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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.



ATTENDENCE

It is important to let us know when your child will be absent from school. You can tell us this by:

- PH: 85323055
- SMS:0427 259 501
- Class Teacher

Soon we will start sending SMS notifications each time your child is an unexplained absence. If you receive one of these notifications please reply to the SMS with the reason for their absence or call the school.



From the Principal ...

Reading is one of our school learning priorities:

Every Child is Expected to Read Aloud to an Adult Everyday (This is a 'not negotiable' and needs to be completed by all students).

School Assemblies

Last week we held a series of short assemblies. During these assemblies the staff and I took the opportunity to talk with the students about issues that are important to us as a school. These issues included:

- > The expectations around Reading – every child is expected to read aloud to an adult every day
- > Uniform - it was very pleasing to note throughout the assemblies that students were in school uniform, as a large group they looked fabulous.
- > A reminder to all students that our school is a SAFE LANGUAGE ZONE, which means no offensive language will be accepted at school from anyone.
- > Behaviour of students at school – students were reminded that 'this school does not tolerate harassment of any kind.'

Safety at School

The staff and I are determined to ensure that every child is safe at school. There are 2 major concerns at the moment.

1. We have had a few students leave the school grounds, chasing a ball, or just 'testing the boundaries' of our Behaviour Management Polices. NO student is allowed to leave the school grounds in school time unless they are signed out at the front office and accompanied by an adult.
2. While the behaviour of students has been outstanding and the school is very settled, we occasionally have the challenge of students' teasing, bullying or inappropriate behaviour. Staff and I take the view that every incident of inappropriate behaviour needs to be dealt with appropriately and as soon as possible.

As a parent or caregiver, if you become aware of any incident in the school of teasing or bullying, could you please make your child's teacher aware of this as soon as possible?

We will be reminding students about these issues from time to time, however, could you please talk to your children to help us ensure their wellbeing at school?
Thank you.

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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.

Parent Club

The 2017 Parent Club commenced this morning and will meet again on Tuesday the 28th of February. New members, parents and caregivers are always welcome to attend. The next Parent Club meeting will look at supporting students on Sport's Day.

Vandalism at Our School

As you may be aware from the article in The Standard, someone came into our school, with an axe, and chopped down one of our trees along the edge of the playground.

Unbelievable!

Overnight we had people riding bikes through the school and in the morning we found broken windows throughout the school. If you see anyone on the property after hours, please feel free to call 131444.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM IS TONIGHT 21/2/2017 IN THE STAFF ROOM AT 6PM EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

Online safety and Online Bullying

The Australian Government's Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner website (<https://esafety.gov.au/>) has information about online safety issues including online bullying, as well as resources to discuss with your children.

Reporting serious online bullying

The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner **Cyberbullying complaints** section enables Australian children who experience serious online bullying to report it. It also provides information on how to report cyberbullying directly to the social media service.



Murray Bridge Basketball Association

BRIDGE HOOPS

Term 1 Bridge Hoops will run on
WEDNESDAYS
FROM: March 1st – April 5th 2017
TIME: 5:00pm – 6:00pm
COST: \$35 for 6 weeks

Boys and Girls Aged 5-8 Years

Emphasis will be on development of individual and team skills for all participants.

Registration forms are available on our website or at the Stadium.

Telephone: 8531 0766 Email: admin@mmba.com.au

Star Activities Competitions Junior Miss Lady Miss Captain Miss

THE ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL KITE FESTIVAL 2017

International & Multicultural Street
EASTER LONG WEEKEND
APRIL 2017
Saturday 15, Sunday 16, Monday 17
Semaphore Beach & Spreshore
11am - 5pm Daily

FREE EVENT

FESTIVAL MARKETPLACE
5th FLOOR
FREE ENTRY

Event sponsors: Post-Net, MBS, Jansons, Pubs, etc.

OSHC

Do you require childcare for the Student Free Day Monday March 6th 2017.

The Murray Bridge North OSHC will open if there is a minimum of 5 student bookings

for this day so please book in immediately if you require care.

Bookings will be considered confirmed and will be charged to your account accordingly.

For information please call in to the Old House or phone 85310179 or 0417825455.

Bev Walker

Murray Bridge North School Planning Calendar Term 1 2017

Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30/1	31/1	1/1 <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 <i>National Day Of Action Against Bullying and Violence</i>
8	20/3	21/3 <i>Newsletter</i>	22/3 <i>RAA and MAC road safety visit</i>	23/3	24/3 <i>Excursion to the Farm Barn for the receptions</i>
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>



4 Chris Collins Court,
Murray Bridge SA 5253

Ph: 0429 913 839

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**

SAPSASA

MURRAYLANDS DISTRICT

Softball Selection Trials.
Murray Bridge South Primary
Commencing Wednesday, February 22nd 2017
4.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Year 5, 6 & 7 and **girls and boys** (must be turning 11 or older this year) are invited to try out for selection in the Murraylands girls and boys softball teams (Murraylands are entering a girls and a boys team again this year), which will take part in the **SAPSASA State carnival at West Beach from**

3rd – 7th April 2017.

NB Students trying out for selection need have no playing experience. The coaches will teach the game to them. STUDENTS MUST HAVE A GLOVE SUPPLIED FROM THEIR SCHOOL FOR TRYOUTS AND WEEK AWAY.

Some skills in throwing, catching and hitting are required

Families will be required to make their own arrangements for travel or accommodation. Parents may be asked to help with transport for other students if required.

The cost to students will be \$70 (\$60 for School Card holders). Photos are an optional extra expense. Boys & Girls should report to Ms Deb Hopgood with information and consent forms on the first try-out day.

Kellie Klose (0404219623)

Deb Hopgood

Murraylands SAPSASA Convenor.