COMMUNITY NOTICES

Holiday Water Safety Swimming Programme: 14th—18th December 2015. Murray Bridge Outdoor Pool. Book now! Children 0-4 $30.00 / Levels 1-7 $40.00. Pool Entrance Fee $3.50/day. Once only equipment levy $1.00. For further information phone 6210 4500 or email swim@royallifesavingsa.com.au.

School Holidays Activities: Water Fun—Sturt Reserve Murray Bridge, Thursday 17th December. For more information contact the front office.

Kids Movie & Disco: Supervised show in Mt Barker. Friday 11th December 6.45pm to 10pm. $17/child. 5-12 years only. Sorry no adults allowed. Movie: Hotel Transylvania2. Limited tickets available, buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. Tickets available from Mt Barker Cinemas.

Opal Pool Party: Friday 11th December 2-5pm at the Murray Bridge Swimming Pool. $2 entry for all children and caregivers! For more information contact Kylie from OPAL on 85391435.

Knights & Bytes Holiday Chess Classes: Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December 2015 at the Chess Centre, 10 Ranelagh Street, Adelaide. For more information and to register ring Alan on 0401 672481 or www.knightsandbytes.com.au.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with very mixed emotions that I have decided to take Long Service Leave for all of 2016, part of 2017, before retiring. I have really enjoyed my time here at Murray Bridge South Primary School. The school is in great shape, as documented by our recent School External Review and it will be hard to leave such wonderful students, parents and staff. This is my 37th year with DECD which includes 23 years teaching, 10 years as a School Counsellor and 4 as Principal. I have loved all my roles over the years and am sure that I am going to miss the Education arena and particularly the people.

Our Deputy, Anne Green, is also leaving the school after 23 years, 6 years as Deputy. Anne is also going on Long Service Leave and will not be returning. I would like to thank Anne for all her hard work and dedication over a long period of time. She will be missed.

Stuart Kitto has won the position of Deputy Principal here and as such, will now be Acting Principal for the first two terms of 2016. Sue Thompson has been appointed Acting Deputy for the same two terms. The situation will be assessed and is likely to be re-advertised for a further 6 months or so before being advertised permanently.

Stuart is currently Principal of Tintinara Area School, a position he has held for 5 years. Previously he was Principal of Woomera Area School and has also had leadership roles at Whyalla. Sue has been a Deputy at Shadoc Park, Happy Valley, Lockleys North, Woodend Primary, Hallett Cove East and Lonsdale High School. Both Stuart and Sue are delighted to be coming to Murray Bridge South. I believe that the two of them will do a great job leading the school.

Congratulations to our Year 7’s who last night attended their Graduation Ceremony. We wish them well in their further studies and journey through life.

Three other staff changes for next year are: Doug James who will be replacing Phil Bond as Grounds person. Phil has done a great job in his 5 years in the role. His cheerful nature and handy-man skills will be missed.

Linda Fox also leaves us, having won a leadership position at Murray Bridge North School. Her role as Cluster Curriculum Coordinator and AET will be advertised early next year.

Lindsay Indge also leaves after capably taking the year 3/4 class after Melody Remnant went on Maternity Leave.

Plans are underway for our school to participate in WAKAKIRRI during 2016. Wakakirri is a story dance production similar to the High School’s Rock & Roll Eisteddford. It will be an exciting experience for all involved, culminating in a performance at the Entertainment Centre.

GRAHAM ALDER (Principal)

MURRAY BRIDGE SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From the 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

DECEMBER

Wednesday 9th
Reports go home
Students visit 2016 classes
Friday 11th
Last day Term 4 (2.10pm finish)

FEBRUARY 2016

Monday 1st
First Day Term 1

Students will be bringing home their Reports today and will be told which class they are in for 2016. Today they visited their 2016 class and met their teacher.

If you are expecting to leave Murray Bridge South Primary School at the end of this year and not returning in 2016, could you please let your class teacher or the front office staff know. Thankyou!

School will be dismissed at 2:10pm this Friday 11th December. Term 1 2016 begins on Monday 1st February 2016.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday!
I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to the many students, parents and staff that I have worked with over the last 23 years here at Murray Bridge South Primary School. I started here as an ESL teacher, then taught Art and when computers came into schools I worked as IT Coordinator for 9 years. After 6 years as Deputy Principal, I decided to not reapply for the position and instead take Long Service Leave. This will allow me to spend more time with my two lovely Grandsons and decide whether retirement is the next step.

23 years is a long time in one school, a few things have stayed the same but many things have changed over the years. 2016 should be an exciting year for Murray Bridge South Primary School with a new Leadership team.

Thank you from Anne Green.

The Showcase was attended by parents, teachers, students and leaders. It enabled MBSPS students to share their hard work and take pride in their achievements. Lian from Adelaide University was extremely impressed with the students efforts, and for this, each student received a certificate and small gift. The Showcase was a great success!!

LYNDEE LEACH—Science Teacher

This year we will be assisting AC Care in helping people who will not be able to celebrate Christmas because they can’t afford presents or put food on the table for their children.

Because of the support of schools, AC Care is able to help a lot of these people have a happier Christmas. We would like to help this year by collecting non-perishable food or cash to assist them with this cause.

This is a very worthy cause and a Christmas tree has been placed under the tree. Cash donations are also greatly appreciated and may be handed into the front office.

As well as gifts of food or money we will still collect suitable gifts for children (unwrapped). There will be boxes under the tree in which to place these gifts.

Please support this organisation as much as you are able, as it is always very much appreciated and supports needy people in the community.

Thank you!

SECOND HAND CLOTHES

Are you leaving our school? Do you have any MBSPS uniforms that you would like to donate for our second hand cupboards? If so, please drop them into the front office. Any donations will be gratefully appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE: Any unclaimed clothing from the Lost Property Box will be given to charity at the end of the term.