



DIARY DATES

MARCH 2022

March

- 14th - Public Holiday
- 15th - 1500m run
- 16th - 800m run / Canteen Closed
- 18th - Athletics Carnival
- 21st - Yr10 Aquatics
- 21st & 23rd - Yr12 Learning Conversations by appt
- 24th - NAPLAN Coordinated Practice

**see attached full term Calendar*

SCHOOL LEADER INDUCTION

On Thursday, 20th February, the Annual Induction Ceremony for the school leaders took place. Mr Jeff Cook, a past student and well known poet, addressed the assembled Year 3-12 students on the importance of accepting the challenge in life.

Dr Tim Kennare presented Lachlan Treloar with a cheque for his son, Christopher, who won the Minlaton Medical Centre Scholarship for the highest Year 12 PES score in 1991. The centre has generously donated this scholarship in recent years and Dr Kennare hopes that a way can be found to continue it.

SRC REPRESENTATIVES

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| 12AT Tanya Hillard | 11SL Derek Faggotter (Catherine Brighton) |
| 12JL Belinda Longbottom | 11KM Tim Queale |
| 12PB Kelly Parsons | 11JB Janine Treloar |
| 10NP Jarred Newbold | 9WF Michael Kidd |
| 10JD Kristy Watters | 9FP Fiona Pointon |
| 10HB Mandy Sparrow | 9PH Louise Short |
| | 8JB Kelly Finch |
| | 8TY Alec Oliver |
| | 8Pm Ben Hughes |



BACK (L-R): Kate Martin, Damien Follkinghorne, Michael Kidd, Ryan Watters, Alec Oliver, Ben Hughes, Sally Kidd.

MIDDLE (L-R): Kelly Finch, Kristy Watters, Tim Queale, Fiona Pointon, Derek Faggotter, Mandy Sparrow, Louise Short.

FRONT (L-R): Belinda Longbottom, Kelly Parsons, Jarred Newbold, Gavin Moore, Tanya Hillard, Janine Treloar.

Fortnightly Feature

MINLATON DISTRICT SCHOOL CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

'Where are they now?'

Former student Kate McBride

Kate's journey from schooling in Minlaton to her present career at Royal Prince Alfred (RPA) Hospital in Sydney.

She finished school at Minlaton in 1999, where she was a School Captain and Dux of the School. Kate took a gap year in 2000 to travel overseas and see the big wide world before she settled down to begin her degree at Adelaide Uni in 2001. Kate completed her Bachelor of Health Sciences at Adelaide Uni then applied for and won a graduate position with Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. During her years working at RPA she worked in a variety of positions and also gained her Masters of Health Service Management at the University of Technology Sydney in 2007. From 2011-2013 RPA released Kate to work as a volunteer for the African Medical and Research Foundation in Nairobi, Kenya, as a Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist. During this time she was also heavily involved with Each One Touch One Orphanage, where she spent much of her spare time interacting with the children and raising money to support and enable them to have the best possible education and future opportunities. On returning to RPA in 2014 she worked as the Director of the Institute of Academic Surgery and studied for her Doctor of Philosophy in Medicine at the University of Sydney, which she recently achieved. Her research interests for this focused on surgical outcomes for people with comorbid serious medical illness. Dr McBride is currently working as the Director of Surgical Program and Academia for the Sydney Local Health District, based at RPA.

Whenever asked by colleagues and fellow health workers where she received her secondary schooling, she proudly acknowledges the excellent education she received and skills she developed, at the Minlaton District School.

Sydney Local Health District 14 Aug 2020

Earlier this month, the RPA Institute of Academic Surgery got a call from our operating theatres asking if they could help with some 'ear-savers' for the staff.

Ear savers work as a tie between the elastic ear loops of a face mask, stopping pressure behind the ears for wearers.

The IAS team moved quickly to finalise a design and 3D print them with their resin printer. So far, 80 ear-savers have been delivered, with another 200 to be printed over the next week. IAS executive director Katie McBride jumped at the chance to help.

"I hear they have been a big hit and it feels so nice to be able to help the team in theatres." Well done, everyone. Let's keep working together.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



A MESSAGE FROM ALI

It's the end of Week 5 already and the term is in full swing. While Covid numbers within our state remain reasonably high, we have had minimal impact here at MDS, though for those students and families affected, the experience has not been a very pleasant one. Restrictions have eased over the past two weeks and we hope will continue to do so to allow us to operate 'as normal' very soon. We no longer require visitors to use QR codes when entering the site, though masks are still required. Volunteers are now welcome back and we are so looking forward to seeing a happy band of volunteer parents and grandparents (vaccinated and masked) back in our school supporting our students and staff. If you are keen to jump on board to assist, please contact your child's teacher and let us know how you would like to assist.

