



Minlaton District School

'By Deeds Not Words'

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Celebrating 30 Years 1992-2022

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DIARY DATES

JULY 2022

July

29th - SYP Primary Basketball

August

10th - Red Cross Refugee Day
12th - Mime-O-Rama Primary Performance

[*see attached full term Calendar](#)

Fortnightly Feature

MINLATON DISTRICT SCHOOL CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

'Where are they now?'

Daniel and Brett Baillie arrived at Minlaton District School in 2000 with Daniel entering Year 8 and Brett Year 5.

Daniel enjoyed the "practical" side of his schooling, in particular, Technology with Bill Fraser. He excelled at welding, woodwork, working with his hands and was a keen participant in the "Doorways to Construction" programme. He left school at the end of Year 11 to take up a Boilermaker Apprenticeship with Tali Steel Welding and then Barry Stoodley, semitrailer manufacturer in Adelaide.

Daniel also tried a variety of other short term positions, finally obtaining his truck licence and a job in the mines. His first position in Roxby Downs was a fly in, fly out truck operator with the Exact Mining Company. He obtained his tickets for working with various machinery and a job offer in Gove, NT helped him progress on to be a Quarry Supervisor. He then spent time in the Newman Mine in WA, followed by the Illuka Mine in far west SA. After nine years of fly in, fly out mining, he decided it was best for his young family life to return to residential mining in Gov, NT where he could also enjoy his passion of fishing. Here he completed a number of management courses, moving through the ranks to become Acting Mine Superintendent. In June 2022 Daniel moved with his family to Weipa, QLD as the Operations Superintendent, to take charge of the largest and most modern bauxite processing mine in Australia.



Brett enjoyed all aspects of school, doing well at academic and sporting pursuits. He was a regular participant in SAPSASSA, in football and tennis. He obtained a senior years scholarship to Saint Peters College in Adelaide based on the excellent results achieved at Minlaton District School. After topping the state in Business studies he was accepted into university to study Construction Management and Economics. However, he found the uni pathway not suited to his learning style so he tried a variety of occupations to build his skill base and get experience. These included, roof plumber, wine production, sales and ordering, real estate and employment recruitment. Brett is now a director for software company, ResVu, in the field of strata management. Alongside this he has completed courses to develop his football coaching skills and is a playing coach for the CMS Crows on Yorke Peninsula. Brett currently resides with his family in Mount Barker, SA.



A MESSAGE FROM ALI

Welcome to Term 3. It seems only yesterday that I was welcoming you all to the beginning of the new school year - time has certainly flown. At the conclusion of term 2, semester one reports were provided to families as a summary of current achievement. For students who were absent on the final day of the term, reports were sent home earlier this week. We hope that you have had an opportunity to discuss the report with your child, and they are able to use the conversation to reflect on their progress thus far and set their goals for improvement and growth over the latter half of the year. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning progress, please contact the specific subject teacher, care group teacher or member of the leadership team to make a time for a conversation. In term 3 we schedule formal Learning Conversations for our Middle and Year 10 and 11 students toward the end of term, while invitations to Year 12 parents are imminent. I encourage all parents to involve themselves in these opportunities to celebrate learning and set the path for future growth.

We continue to celebrate 30 years of Minlaton District School with our feature articles about previous students in our newsletter. It is fascinating to read about the paths that have been travelled and the wonderful opportunities that have been grasped by our ex-students and we have appreciated receiving information from a range of sources to add to our pages. If you know of anyone with an interesting story, please let us know or ask them to get in touch. We hope you enjoy this week's feature.



'If the plan doesn't work, change the plan but **never** the goal'





A MESSAGE FROM ALI

As we navigate another term with Covid in our midst, we continue to seek your cooperation in monitoring the health of your young people and being proactive in preventing the spread of illness. While masks have not been mandated in schools, we are encouraging students and staff to wear them when in close proximity to others indoors where they are not an impediment to communication. We have a plentiful supply of masks here at school.

I draw your attention to a letter which accompanies this newsletter from the Chief Executive of the Department for Education and South Australia's Chief Public Health Officer outlining the current settings for schools. I am hoping, as I'm sure many of you would be, that I don't have to send quite as many Covid positive notifications to you all this term. Continued vigilance and taking necessary precautions will help us all stay healthy and I have appreciated the support of families in keeping symptomatic children at home to avoid spreading illness.

