FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During the recent school holidays a group of staff attended training that will help us support the mental health of all of our students. The Kids Matter Initiative is something that the school has been gradually working towards implementing over the last 18 months and focuses on establishing a culture of challenging support within our community. An important element in this process is the collection of accurate feedback from students and carers about your priorities as families, as well as measuring satisfaction and the perceived strengths and weaknesses of the work that we do as a school. One of the tools that we will be using over the next few weeks is a Parent Survey consisting of 22 questions. This survey can be found at [http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey) but we will also be chasing people with paper copies. (Obviously, if you complete the survey online we won’t need you to fill it in on paper as well.) If you choose to complete the survey online, please select “Murray Bridge South Primary School” as the school, and Reporting Period “2016 Q3”.

The survey is also available from the front office in the following languages: Arabic, Burmese, Cantonese, Traditional Chinese, Mandarin, Simplified Chinese, Dinka, Korean and Vietnamese. If you are aware of families who may struggle with the English language (or if this is not your first language), please let us know so that we can get the broadest possible feedback. With 332 students from 221 families currently enrolled at our school it is important that we hear the views of as many of you as possible.

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DISTRICT ATHLETICS DAY

Next Thursday the 4th August our school will be competing in the District Athletics Day hosted at Unity College. We have competitors competing in High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus, 100m, 200m, 800m and Relay in age groups from 2003 to 2006.

Historically, Murray Bridge South is very competitive and I’d like to wish all our entrants the very best of luck. Please join me in congratulating them all on their achievement.

2006 - Gennavieve, Tamara, Sarah, Giselle, Anyieth, Darnell, Lual, Timothy, Ivan, Jarva
2005 - April, Kyal, Tiana, Sara, Jornavie, Kyeesha, Dekyn, Jalai, Eli, Keyshawn
2003 - Haylee, Leticia, Mercedes, Amneera, Rebekah, Pearl-Lana, Nakita, Wei, Joshua, Shadrach

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This workshop will be run by: Martin Gare (Social Worker and Child and Wellbeing Officer) and Suzanne Fuzzard (Senior Clinician at headspace Murray Bridge and Natalie (Allied Health Youth worker at headspace).
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Contact: Suzanne or Natalie (8531 2122)

FROM THE COUNSELLOR
Play is the Way
This term we are focussing on the language of Play is the Way, a philosophy of self management that we have been using for the past three years.
We will be concentrating on five different concepts for two weeks at a time. The first being “The Golden Rule – to treat others the way you would like to be treated”.
Classes will be exploring the meaning of the Golden Rule and look for ways in which we can show it in everything we do.
They will have opportunity to acknowledge others who they see treat people with kindness, compassion, respect and friendship.
We will celebrate each concept during school assemblies and over the morning announcements.
As a school we will be concentrating on students using manners and speaking respectfully to each other and to adults. We ask that you encourage this at home and acknowledge them when you hear them using it at home.

Social Work students
Through the Kids Matter initiative we have been able to host Social Work Students at Murray Bridge South. This has benefitted the school in a considerable way. Last semester we had Alison Hunter and Natalie Howard here, and they worked with students, staff and parents.
This term we would like to welcome Brademante Lawson in her second placement. She is excited to be here and will support me in running programs for students and will continue to work with the parent group and other members of our community.

Choir
We have the date! The Choir will be performing at Festival Theatre on the 14th of September. They work extremely hard during the year to know all the songs to perform with other schools.
I will send out a note with the Magic Million Rehearsal and details for the Festival Rehearsal soon. Also the T-shirts have been ordered and we expect them soon.

Groups
During this term agencies, such as Centre Care and Baptist Care will be coming into the school to run targeted programs like ‘Drumbeat’ and ‘Apple Crumble’. I will also be running What’s the Buzz for three different year levels and supporting Centre Care in working with some of our Aboriginal Girls. If your child is involved with any of these programs you will be notified.

If you have any questions or concerns please come and see me or send me an email: michelle.currie588@schools.sa.edu.au.

Thanks,
Michelle Currie - Primary School Counsellor

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