This photo of Tom, with line marking gear in tow, is a clear indication that we are getting ready for our annual Athletics Carnival. You will see the article within the newsletter from Craig Fitzgerald, organiser extraordinaire, and I ask that you note a number of things in particular.

- We will not be running a canteen at the oval on the day. Lunches can be ordered via QKr! and they will be delivered to the oval in class boxes at designated times during the day. Parents are welcome to order their own lunch from the menu too. Students will need to ensure they have their own snacks and water bottles for refreshment during the day and of course a packed lunch if not ordering from the canteen.
- Parents are asked to ensure that they adhere to social distancing on the oval and within the parent allocated area.
- Parents will only be able to take their children from supervised groups if they are leaving the venue.
- If you are willing to be a volunteer on the day, you will need to be vaccinated as you will be working more closely with children. While we are aware that the government is planning to ease this restriction in the future our carnival will fall prior to this occurring. We are keen to have your support, so please contact Craig or ring the Front Office if you can help.
- Parents are welcome to come and spectate at the 1500 and 800 events prior to the day. We ask that you remain outside the fence on these occasions, as we won't yet have our parent area set up.

We are looking forward to a great day, and the DJ AliB playlist is taking shape in preparation. Let's hope the weather is kind to us and we see some great participation from all of our students.



'Children must be taught how to think, not what to think'



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A MESSAGE FROM ALI

This week students have had the opportunity to nominate themselves for House leadership positions. The school's leadership team read all applications and created a short list for interviews, conducted over the last couple of days. Successful candidates will be announced at the conclusion of the interview process, and we thank all students who were prepared to nominate. House meetings get underway on Monday 7th and there will be a flurry of activity on the oval in the next two weeks before the Aths Carnival which is our first major house event for the year. The process for selection of our school's Student Leaders gets underway next week and we are looking forward to receiving some strong applications. In the next newsletter, we will be able to announce all of our student leaders for 2022.

On Tuesday evening, we held our Annual General Meeting for the Minlaton District School Governing Council - virtually! It was an interesting experience seeing faces on the screen and sharing a snapshot of our 2021 year. Our Office Bearers will be elected at the first meeting for the year, after which we will publish details for our parent body. We are looking forward to a productive year in 2022, our 30th anniversary year!

I hope you enjoyed our first in the series, "Where are they now?" If you are an old scholar or have contact details for ex-students who have done some interesting things with their lives, please get in touch. We want to show our current students that the world in their oyster, and anything is possible if you have a dream.

Until next time.

Ali



Canteen Update

Advanced Notice: The Canteen will be closed Wednesday 16th March.



We are now looking for a new Canteen Manager.

Are you interested or know someone that is interested to work in our school canteen?

- Commencing Term 2
- 3 days negotiable

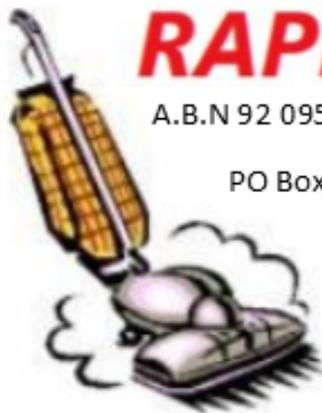
Please contact Shannon Longbottom for further information.

shannon.longbottom38@schools.sa.edu.au

Phone: 8853 2346

Rapid Detail Minlaton

Is looking for a staff to join the school cleaning team in the Minlaton area. Experience not preferred as training is provided. School cleaning hours are 3.30pm - 7.30pm Monday to Friday during school term. Successful applicant must be double covid vaccinated, have or willing to get a working with children's clearance and who are flexible to work a couple of cleaning shifts per week. Uniform is supplied. Resumes to sales@rapiddetail or for more details please ring 0438522085



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Library News

Massive congratulations to Daniel Oyewumi and Jimmy Honner for both completing the Premier's Reading Challenge and handing me the form on Friday of Week 4, making them this year's equal first to finish.

