



Diary Dates

February

11 th	Year 8 and 10 Immunisations
12 th	4/5 Aquatics
16 th	Student ID Photos
22 nd	8/9 Aquatics
23 rd	MDS Governing Council AGM, 7.30pm

March

2 nd	1500m event
3 rd	800m event
5 th	Athletics Carnival
8 th	Public Holiday

**REMINDER: 25kph
through our school
crossing please!**

We have made it to Week 3 and holidays are now a distant and faded memory. Our resilient kids have bounced back to school and we are seeing great engagement in classrooms and lots of energy directed toward making this a great start to a new school year. A number of classes have already participated in the Aquatics program and have thoroughly enjoyed these days if the photos and stories are any indication. This week we have begun the process of selecting House leaders for the year with interviews taking place today. Members of each House leadership group will be acknowledged in the next newsletter.

Student leadership at MDS will look a little different this year and beyond, with this year being a bit messy as we implement a new system. Essentially we aim to provide a greater number of opportunities for our young people to develop their leadership skills. In addition to our House leaders and School leaders we will also be providing opportunities for students to become Wellbeing Ambassadors and lead Special Interest groups to initiate and develop a variety of project based activities around the school. Broadening the scope of student involvement in our school is a key aim of this leadership 'refresh'. One such special interest might be around Environmental Sustainability. Students in Years 7 – 11 are invited to apply to become a member of the Youth Environmental Council, a state-wide initiative supported by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board if they have a passion for this area. See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details on how to apply.

I am delighted to announce that our Middle School Coordinator position has been filled for this year, by not one, but two extremely able staff. Thank you to Josh Coombe and Craig Fitzgerald who won this position as a tandem role, with each taking responsibility for aspects of the MS role. It is wonderful to welcome them into the Leadership group and we look forward to their contributions.

Last night we held our 'Welcome Night' and were delighted that so many parents and families took advantage of the format to come along and meet with staff, visit classrooms and see what's been happening around the school. Thanks to families for abiding by our Covid-safe restrictions – using the myGOV SA app to register their presence and being mindful of social distancing from other adults while on the premises. It looks as though this is our new 'normal' and it's a small price to pay for us all to remain healthy and able to go about our lives with reasonable ease.

You will read later in the newsletter about our annual Athletics Carnival scheduled for Friday March 5th. One of the highlights of the annual school calendar, there is an enormous amount of work involved leading up to the day in addition to what's required to make the day itself run smoothly. Craig has put out a call for parent and community support to run various events or support groups of children as they navigate their events, and Dale is once again seeking support both to prepare

food for the day and to assist in serving in the canteen. Please consider offering your support, even for an hour or two. Many hands make light work and all offers of support are gratefully received. DJ AliB will once again be seeking music requests for the day's playlist, but please get them to me at least 48 hours prior to the event so that they can be sourced and appropriately vetted.

In our last newsletter we just managed to get to press that the Minlaton District School Community Library had been nominated as a finalist in the Local Government Association Jim Crawford Innovation Award for our production of Minlaton StoryTime. Check out page 2 for Rick's report about the results.

On the final pages of this newsletter are a number of community notices, and I'd like to draw your attention to a couple of items in particular. Traditionally our Year 12 cohort embark on a range of fundraising activities throughout the year to decrease the costs of their end of year celebration. In recent years, the coffee machine has been given a great workout. This year however, our intrepid group are hoping that your gardens will be crying out for what they have on offer. Manure! Pure and simple. See their advertisement toward the back of the newsletter and get your orders in.

I'm not sure if manure is a good image to leave you with as we approach the end of Week 3, but if we approach it with a growth mindset, big things can certainly be produced from it!

Have a great weekend.

Ali

From the Library

Rick Cook, Teacher/Librarian

Last week we were honored to be recognised at the biannual Local Government Awards ceremony held in the city. We were nominated for the prestigious Jim Crawford Award recognising innovation in public libraries for our Minlaton StoryTime project, which saw us create over one hundred and twenty online stories and Bounce and Rhyme sessions during the height of the COVID crisis. This was a true community project and couldn't have been done without the support of our amazing school staff, students and community members who all contributed in some way to the project. Special thanks to Aaron, Ms Sheppard, Ms Bogle and Mrs Bedding who together with Candy and myself formed the core StoryTime team who did all of the behind the scenes production.

