Book Week Dress up Parade 2015
Dress up as your favourite Book Character

This year we will be having our Book Week Parade on Friday 28th August in the Gym at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to come along and see the students parade their costumes. This year the Children’s Book Council of Australia is aiming to support Make-a-Wish Australia. To support this we would like to encourage students to make a donation and dress up as their favourite book character and carry the book, or a sign, that identifies their character. Not only will they experience how books light up our world, they’ll also be lightening up the life of a child battling a life threatening medical condition. Please help us to help a sick child and make a donation to make cherished wishes come true. In place of prizes this year we will also make a donation to Make a Wish Foundation.

Please check the Lost Property outside A1 for lost items of clothing.

If any family or emergency contact details change during the year please make sure you update your information with the office staff. This includes phone numbers and address information. It’s important our records are kept up to date.

Thanks!

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!

DIARY DATES

AUGUST
Thurs 6th District Athletics Day at Unity.
Fri 7th CF + C2 to The Mannum Dock Museum Whole School Assembly
Fri 14th "The Book Show Performance"
Tue 18th "School Photos Book Week Book Week Parade "Footsteps" (JP only) begins
Wed 26th "Footsteps"

SEPTEMBER
Tues 1st Music Concert Unit 3, 4 + 5 to Old Tailem Town
Fri 4th School Closure
Fri 25th Last day of Term 3

LAUNDRY ROSTER
As we have replaced the beds in the sick room with a modern sick bay chair/bed, we no longer have the need for bedding to be washed. We would like to thank all volunteers who have helped with the laundry over the years!!!!

Since starting the role of Curriculum Coordinator in term 2, I have had a strong focus on data at Murray Bridge South Primary School.

NAPLAN
I am pleased to say that we had an extremely high number of students participate in NAPLAN across years 3, 5 & 7 this year and look forward to reviewing this data later in the year.

EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE CONFERENCE
Last term, I was invited to present at the Excellence in Professional Practice conference in Sydney. The focus of the conference was “Improving assessments of student learning”.

My presentation was about having a focus on research, evidence and the ‘task predicts performance’ principle (Elmore et al) to achieve growth in reading. It came from working, over a few years, with a diverse team of people ranging from head office data department, principals and teachers.

The research focused on:
• “Multiple Measures” model by Victoria Bernhardt.
• “Effect size” by John Hattie.
• “Tasks predicts performance principle” by Richard Elmore.

I also sat on the closing panel session answering questions on how to plan and conduct your school-based research. I thoroughly enjoyed the conference and believe that many of the ideas and knowledge I gained can be put into practice over the coming years.

ANN BAKER, NATURAL MATHS
This year we have been part of the Mathematics in Residence Program. This has seen a group of our staff working with Ann Baker and other teachers from across the Partnership primary schools (Jervois, Tailem Bend, Fraser Park, Murray Bridge North, Palmer, Mannum and Mypolonga) to teach students skills and strategies to support deep understanding of number and problem solving with an emphasis on consistent language.

Later in the term, I will be running a parent workshop which will enable parents to develop an understanding of the Natural Math strategies taught in classes across the school.

Keep an eye out for the date!

LINDA FOX - Curriculum Co-ordinator

PARENT SURVEY
We will be sending out some Parent Surveys to a cross section of parents so that we can get some perception data about the school. When they are returned and collated we will publish the results in a future newsletter.
School Photo Day will be on
TUESDAY AUGUST 18th 2015 (Week 5) Term 3.

School Photo envelopes were sent home last week. Please take time to read all the relevant information on the envelopes and do try to remember these simple rules:

1. **DO NOT** 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.
2. Family Envelopes are available at the school office upon request and need to be ordered on photgraphy day. Please make your children aware they are having a family photo.
3. Envelopes and money are to be given to your class teacher on PHOTO DAY only! Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash, cheques, credit card and money orders accepted. Credit card slips are available from the front office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The front office will not collect or handle any photo money!

4. **Why not give ONLINE ORDERING a go!!** It’s quick and easy! Parents are now able to select their preferred package online. See more information below.

MSP Photography will now offer a 10% discount for all family online!

Family/Sibling packages

High Resolution Digital Download

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It’s quick and easy! Parents are now able to select their preferred package online along with an increase in the range of options available. As well as the option to download a Low Resolution image for a smart-phone, parents will now have the option to purchase a High Resolution Digital Download of their child’s image and Family/Sibling packages will also be able to be ordered online!

MSP Photography will now offer a 10% discount for all family orders above $90.00 per family.

Please forward any enquiries to Master School Portraits on 08 8391 3951

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**Canteen Special**

Wednesday 5th August to Friday 14th August

**HOT DOG w/sauce + OAK MILK**

$4.50 - save 50c

with a custard $5.30 - save 70c

**$1 DAY SPECIALS**

(Mondays, Tuesdays + Wednesdays)

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

**THIS THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST + NEXT THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST**

**“HOME MADE PUMPKIN SOUP” + TOAST**

$2.50

Orders need to be in by Recess on these days!

**NEXT TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST**

**CROWS VISIT**

**MUFFINS in Crows and Port Power colours $1.00 available from the Canteen.**

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**LIBRARY NEWS:** Book Club Issue 5

Orders due back this **Thursday 6th August 2015.**

**PARENT’S/CARER’S COFFEE ‘N CHAT AND COOKING**

**When:** Every Monday morning

Straight after Reading Post until around 10am

**Where:** Activity Room or the Kitchen

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

- **BANK SA Promotion:** Kids—your free ticket to the Royal Adelaide Show. Children aged 12 and under who open a new Incentive Saver Account by 30th August 2015, will receive a Royal Adelaide Show child’s ticket by email. For more information visit: banksa.com.au/showtickets

- **“OH, WHAT LOVE!”** by the Watoto Children’s Choir, presents the vitality of the new Africa. It’s vibrant, urban sound and colour takes you on an emotional journey from utter despair to joyous celebration, as the children share their stories. Each of the children in the choir has suffered the loss of one or both of their parents. Tuesday 11th August at 7.00pm at Bridge City Church, 57 Darling Avenue, Murray Bridge.

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**“DAIRYLICIOUS”**

Plants donated by Murray Bridge Community Nursery

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- Lochie (C1) 4th August
- Baylee (C3) 5th August
- Shania (C5) 6th August
- Krystal (C9) 7th August
- Rebecca (U4) 7th August
- Jarva (C8) 10th August
- Anena (U1) 12th August
- Nicholas (U3) 13th August
- Joshua (U3) 14th August
- Mya (U4) 17th August

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**WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST at 9.15am IN THE GYM! ALL WELCOME...**