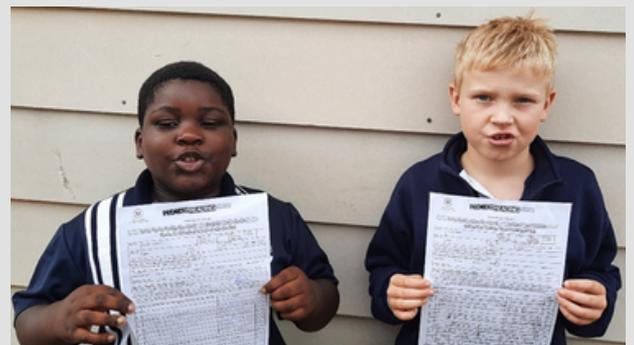
The Challenge involves reading a set amount of books, some of which are on the PRC list of approved books for the year level, across the course of Terms 1 to 3.

Students in R-1 complete the challenge as a class with the classroom teacher. Students in years 2-5 will have received their Challenge form and are in the process of completing the challenge, filling out the details of the books they have read as they go. Students in Middle School also should have been given a form. For many of these students they have the option to read more titles outside the recommended reading list. Senior School students can pick up a PRC form from the library or print one of their own from <https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/> . Completed books need to be initialed by an adult. Once the form is complete, these can be handed to myself or your classroom teacher.

The Challenge is all about getting kids reading for their own benefit. Reading fluently and with understanding is a critical skill in later years of school and in life in general. Our philosophy is that if we can get students reading for their own enjoyment from a young age this will go along way towards creating expert readers and giving them a critical tool in becoming expert learners. As well as giving students access to a huge range of engaging books, Library lessons are deliberately targeted at helping students to become engaged readers. During our library lessons we spend time reading, being read to, discussing our reading and learning the skills to choose books that will engage us. We also spend time reflecting in our reading journals - making predictions, clarifying ideas about the book, asking questions about it and summarising what we've read so far.

If you are interested in helping your child become more engaged as a reader, give me a call in the library on 8853 2339, send me an email at rick.cook888@schools.sa.edu.au or (hopefully someday) drop in to the library for a chat - remember when that used to be a thing!

Keep turning pages everyone. **Mr Cook.**



Primary School News

Term 1

It is midway through term 1. After a very disrupted start to the school year all the primary classes are now working smoothly, with the children settling into routines and fulfilling expectations. In particular, it has been very good to see so many of the children reading each evening at home.

Nearer to the end of the term the 'Stop-light' letters will be sent home indicating students' academic status in English and Maths. Children receiving a red or orange status in any subject will be contacted by the class teacher so a time can be made to discuss issues. In the meantime if parents or caregivers would like to talk to teachers about anything specific to their child, they can contact care group teachers via Class Dojo to make an appointment time.

MDS Athletics Carnival

The primary students are all busy practising for the Athletics Carnival. The children are being encouraged to try their best and beat individual personal times and scores. It was great to see all the older students encouraging the younger ones at the relay try-outs. Everyone is looking forward to competing on Friday the 18th of March.

Barb Agnew

Primary Coordinator



Primary School News

In the Year 2/3 Art lessons with Mrs. Pritchard, the students have been learning about primary and secondary colours. In one task they mixed primary colours together to make secondary colours and in the second task they used white paint to make the primary colours lighter. Below are some examples of their artwork.

We had to paint in boxes from the darkest to the lightest. Then we used blue, red and yellow to mix them to make the other colours. Deanna

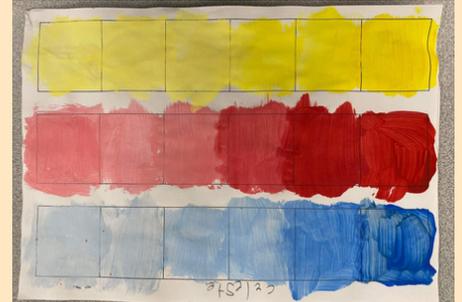
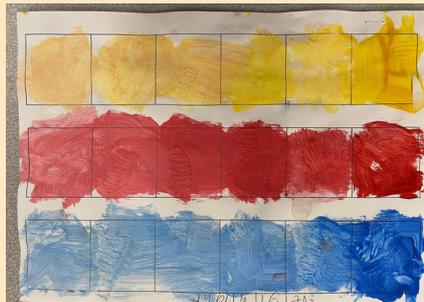
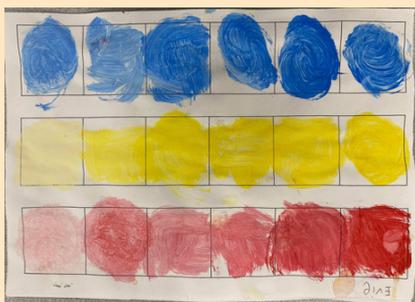
We had to make lighter patterns. We learnt about the primary colours and the secondary colours. The primary colours are yellow, red and blue. When you mix them together they make secondary colours which are purple, orange and green. Jimmy