The Crawford award carries a \$10,000 prize so we were understandably excited to be shortlisted as a finalist for this award. The prize has never been won by a School Community Library before and we were certainly 'punching above our weight' up against a field of libraries with far bigger budgets and staff numbers. Due to the unusual nature of the year that was 2020 there was an unprecedented number of nominations for the award and we were one of the lucky final five invited to the awards ceremony. Due to COVID restrictions we were permitted only one representative at the ceremony and Candy volunteered to be the face of our team on the night. We were honored to be recognised with a Commendation Award which Candy received graciously on our behalf. Sadly we missed out on the big gong, which was won by the Onkaparinga Council Libraries for their 'Southern Deadly Tales' project – we congratulate them on this wonderful achievement. Thanks again to all who made our StoryTime project such a success by contributing, watching and giving feedback – it was so nice to hear that we were helping people in a difficult time.

Keep turning pages, Mr Cook



Aquatics

R/1: On Monday the 8th of February the two reception/one classes headed to Port Vincent for our beach safety day. The morning started off a bit cool but it didn't take long before the sun was out and everyone was in the water! The students were involved in many activities both in and out of the water. They learnt skills to help keep themselves safe around water and also how to use some of the equipment provided. Everyone had lots of fun and the boat rides were definitely a highlight!



Aquatics

Year 6/7: Monday and Tuesday of week two saw the year six and seven students head to the beach for some fun learning on the water! The weather was overcast to start, but the sun broke through to provide a beautiful couple of days. Sailing, paddle-boarding, knee boarding and kayaking were all eagerly and at times bravely attempted.

"Sailing without an instructor was awesome fun, I was steering. Andy was trying to call out the wrong instructions to make us capsized." Rose Pisani

"I loved knee-boarding because on the second day we were allowed to do doubles and we could have a conversation and laugh together out there." Kitty Wilson

"My favourite activity was knee boarding because it was only the second time I had done it and I really enjoyed it." George Bennett



Sport

Primary School Sport Update

Josh Coombe

It is shaping up as another busy year in SAPSASA. Students will be provided with the opportunity to participate in or trial for various events throughout the school year.

The major changes this year are the introduction of Year 6 only and Year 7 only teams in boys' football, netball and soccer. Cricket and tennis will remain as a combined Year 6 and 7 team for this year. Girls' football has been introduced for this year and will be for Year 6 and 7 girls only.

The following events involve our district (Southern Yorke Peninsula) choosing a representative team to compete in Adelaide in the State Carnival or Championships:

- **Boys' Football** – Year 6 carnival Monday, May 31st to Wednesday, June 2nd ; Year 7 carnival Wednesday, June 2nd to Friday, June 4th (trials will be held for both teams late in Term 1 or early Term 2)
- **Netball** – Year 6 carnival Monday, May 31st to Wednesday, June 2nd ; Year 7 carnival Wednesday, June 2nd to Friday, June 4th ; (trials will be held for both teams late in Term 1 or early Term 2)
- **Cross Country** – Thursday, June 10th (interested students can compete if they can meet a minimum standard)
- **Track and Field** – Monday, September 20th (students are selected based on performances in the SYP Primary Interschool Sports Day)
- **Girls' Football** – Monday, October 18th to Wednesday, October 20th (trials to commence mid Term 3)
- **Cricket** – Monday, November 1st to Thursday, November 4th (trials for Year 6 or 7 boys to be held late in Term 3)
- **Tennis** – Monday, November 8th to Thursday, November 11th (trials for Year 6 or 7 boys and girls to be held late in Term 3)

Unfortunately, the SYP district no longer enters representative teams in softball, soccer and hockey. Any interested players for these sports will be invited to the NYP trials for these sports. Details below:

- **Softball** – Monday, March 29th to Wednesday, March 31st (trials for Year 6 or 7 boys and girls to be held later this term)
- **Year 7 hockey** – Monday, August 9th to Wednesday, August 11th (trials to commence late Term 2)
- **Year 7 soccer** – Monday, August 9th to Wednesday, August 11th (trials to commence late Term 2)
- **Year 6 hockey** – Monday, August 30th to Wednesday, September 1st (trials to commence early Term 3)
- **Year 6 soccer** – Monday, August 30th to Wednesday, September 1st (trials to commence early Term 3)

In addition to the state events above, the annual SYP District **Basketball** Carnival offers schools the opportunity to enter boys and girls school teams. Schools can enter teams in the Year 6 boys, Year 7 boys, Year 6 girls and Year 7 boys' events. This event will be held on **Friday, July 23rd** at the Minlaton Basketball Stadium. The winning schools in this event then progress to the regional finals at Kadina on **Friday, August 20th**.

