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Murray Bridge North School

NEWSLETTER

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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.



**Welcome to all
the new Students
and their Families
that have started
at Murray Bridge
North School in
2017**



From the Principal ...

2017 – Welcome Back

Reading is one of our school learning priorities:

We expect that every child in our school will read aloud to an adult – everyday. This is a HUGE benefit to students at every level. The more children practice their reading, the better they become.

At school we are able to guide each child's reading, however there are major benefits to reading at home. Reading with a parent or caregiver is always a positive and we know from research that sleep consolidates learning, so reading in the evening is important.

ps. As you may remember, last time I was in the school as Principal, I rewarded our children for reading and generally doing a great job. Children who put in heaps of effort need to be acknowledged and this will be done again this year.

Welcome back to school

This has been a very quiet and orderly start to the new year. A huge thank you and well done to all parents and caregivers our children look fantastic in school uniform.

Congratulations to our students on a fantastic start to the year. I have been disappointed that we have not been able to hold assemblies yet, but the staff and I are fully aware of how positively the children have begun the year. Children have come to school ready to learn. So ... there is little doubt even at this early stage that we are looking at a very good 2017.

Parent Club

We are looking for parents and caregivers who would like to become more involved in our school.

The initial 2017 meeting is next Tuesday the 14th February (yes, Valentine's Day) at 9.00am in the school staff room. This is a great opportunity to drop your children in class and then meet with other parents who are interested in supporting our children.

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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.

We are also welcoming to a large number of new staff.

Matt McLachlan – Years 6/7 Maddie Godfrey – Year 2

Suzanne Lee – Year 2 Sam Griffiths – Year 2

Mel McCue – Year 2 and German Georgina Rushby – Special Class

Lea Brodie – Years 1/ R Jaala Howden – Year 1 and Dance

Rachael Hyland Avelin David – Health and Hass (History)

Rhee Driver – Year 3

In addition we have SSO support from Sarah Duell, Mitch Singleton and Sarah Singleton, and Sarah Barney is working here as a training teacher.

Ann Baker – Mathematics Consultant

Ann Baker is a highly regarded Maths consultant who is in our school today (Monday the 6th). Ann is running a number of demonstration lessons across several classes and then working with teachers to improve their Mathematics teaching skills. Ann will return several times during the year.

Maths is now becoming a major focus in our school. You will hear much more about this in coming Newsletters as we share with you the focus on Maths (and Reading, and Writing).

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

The Governing Council AGM is scheduled for Tuesday of week 4, that's Tuesday 21st February 2017. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm in the school staff room, if you are interested in becoming a member of the Governing Council please contact Denise Hill or call the front office for a nomination form.

The Governing Council runs two businesses that require a Governing Council member to be on the committee-the School Canteen and the Out Of Hours Care(OSHC). The school has a number of other committees that discuss, plan, make decisions, then report to the Governing Council about future directions of the school. These committees include: Parents Club/Fundraising ,ICT, Environment and Education. For this reason we ask members of the Governing Council to participate on one of these additional committees so as to be active members of the school community's decision making process. These sub committees generally meet twice a term.

COMMUNICATION

Our school newsletter is emailed to parents who have provided their email address to the front office or child's class teacher. It is put on the Murray Bridge North School website (www.mbnorthps.sa.edu.au) and a link is added to our FACEBOOK page. If you haven't already 'liked' our

Facebook page - do so, it's a good way to stay in touch with the wide range of information and events that occur at the school. We also have a smartphone app- go to the app store and download the free 'Skoolbag – Murray Bridge North School' app to stay in touch. If you require a paper copy of the newsletter, call in to the Front Office as we print only a few and have them on the front counter.

Keep an eye on the website for each child's class YEARLY OVERVIEW. This will tell you what your child will be covering over the year and is broken down term by term. This makes an easy way to support your child in their learning and show interest in what they're covering. If you would like more detail don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

OSHC

Do you require childcare before school from 6.30 am, after school until 6.30 pm, vacation care or care on student free days. North OSHC offers quality care for primary aged children in a home like environment with dedicated, caring staff.