My favourite part was mixing the white with yellow, red and blue to make the colours. When you mix the white it keeps getting lighter and lighter and lighter. Jakob

My favourite part was mixing the white. Every time we added white it got lighter and lighter and lighter. Tuleah

My favourite part was doing the lightest to darkest because I never thought how light things could get. I used blue and red to make them lighter. I used black to add to the yellow and it got darker and darker and made grey. Mia

We were mixing the colours with white. We also mixed colours on a sheet. We used two colours and then added them together to make purple orange and green. They are called secondary colours. Bridget



Middle School News

Preparations for our student driven Learning Conversations have already begun. Goal setting and reflecting on these goals form an important part of Learning Conversations. This week students will be setting goals in line with our 'Thriving Learner' philosophy:

ZEST FOR
LIFELONG LEARNING

DEEP UNDERSTANDING
AND MASTERY

TRANSFER OF
LEARNING

BUILDING PERSONAL
CAPACITY

CLOSE
CONNECTIONS

IDENTITY
AND BELONGING

A refresher for students to see themselves as thriving learners was delivered by our Deputy Mr Greg Hackett. This exercise gave an opportunity for our 6 to 9 cohort to feel part of a larger Middle School community. Students should check-in with parents to share goals set, along with their general progress as we approach our traffic light data collection period that takes a snapshot of academic achievement. Middle School Learning Conversations will take place in Week 10 on Monday 4th April and Wednesday 6th April. More information will be sent out to parents later in the term.

Middle School students hit the sand and surf in week 5 for our belated aquatics sessions. Year 6 and 7 students attended Port Vincent to kayak and knee board, along with sailing and windsurfing. Year 8 and 9 student will hit the waves at Berry Bay to enjoy sessions on beach safety, boogie boarding and surfing. Hopefully the local graceful dolphins will swim past to say hi. These aquatic sessions not only build on the water safety and confidence of our students but also on the friendship and respect between them.



Middle School News

Across the subjects Middle School students have been engaging in lots of awesome learning. In English with Mrs Rothe the 8/9 students have been exploring different narrative devices used in short stories. They investigated them in groups moving around to different stations in the classroom to explore each aspect. In Art with Ms Mayadunne the 8/9s have continued their investigation of European Art, including works from Kathe Kollwitz, Salvador Dali and Pablo Picasso, and examples of Political art. In this unit of work students are challenged to think critically, problem solve and nurtured to be creative thinkers. After researching and reflecting on Picasso's Guernica, they are creating a mix media collage about their thoughts and issues around Covid - 19, an event that has affected us all differently.



Please remember if you have any questions/concerns/issues throughout the year you can contact me at stephen.talbot110@schools.sa.edu.au

Stephen Talbot
Middle School Coordinator



Sport News

It is great to have school sport back in action and we are not far away from the 2022 MDS Athletics Carnival. The event is scheduled for Friday 18th March with the 1500m run from 9am on Tuesday 15th March, and the 800m at 9am on Wednesday 16th March.

We will be organising the event under the Covid restrictions listed below, so it is important that everyone is aware of these to ensure we can hold the event in a safe manner.

- Only two adults per family will be able to attend. This will minimise the gathering of large groups of adults on the oval.
- The normal rules regarding hand sanitising and social distancing will apply throughout the day however latest advice suggests that QR code check in will not be required.
- A designated 'family area' will be set up for parents to bring their own shades and chairs to station themselves in throughout the day (we cannot allow parents into house shelters or students into the parent area).
- We will have a different approach this year with the canteen to avoid crowds gathering. We will not have a canteen at the oval, instead students/parents will need to order via Qkr using the 'Athletics Carnival menu', with the cut off for orders at 3pm on Wednesday prior to the event (16th March). Student monitors will then deliver lunch to student groups during the day. No food or drinks can be purchased on the day. Parents can order and have lunch delivered to the oval too.
- Parents will only be able to take their children from supervised groups on the day, if they are leaving the venue. Students will not be able to spectate with their parents/carers.
- Please avoid the venue if you are even mildly ill or have health vulnerabilities.