If anyone has any questions about SAPSASA or other primary sport events, please do not hesitate to contact me at josh.coombe430@schools.sa.edu.au.

Aaron Smith from Kadina Memorial School is the new convenor for our area. He will also oversee the NYP SAPSASA district and the YP secondary Zone. Kelly Whittaker from Central Yorke School will be the admin support for Aaron for specific SYP SAPSASA matters. Contact Aaron at aaron.smith905@schools.sa.edu.au or Kelly at kelly.whittaker99@schools.sa.edu.au.

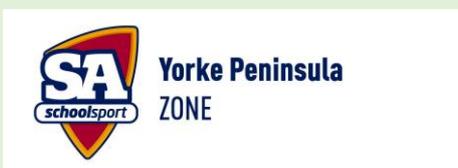
Sport

2021 MDS Athletics Carnival Update

Craig Fitzgerald

The 2021 MDS Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Friday 5th March on the Don Snook Oval at Minlaton District School. Once again, the 1500m and 800m events will be held prior to the Athletics Carnival. The 1500m will be on Tuesday 2nd March and the 800m on Wednesday 3rd March, both starting at 9am. Families are welcome to cheer on the athletes for these events. At this stage, all families are welcome to attend the 2021 MDS Athletics Carnival but will need to follow the COVID protocols and social distancing requirements in place. There will also be QR codes to use at the venue to register your attendance. More updates will be provided closer to the date. We are once again looking for parent help on the day for the Athletics Carnival with tasks including scoring and measuring, primary activities, canteen duties and canteen preparation. 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. Dale can also be contacted via Dale.Harper81@schools.sa.edu.au for help in the canteen. Any parent support on the day is greatly appreciated and is vital to ensure the day runs smoothly.

Follow the School Sport SA – Yorke Peninsula Facebook page for updates on all NYP SAPSASA, SYP SAPSASA and YP secondary sports events, trial nights and results throughout the year.



2021 Youth Environment Council applications now open



South Australian students in Years 7 to 11 who are passionate about sustainability are invited to apply to be in the Youth Environment Council.

- Share your passion
- Develop leadership skills at camps, workshops and forums
- Take action for the environment!

Applications are now open. Places strictly limited. Applications close at 9am Monday 1 March.

Visit www.yecsa.net.au or contact info@yecsa.net.au



Government of South Australia
Green Adelaide

Across the school, we have been collecting scraps to create compost. This helps divert plenty of food from landfills and teaches about how food breaks down. This year, we emptied one of our bins and worked it into a garden bed. Some students chose to wear masks to help with the smell!

Miss Sheppard



Primary News

Barb Agnew, Primary Coordinator

Welcome back to the 2021 school year!

The primary students have made a fantastic start to their studies and have settled back into school routines.

Read, Write, Inc started this week after having tested all

the R-2 students in the first two weeks of school. There are six Read, Write, Inc groups across the R-2 classes. In the next few weeks there will be a Read, Write, Inc Information night for parents. More details will be coming out soon.

Beach and Surf Safety

The R-3 students have attended their Beach Safety Days at Port Vincent. They learnt how to be safe at the beach and in the water. The days were enjoyed by all and gave them valuable experiences to talk and write about in class.

The Yr 4-5 students will be going to Berry Bay tomorrow to learn about Surf Safety. They will be in the capable hands of the Pt Vincent Aquatics staff. Besides learning about rips and tides, they will learn to boogie board and surf. It will be a fun day!

MDS Athletics Carnival

The MDS sports day is fast approaching and all the students are starting to practise for the events. The children 9 years old and under will participate in fun games and physical activities, as well as a running race in their age group. The older children will participate in a series of track and field events. Please mark the 5th of March on your calendar.

Middle School Report

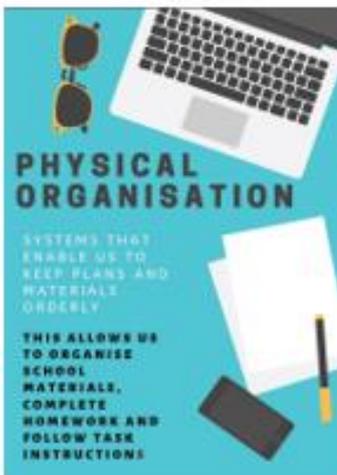
Craig Fitzgerald/Josh Coombe, Middle School Coordinators

Middle School Update

It has been an excellent start to the year in the Middle School, with students demonstrating some positive learning in the classroom so far. We will provide updates in the newsletter from various subjects and classrooms over the course of the year to highlight the work being undertaken.

