“Losing The Plot” at the Migration Museum

COMMUNITY NOTICES
- Rugby League Holiday Clinic—Tuesday 26th April 10-2pm, Hansen Reserve, Sixth Avenue, Woodville Gardens. Cost: $10 includes football and lunch. To register go to PlayinR.com and book for First a Holiday Clinic or check PlayNRSLA on Facebook. For more information contact Dave on 0411 159 465.
- Free Indigenous Tennis Come & Try Day: The Evonne Goolagong Foundation will be holding a FREE Come and Try Day at Christian Reserve on Wednesday 11th May from 10am to 3pm. Racquets and lunch provided. For Indigenous boys and girls 5-15 years. RSVP to Anzac Ledig 0497 538 206. Please note parents will need to provide transport to and from Christian Reserve.
- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FORUM: SAPOL, together with other agencies are holding a forum in the Murray Mallee area on domestic violence and the services available to victims and family members to prevent/protect them against violence. Unity College, tonight 12th April from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. (doors open at 6pm).
- Race start at 9am, race briefing at 8.45am. Registrations now open. For more info & registration visit www.murraylandsmultisports.com.au.

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The best part of the excursion was when we saw the huge banana tree. We also saw a vanilla tree and a cocoa tree in the Botanic Gardens.
By Sawar (C8)

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Yesterday we had a Science Incursion and we had to solve things like how to crack a safe code. It was fun because it was interesting and it was very hard to solve the safe code. First we had to solve what made the person get poisoned. The poison was from a spider bite and it got infected. We had to solve his initials and it was JFC. His birth was 1988. We spent 30 minutes solving the safe code but luckily Gabriel told us the code and it was JFC86A. Inside the safe we found two gold blocks.
By J M (C4)

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By Pearl-Lana (C4)

Abstinence
On the excursion I liked the vanilla tree and the banana tree. Jarva (C8)

DIARY DATES
April
Fri 15th
Last day Term 1—School dismissed at 2:10pm.

May
Mon 2nd
First day Term 2
Fri 27th
SPORTS DAY

STUDENT FREE DAYS
TERM 2
Friday May 20th
Friday June 10th
TERM 3
Friday August 12th
TERM 4
Monday November 14th

SCHOOL CLOSURES
Friday September 2nd
Show Day

NAPLAN
Many of you would be aware that NAPLAN is fast approaching. Testing occurs for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in Literacy and Numeracy. One of the strengths of NAPLAN is that it provides us with information about how our children are developing as learners in these two focus areas. This information is then used by teachers to help us set goals and plans for student learning. One important thing that you need to keep in mind is that NAPLAN is just one aspect of data that is collected by classroom teachers. As a school we use other data to help program lessons to meet your child’s learning needs. Tools such as Running Records, Fountas and Pinell and PAT-R and PAT-M are just a few sources of information which help us analyse progress and diagnose the next steps for each student. Student feedback, class observation, testing and assignments are also used to build the picture around your child.

As a school, we feel that NAPLAN provides us with helpful information, and so we encourage you to have your children participate in NAPLAN testing. However some of you may wish to withdraw your child from the tests for various reasons. There are also exemption criteria that recognise that certain students may be unable to participate in the NAPLAN testing program. If you have any questions about NAPLAN please make a time to see your child’s teacher to discuss any issues/concerns/questions you may have.

NAPLAN testing will take place during Week 2 next term. With tests being so close to school holidays this year, on our return to Term 2 we will not have a great deal of time to finalise things. Please make sure you follow up with any questions you may have as soon as possible. Forms have to be filled in by this Friday, April 15th. Students absent during NAPLAN tests will be required to complete the tests on Friday 13th May (Week 2).

Farewell

This week we farewell one of our long serving teachers Rosalie Pike. Rosalie has been associated with MBSPS for over 50 years including attending school not only as a student but also as a teacher. In 1977 Rosalie began teaching on and off at MBSPS, taking time off to have her own family. Since 1996, Rosalie has taught at MBSPS for 20 consecutive years!! I recently had a parent come into my office telling me they had a serious complaint—they had heard that Mrs Pike was leaving at the end of the term, and they didn’t want that to happen. I think many of us here at the school value her calm, caring professionalism, and her smiling kindness will be sorely missed.

Stuart Kitto
Principal
Murray Bridge South Primary School

Government of South Australia
Department for Education and Child Development
Parents Matter Too
This week we ran a SELF-CARE FOR PARENTS information session called Parents Matter Too. This was a fun and interactive morning to look at strategies for self-care as parents. A few ideas mentioned were:

- Enough sleep
- Good food and nutrition
- Exercise
- Spending time with friends/family
- Speaking to someone you trust
- Seeking help/speaking to a professional
- Doing something you enjoy
- Quiet time for self-reflection

When as parents and caregivers we also look after ourselves we are able to parent with more positivity—patience-energy-optimism.