We are lucky to be able to allow parents to attend to see their children participate on the day, so it would be greatly appreciated if all of our guidelines can be followed on the day.

Whilst mentioning all of that, each year we also rely on parent volunteers to help out to ensure the smooth running of the day, especially through scoring and measuring, primary activities and canteen support. Volunteers at the event need to be double vaccinated as part of Department rules though. If you are available to help out at any stage throughout the day, can you please contact me via email, Craig.Fitzgerald239@schools.sa.edu.au or ring the school on 88532346. Any support is greatly appreciated.

The 2022 Athletics Carnival program will be sent out to students and parents via Daymap and email next week. Thanks for your support of the day, we are looking forward to a great Athletics Carnival on Friday 18th March.

Craig Fitzgerald

Term 1 Calendar

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT | SUN |
|---------|--|------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Week 1 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Week 2 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Week 3 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Week 4 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Week 5 | 28 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Week 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Week 7 | 14 Adelaide Cup | 15 1500m Run | 16 800m Run Canteen Closed | 17 | 18 Athletics Carnival | 19 | 20 |
| Week 8 | 21 Year 12 Learning Conversations Year 10 Aquatics | 22 | 23 Year 12 Learning Conversations | 24 NAPLAN Coordinated Practice | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Week 9 | 28 | 29 11/12 STEM Workshop | 30 YPSSAC Interschool | 31 SYP Primary Interschool | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Week 10 | 4 MS Learning Conversations Primary School Learning Conversations | 5 | 6 MS Learning Conversations | 7 | 8 SYP Primary Netball | 9 | 10 |
| Week 11 | 11 State Secondary Athletics Mile End Primary School Learning Conversations | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Good Friday | 16 Easter Saturday | 17 Easter Sunday |
| | 18 Easter Monday | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | 25 ANZAC Day | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |

"A DAY AT THE BURGH"
PRESENTS

TWILIGHT BLUES AT THE BURGH

FEATURING

- ▶ SARAH JOHNSON
- ▶ TRAV COLLINS
- ▶ UGLY RUMOURS
- ▶ CRUIZN BLUES
- ▶ SWAMP DONKEYS

Sunday 13th March

3pm - 8pm
EDITHBURGH TIDAL POOL

FREE EVENT

BYO FOOD & DRINK BYO CHAIRS
LIMITED FOOD AVAILABLE

Major Sponsor



Contact Details: John Weekley - 0447 774 736, Garry Weekley 0402 052 824

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& BIKES TO
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YORKETOWN

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YORKETOWN BMX TRACK
WEANER'S FLAT (ADJACENT
TO THE GOLF CLUB ROOMS)
STANSBURY ROAD,
YORKETOWN

SATURDAY 12 MARCH
11AM TILL 3PM

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LIGHTHOUSE
YOUTH PROJECTS

Minlaton Netball Club -

It is that time of the year again with the 2022 Friday night netball season quickly approaching us! We are currently looking at player numbers for 2022 teams. If you are a Junior or Senior and are keen to play please contact Lynda Farrow (Secretary) 0488 188 526 or Tricia Harris 0408 283 840. Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Also if there are other Junior and Seniors interested from other clubs please contact your club and register your intentions.

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MEANS 'FOOD HOUSE' IN NHRANGGA



MINLATON DISTRICT SCHOOL CANTEEN • MENU • ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

★ FRIDAY 18th MARCH 2022 ★

Asian Chicken and Cabbage Salad • \$9.50

chicken, cabbage, carrot, bean sprouts, green onions, crunchy noodles, coriander, mint and dressing

Grazing Box • \$9.50

deli meats, cheese, fresh fruits and salad veg, crackers

Pulled Pork and Coleslaw Wrap • \$7.50

pulled barbeque pork with traditional coleslaw

Kids Grazing Box • \$7.50

mini sandwich, deli meats, 'babybel' cheese, veggie sticks, fruit, mini muffin

chocolate milk box 2.50

strawberry milk box 2.50

apple and blackcurrant juice 2.50

tropical fruit juice 2.50

zooper dooper 1.00



For convenient ordering, download the QKR! app for Apple or Android or go to <https://qkr-store.qkrschool.com/store/#/home> to register and order online

★ BY ORDER ONLY • ORDERS CLOSE 3pm WEDNESDAY 16th MARCH 2022

We acknowledge that the land on which we live and learn is the traditional Country of Nharangga people who have cared for it meticulously for tens of thousands of years. We pay respect to them, their knowledge and expertise, language, culture, and Elders past and present.