This week the Middle School students have completed a goal setting session. This session focused on revisiting growth mindset and executive functioning skills. The goals that the students are setting will then form the basis of their Middle School Learning Conversations, providing them with the opportunity to reflect on their learning later in the term. It would be fantastic if parents could discuss these goals with students, to identify and monitor the focus areas for the term. The MS Learning Conversations will be held in Week 10 on Tuesday 30th March and Wednesday 31st March. More information will be sent out to parents later in the term.

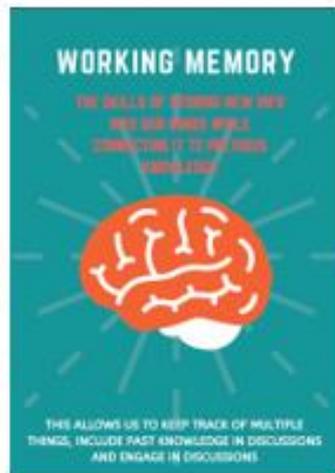
EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONING SKILLS



PHYSICAL ORGANISATION

SYSTEMS THAT ENABLE US TO KEEP PLANS AND MATERIALS ORDERLY

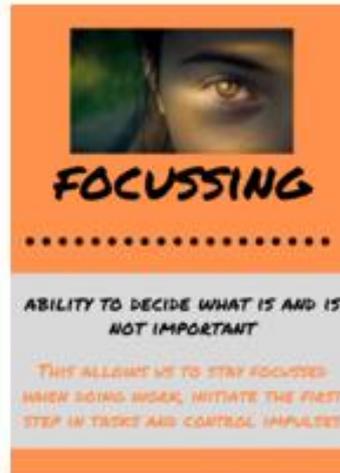
THIS ALLOWS US TO ORGANISE SCHOOL MATERIALS, COMPLETE HOMEWORK AND FOLLOW TASK INSTRUCTIONS



WORKING MEMORY

THE SKILLS OF REMEMBERING AND USING NEW AND OLD KNOWLEDGE CONNECTING IT TO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

THIS ALLOWS US TO KEEP TRACK OF MULTIPLE THINGS, INCLUDE FAST KNOWLEDGE IN DISCUSSIONS AND ENGAGE IN DISCUSSIONS



FOCUSSING

ABILITY TO DECIDE WHAT IS AND IS NOT IMPORTANT

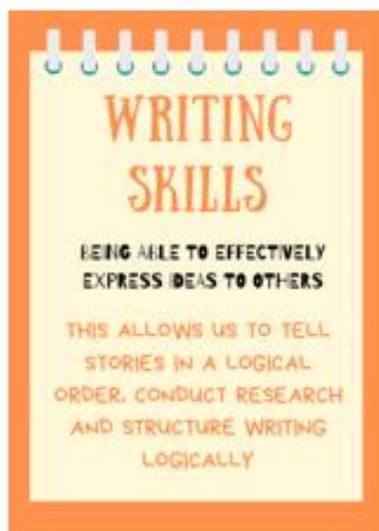
THIS ALLOWS US TO STAY FOCUSED WHEN GOING AWAY, INITIATE THE FIRST STEP IN TASKS AND CONTROL IMPULSES



PLANNING

Planning helps manage our time so we can complete tasks on time

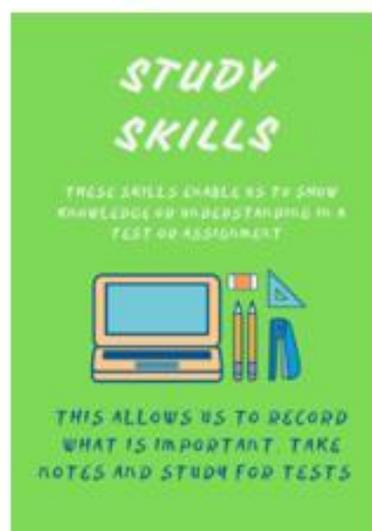
This allows us successfully plan something from start to finish, complete homework effectively and develop routines



