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# NEWSLETTER

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### PRINCIPAL REPORT.

Welcome back to Term 3 and a busy term ahead for our school. There's a lot of exciting news to share about the coming term but there are also some cautionary reminders we need to keep in place.

### School Covid Management Update

The Covid situation is our biggest concern and the Victorian Covid numbers are a reminder that we must stick to the cleanliness and social distancing protocols. We do not want to get to that Covid stage where we go back into Lockdown but we must be ready in case we do. So the whole school community doing their bit about students staying home if sick, reduced numbers of adults inside the school grounds and staying socially distanced is extremely important.

### Governing Council Invitation

In a couple of weeks on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of August at 6pm the Governing Council has its AGM and interested parents and carers are invited to attend and to be elected to Council. Please consider coming onto Council and contributing to our exciting year ahead. Read on to see what Governing Council can lead or contribute to:

### Pedal Prix

The Pedal Prix events for this year have been cancelled by the UniSA Australian Pedal Prix organization as a result of the impact and limitations imposed by COVID-19. For the families who have paid for registration should contact finance officer Vanessa for a refund form.



## Upcoming Events

For more events see planner

4th August  
School Photos

6th August

Back up School Photo

4th August  
Governing Council AGM

Reading is  
our School  
Priority

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



## More important information

### Other Covid Impacts

I think that you would all agree that 2020 has been a year like no other to date in our lifetime.

The South Australian Government has developed restrictions to ensure that we all remain safe in our community.

As a consequence, the school has had to review how we conduct school events in these challenging times.

This year we are unable to conduct our annual Sports Day due to these restrictions.

We will however be conducting a day of physical activities for both the R-2 and Year 3-7 students later in the term.

In the case of the Year 3-7 students, activities conducted will assist in the selection of our students for the Murraylands Athletics team to compete hopefully later in the year.

### Capital Works

The Education Department is about to embark on a significant refurbishment of our school, particularly around the heritage listed buildings and the playground areas. Staff and leaders have begun to compile lists of required upgrades, repairs and facelifts for the school and parent input into that through the Governing Council will be welcomed. The refurbishment will occur over the next two years and we are about to begin the planning stage.

### Learning Matters – or how to help your child earn a million dollars

Well, sort of! This week our staff did some learning about the Science of Reading which reinforced what we know- that Reading is fundamental to every other bit of learning. So if you want your child to have the million dollars here's a safe bet to get them underway. *Make sure they know their nursery rhymes.* Now you'll think I'm mad but it works like this: Knowing about rhyming and rhythm is an important first skill in learning your letters and sounds. Kids who miss out on those rhymes and rhythms generally find learning to read harder.



## Notes From North

### School Times

Please be reminded that school is unsupervised before 8:30am. We ask that students do not arrive before this time.

### Head Lice

Please remember to check your child's hair for headlice and treat them before sending them to school.

### UNIFORM

Just a reminder of our school uniform policy. All students need to be in school uniform. Lost property is located in the bins near the library. Please name all items.

### School Zones

Reminder It's 25km/h when children are present



# APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



## All types of School Card applications are now online.

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit [sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.  
*Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.*
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.  
*Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.*

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



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# Parking Around Schools

Due to the chaotic nature of traffic around schools at peak times, streets can be an extremely dangerous place for children.

Young children have not yet fully developed their cognitive abilities and therefore their perception, judgement and awareness of potentially dangerous situations is not adequately developed to enable them to cope with the road traffic.

Children are not easily visible and often act impulsively, which means if you are driving around a school take special care, to ensure we keep our children safe. Remember that children copy grown-ups - encourage good road sense by watching them closely and leading by example.

## 5 Helpful Tips for School Zones

As parents and caregivers we have a great responsibility to ensure children stay safe in school zones. We also play a key role in educating children about road safety.

Here are 5 helpful tips for safety in school zones:

1. Allow enough time to take your child to the school gate safely and without rushing.
2. Always observe parking signs and speed limits in and around school zones. They are designed to keep your child safe.
3. Talk about signs and traffic lights with your child. Identify and discuss places where it is safe to get out of the car and cross the road.
4. Teach your child how to cross the road using the 'stop, look and listen' process - stop at the kerb, look and listen for traffic and then decide whether it is safe to cross.
5. Park a few streets away and walk your child to school. This is also good exercise and helps teach your child road safety rules.

## Behaviours to Avoid

- Speeding
- Double Parking
- Parking too close to an intersection
- Parking across driveways
- Parking too close to pedestrian crossings



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Keeping our  
kids SAFE



# MBNS Term 2 Planner

WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
<b>1</b>	20/7 <b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>	21/7	22/7	23/7	24/7	25/7-26/7  Pedal Prix 6hr Race at Victoria Park <b>(CANCELLED)</b>
<b>2</b>	27/7	28/7	29/7	30/7	31/7	1/8-2/8
<b>3</b>	3/8	4/8  School Photos	5/8	6/8  Back up School Photos	7/8	8/8-9/8
<b>4</b>	10/8	11/8	12/8	13/8	14/8	15/8-16/8
<b>5</b>	17/8	18/8	19/8	20/8	21/8	22/8-23/8
<b>6</b>	24/8	25/8	26/8	27/8	28/8	29/8-30/8
<b>7</b>	31/8	1/9	2/9	3/9	4/9	5/9-6/9
<b>8</b>	7/9	8/9	9/9	10/9	11/9	12/9-13/9  24Hr Pedal Prix Race <b>(CANCELLED)</b>
<b>9</b>	14/9	15/9	16/9	17/9	18/9	19/9-20/9
<b>10</b>	21/9	22/9	23/9	24/9	25/9 Last Day Of School Early Dismissal 2:10pm	26/9-27/9

## Murray Bridge North School OSHC

Before School, After School and  
Vacation Care Programs.

### **Catering for your needs on your local school site**

Open daily 630am and close 6.30pm

*This service will operate a 6am start if there is a demand. Please contact the service or school to register your interest.*



Quality care, competitive prices,  
fun activities, friends to be made, games, arts, crafts, good food and special events all  
in a home like environment.

**Contact OSHC 08 85310179 or 0417825455**