rights and responsibilities, bystander behaviour, strategies for students, teachers and parents to deal with bullies and Bully Audits.

From my experience, bullying can be reduced to the bare minimum if everyone in the community does something about it. This means: Teachers who observe it happening intervene. Students who see it, say something or report it to a teacher. Not all students feel confident enough to say, “That is bullying—stop it or I will tell a teacher”. If they do not say these words they must tell a teacher. If they don’t, then they are Bystanders and they are making the bullies’ job easier.

It is important to conduct regular Bully Audits, in which all students are asked specific questions about bullying in the school. This information is then used. Our Counsellor, Michelle Currie, will be conducting a whole school Bully Audit this term.

A great website which has some excellent ideas and information for parents/caregivers, students and teachers on bullying is: http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au. There’s a great section called Chilled Out for students and a special fun section for the Under 8’s (Junior Chill Out).

GRAHAM ALDER—Principal
Welcome back to Term 3. I’m looking forward to a lot of fun this term.

I am the Pastoral Care Worker at Murray Bridge South Primary School and I also work at Murray Bridge North School. If I can support your family in any way, please let me know. I can be contacted by leaving a message at the front office and I work Mondays and Thursdays. My work involves supporting staff, students and families from all backgrounds and walks of life.

Another part of my role is running lunchtime programs within the school. Monday lunchtimes I have been doing activities in the activity room and will continue to do fun activities. Last term we did party games, streamers, balloons and other games. Thursdays I have been supporting a students’ lunchtime program in the Resource Centre. It’s been great watching students dress up, play card games, colour in and have a great time.

Mondays this term we are continuing our Parent Group where parents from the South School community are teaching other parents skills. This will start again in Week 2 on Monday 27th July. Last term we made play dough for classrooms and learnt how to make spring rolls. This term we will learn things such as how to make custard and apple tarts, make our own cleaning products, how to face paint, making sushi, fried rice and more. Come along and have a nice hot drink and have some fun! This group alternates between the kitchen and the activity room which are next to each other, every Monday after school drop off. Looking forward to meeting you. This group is run by myself and the aim is to connect parents and have fun teaching each other skills and learning something new. Program to come.

I also wanted to let you know I have a community Facebook page called “Help Me Help You Murray Bridge”. This is something I started around a year ago to see people in Murray Bridge loving our community and doing what we can to help each other. It’s about linking people who need help with those who can give help. It’s also doing kind things for others. We have limited clothing packs in some sizes for adults and kids, some frozen meals and have in the past done working bees for people. We have done girls nights out for people to get to know each other and lots more. If you are interested, check out the page. If you love cooking we can also take meals to give out to people as well. These are distributed within the school community and to the wider community. It’s also a place you can give things away to help out someone else.

Enjoy the term and if I can support you or your family let me know. If you have any questions about any of the above, leave a note for me at the front office.

Thanks
NARELLE

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**Canteen Special**

**Wednesday 22nd July to Friday 31st July**

**PIZZA SINGLE + BREAKA MILK $4.00**

**save 50c with piece of fruit $4.30 save 70c**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to change of juice company, we now only have 250ml flat top juice bottles available @ $1.50 each (orange, apple or apple + blackcurrant).

**$1 DAY SPECIALS**

(Mondays, Tuesdays + Wednesdays)

**LISTEN TO MORNING NOTICES FOR WHAT’S ON SPECIAL!!**

MRS THOMSON

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Nuran (C4) 20th July

Doan (C8) 22nd July

Angel (C3) 25th July

Mach (C7) 27th July

Hannah (U4) 30th July

Chloe (F5) 31st July

Jordan (C8) 2 August

Hayden (C7) 3rd August

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**LIBRARY NEWS:** Book Club Issue 5

Orders due back by Thursday 6th August 2015.

**Book Week Parade:**

Friday 28th August (Week 6): Theme: “Dress up as a Book Character”.

More information to follow.

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We are once again asking for your support in collecting the Earn + Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 13th July and Tuesday 8th September. Earn and Learn Points Sheets will be available from your child’s class teacher or the front office or if you have completed sheets at home, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. There are thousands of products available through the Earn + Learn program, and we’d like to get lots of new resources! The more stickers we collect the more we can redeem.

We look forward to your support again this year. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS**

We have had a student at school who has been diagnosed with HAND, FOOT and MOUTH Disease.

Symptoms include: slight fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, blisters on the mouth, hands and feet. If your child is unwell, or displays the above symptoms, medical advice should be sought. Students diagnosed cannot come back to school until all the blisters have dried.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

- Bridge Hoops (MBBA)-Term 3 Bridge Hoops will commence on Wednesday 12th August—16th September at 5-6pm. Cost $30 for 6 weeks. Emphasis will be on development of individual and team skills for all participants. Please bring a size 5 basketball if you have one and a named water bottle. Registration forms available on our website or at the Stadium. Any Senior coaches or older Junior players are encouraged to help coach. No previous experience necessary as on-court instruction is included. Please see Petrina if you are able to help coach. (85310755) or E-mail admin@mbba.com.au

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**Dairy Australia**

"DAIRYLICIOUS" to Dairy Australia.

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**COWS**

Yesterday Haylee, Taj, Gerome, Pearl, Mohit, Ari, Mercedes, Charlize and Linh (C3) travelled with Mrs Shepherd, Mrs Green, Ms Rothall and Roni to the West Adelaide Football Club to present "DAIRYLICIOUS" to Dairy Australia.

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