Term 3 will be another busy term for our students and staff with a focus on challenging our learners to stretch themselves both within the classroom and through a range of non-classroom based experiences. Our student leaders are planning a series of lunchtime activities across the term, many of which will be part of our House competition. We have a number of incursions scheduled for performances and presentations, Book Week will soon be upon us, and there continue to be many opportunities for involvement in sport both as individuals and teams. It's going to be busy!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ali



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A note from the Business Manager

Dear Families

As we are now in Term 3 I am required to reconcile our finances for 2022.

Any families with outstanding debts need to ensure that payment is made or a payment plan established by the end of August.

If you would like to set up a payment plan for any amount owing, then please make a time to come and see me so this can be arranged.

Statements will be sent out again this week to those that owe money

Beanies have been flying out the door, they look fantastic on all the students.

I still have some jackets remaining if anyone wishes they had ordered one, I have updated left over sizes on QKR! or please feel free to come and to my office and see what's left.

Book Club Issue 5 is available now.

Please order with the catalogue your child brings home or download the Scholastic LOOP app on to your phone, very simple to order.

Orders must be placed by Friday 12th of August

At the moment they are giving away free books. You could receive up to 3 books.

Spend over \$30 - receive one free book

Spend over \$50 - receive two free books

Spend over \$70 - receive three free books

Please know I'm just a phone call away or my little window is always open.

Thanks Zoe



Library News

Welcome to term 3! I am very excited to be your Teacher Librarian this term while Mr Cook takes a well-earned break!

It is Book Week in Week 5 (20-26 August), with the theme "Dreaming with Eyes Open". During Book Week we will celebrate with a Dress Up day where students can come along as their favourite (or just any) book character. Watch this space for updates on the specific day for dressing up!

The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes this term too, on September 9 (Week 7), so keep those completed forms rolling in to show you have finished.

Library lessons will continue as follows:

Monday - R Coe

Thursday - 3/4 Cameron

Friday - R/1 Gerisamopoulos, 2/3 Cock/Hocking, 5 Agnew

So remember to bring your returns in your library bag and we will see you soon!

The adventures we have when reading are endless and full of possibility. The worlds we go to and see inside of, are only limited by our imagination!

Happy reading everyone!

Tina Slaby



Middle School News

Welcome back to the new term and we hope you all had an enjoyable holiday period.

In Week 10 last term we acknowledged the winners of the Term 2 Middle School Incentive Scheme. The program exists to reward students who strive to develop and improve their academic and school community output, endeavour to reach learning goals, display initiative and exhibit good study habits. Students are allocated points by teachers based on the above criteria. Congratulations to the following award winners:

6/7 JC: Alexander Redding, Angus Coote, Joshua Cook, Ivy Cranwell and Naomi Oyewumi.

7/8 KC: Tyrone Brown, Noah McDonnell, Ella Thompson Addison Sandercock and Claudia Short.

8/9: SR CF: Eleanor Brown, Nasrin Hickman, Shantelle Modra, Ava Vass and Drey Williams.

It's great to see some first time winners standout and being recognised for their efforts. I'm always keen to receive feedback to how the incentive scheme could be improved, so please send any thoughts through.

As indicated in previous correspondences the Middle School camp is in the process of being organised, hopefully to be held at the end of Term 4. At this stage our destination will be Adelaide with accommodation located at Belair. Proposed activities include a visit to the Australian Space Discovery Centre, MOD UniSA, Adelaide Central Markets, Christie Walk Urban Ecology and AFL Max. Middle School leaders will seek feedback from peers on activities be to be run by Beyond Limits Outdoor Education, where team building and collaboration will be a focus. Expression of interest replies so far have suggested a healthy number of students wanting to attend the trip, hence tentative bookings will soon be confirmed. I encourage families still needing to communicate their students' interest, either yes or no, so that planning for that time can be as smooth as possible. Communication explaining deposit and further payments will be distributed soon.



Middle School News

Finally students are well into their Personal Interest subjects for this term. Woodwork students have designed some ambitious projects from skating long boards to a potential billy cart. Watch this space. AFL Fantasy students have had several rounds of results, informing player trades and positioning. Club managers need to watch out, our students are very savvy with their mathematical decision making. The Intensive Netball crew have been put through their fitness paces to create teams and training programs. Mystery Boxes in the Home Ec. space has also kept students on their toes. What would you make from sausages, wraps, tinned tomatoes and cheese? Some students created meat ball hors d'oeuvres with a salsa dipping sauce. Creativity has been in abundance as well in Face Painting where colour blending and application techniques have required a steady hand. Luckily designs are well planned and trialed on masks before commitments are made to skin. All Personal Interest subjects have curriculum links and are assessed against the Australian Curriculum.