OSHC operates from the 'Old House' adjacent to the JP playground. Details and costs involved with using OSHC can be found on the school web site or on the North School app.

Alternatively phone 08 85310179 / mobile 0417 825 455 or call in to see us and we can assist your enquiries.

SAPSASA

Murraylands

To Parents and Caregivers

Swimming

Tryouts for selection in the Murraylands Swimming team to compete in the SAPSASA Country Championships will be held at the Murray Bridge Pool on **Wednesday 15th February 2017** at 4.00 p.m.

The Country Championships will be held at the new SA Aquatics Centre, 443 Morphett Road, Oakland Park on Friday, March 17th.

Events are freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly (all 50 metres), Open 100m freestyle, 4x50m freestyle relays and Open 4x50m medley relay.

Age groups are 10 yo (born 2007), 11yo (2006), 12yo (2005) and 13+ (2004 or earlier).

Murraylands SAPSASA will cover the entry fee for students for the tryouts.

To make the afternoon run smoothly it would be greatly appreciated if you would fill out the attached form indicating your childs name, date of birth, school they attend and the stroke/s they intend to try out for.

Kellie Klose
District Convenor

Murray Bridge North School Planning Calendar Term 1 2017

Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30/1	31/1	1/2 <i>Rugby Clinic</i>	2/2 <i>Rugby Clinic</i>	3/2
2	6/2	7/2 <i>Newsletter</i>	8/2	9/2	10/2
3	13/2	14/2	15/2	16/2	17/2
4	20/2	21/2 <i>Governing Council 6pm in Staff room</i> <i>Newsletter</i>	22/2	23/2	24/2
5	27/2 <i>Drug and Health Education Week Year 7 Aquatics</i>	28/2 <i>Year 7 Aquatics</i>	1/3	2/3	3/3
6	6/3 <i>Drug and Health Education Week STUDENT FREE DAY</i>	7/3 <i>Newsletter</i>	8/3	9/3	10/3
7	13/3 <i>Public Holiday Adelaide Cup</i>	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3
8	20/3	21/3 <i>Newsletter</i>	22/3	23/3	24/3
9	27/3	28/3	29/3	30/3	31/3
10	3/4 <i>Photo Day</i>	4/4 <i>Newsletter</i>	5/4	6/4 <i>Photo Day Catch Up</i>	7/4 <i>Sports Day</i>
11	10/4	11/4	12/4	13/4 <i>Last Day Of Term 1 Early Dismissal 2:10</i>	14/4 <i>Good Friday Public Holiday</i>



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Indoor Playground & Café
Under New Management

NOW OPEN

7 DAYS

10am to 5pm

*Hours may be subject to change



Murray Bridge North School OSHC

**Before School, After School and Vacation
Care Programs.**

Open Daily 6:30am and close 6:30pm



**Contact Bev- 08 85310179
Or on 0417825455**

COME AND TRY CALISTHENICS!

Does your child like dancing? Come and try Calisthenics at Murray Bridge Calisthenics Club! First 2 lessons free! For more information please contact us at murraybridgecalisthenicsclub.outlook.com, 0498206085 or find us on Facebook!

TINIERS

(born in 2014-2010 must be toilet trained) Monday 30th JANUARY & 6th FEBRUARY, 4.30pm-5.30pm at Holy Cross Church Hall.

SUB-JUNIORS

(born in 2009,2008,2007) Tuesday 31st JANUARY & 7th FEBRUARY, 4.30pm-6pm at Holy Cross Church Hall.

JUNIORS

(born in 2006,2005,2004) Monday 30th JANUARY & 6th FEBRUARY, 5pm-7pm at the Catholic Parish

INTERS

(born in 2003,2002,2001) Monday 30th JANUARY & 6th FEBRUARY, 7pm-9pm at the Catholic Parish