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Reading is our school priority.

Every child attending the North School is expected to read aloud to an adult every day.



Learning to read,
Reading to learn

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From the Principal ...

Last Tuesday we had an awards assembly recognising two groups of students for vastly different achievements. Firstly we recognised our high academic achievers who participated in this years ICAS testing. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year. Our students who participated achieved excellent results with special congratulations going to Jessica Howard for gaining a high distinction in English and Maggie Bao's Mathematics results were outstanding! Congratulations go to everyone who participated and to Mrs Sharrad Jones for her mentoring of the students.



Secondly we acknowledged the amazingly fit group of students who participated in the 2016 Pedal Prix teams. Many thanks to all parents and supporters especially Norm Davis, Mr Giannone, Ms Amanda, Mrs Fox and Mr Sluggett who tirelessly give their time and energy to this great group of students. Congratulations to Alicia Donhardt who is the Most Dedicated A Team Member, Tayla Edwards who is the Most Dedicated B Team Member and Estelle McPhee who is the Most Dedicated Support Crew Member. Thanks also go to Teresa Bailey and her team of caterers who did a marvellous job. We need to replace our bikes as we are not as competitive against the new bikes. Next year – come on board ready to ride and fundraise!



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We acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri people as the traditional owners of this land on which we meet and work. We respect and acknowledge their spiritual connection as the custodians of this land and that their cultural heritage beliefs are still important to the living people today.

This year's Murray Mallee Regional Festival was held on the 26th October. The choir was made up of year 5-7 students from Murray Bridge North School, Coonalpyn Area School, Coomandook Area School, Meningie Area School, Murray Bridge South School, Jervois Primary School, Karoonda Area School, Tailem Bend Primary School, Mannum Community College, Tintinara Area School and Mypolonga Primary School. Backing up the choir was the band made up of Murray Bridge High teachers and students some of whom are past MBNS students.

In the last few weeks I've had the pleasure of attending two art exhibitions presented by students in 6.1 and most recently in 4.4 and 4.3. These Junior Primary students art work showed a variety of techniques and became popularly photographed by parents, grandparents and carers who shared them with family around the world. Plans for our STEM area are well under way and are heading towards the final architect drawings. Next year we will have a coordinator in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) to support this change in teaching and learning. 85% of future jobs are predicted to have STEM characteristics and many of these haven't even been thought of yet. STEM skills include problem solving, investigation, inquiry, collaboration and creativity.

Our Governing Council met last Tuesday with the main items for discussion including:

- Finances including 2017 M&S fees
- 2016 Parent survey
- NAPLAN – next meeting we'll go through a selection of NAPLAN questions.
- 2017 Walkathon
- Power outage on Monday – loss of Canteen stock
- Student Learning Community invited to the next meeting

I thank all the parents who have taken the time to complete and return the Parent Survey. We have received a significant number of replies and the results will be mentioned in future newsletters. These surveys inform and direct focus areas for the school's future and your views are valued.



Volunteers! We need your help to walk with our classes to swimming lessons. If you are available to volunteer to help walk our students to swimming lessons this year. It's a great way to

- * spend time with your child
- * meet other Volunteers
- * get fit
- * enjoy the outdoors Don't miss out. You can ensure your place by seeing the front office ladies to book in the days you are available.

Regards ~ Linda Fox



Term 3 Wrap Up In PE

What a term. I am happy to say a lot has been achieved by North school both in and out of the gym during what is easily my busiest time of the year with inter-school sports. Since my last article, we have been involved in the midweek interschool football competition, the Murraylands SAPSASA interschool basketball competition and members of our school were selected to participate as members of the Murraylands athletics team at the SAPSASA athletics country state championships.

In the gym the whole school did soccer and basketball, challenging the students to extend what they already knew as well as learning something about each game and how to improve their ability to not only play as an individual but to be part of a team setting.



SAPSASA basketball

In week 7, Murray Bridge North school took part in the Murraylands SAPSASA championships at Unity College. Both the girls and boys in the lead up to this event had keenly been training together over many lunch times to gel as a team and to improve their own individual skills.

I am very happy to say both sides represented North school extremely proudly, being excellent participants on the court and achieving just as good results in their games. The girls team coached by Mrs Maxwell finished a very strong overall second position, with the deciding game going Mypolonga's way 14-9. The boys, coached by Adrian (parent 1.2), after many years of struggling were a stand out, taking out first place, winning the deciding game against Mypolonga 22-9. A special mentions goes to Courteney Bouzikos who won the MVP for the girls and Malakai Kartinyeri for taking out the boys MVP award.

Interschool school football

During term three Murray Bridge North took part in the mid week interschool football competition at Ramblers football club. In what was a shorter season but with a bigger list of children wanting to play, with a significant growth in the number of girls participating as well our students again won the grand final for the fourth year in a row undefeated. What was great to see was how each game although won convincingly was played in the right spirit by our players. Well done !!

SAPSASA athletics country championships

On September 26th, Maeve Solley and Cody McArdle had the opportunity to represent Murraylands at the annual country athletics championships at Athletics South Australia stadium. Both did this with distinction bringing home a total of 5 medals between them. Maeve had a great day on the running track, winning silver medals in the 13 year girls 100m and 200m. Cody made a strong showing in the long jump pit, winning bronze. Both were members of the successful 4 x 100 relay 13 yo teams, coached by Mr Kemp taking out gold for both events !!

Murray Bridge North School Planning Calendar Term 4 2016

Weeks	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	31/10	1/11 Governing Council Meeting 6pm Assembly 2pm	2/11 Year 5 Camp	3/11 Year 5 Camp	4/11 Year 5 Camp
4	7/11 Year 7 camp	8/11 Year 7 camp Newsletter Festival Of Music Perform At The Kindy	9/11 Year 7 camp Reception Transition 9-12	10/11 Festival Of Music Visit To Resthaven	11/11  Assembly 10:50am
5	14/11 Swimming Reception - Year 2	15/11 Swimming Reception - Year 2	16/11 Swimming Reception - Year 2 Assembly 2pm	17/11 Swimming Reception - Year 2	18/11 Swimming Reception - Year 2 GALA Day Just Too Deadly Awards 6pm Town Hall
6	21/11 Swimming Reception - Year 2	22/11 Swimming Reception - Year 2	23/11 Swimming Reception - Year 2	24/11 Swimming Reception - Year 2 Junior Primary - Dad Craft At 4-5:30pm Newsletter	25/11 Student Free Day 
7	28/11 Swimming Year 3-5	29/11 Swimming Year 3-5 Talent Night	30/11 Swimming Year 3-5 Reception Transition 9-12	1/12 Swimming Year 3-5	2/12 Swimming Year 3-5
8	5/12 Swimming Year 3-5 Year 2 Graduation At 5pm	6/12 Swimming Year 3-5 Governing Council Meeting 6pm Newsletter Year 7 Transition	7/12 Swimming Year 3-5	8/12 Swimming Year 3-5	9/12 Swimming Year 3-5 Camp Quality Casual Day Gold Coin Donation 
9	12/12 Camp Quality Puppet show	13/12 Year 7 Graduation At 6:30pm	14/12 Picnic At The Pool Cameo Theatre	15/12	16/12 Assembly 11am LAST DAY OF SCHOOL EARLY FINISH 2:10PM