Please get in contact with me if you have any questions/concerns/issues with anything throughout the year. My email address is Stephen.Talbot110@schools.sa.edu.au

Stephen Talbot
Middle School Coordinator

Primary School News

R/1 News

At the end of last term, the R/1 class had lots of fun learning about measurement. The students learnt about measuring length and capacity. We did lots of hands on activities to help us understand how to estimate and how to measure. The students used different informal objects to measure length such as pop sticks and counters and had a great time in the sandpit measuring capacity using lots of different sized containers.

Bailey – “I loved measuring my friend with the pop sticks.”

Levi – “I liked filling up the buckets with sand.”

Zara – “I enjoyed helping my partner.”

Miss G



Senior School News

Welcome back to Term 3 folks, I trust that everyone enjoyed their holidays.

Term 3 in 2022 is going to be fairly hectic, and for some of our regular senior school events such as subject counselling we are working under a much shorter timeline, I'll discuss more on this shortly.

I would hope that by now all families have received their semester 1 reports and had time to reflect on them. I will touch base in the next couple of weeks with families of students who were less successful than they would have hoped, aiming to meet and work on strategies to make semester 2 a much improved one. For all families and students, please reach out to subject teachers, care group teachers or myself if you have any questions or queries about semester 1 results/reports.

Further to this, Year 12 learning conversations will be happening in week 3 this term on Wednesday and Thursday evenings (10th & 11th August). As we did in term 1, these will be conducted virtually using Microsoft teams, with information coming home to parents by the end of the week about how to book a timeslot.

Subject Counselling 2022

The subject counselling and selection process is operating under a much shorter timeline this year. In order for all secondary schools across the YP to work collaboratively and offer our students the widest possible variety of offerings in terms of SACE and VET, the Education Portfolio are requesting schools expedite their processes from this year onwards. Whereas previously we would begin this process around week 3 or 4 or term 3 and have it finalised by the end of that term, from 2022 onwards the aim is to have all schools across the peninsula completed by the end of week 5 term 3.

This upcoming Tuesday evening (2nd August 2022) between 6pm and 7pm there will be an online Parent information meeting. The meeting will cover information relating to the SACE, DfE's VET in Schools Policy, MDS senior school procedures, policies and expectations, information about cross-site subject offerings and the counselling process the students will be undertaking. The presentation itself will take approximately 40minutes, with 20 minutes at the end for any questions. The session will be recorded and made available for any families who were unable to join us on the evening. Invitations will be sent out via email on Friday afternoon.

Senior School News

Students in the 2023 Year 10-12 cohorts will have tailored sessions with similar information delivered on Monday and Tuesday next week. Towards the end of next week or early in week 3 (final date TBC) we will have a student subject immersion. In the first hour students will be broken into small groups of the same year level and will have 5 minutes to spend with a teacher from each subject area viewing work samples & assessment outlines and discussing the knowledge, skills and capabilities developed and the real world applications of each subject. At the completion of the hour the same small groups of students will have 30 minutes to spend with one staff member workshopping potential individualised subject options prior to making preliminary selections and taking these home to discuss with parents.

Until Thursday of week 3 students and parents have the opportunity to speak with staff to seek further clarification before submitting final subject selections via electronic selection document by 3pm on Thursday 11th August. The final selections will be accompanied by a workbook which shows evidence of the steps taken by each student in arriving at their final decisions. This workbook **MUST** be signed by parents and returned by the same cut off date. Once this process has been completed, student's interim selections will let us determine which subjects we will be able to effectively run here at MDS, what our 2023 timetable might look like, assist us with our staffing configurations and allow us to liaise with other sites across the YP to ensure all students' educational needs are best met.

It is worthwhile noting that the final range of subjects which are offered will depend upon sufficient numbers of students selecting each subject and available teacher expertise. Student performance and attendance will also influence the subjects which a student may undertake. If there are any changes required re-counselling (including parent contact) will be conducted before the end of the term.

We really understand that this is a much shorter timeline than normal, and thank you in advance for your support with this.

Once again if you have any questions about Senior School related matters, don't hesitate to call me here at school or send an email to: glen.white872@schools.sa.edu.au

Glen White
Senior School Coordinator

Sport News

Earlier last term, two MDS future netball stars enjoyed a fun-filled three days of representative netball at the SAPSASA State Carnival in Adelaide. Brianna Warrior and Annabelle Cook were members of the SYP netball team that competed in Division 2 at Priceline Stadium.