Positive Parents = Positive families

We recently celebrated the 10th Anniversary of our Breakfast Program which provides students with a healthy and nutritious start to the day. This program is run by a passionate group of volunteers who have really made a difference in the lives of many of our South kids. We would like to express our appreciation for their ongoing effort and enthusiasm.

Thank you ladies!!

RED CROSS GOOD START BREAKFAST
from 8.15 am—8.45 am daily in B Block.
All students welcome to join in for cereal and fruit or toast and spreads.

It’s FREE!

Assembly 8th April 2016

Congratulations to the family of DEMEEKA MORROW for winning the $50 meat raffle for early payment of fees/school card eligibility.

SCHOOL FEES
Please pay your School Fees as soon as possible to enable resources to be purchased for the students. We welcome payment by instalments if that is more convenient. Invoices can be paid by cash, cheque, EFTPOS, EFT Direct Credit or arrangements can be made to use the Centrepay facility.

If you think you are eligible for School Card for 2016, or wish to know more about it, please ask the front office for an application form as soon as possible.

PARENTS/CARERS COFFEE ’N CHAT
ACTIVITY ROOM
EVERY MONDAY MORNING
AFTER SCHOOL DROP OFF to
10:00AM
ALL WELCOME!!

Canteen Specials

PIZZA SINGLE (ham & pineapple or cheese & bacon) + OAK MILK $4.30 save 50c

THIS FRIDAY: LAST DAY OF TERM 1
CHIPS & GRAVY $3.50

PLEASE NOTE: NEW MENU OUT TODAY
FOR TERMS 2 & 3. SOME PRICES HAVE
CHANGED AND SOME NEW ITEMS HAVE
BEEN ADDED.
LOL’S will no longer be available in the
Canteen.
Sorry, NO CREDIT is available
so please do not ask!
Have a happy holiday!!
ANNETTE THOMSON
(Canteen Manager)

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There is a PARENTS MATTER TOO brochure by the front office community notice board. Have a happy day!!

From NATALIE (UniSA Social Work Student)

Excellent reading idea No3
Give books as gifts and show your child how to care for them.

MURRAY BRIDGE NORTH SCHOOL VACATION CARE
Quality childcare with qualified staff is available at the North School OSHC during the April School Holidays. The fun-filled program will operate daily from 6.30am until 6.30pm. Lunch and snacks are provided by the service each day. Closed on Monday 25th April. Phone 85 310179 or 0417 825 455 for information.

PLEASE CHECK THE LOST PROPERTY BOX for clothes, lunchboxes etc. The box will be cleared on Friday. Any unclaimed items will be given to charity.

SUN SAFE SCHOOL - HAT POLICY
TERM 2—NO HAT needed
TERM 3— Week 1-6 (No hat)
Weeks 7-10 (Hats must be worn)

YEAR 7 STUDENTS + THEIR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS
There is an important information meeting by Murray Bridge High School staff in the staffroom at Murray Bridge South Primary School on Wednesday 18th May (Week 3) from 7:15pm to 8:15pm. The High School staff will talk about the school and what it has to offer students. They will also briefly talk to every student and their family to answer questions. See you there!

There will also be an Information Evening for parents/caregivers at the Murray Bridge High School on Wednesday 8th June (Week 6) from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the High School Drama Workshop.

PLEASE KEEP THESE DATES IN YOUR DIARY!

YEAR 8 ENROLMENT PACKS
These packs will be going home tomorrow to all Year 7 students. Please complete and return the following forms to the front office as soon as possible.

- “Application for Enrolment in Year 8” (ED176)
- Enter for Success Program Registration Form (Aboriginal students only).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Lual (C2) 12th April
Jai (C9) 19th April
Alana (C1) 19th April
Sawar (C8) 19th April
Elia (C10) 19th April
Phillipa (C2) 25th April
Michael (C2) 15th April

and in the holidays.....
Isabella (U3) 16th April
Allura-Jade (C9) 27th April
Liam (C7) 27th April
Michael (C10) 19th April
Kathy (U2) 23rd April
Naomi (C2) 23rd April
Cordeil (C9) 23rd April
Vye (C9) 23rd April
Harry (U3) 29th April
Paige (C4) 25th April
Said (C1) 27th April
Sara (C1) 27th April
Kha-Ly (U5) 27th April
Luke (C4) 30th April
Diep (U4) 30th April
Casey (U3) 1st May

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