WRITING SKILLS

BEING ABLE TO EFFECTIVELY EXPRESS IDEAS TO OTHERS

THIS ALLOWS US TO TELL STORIES IN A LOGICAL ORDER, CONDUCT RESEARCH AND STRUCTURE WRITING LOGICALLY



STUDY SKILLS

THESE SKILLS ENABLE US TO SHOW KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING IN A TEST OR ASSIGNMENT

THIS ALLOWS US TO RECORD WHAT IS IMPORTANT, TAKE NOTES AND STUDY FOR TESTS



SELF REGULATION

SELF REGULATION ALLOWS US TO EVALUATE OUR OWN NEEDS, TRANSITION BETWEEN TASKS AND ADVOCATES FOR OURSELVES

THIS ALLOWS US TO MOVE FREELY FROM ONE SITUATION TO ANOTHER, MONITOR OUR PERFORMANCE AGAINST A STANDARD AND ASK FOR HELP WHEN NEEDED



With a number of new students in the Middle School this year, it is important to revisit our MS homework policy. Our guidelines for homework are set out below:

Middle School Homework Policy

Aims:

- Helps prepare students for the expectations of Senior School
- Promotes/encourages student wellbeing (allowance for sport, recreation and family activities)
- Gives students ownership of and responsibility for their learning
- Provides opportunities to learn time management and encourages autonomy

Tasks:

- Independent daily reading
- Maths Mate/Mathletics activities
- Finishing written work or assignments
- Extension work enabling students to challenge themselves

With the exception of daily literacy and numeracy activities, teachers aim to enable students to complete all specific learning and assessment tasks during lesson times, however, if students do not manage their time effectively in class, the expectation is that tasks will be completed in the student's own time, at home or at school.

Recommended Homework Times:

Year 6 & 7: approximately 1 hour per week in total
 Year 8 & 9: approximately 2 hours per week in total

We are looking forward to a productive year in the Middle School for all students. Please get in contact with us if you have any questions/concerns/issues with anything throughout the year. Our email addresses are Josh.Coombe430@schools.sa.edu.au and Craig.Fitzgerald239@schools.sa.edu.au

Josh Coombe and Craig Fitzgerald
 Middle School Coordinators

Senior School Report

Glen White, Senior School Coordinator

It has been a whirlwind start to the year for our 10-12 students and their teachers. Subjects across the board have begun in earnest and in fact initial rounds of assessment tasks are just around the corner in most subjects. At this point everyone's heads are spinning, but we are all getting into the swing of things nicely.

I got a little caught up in the excitement of telling everyone about our 2020 Year 12 results in the last newsletter and failed to introduce our Senior School staff;

Our Year 10 Care Group is looked after by Sam Parsons. Our Year 11 Care Group is being taken by Kate Sheppard & Sarah Rothe and our Year 12s have David Firinauskas as their Care Group teachers.

We are incredibly lucky here at MDS to have a dedicated and professional staff who work with our senior school students, their roles are briefly outlined below:

Kirsty Campion - Food & Hospitality, Home Economics
David Firinauskas – Maths & Science
Craig Fitzgerald –Outdoor Education, Physical Education & History
Stacey Gardner – Senior School, SACE, VET & Work Experience Admin Support
Greg Hackett – Physical Education
Owen Lamb – Science
Anne Mayadunne – Art & Design, Community Studies
Sam Parsons – Design & Technology
Sarah Rothe – English
Shania Saint – Classroom Support
Kate Sheppard - Maths
Jenny Stanton – English
Carol Wilkin – Classroom Learning & Science Laboratory Support
I teach Research Project and Society & Culture

I invite you to get in contact with your child's teachers if you have any questions about their progress or what they are studying. As staff are often hard to catch during the day, we have found emailing them to be the most reliable way of contact – just find your way to staff section of the school's website where you will find their email address.