Both girls played predominantly in defence and made impressive contributions to the team's success during the week. The team enjoyed comfortable triumphs against Upper South East, Whyalla, Murray Mallee, Pirie, Western Eyre Peninsula and Kangaroo Island and a narrow one-goal victory over Murraylands to finish in third position. Only two losses were registered against eventual winners Gawler and second place Mid North.

Congratulations to Bri and Annie on their successful week!



Term 3 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
Week 1	25	26	27	28	29 SYP Basketball Carnival	30	31
Week 2	1 Open Boys BBall Statewide Comp	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week 3	8	9	10 Red Cross Refugee Day	11	12 Mime-O-Rama – Primary Performance	13	14
Week 4	15	16 Governing Council Meeting	17 SAPSASA Soccer (boys & girls)	18	19	20	21
Week 5	22 SYP Primary Atths – trial Yr 10 Careers Week	23	24	25	26	27	28
Week 6	29	30	31	1	2 Student Free Day	3	4
Week 7	5 PAT Testing	6	7	8	9	10	11
Week 8	12 PAT Testing	13 Year 8 Immunisations	14	15	16 Girls Cricket Gala Day	17	18
Week 9	19 SAPSASA Track & Field PAT Testing	20 Governing Council Meeting	21	22	23	24	25
Week 10	26 PAT Testing	27	28 Learning Expo 30 th Year Celebration	29	30	1	2
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	10	11	12	13	14	15	16



Dear Parents and Guardians

With the significant increase in COVID-19 cases in recent weeks coinciding with the start of term 3, we would like to remind you and your child of practical steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of spreading and catching COVID-19.

Though it is not mandatory, it is recommended that all students in years 3 to 12 continue to wear face masks when indoors to help reduce the spread of the virus.

Like last term, you are encouraged to ensure your child takes a mask with them each morning or collects one when they arrive at school – there will be a supply available if they forget.

Additionally, precautions should be taken when travelling on public transport, including wearing a mask; this is still a requirement for all public transport users aged 12 years and up.

In relation to children who are deemed to be close contacts of cases (where other family members are positive for COVID) it remains mandatory to wear a mask outside of the home, and this includes at school, along with undertaking 5 Rapid Antigen Tests over 7 days.

We appreciate that some children may find it challenging or awkward to wear a mask, but by wearing one, your child has an additional physical barrier to help stop of the spread of COVID.

It's one very effective tool in our toolkit, along with ensuring you and your family are fully vaccinated, getting tested and staying away from school with any symptoms, however mild, and practicing social distancing.

SA Health has lots of information on their website to help answer questions, including fact sheets, videos, a children's book and a range of other resources to help you and your family stay COVID safe.

Together, we can reduce the spread of COVID.

Best wishes and stay safe.

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Professor Martin Westwell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Department for Education

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Professor Nicola Spurrier
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER
SA Health



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LUNCH

pasta bolognaise with cheese	7.00
beef, tomato, carrot, zucchini, celery, capsicum, onion, herbs, pasta, cheese	
chicken chilli sub	7.50
chicken tenders with lettuce, mayo, and sweet chilli sauce	
dino snacks (x 5)	5.00
dinosaur-shaped chicken nuggets (includes sauce)	
hot chicken and gravy roll	7.50
Asian rice bowl	8.00
brown rice, bacon, peas, broccoli, carrot, spring onions, egg, soy sauce, hoisin	
individual pizzas	4.50
★ cheese and bacon ham and pineapple	
garlic bread (10cm individual serve)	2.50
beef pie (includes sauce)	5.00
sausage roll (includes sauce)	4.50

SNACKS

Red Rock Deli chips • honey soy sea salt sweet chilli	2.50
Arnott's Shapes • pizza barbeque cheese and bacon	3.00
Juicie Frozen Juice • berry tropical	1.50
Moosie • chocolate strawberry blue moon banana	2.00
Vanilla Dixie Cup ice cream	2.00
Quelch pure fruit juice zooper doopers	1.00

DRINKS

water • 600ml	2.00
Nippy's Juice Box • 250ml	2.50
★ apple apple and blackcurrant tropical	
Nippy's Milk Box • 250ml	2.50
★ chocolate strawberry honeycomb	
Mountain Juice • 300ml	3.50
★ orange apple tropical apple and guava apple and mango	

WEDNESDAY SPECIAL

Wednesday

★ hot dog with tomato sauce	4.50
★ hot dog with cheese and bacon	5.50



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

- ★ lunches available Wednesday to Friday (exceptions will be notified in advance)
- ★ drinks and snacks are available during recess and lunch