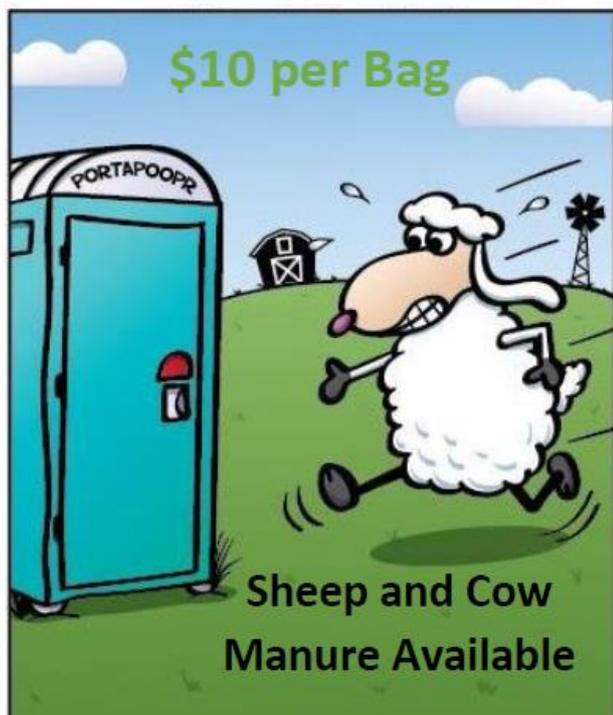
By now you should have received an introductory letter from your student's Care Group teacher; if you have any further senior school related questions – be it about SACE, VET, Year 10 matters or anything really, please feel free to contact me. Again, email is best.

Over the course of the year we will often have a Senior School Spotlight in each newsletter – subject highlights, teacher insights, pictures, student input. This should be a fantastic insight into what is happening behind closed doors in the 10-12 world. Watch this space!

Glen White
Senior School Coordinator – SACE & Pathways



Year 12 Celebration Dinner Fundraising



Contact Shan in the Front Office
(08) 8853 2346

Footlight dance experience

Footlight Dance has been providing dance classes for the Southern Yorke Peninsula for the past ten years.

for more info

0431 335 057

Come n try pass

3 classes \$30

2021 Timetable Term 1

JAZZ TAP POM

MONDAY - MINLATON TOWN HALL

1:45pm - Tiny Dancers Foundation Dance 2-4yrs

2:15pm - Tiny Dancers Foundation Dance 2-4yrs

2:45pm - Little Dancers Foundation Dance 4-5yrs

3:30pm - Prep Jazz 6-8 yrs

4:15pm - Little Dancers Foundation Dance 4-5yrs

4:45pm - Primary Jazz 8-10yrs

5:45pm - Intermediate Jazz

6:45pm - Senior Jazz

TUESDAY - MINLATON TOWN HALL

3:30pm - Tap

6:00pm - Intermediate Pom

7:30pm - Adult Tap

WEDNESDAY - MINLATON TOWN HALL

4:00pm - Beginner Tumble

4:30pm - Junior Pom

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FEMALE CRICKET PATHWAY



WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST - JUNIOR BLASTER 5 - 7 YEARS

Learn the fundamentals of cricket at any school or community-based Woolworths Cricket Blast centre.



WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST - MASTER BLASTER 7 - 10 YEARS

Build on the skills learned in Junior Blaster, while playing T20 matches in a safe and inclusive environment.



ADELAIDE STRIKERS GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE 10 - 16 YEARS

Fun and social all-girls cricket league to develop your skills and make new friends! Competitions are a community and school-based with modified rules and formats.



WOMEN'S COMMUNITY CRICKET & STATEWIDE SUPER PREMIER CRICKET

Senior competitions played across multiple divisions and formats, including Statewide Super First and Second Grade competitions.



WNCL/WBBL

The most talented female cricketers in South Australia may go on to represent their State. South Australia's teams are the Adelaide Strikers in the Women's Big Bash League (T20) and the Statewide Super SA Scorpions in the Women's National Cricket League (50-over).





CALLING ALL GIRLS!

- Make new friends and get active playing all-girls junior cricket
- Adelaide Strikers Girls Cricket League is a fun and social competition for girls aged 10 to 16
- Discover how cricket can boost your confidence, develop your skills and grow your friendships today!

MAITLAND OVAL - Sun 14th & 21st Feb 11am-3:30

Cost: \$5

Search 5573 - Girls Strikers @ playcricket.com.au

FIRST 30 registered will receive a free Helmet

For more info: Peter Brown 0419 921 933



REGISTER AT PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU





2021 Swimming Trials Yrs 4-7 (SAPSASA) & Yrs 8-12

When: Sunday 14th February
Tuesday 16th February

Time: 2-3pm (Sunday) & 6.30-7.15pm (Tuesday)

Where: Central Yorke School – Maitland (Sunday)
CCSLC – Kadina (Tuesday)

Note: \$5.00 entry fee to CCSLC (Kadina)

Please register at
<http://bit.ly/SouthernYorkePeninsulaNominations2021>